

2024 NEW COUNCILLOR INDUCTION PROGRAM

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Synopsis

In Queensland, the effective functioning of local government is fundamental to the well-being of communities.

The role of councillors in shaping policies, making decisions, and representing the interests of their constituents is pivotal to the success of local governance. Recognising the significance of this responsibility, the implementation of comprehensive training programs for new councillors becomes imperative.

Peak's New Councillor Program provides important foundation skills for equipping current or new elected representatives with the necessary knowledge, skills, and insights to navigate the complexities of local government.

By providing tailored education and fostering a deep understanding of local issues, our program not only empowers councillors to fulfill their duties effectively but also contribute to the overall enhancement of governance and community development in Queensland.

Course Details

- Delivery: Inhouse or Virtual
- Duration: 2 days or 2.5 days with Option 3
- Class size: Max 15
- Pricing: On Request

The Program

Day 1 | Elected Members

- Understanding Local Government from a Councillor's perspective
- Councillor Roles and Responsibilities
- Legal and Ethical Obligations.

Day 2 | Elected Members

- Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Governing Councils
- Effective Decision-Making including meeting procedures and Standing Orders.

OPTIONAL:

Day 3 | Council Officers (Half-Day Program)

- Provide an overview and understanding of how council officers can interact with Councillors
- Councillors' obligations from a staff perspective.

About the Trainer

Donna Neilson brings three decades of working in Local Government to Peak. With a background in law and many years as a councillor, she has an in-depth knowledge of the legislation and workings of councils.



As a former executive of numerous Boards, Donna has a wealth of experience in governance and uses a down to earth approach to help students understand their responsibilities.