

UNDERSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Learn about the machinery of local government

PLAN OF ACTION

For most people local government is only about rates and rubbish.

However local government provides an extensive and diverse array of services and assets to the local community including planning/building, health services, recreation/leisure and local infrastructure. Because of this diversity, working in local government can be rewarding and challenging.

This course is designed to help participants understand the machinery of local government.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of this course participants will be able to:

- Describe the services local government provide
- Outline how councils operate
- Explain how councils make decisions
- Clarify the role of the Councillors and council officers
- Influence better outcomes
- Explain the relationship between local and state government
- Describe how councils fund their services
- Explain the typical planning and budgeting processes used by councils
- Explain the rating process

NUTS AND BOLTS

For maximum effectiveness, this program is best conducted as an in-house program.

Guidelines

- **Group Size:** An ideal group size is 4– 12 participants.
- **Venue:** For your convenience, you can choose to conduct this program at your business premises. Alternatively, we can provide a training venue at a small additional cost
- **Duration:** Can be conducted as a one day or half day program

- **Cost:** Upon request.
- **Target Audience:** Local government staff and managers

Look at what you receive within 24 hours at no cost:

- **a program outline**
- **a bio of a proposed facilitator**
- **program cost**
- **possible dates (if requested)**

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