

RCV Summit 2021

ThrivingRuralVic

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Working together with Local Government

LGV working with Councils:

- **Connection** eg. CEO Forums
- **Support** eg. Workshops and seminars LG Act Implementation
- **Advocacy** eg. cross departmental representation
- **Information sharing and advice** eg. Forums such as LGMAP
- **Better outcomes** eg. Joint working in emergencies

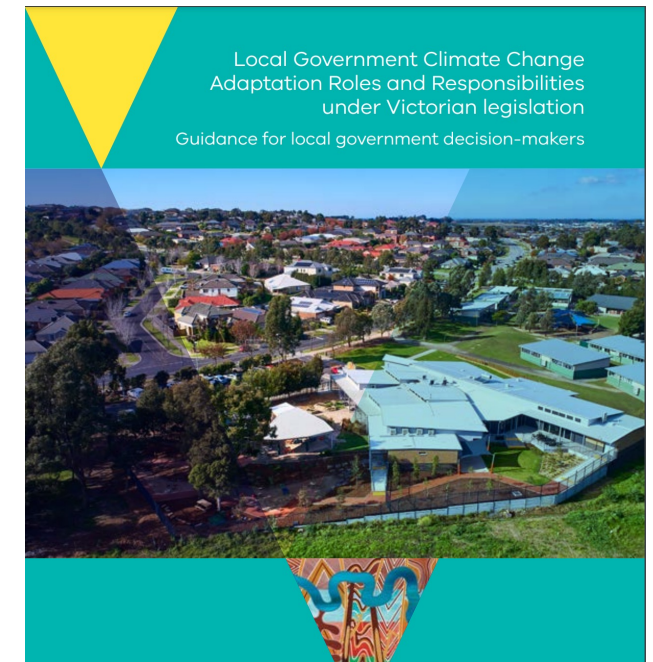
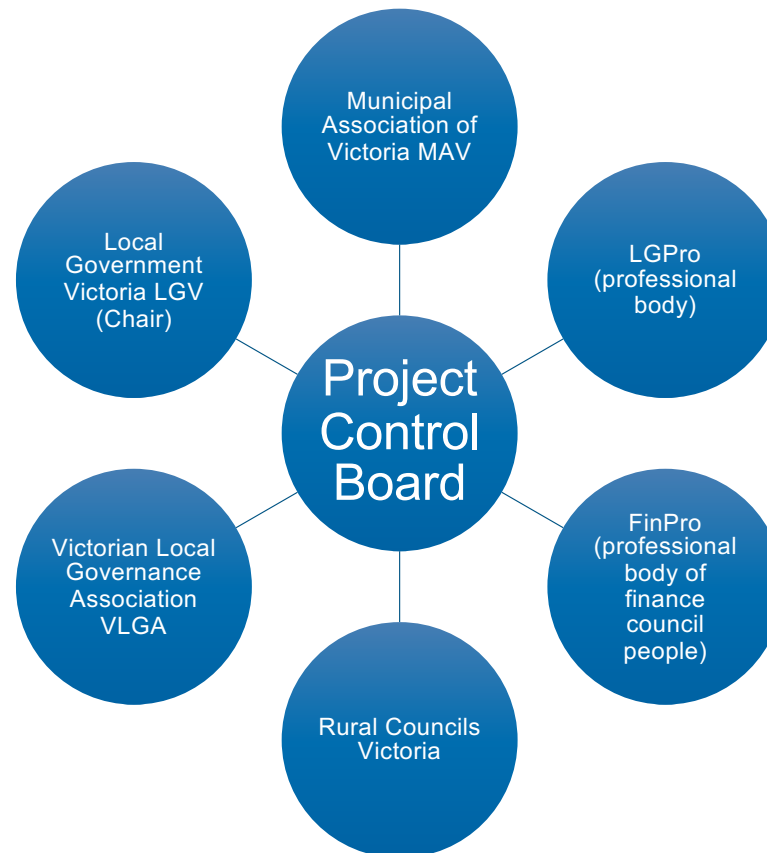


Rural Council financial sustainability

Rural council financial sustainability is a really important issue:

- The RCTP program continues with two key projects:
 - South West Coast (Councils ICT Alliance)
 - Wimmera Southern Mallee (Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration)
- Lessons have been many, varied and valuable for all participants
- The remaining RCTP funds will be repurposed to smaller scale RCTP Stage 2 in 2021-22.

Local Government Act Implementation



Leading Good Governance in Local Government

Some insights about the foundations for supporting a **culture of good governance**:



Respectful working relationships



Understanding and supporting roles and responsibilities



Resolution of issues at the earliest opportunity

The **Leading Good Governance in Local Government project** will support a culture of good governance by identifying:

- The key drivers influencing councillor conduct and factors affecting the culture of the sector
- Ideas to support a more inclusive, representative and diverse sector

State Budget and Rural Councils

Table 1.16: Output initiatives – Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

(\$ million)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Local Government and Suburban Development					
Emergency management sector reform: implementation of reviews and inquiries	2.5	0.3
Growing Suburbs Fund	..	50.0
Leadership for women in local government	..	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
Public Libraries Funding Program	..	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Roadside Weeds and Pests Program	..	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
Rural Roads Support Package	..	0.7	0.7

- ...and from the Commonwealth, the estimated total of financial assistance grants for 2021-22 is \$646.776m.
- This is a healthy 3.5% increase on 2020-21.

State Budget and Rural Councils

Rural Roads Support package

The 2021-22 Victorian Budget has allocated \$1.4 million over two years to support a roads asset management sustainability program focused on small rural councils, who are significantly burdened by the costs of maintaining and renewing their road assets. (Supporting 11 rural councils to achieve best practice)

Conclusion: Working together to build a stronger sector

- These updates highlight some of the key work LGV delivers to support the sector
- Councils have been adaptive and resilient in a challenging year
- Working with LGV- we aim to help you to become stronger and thrive



Thank you

QUESTIONS?

