

Privacy legislation for local government

Victorian municipal Councils continue to struggle with meeting their privacy obligations under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* despite the assistance provided by the primary regulator, the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (**OVIC**) which was established in late 2017.

Councils are required to collect, use and share a large volume of personal information which must be responsibly managed by Council staff. Privacy complaints are usually attributable to non-compliance with the mandatory Information Privacy Principles embedded in the Act. Whilst OVIC's approach is not to punish Councils found to have breached the legislation, financial compensation of up to \$100,000 can be awarded by VCAT in favour of a privacy complainant.

This practical and informative workshop, to be conducted by Terry Bramham and Georgie Ward will:

- Revisit the key legislative requirements for Council staff;
- Address the main areas of risk and explore how Councils can improve overall compliance with privacy obligations;
- Explain how a privacy breach should be managed to avoid a complaint being made to OVIC;
- Consider the powers of OVIC applying to Councils;
- Review key Council documents which can be enhanced to protect Council's interests when dealing with third parties; and
- Consider relevant case studies to facilitate practical awareness and understanding.

This workshop will be of benefit to Council staff of all levels who are involved in the collection, use and sharing of personal information.

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WORKSHOP DETAILS:

DATE: Wed, 5 Jun 2019

VENUE: Manningham Function Centre

699 Doncaster Road
Doncaster

TIME: 10.00am – 1.00pm (followed by a light lunch)

COST: \$385.00 (incl. GST) *All course materials & refreshments will be provided including lunch.*

To register for this workshop -

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