

## Local Government NSW and Australian Regional Tourism Partnership

Local Government NSW has partnered with Australian Regional Tourism to provide an exclusive group forum for Local Government NSW members.

The agreement provides our members access to the private forum to discuss, debate and share ideas, along with a document portal system to share relevant documents across council borders.

Through the Tourism Hub, members of Local Government NSW will have the ability to directly contact other members, seek advice or share projects happening within their local council.

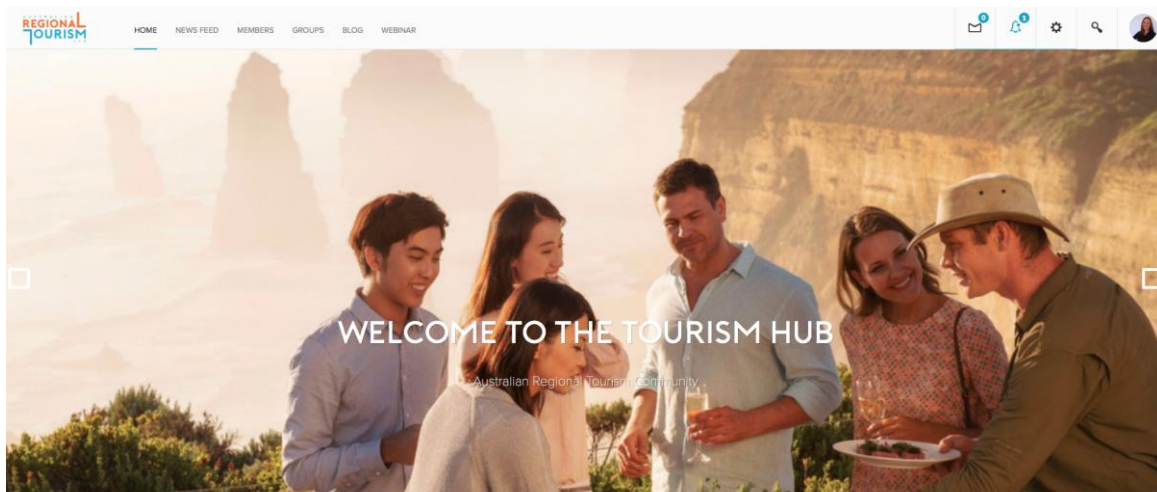
We see this partnership with Australian Regional Tourism as a positive step to connecting all Local Government NSW members and developing supporting partnerships across NSW councils.

### About Australian Regional Tourism

Australian Regional Tourism (ART) is the national body representing the needs of regional tourism. ART, a membership-based organisation, brings together tourism stakeholders across federal and state governments to partner with local councils, tourism organisations and industry professionals to find best practice solutions to key challenges. Working closely with the membership base, ART ensures regional voices are heard by key decision makers in relation to tourism policy and planning.

ART consists of a board of 8 directors from regional tourism, state and local government. The board sets the strategic direction of the organisation, leads key projects and provides advocacy services on behalf of members and the broader regional tourism industry. The board works closely with ART Executive Officer, Lauren Douglass, managing the operation of ART and implementing the strategic plan.

For information on how to register for the Tourism Hub please see the frequently asked questions below.



**The Tourism Hub** is a collaboration between the government and private sector to develop a central platform to access tourism research, news and opportunities. It supports a social community to connect professionals to seek advice, share knowledge and solutions to common challenges.

## FAQ

### **Where do I access the Tourism Hub?**

You can access the Tourism Hub [here](#).

### **Do I need to be an ART member to access the Tourism Hub?**

No, this agreement for LGNSW member councils to access the Tourism Hub is in place until 30 June 2019. So it is not compulsory to become a member of ART to access the Tourism Hub. However, ART is a not-for-profit organisation membership enables ART to continue to advocate for regional tourism, deliver regional projects, and provide the regional tourism community access to resources such as the Tourism Hub.

### **Is there a cost to register on the Tourism Hub?**

No.

### **I didn't receive an email to approve my registration, what should I do?**

ART have removed the need for admin approval for delegates, to streamline the registration process. We will reinstate this system on 30 December 2018. So for now, you can log straight in and access all features on the Tourism Hub. For technical problems please contact ART [eo@regionaltourism.com.au](mailto:eo@regionaltourism.com.au)

### **Can I access other areas of the Tourism Hub?**

Yes, you are welcome to access all relevant areas on the Tourism Hub.

### **Can each local council have more than one staff log in?**

Yes, you are able to invite other staff members to register and access the hub. We recommend the tourism team including visitor information centre staff also access the Tourism Hub.

### **Is the LGNSW group exclusive to tourism information?**

You can post or discuss any issue relevant to your local council in the LGNSW group.

### **How do I join the private LGNSW Group?**

On the groups page (top-left of screen), click on the blue cross to join the group. You'll be provided access just as soon as admin confirm your LGNSW membership.

### **We are currently recruiting a position within council. Can I share this on the Tourism Hub?**

Yes, you can directly upload any tourism related job within Australia on the jobs board. Or for non-tourism related roles within council, create a new topic in the LGNSW group.