

Cloud Year End Case Study – Corangamite Shire Council & LG Solutions

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Q - Can you tell us what system or tool you were using to prepare Council's Financial Statements?

- *Excel*

Q- What was it about the previous tool that prompted you to look for a replacement?

- *Time consuming*
- *Reliability*
- *Trust in outputs – completeness, version control, checklists etc.*
- *Easy to miss updating a figure or not flowing something through properly.*
- *Manual changes were hard to track and could be hidden within formulas*

Q – When you decided to make the change, was there a few non-negotiable features you were looking for?

- *Product designed for local government & used widely*
- *Model Financial Report format*
- *Access for multiple staff*
- *Supported product*
- *System that produces full, presentable report with minimal effort*
- *Automatic checklists*
- *Cross checks built into the system to ensure accuracy*

Q – Were there any feature/s of the LG Solutions Cloud YE that swayed Council to select & implement it?

- *Ability to map trial balance & uplift to Cloud YE as many times as needed and that the uplift is simple and there weren't formulas that could "break" on upload.*
- *Ability to print preview notes as you go.*
- *Automatic generation of cashflow*
- *Cross checking features*

Q - Did you find the implementation process was well set out, manageable & supported?

- *The implementation was not difficult*
- *The support was good and the process manageable*
- *The support was efficient and always got back to us quickly.*

Q – Now that the implementation is complete, do you find the system simpler to use than the previous system?

- *It is easy to work with.*
- *The presentation looks really good*
- *Saved so much time on formatting and checking references etc.*
- *The inbuilt Checklist & support pages make it easier to use.*

Q – Has the LGS Cloud YE made the Financial Statements at Council more controllable & systematic?

- *Less onerous, easier to maintain.*
- *More systematic & automated*
- *More confidence in outputs with in-built integrity checks*
- *Reports can be generated at any time at the press of a button.*

Q – Do the system outputs provide Council the required information?

- *Individual Notes can be previewed*
- *A complete set of reports can be run & downloaded in seconds not days.*
- *Good that it can be exported into a XLS version as well*

Q – Lastly, are you glad that Council made the move to implement the LGS Cloud YE?

Yes , we were short on staff at year end and this program helped us to be more efficient with our time.

We could spend our time on the things that mattered and did not need to spent time on formatting , fixing broken formulas or renaming note references etc that would have been required in our old excel version.

The team were fantastic and were very responsive to queries and showed initiative in assisting us which was really appreciated when we are dealing with tight deadlines.