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Now in its 19th year, the National Trust Heritage Awards continue to set an industry benchmark to winners and entrants alike, as well as provide recognition amongst industry peers of excellence within the field of heritage conservation.

Entry categories include:

CONSERVATION – possible nine awards

Built Heritage:

- Government/Corporate.
- Community Groups.
- Individuals.

Natural Heritage:

- Government/Corporate.
- Community Groups.
- Individuals.

Moveable Heritage:

- Government/Corporate.
- Community Groups.
- Individuals.

REGENERATION AND NEW DEVELOPMENT – One award

Adaptive reuse, large scale regeneration projects and new developments that complement and promote existing heritage.

SUSTAINABILITY – One award

Environmental contribution made by the project in the built, natural or moveable heritage area.

RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION / ANALYSIS – One award

May include archaeology, conservation management plans, historical research.

EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – One award

Publications, Exhibitions, Displays, Site Interpretations

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS – Three awards

Lifetime Achievement Award: This award is presented to an individual, group or organisation whose body of work has furthered heritage conservation over a period of 20 years or more.

Cathy Donnelly Memorial Award: For a Conservation Project by a Female Professional.

Trade / Skills Award – trades person/group of the year: Presented to a trades person or group demonstrating substantial achievement in conservation work on built and natural heritage.

Award nominations close

Monday, 6 February

Online information

http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/heritageawards/?utm_source=Alert+Subscribers+Newsletter&utm_campaign=0155129fd2-News+from+M%26G+NSW+18+January&utm_medium=email

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It is clear that organisations involved in tourism face many challenges. Our challenge is to get your councillors and council staff involved in tourism to the 2012 Tourism Conference in Gunnedah to find out how you can work with the tourism industry to meet your visitor's expectations.

Accommodation is booking out fast due to the busy mining and resources boom – a topic that is high on the program agenda.

Conference attendees can experience 'Home Hosting' in Gunnedah and stay with the locals. Home Hosting is a bed and light breakfast style accommodation service whereby clients are 'billeted' by local Gunnedah residents in their private homes. Clients are provided with a comfortable bed, full linen and light breakfast (cereal, fruit, toast, tea, coffee, juice) topped off with Country Hospitality - All for just \$88 per night! Booking details are on the website or call the Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre to discuss your options (see fact box). A list of remaining hotels, pubs and cabins can also be found on our website under accommodation.

If you experience difficulties with booking flights please let us know by calling our office on 02 9242 4031. We can advise Qantaslink, who in turn may be able to extend availability on certain flights.

The theme of the Conference is '**Check In or Check Out! Does your service meet your visitors' expectations?**', and is presented in partnership with Destination New South Wales, the Tourism Industry Council, CountryLink, Aurora Research, BookEasy, QantasLink, Caravan and Camping Industry Association of NSW, industry partners and sponsors.

The draft program is now available on the website (see fact box). Don't miss the only Local Government focused Tourism Conference in NSW - by the industry, for the industry.



LGSA Tourism Conference
Monday 12 – Wednesday 14
March

Registration

Early Bird due Tuesday, 31
January: \$550
All registrations due Wednesday,
29 February: \$660

Host

Gunnedah Shire Council

Website

www.tourismconference.lgsa.org.au

Further Information

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Accommodation

Gunnedah Visitors Information
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Item 6: 2012 National Close the Gap Day

***National Close the Gap Day* aims to raise awareness of the health issues faced by Aboriginal Australians.**

The event gives people an opportunity to show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Councils are encouraged to hold their own events to demonstrate ongoing support that is vital to closing the gap.

A range of resources, including a *National Close the Gap Day* DVD, and ideas for events are available from Oxfam (see fact box). Events can take a range of forms and in the past have included:

- A stand alone event for the *National Close the Gap Day*.
- An internal event, such as a morning tea for council staff and community members.
- Promotion on the council website.
- Information in the local newsletter.
- Making the Close the Gap pledge available for staff and community members to sign.

Close the Gap Day

Thursday, 24 March

Oxfam

1800 088 110

<http://www.oxfam.org.au>

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As previously advised, the LGSA has been undertaking a review of the cultural development program with a range of new initiatives supporting councils to be launched in 2012. Amongst the changes is the timing of the Cultural Awards.

The renewed Cultural Awards will move from calendar to financial year and will be presented in conjunction with a Cultural Summit. The Summit will showcase the best practice initiatives identified from the award nominations and include a range of professional development opportunities. A new *Local Government Arts and Cultural Network* will be established to facilitate participation of councils in the overall program and collaboration between councils.

The LGSA will call for nominations to the Cultural Awards early in the new financial year for initiatives delivered between January 2011 and June 2012.

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Item 8: Funding Program for Innovative Arts Projects enabled by the National Broadband Network (NBN)

The Broadband Arts Initiative is offering grants of up to \$100,000 for arts projects for high-capacity broadband.

This initiative is a strategic priority of the Australia Council for the Arts to assist the arts sector build skills to maximise the benefits of the NBN, and support the creation of work enabled by and accessed through high-capacity broadband.

The Australia Council invites expressions of interest from artists, groups and organisations for ambitious arts projects which showcase the cultural potential of the NBN.

Proposals should complement the deployment of high-capacity broadband and be truly dependent on broadband infrastructure. This can involve significant artistic and technical research over a year, but should result in an outstanding art outcome for the public before June 2013.

The NBN is significant for all aspects of the arts, with potential to:

- Transform how we create, access and consume Australian arts and culture.
- Enable new ways for all Australian residents, no matter their life circumstances or location, to create and participate in the arts and enable the arts to help build stronger communities.
- Create more opportunities to distribute work through convergent platforms, bringing together film, gaming, TV, social media and the arts.
- Facilitate the creation and development of new arts practice that use high speed broadband.
- Enable artists and arts organisations to run their operations more efficiently and economically, allowing for increased resources for investment in the creation of work.
- Drive new business models in the arts including new ways to raise funds and access to global markets that are more cost effective.
- Enable the sector to enrich arts education by allowing greater use of online resources and increased collaboration beyond the classroom.

Timeframe

- Expressions of interest close Wednesday, 15 February 2012.
- Invited applications will be assessed and decisions advised in April 2012.
- Funded projects can start Thursday, 1 May 2012.

Two of the LGSA's recommendations identified in the submission on the National Cultural Policy Discussion Paper, are partially addressed by this funding program:

- *'That local communities are supported to produce local content for the National Broadband Network.'*
- *'That all councils have opportunity for support regarding the National Broadband Network, to deliver hubs, transitioning their facilities, services and communities to maximise benefits of the new technology, not just the initial roll out areas.'*

Online information

<http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/2012/broadbandarts>

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Item 9: Ten-year Mental Health plan

The Australian Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon. Mark Butler MP, and the Australian Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Australian Minister for Disability Reform, the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP, have released a draft Ten-Year Roadmap for National Mental Health reform.

The public are invited to comment on the draft Roadmap, which aims to provide a set of directions for long-term national mental health reform to guide future action and investment by all jurisdictions over the next ten years. An online survey (see fact box) is available and the Australian Government is seeking public opinion.

The NSW Ministry of Health's Mental Health (MoH) and Drug & Alcohol Office are also taking the opportunity to conduct a survey and provide feedback on the draft Roadmap and its appropriateness for NSW. The NSW MoH's survey is also available online and is due by Monday, 30 January.

All councils are encouraged to provide the LGSA with their views on the draft Roadmap for National Mental Health reform via email to the Senior Policy Officer, Public Health (see fact box for details).

Feedback due

12pm, Monday, 30 January

Online information

<http://health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-pubs-t-roadmap>

Australian Government online survey

Available until 7pm AEDST
Wednesday, 1 February 2012
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/roadmapsurvey2012>

NSW Ministry of Health's survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSWsurveyroadmap>

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Item 10: Short+Sweet theatre festival roll out across NSW

Short+Sweet Productions Limited is calling for expressions of interest to deliver the world's biggest little play festival in rural and regional communities.

Short+ Sweet is an original Australian initiative that has spread around the country and internationally. Short+Sweet Productions Limited, the non-government organisation which manages the program, were fortunate in September 2011 to receive \$1.5 million in NSW Government funding for a four year period to further develop their activities. Part of this development includes the rollout of the model to regional and rural NSW.

Given the commitment of Local Government to cultural expression and local stories, this rollout is an opportunity for councils to host the festival and/or partner with groups in the community.

Local outcomes for councils could include:

- Increased engagement and capacity of communities to participate in creative industries such as production and lighting design, script development, project management and public relations.
- Increased media and promotion of local community distinctiveness and stories, including opportunities for local stories to be told nationally and internationally.
- Increased community cohesiveness through cultural engagement.

This program is in alignment with three of the five objectives stipulated in the Fourth Cultural Accord with Arts NSW and the State Government, these being:

- Engage with councils and other organisations to encourage the development of local capacity, and councils' facilitation of connections between local arts and cultural groups.
- Encourage councils to explore local initiatives to provide artist studios and residency programs, develop creative enterprise hubs and support local creative industries.
- Provide Aboriginal people with greater opportunities to participate in, share and strengthen their culture through arts practice, and develop careers and businesses in the arts and cultural sector.

Short+ Sweet will be running an Expression of Interest commencing Wednesday 25 January for regional and rural partners to participate.

Online information

http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/heritageawards/?utm_source=Alert+S+subscribers+Newsletter&utm_campaign=0155129fd2-News+from+M%26G+NSW+18+January&utm_medium=email

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Item 11: Supported Living Fund - Expressions of interest are now open

NSW Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) have announced the opportunity to formally register an interest in accessing a Supported Living Fund package.

The Supported Living Fund is a Stronger Together II initiative that aims to provide people with disability, their families and carers a greater opportunity to build person-centred and sustainable living arrangements.

The Supported Living Fund is a recurrent source of funding which is both individualised and portable. Over the next three years, 300 Supported Living Fund packages will be rolled out throughout NSW, totalling \$60 million in funding.

It is envisaged that the packages will be used to purchase a combination of traditional disability supports and mainstream services, complementing a person's existing informal/formal supports and networks.

In other States, supported living initiatives have been used to:

- Develop plans for moving into one's own home.
- Pay for support to live in your own home.
- Attend life skills programs and other courses (For example, cooking and work skills).
- Increase circles of support and informal networks.
- Purchase specialist accommodation and needs-based equipment (For example, home modifications).
- Facilitate relationship building and social supports.

It is also envisaged that people may utilise the fund as either a recurrent or one-off source, and their level of assistance from the Supported Living Fund may change over time. The average amount of a Supported Living Fund package will be \$50,000 per person per annum.

Those wishing to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) must have read the available information prior to sending in the form. The Supported Living Fund application process will be complemented by information and capacity building workshops, which will provide an opportunity to receive further information about the fund.

EOIs close

Friday, 27 January

Online information

http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/_d ata/assets/file/0008/251459/SLF_Information_Sheet_Dec2011.pdf

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Item 12: IPTI 2012 Local Government Rates and Revenue – Leading the Change Conference

The International Property Tax Institute (IPTI) in co-operation with NSW Revenue Professionals is holding a conference on Local Government Rates and Revenue.

The Conference presents a learning opportunity for policy makers, practitioners and academics working in the field of tax policy and property valuation.

The Conference features renowned international and local experts addressing a range of timely topics that will stimulate debate and discussion among participants. Topics will cover global and local issues including financial and economic trends in a post financial crisis world and current and emerging trends in property taxation. A stimulating lunch-time presentation on the Kokoda track experience is also included in the program.

Program topics include:

- Global Perspective: Financial/Economic Trends in Post-Financial Crisis.
- Land Value vs Rental Value vs Capital Value for Rating and Taxing.
- Rates/Property Tax Regulation and Community: Processes, Trends, Impacts, Consultation, Independent Pricing and Regulation Tribunal of NSW.
- Natural Disasters: Recovery and Rates/Tax Relief.
- Environmental Upgrade Agreements.
- Alternative Revenue Sources for Local Government.

IPTI is a not-for-profit organisation with a goal to advance and foster property taxation and assessment ideals on an international level. Its conferences are held worldwide and assemble local and international experts from all facets of the assessment and taxation fields. IPTI aims to assist governments, organisations, corporations, taxpayers and professionals alike to better understand the complex issue of financing Local Governments, and in particular, the essential role property taxation has in this process.

Registration due
Thursday, 1 March 2012

Date
Thursday 15 - Friday 16
March 2012

Venue
Vibe Hotel Rushcutters Bay,
100 Bayswater Road, Sydney,
NSW

Program and registration details
www.ipti.org/event/local-government-rates-and-revenue-leading-the-change/

Further information
www.ipti.org

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Leadership Skills

Assertive Skills

Thursday 1 March – Sydney

Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Supervisors

Wednesday 15 February – Griffith

Wednesday 14 March – Sydney

Training Small Groups

Thursday 16 February – Sydney

Selection Skills for Local Government Managers

Friday 17 February – Coffs Harbour

Mentoring Skills for Managers

Thursday 22 March - Sydney

Chairing Effective Meetings

Monday 19 March - Sydney

Writing Skills

Improve Your Business Writing

Monday 26 -Tuesday 27 March - Sydney

Writing Powerful Proposals and Funding Applications

Wednesday 22 February – Sydney

Report Writing

Thursday 23 February - Sydney

English Grammar and Punctuation

Tuesday 28 February – Sydney

Managing Yourself

Time Management

Thursday 22 March – Dubbo

Managing Information Overload – Speed reading

Tuesday 20 March – Sydney

Dates

February and March 2012

Registrations

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/421-public-staff-course-registration-form.asp?intSiteID=1>

Cost

\$550 pp inc. GST for one day courses and \$990 pp inc. GST for two day events

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The LGSA is keen to provide just-in-time learning opportunities to its member councils. With advances in technology we are not only able offer face to face workshops and eLearning programs, we can now offer one to one and a half hour Webinars on topics pertinent to our industry. We have joined with a leading webinar provider, CPD Live to provide this facility.

The Webinars will be under a 'LGSA Live Online' banner. The first program, presented on Wednesday 22 February 2012, will be on the topic 'Planning for a Carbon Price in the Government Sector'. More details will be included in next week's Local Government Weekly.

Councils are invited to suggest topics for future Webinars that are suitable for elected members and/or staff. They may include council case studies, legislative changes, soft skills etc.

Some suggestions that have already been received include:

- How to write a winning funding application.
- Changes to the Model Code of Conduct.
- Tips to improve your writing skills.
- How to handle an irate constituent.
- How to get the most out of Google.

Please send your suggestions to learning@lgsa.org.au – 'Attention Darryl Rubiolo'.

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The Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, announced the new Urban Policy Forum on Friday, 20 January. The Forum will be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Mr Mike Mrdak and comprises 35 members, representing a range of stakeholders across the urban policy arena.

Along with the ALGA President, other Local Government representatives on the Forum include Lord Mayor of Perth Cr Lisa Scaffidi, Lord Mayor of Sydney, Cr Clover Moore MP and Mayor of Cairns Regional Council, Cr Val Schier.

The objectives of the Urban Policy Forum are to:

1. Advise the Commonwealth and the Minister on the implementation of the National Urban Policy.
2. Identify innovative approaches to achieving the goals and objectives of the National Urban Policy.
3. Facilitate cross-sector consultation, collaboration and partnerships to support successful implementation of initiatives in the National Urban Policy.
4. Serve as a stakeholder forum to effectively support and complement other Government work requiring a coherent and integrated approach within cities.

The Forum's Terms of Reference and a complete list of membership and member profiles can be found online (see fact box). The first meeting of the Forum is scheduled to be held in Canberra in February.

Online information

http://www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/aa/releases/2012/january/aa003_2012.aspx

News items on planning issues

<http://planningnetwork.lgsa.org.au>

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Planning

Item 16: Upcoming 2012 Events - Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)

PIA's National Congress will be held in Adelaide in April/May this year. Other seminars run by PIA NSW are offered through out the year.

National Congress 2012

The PIA National Congress 2012 is themed *Planning for a Sunburnt Country: Building Resilient Communities through Planning*. Details are as follows:

Dates: Sunday, 29 April to Wednesday, 2 May 2012.

Location: Adelaide

Registration: Book before Tuesday 14 February to obtain the early bird discount.

Further details: www.piacongress.com

2012 Toolbox

PIA NSW is partnering with Bartier Perry, Solicitors to bring together speakers who will deliver a series of six evening seminars throughout 2012, commencing in February. This series will be chaired by Dennis Loether of Bartier Perry at Bartier Perry's Sydney office.

The topics and dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, 29 February - Working with the Court
Senior Commissioner Graham Brown, L&E Court, Scott Nash, Barrister & Mayor of Randwick City Council, Gary Shiels, Managing Director, GSA Planning.
- Wednesday, 28 March - Developer contributions in a nutshell
Greg New, NewPlan.
- Tuesday 22 May - Compulsory acquisition
Bartier Perry presenters.
- Wednesday, 25 July - The art of facilitation
Dr Danny Wiggins.
- Tuesday, 11 September - Social impact analysis
Dr Gary Cox, Elton Consulting.
- Wednesday 14 November - Development economics for planners
Emilio Ferrer, Sphere Analysis.

Time: 5.30 - 6pm registration, 6 - 7.30pm seminars, Sydney.

For additional information please visit the Planning website (see fact box).

Online information

www.piacongress.com

www.planning.org.au

<http://www.planning.org.au/events/category/all-nsw-events-by-date>

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Item 17: Course in Risk Based Land Use Planning by the AEMI

Courses are regularly run by the Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) to skill Local Government personnel on emergency management issues. A course on Risk-Based Land Use Planning is offered in early 2012.

AEMI is a centre of excellence for knowledge and skills development in the national emergency management sector. As a part of the Attorney-General's Department, AEMI provides a range of education, training, professional development, information, research and community awareness services to the nation and our region.

A four day course on Risk-based Land Use Planning is offered in 2012. For further details go to the AEMI website at [Risk-Based Land Use Planning Course details.](#)

Online information

<http://www.em.gov.au/Education/Courses/Nationallyrecognisedtraining/Pages/CourseinRiskbasedLandUsePlanning.aspx>

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Water

Item 18: Getting Aboriginal voices into the Murray-Darling Draft Basin Plan

As part of the consultation on its draft basin plan, the Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has released a publication entitled *A Yarn on the river: Getting Aboriginal voices into the Basin Plan*, to outline the parts of the draft plan that are most relevant to Aboriginal people.

A Yarn on the River has been created to increase understanding of the draft Basin Plan and to assist Indigenous Australians to have their say about what's in the Basin Plan. This booklet highlights the parts of the draft Basin Plan most relevant to Aboriginal people.

The MDBA invites Indigenous Australians to share their views on the draft Basin Plan and how it can be improved to better address Indigenous concerns.

The MDBA will be travelling to towns throughout the Basin to talk with Aboriginal people on their country, in halls, homes or by the river. This is part of the broader MDBA 20-week consultation period on the Draft Basin Plan.

The MDBA also funds the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN). Both MLDRIN and NBAN provide an Indigenous perspective into the development of the Basin Plan. In addition, the MDBA funds the National Cultural Flows Planning and Research Committee, which aims to provide more information on cultural flows.

The LGSA encourages councils to inform their local Aboriginal communities about the draft basin plan and this opportunity for input.

Submissions due

Monday, 16 April

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www.mdba.gov.au/services/publications/more-information?publicationid=117

Online information

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NSW welcomes close to 3,000 new citizens on Australia Day

25th January 2012

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/4110-25th-january-2012-nsw-welcomes-close-to-3000-new-citizens-on-australia-day.asp?intSiteID=1>

Nearly 3,000 people from 101 countries will celebrate Australia Day by taking their citizenship pledges at one of the 95 ceremonies hosted by NSW councils tomorrow.

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