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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.

Keynote address will be made by Sandra Chipchase, CEO Destination NSW, and all the way from Melbourne, Ms Penny Burke, Director, Author, Speaker and Brand Advertiser, and creator of 'Not Happy Jan', will give an inspirational presentation on 'Perception is Reality - it's not about you, it's about your customers'.

The Conference includes a panel session specific to the region, 'How does Tourism and Mining sit side by side? What are the challenges and benefits?' and will include Cr Adam Marshall, Mayor of Gunnedah Shire Council, Geoff Bailey, Economics Manager, Tourism Research Australia and Sam Crafter, Land and Government Manager, Santos Limited. Santos is a member of the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association Limited (APPEA) and represents the upstream oil and gas industry in Australia. APPEA member companies produce around 98 percent of Australia's oil and gas.

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.

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



**LGSA Tourism Conference**  
Monday 12 – Wednesday 14  
March

**Registration due**  
Wednesday, 29 February: \$660

**Host**  
Gunnedah Shire Council

**Website**  
[www.tourismconference.lgsa.org.au](http://www.tourismconference.lgsa.org.au)

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## General Interest

### Item 4: Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2012 Conference: Stories to Inspire

**The call for abstracts is now open for oral or poster presentations at Australia's premier conference on cultural diversity in ageing. This may be of interest to councils offering services to older people from diverse communities.**

The Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing's Community Partners Program and Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care program. Councils providing residential or community aged care services are encouraged to submit an abstract or register to attend the Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2012 Conference in June.

The Conference will address a broad range of themes associated with the design and delivery of culturally inclusive services for older people and showcase best practice and innovative service models. Industry representatives, providers, practitioners, educators, researchers, consumer advocates and anyone with an interest in providing culturally appropriate care to culturally and linguistically diverse populations have been encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration.

The Conference theme 'Stories to Inspire' will encourage people to consider the stories of ethnic communities, aged care services and staff, carers and of course stories of ageing migrants in the community. It will also provide an opportunity to explore ways in which personal work and research learnings can inform practice, and how this is necessary in providing culturally inclusive aged care and services.

#### Conference topics

Topics will include, but not limited to, social inclusion, elder rights, person-centred care, residential care, community care, workforce diversity, clinical care, palliative care, research, dementia care and carer support.

**Dates**

Monday, 7 – Tuesday, 8 June

**Location**

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Abstract submission closes**

Friday, 17 February

**Online information**

[www.culturaldiversity.com.au](http://www.culturaldiversity.com.au)

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## General Interest

### Item 5: Comparative Analysis of ROCs

**The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) in collaboration with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) have released a study comparing the structures and activities of various Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs) in NSW.**

The report outlines the variety of ROCs or council alliances in NSW, and similar groups in Western Australia. It reveals some future directions including the greater use of ROCs by State and Federal Governments as an important channel for regional funding and consultation, and as a mechanism to enhance Local Government performance.

The release of the report is very timely given the current inclination of both the State and Federal Governments towards giving a larger role to ROCs in regard to functions like regional planning, governance, service and infrastructure delivery.

NSROC and ACELG jointly funded the project, which was undertaken by Gooding Davies Consultancy Pty Ltd. The report includes recommendations to explore appropriate legal and business structures for ROCs that allow for more efficient business operations and how ROCs could provide a greater regional consultation function.

#### **Copies of the report**

[www.nsroc.com.au](http://www.nsroc.com.au)

[www.acelg.org.au](http://www.acelg.org.au)

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## Community

### Item 6: New Regulation for children's education and care services not covered by National Quality Framework

**Home-based, mobile and occasional care services from Sunday, 1 January 2012 have been covered by their own stand alone Act.**

The new *Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Act 2011* means that the regulation of these types of children's education and care services are no longer covered by the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

Under the new Act, the process for applying for provider approvals, service approvals and supervisor certificates is the same as under the National Quality Framework.

Compliance and enforcement powers and penalties for offences under the new Act have also been aligned as have application fees and annual fees.

The new Act also renames the *Children's Services Regulation 2004* as the *Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Regulation 2004* to include these amendments. There are no changes to existing operating requirements such as staff to child ratios and staff qualifications. Previously recognised service provider licences and approvals will automatically be recognised under the new Act.

#### Online information

[www.det.nsw.edu.au/ecec](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/ecec)

#### Further information

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### Item 7: Doing Justice for Young People – Call for Papers

The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) is presenting a conference focused on the issues and challenges for *Judicial Administration in Australia and New Zealand*. Councils providing or supporting youth services may be interested.

The presence of young people in our courts and tribunals provides challenges for judicial administration, for government and non-government agencies, for law enforcement authorities, and legal practitioners working with young people, their families and communities.

Key issues have been identified and include:

- Victims and offenders.
- Sexual offences involving young people, family violence and child protection.
- Imprisonment and sentencing options.
- Homelessness, drug and alcohol, anti-social behaviour and social media.
- Disability and mental health.
- Young people and Family Law.

The organising committee are calling for abstracts of papers to be submitted via their website for consideration for presentation at the conference. Enquires for possible topics and panel proposals are also welcome.

**Closing date for abstracts**

Friday 30 March 2012

**Conference dates**

Thursday, 23 – Friday, 24 August 2012

**Location**

Brisbane

**Online information**

[www.ajja.org.au](http://www.ajja.org.au)

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### Item 8: Aged Care and Health Workforce Reform Project

Health Workforce Australia (HWA), a Commonwealth statutory authority, is inviting health services and aged care organisations, including community care services to respond to four Requests for Proposals (RFP) related to aged care workforce capacity.

The current implementation phase of the Aged Care Workforce Reform Project comprises four component sub-projects, which together form a comprehensive package of evidence-based reform. The resultant improved system-wide workforce productivity, efficiency and effectiveness will lead to enhanced population and individual health and wellbeing outcomes.

HWA is making available a total of \$10.95 million in funding, across the four RFPs, to be distributed amongst the successful respondents.

These sub-projects are:

#### 1. Building Workforce Capacity for Safe Medications Management in the Community

**Suitable organisations include:** Health services and aged care organisations from the government-run, non-government or private sectors that have multiple sites; and which also include community services and residential facilities.

**Total Funding Provided: \$1.65 million.**

#### 2. Building Workforce Capacity and Capability in Residential Aged Care Facilities

**Suitable organisations include:** Aged care organisations from the government-run, non-government or private sectors that have multiple sites; and which include residential facilities.

**Total Funding Provided: \$3.35 million.**

#### 3. Building Workforce Capacity for Early Intervention in Functional Decline in the Community

**Suitable organisations include:** Health services and aged care organisations from the government, non-government or private sectors; in the community.

**Total Funding Provided: \$2.15 million.**

#### 4. Building Workforce Capacity for Complex Care Coordination in the Community

**Suitable organisations include:** Health services and aged care organisations from the government, non-government or private sectors; in the community and with linkages to acute care.

**Total Funding Provided: \$3.8 million.**

#### Proposals close

2pm, Friday, 17 February

#### Online information

<https://www.hwa.gov.au/work-programs/workforce-innovation-and-reform/aged-care-workforce-reform-project/rfp-aged-care-workforce-reform>

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### Item 9: NDS Industry Development Fund Regional Meetings

The Industry Development Fund (IDF) is hosting regional forums to discuss the implications of individualised funding within not for profit disability providers.

These sessions are open to all organisations funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Scheduled dates and locations for the regional meetings are:

- **Coffs Harbour** – Wednesday, 22 February 2012, Ex-Services Club 1 Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour.
- **Orange** – Thursday, 23 February 2012, Ex-Services Club 231-243 Anson Street, Orange.
- **Kogarah** – Friday, 24 February 2012, St Georges Leagues Club 124 Princess Highway, Kogarah.
- **Albury** – Tuesday, 28 February 2012 Albury Commercial Club 618 Dean Street, Albury.
- **Chatswood** – Wednesday, 29 February 2012, Chatswood Club, 11 Help Street, Chatswood.
- **Wollongong** – Tuesday, 6 March 2012, Illawarra Master Builders Club, 61 Church Street, Wollongong.
- **Tamworth** – Thursday, 8 March 2012, West Tamworth Leagues Club, Phillip Street, West Tamworth.

Lines of enquiry for discussion will be:

1. In the context of financial management, what do you perceive are the main challenges arising from the transition to individualised, portable (self-directed) funding?
2. What are the risks for your business and what are the opportunities that might be realised?
3. What strategies is your organisation currently developing to:
  - Develop a better understanding of person centred thinking amongst back of house staff?
  - What are the system changes you need to make to reposed and meet these challenges?
  - What are the likely costs you will incur in moving to a new business/financial model?
4. Are any of the current proposals at State or Federal levels around contracting or red tape reduction likely to address any of your challenges?
5. What do you see is the IDF's role to support the process of internal change by building capacity at a sector level?

#### Meetings

February and March

#### Registrations

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HJRXQL3>

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### Item 10: International Women's Day – Local Government Grants

The NSW Government is offering grants to recognise and celebrate women's achievements and the contribution they make to their local area.

100 grants are available up to \$1000 to contribute to community events and programs, such as conferences, forums and awards that acknowledge and celebrate International Women's Day on Thursday, 8 March 2012.

Applications are open until Friday, 10 February. Guidelines and forms are available from the NSW Office for Women's Policy website (see fact box).

**International Women's Day**

Thursday 8 March

**Grants Applications**

Friday 10 February

**Online information**

[www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au)

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### Item 11: Planning Ahead Tools Website

The NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice has launched the *Planning Ahead Tools website*.

The Website is a central point for information about Wills, Powers of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship and Advance Care Planning. It has information, resources and educational material that council staff can use in assisting people to plan ahead.

The ageing population and increase in people living with decision making disabilities has made planning ahead an important topic in our community.

Encouraging individuals to plan ahead is an important way to promote positive ageing, prevent legal problems and empower people to manage their own futures.

*Planning Ahead Tools* website is a central point for information about life planning instruments. The website has information, resources and educational material that can be used to assist people to plan ahead.

#### Online information

[www.planningaheadtools.com.au](http://www.planningaheadtools.com.au)

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### Item 12: Review of Residential Parks Act

The NSW Government has announced a review of the *Residential Parks Act 1998*. The Government wants broad community input to ensure that residential park laws provide appropriate consumer protection as well as strengthening and growing the industry.

To facilitate consultation, a discussion paper, *Improving the governance of residential parks*, has been released covering a range of issues including:

- Options for licensing and education of park operators.
- Improving the process for resolving rent increase disputes.
- Disclosure to prospective residents.
- Sale of dwellings.
- Security of tenure.
- Park rules.

Councils are invited to provide comments on the issues and options presented in the discussion paper and any other relevant issues.

All submissions may be made publicly available under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* or for other purposes.

#### Submissions close

Wednesday, 29 February

#### Online information

[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/Legislation/Comment\\_on\\_proposed\\_legislation.html#Review\\_of\\_the\\_Residential\\_Parks\\_Act\\_1998](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/Legislation/Comment_on_proposed_legislation.html#Review_of_the_Residential_Parks_Act_1998)

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### Item 13: Short+Sweet theatre call for EOIs

**Short+Sweet Productions Limited is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) 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.

#### Expressions of interest

*Short+Sweet* is seeking partners to help deliver this initiative across regional and rural NSW and calling on interested councils, arts companies and cultural organisations to submit an EOI by Tuesday, 21 February. Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of the closing date. They will also be required to attend an orientation day in Sydney on Monday, 19 March.

Success will depend on a number of factors including location, skills, resources and commitment. Organisations will need to make a successful case as a potential *Short+Sweet* partner and demonstrate delivery of innovative programs with success and passion.

EOIs must address:

1. Best Case Scenario: Make a convincing case outlining how your organisation fits with *Short+Sweet* based on achievements and aspirations.
2. People and Partners: Short biographical information about your key people and partner organisations.
3. Success Story: What is the key to your successful delivery of programs? How do you measure this?
4. Sustainability: Demonstrate that your organisation is financially sound and sustainable by providing latest audited accounts or financial statements.

#### EOIs due

Tuesday, 21 February

#### Online information

<http://www.shortandsweet.org/short-sweet-theatre>

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### Item 14: Social Planning & Development Short Course

**This program focuses on the role of community (social) planning and development in Local Government, including emerging ideas around community engagement and the processes and techniques that can promote improved policies and effective programs.**

Participants will be presented with an overview of social planning and community development theory, as well as a number of council case studies incorporating a wide range of experiences and knowledge relevant to Local Government practice. Interactive sessions and workshops will also encourage group reflection and discussion.

This course will cover:

- Social planning and community development concepts and principles.
- Alternative approaches to social planning and development.
- Integrated planning and reporting: requirements, challenges and opportunities.
- Research design and methodology, including social indicators.
- Community engagement: aspirations, challenges and tools.
- Issue based planning: crime prevention, health, ageing, culture etc.
- Putting social issues on the council agenda.
- Effective implementation: costing, monitoring and reporting.

The course will be of value to:

- Social planning and community development professionals.
- Others in Local Government who must address social planning and development issues, such as corporate planners, land use planners, place managers.
- People from the non-government sector, government agencies or consultancy firms who work with councils.

**Course dates**

Wednesday 2 – Friday 4 May and  
Thursday 31 May – Friday 1 June

**Duration**

Five days

**Cost**

\$1, 940 (GST Free)

**Register Online**

<http://www.clg.uts.edu.au/shortcourses/onlinereg.html>

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## Emergency Services

### Item 15: 2010/2011 NSW Floods Survey Reminder

**In December 2011, the LGSA in conjunction with the Floodplains Management Association sent a survey to all NSW councils declared a Natural Disaster due to flooding in 2010/2011. Completed surveys are due Monday, 13 February 2012.**

During 2010/2011 financial year NSW experienced 152 natural disaster declarations in 103 Local Government Areas due to floods. These floods caused widespread damage to council owned public infrastructure, and required additional assistance and services from councils.

The 2010/2011 NSW Floods Survey is seeking information from councils regarding cost of damage to council owned infrastructure, council's response/recovery activities, and funding from the NSW Natural Disaster Recovery Arrangements.

The information gathered from the surveys will support the LGSA campaigns for improved funding and technical support for flood mitigation, response, and recovery programs.

The LGSA encourages councils to complete the survey and submit to the Associations prior to Monday, 13 February 2012.

**Surveys due**

Monday, 13 February

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## Environment

### Item 16: Successful grants announced for Roadside Vegetation Implementation Project

**Councils from across NSW have successfully applied for grants through the Roadside Vegetation Implementation Project - Details of successful council projects are now available.**

The LGSA has been funded by the NSW Environmental Trust to deliver the Roadside Vegetation Implementation Project (RVIP) which provides funding to NSW councils to undertake priority roadside vegetation management works.

Applications were open to all councils in NSW who have a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (RVMP), or other equivalent approved NSW council plan. A total of 46 applications were received from across NSW, including six regional applications.

Grant applications were assessed against applications from other similarly sized councils (based on LGA population). The following categories apply:

- Less than 20,000 people.
- 20,000 – 60,000 people.
- Over 60,000 people.

The funding breakdown for successful councils based on their population size includes:

Division based on population	Number of grants funded	Value of funding
A	11	\$384,626
B	11	\$587,897
C	6	\$313,905

A total of \$1,286,428 will be distributed to NSW councils, across 28 projects.

#### Online information

[www.lgsa.org.au/roadgrants](http://www.lgsa.org.au/roadgrants)

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## Learning

### Item 17: Planning for a Carbon Price in the Government Sector Webinar – 22 February 2012

Local Government Learning Solutions is delighted to announce the first webinar in 2012 on 'Planning for a carbon price in the government sector'.

This session will explore the *Clean Energy Act 2011* (Cth) due to commence 1 July 2012 and the consequences of pricing carbon for Australia's clean energy future.

The webinar will provide you with an understanding of the *Clean Energy Act* framework. We will also highlight key implications and planning issues government entities need to be aware of leading up to the 1 July start date.

There will be opportunities during the webinar for you to ask questions.

Topics to be covered:

#### Carbon price framework

- Outline of carbon pricing mechanism.
- Key themes, terminology and dates.

#### Liability

- Liability of Local Governing bodies for the carbon price.
- Coverage, thresholds and exemptions.
- Interaction with National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (Cth) Planning – tips and traps.
- Practical steps to do now.
- Contract pass-through and pricing control.

#### Who should attend?

- Senior management.
- Elected members.
- Senior finance officers.
- Environmental Sustainability officers.

#### Date

Wednesday 22 February  
11am – 12.30pm (AEDT)

#### Registrations

<http://www.cpdlive.com/lgsa/index.html>

#### Cost

Per head (1-2 people) \$187  
Group registration (3-6 people) \$467  
Note – every person who is participating in the Webinar must be registered.

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## Learning

### Item 18: Results Based Accountability™101 Training – Sydney and Lismore

Local Government Learning Solutions has a **NEW program called Results Based Accountability™ 101 which covers how to produce memorable improvements for clients and communities.**

#### Who should attend?

This workshop will benefit anyone who contributes to the Integrated Planning and Reporting process including social planners, aged care and youth workers, child care centre managers, corporate planners, environment and sustainability staff, elected members who chair community meetings, and anyone working in the community sector who needs to follow a process to get their projects and ideas happening.

#### What is Results Based Accountability™ 101?

It is a disciplined way of thinking and taking action that can be used to improve the quality of life in communities. Results Based Accountability™101 can also be used to improve the performance of programs, agencies and service systems.

#### How can it help?

Results Based Accountability™101 is a process that enables councils and their partners or stakeholders to progress from talk to action quickly. The Workshop will focus on real work examples such as making neighbourhoods safe, how to provide a clean environment and how to get special projects moving. This workshop may also assist those councils dealing with state agencies that have already adopted, and are familiar with the RBA process.

#### Dates

Tuesday, 17 April - Sydney  
Friday, 11 May - Lismore

#### Registrations

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

#### Cost

\$550 pp inc. GST

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## Planning

### Item 19: Building in Bushfire Prone Areas

This one-day seminar is to improve understanding of the bushfire requirements associated with the submission and assessment of a new dwelling application.

This course will cover:

- Importance of ground surveys.
- Bushfire attack mechanisms.
- Linkage of legislation.
  - *EP&A Act*.
  - Planning for Bushfire Protection.
    - Asset protection zones.
    - Siting & design.
    - Construction standards (BCA and AS3959).
    - Access requirements.
    - Water and utility services.
    - Landscaping.
  - SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.
- Working through AS3959.

The program is designed for planners, building surveyors, architects and designers, certifiers and council counter staff.

**Seminar date**

Thursday, 5 April

**Cost**

\$400 (GST Free)

**Online information**

[http://www.clg.uts.edu.au/short\\_courses/onlinereg.html](http://www.clg.uts.edu.au/short_courses/onlinereg.html)

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## **In the News**

### **Item 20: Media from the LGSA**

**View the latest media releases distributed by the LGSA and ALGA**

#### **National survey reinforces need for increased funding for cycling infrastructure**

2 February, 2012

<http://www.alga.asn.au/?ID=506>

President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Mayor Genia McCaffery has welcomed the results of a survey conducted by the Australian Bicycle Council which show strong interest from local government in cycling and the provision of cycling infrastructure.

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