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Register now to attend a workshop at a location near you.

Why you should attend?

- Learn how to apply tools that can help with evaluation, decision making, developing performance indicators, and tracking progress towards sustainability on an organisational and project level.
- Hear from local councils who have used selected tools like the Global Reporting Initiative Framework or the Business Excellence Framework.
- Participate in practical activities which will help you delve into why and how they might be applied at your council.
- Receive a copy of a Sustainability Tool Selector. This guide for Local Government has been developed by the Institute of Sustainable Futures on behalf of the Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA.)

Who should attend?

The workshops are for all NSW councils, specifically senior executive staff, corporate planners, environment and community services staff, councillors and other interested council officers.

This workshop series is brought to you by the USSA - a partnership project assisted by the NSW Environmental Trust and coordinated by the Local Government and Shires Associations.

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Dates and locations

Hunter 3 March 2010

Armidale 9 March 2010

Richmond Valley 11 March 2010

Queanbeyan 16 March 2010

Sydney 18 March 2010

Bathurst 23 March 2010

Fairfield 31 March 2010

Wagga Wagga 22 April 2010

Online Registration

<https://lgsa.wufoo.com/forms/sustainability-tools-workshop-registration/>

Further information

Registrations: Emma Moxon: 02 9242 4063,

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Forum Enquiries: Rebecca Jones: 02 9242 4056,

rebecca.jones@lgsa.org.au

Community

Item 5: Update your Cultural Awards Entry

Many councils have submitted projects for the prestigious 2010 Cultural Awards. There are only three weeks until the closing date for entries, so get your entry in now.

The initial submission process is easy and simply requires a photo and a paragraph about your project. However, in order to be considered for a Cultural Award, further information is required. Councils are encouraged to update their entries and ensure that they have completed all parts of their submissions.

In 2010, the Awards evening will provide opportunities to gain contacts within the arts industry. Culture is not static, it is constantly changing. Each year, Awards provide Councils the opportunity to be open about new creative experiences and achievements.

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Entries close

Friday 26 February

Cultural Awards evening

Thursday 29 April 2010

Online information

www.CulturalAwards.lgsa.org.au

For further information

Policy Officer, Cultural
Development: 02 9242 4047,
christopher.hudson@lgsa.org.au

Community

Item 6: 2010 'Close the Gap Day' for Aboriginal Australians

National Close the Gap Day will be held on 25 March 2010. Councils are encouraged to hold their own Close the Gap day events to raise awareness of the health issues faced by Aboriginal Australians.

The day gives people an opportunity to show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australian people.

Ongoing support to help close the gap is vital.

Councils who are interested in knowing more about National Close the Gap Day and wondering how to get involved, can contact Oxfam for ideas. Events can take a range of forms and in the past have include:

- 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; and
- making the Close the Gap pledge available for staff and community members to sign.

File Reference: R90/0001-08

Close the Gap Day

25 March 2010

Online information

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

For further information

Oxfam: 03 9289 9444, toll free 1800 088 110. Ask for a copy of National Close the Gap Day DVD or any other resources.

Community

Item 7: Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program 2010/11

Applications for Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program are now open. The program encourages job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The program is run by the NSW Department of Education and Training. Applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, Local Government, private, or community sectors for funding proposals are being sought.

Applications must be for:

- permanent employment;
- temporary placement; or
- partnership projects.

Applications close Friday 26 March, 2010.

File Reference: R90/1009-05

Applications close

Friday 26 March 2010

Online information

Application forms and program guidelines:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/acom
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For further information

Mr Barry Williams, Aboriginal Programs Manager, NSW Department of Education and Training, Station House, 16-18 Wentworth Street Parramatta; or State Training Services
Aboriginal Services: 02 9204 7400.

Community

Item 8: Communities win with unique health funding

Twenty council initiatives in NSW have been awarded grants totalling more than \$730,000 through the NSW Health and Local Government and Shires Associations' (LGSA) *Healthy Communities* grant scheme.

The *Healthy Communities* grant scheme represents a joint commitment to promote health, targeting healthy weight, tobacco control, falls prevention in older people, and responsible use of alcohol, in communities that are particularly vulnerable to ill health in NSW.

NSW Health Minister and Deputy Premier, Carmel Tebbutt, said communities across NSW would benefit from 47 councils, some working with the Local Aboriginal Land Councils, implementing preventative health initiatives.

"Local councils are well positioned to understand the health needs of local people," Ms Tebbutt said.

"This scheme assists the councils promoting wellbeing in their communities, and funding will focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, those from culturally diverse backgrounds, as well as people in rural or remote areas and in disadvantaged urban areas.

"Projects will include a tai chi program for older people in the Hunter, a rural health outreach program for Aboriginal people on the Mid North Coast, and a training program for young unemployed people in Auburn who may be at risk of alcohol-related harm."

President of the Local Government Association, Cr Genia McCaffery said the initiatives highlight the superb work NSW councils do, both as individual councils and as cooperatives.

"While many of the initiatives are from single councils, just as many are from groups of councils working together. Part of the strength of Local Government is our willingness to band together for the benefit of our communities. These partnerships also include Local Aboriginal Land Councils, which is very gratifying to see," she said.

President of the Shires Association, Councillor Bruce Miller said "This funding for promoting healthy activities can be hard to come by, especially in remote areas, so this program is a great way for councils to bring their new Community Strategic Plans to life."

The Healthy Communities Grant Scheme is funded by NSW Health and represents a commitment to promote preventative health initiatives in local councils in NSW. The scheme is part of an ongoing partnership with the Local Government and Shires Associations which commenced in 2003. Applications for grants have now closed but it is hoped that further funding will be available in the near future.

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Online information

www.healthycommunities.lgsa.org.au

For further information

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helen.johnson@lgsa.org.au

Economic Development

Item 9: Community Economic Development Conference 2010

This year's theme is 'Communities in Transition.' The conference will explore the economic crisis, peak oil, climate change and other issues that currently face communities, and how communities can effectively transition in order to address these pressing issues.

The conference is hosted by the Industry & Investment NSW in partnership with Regional Development Australia - Far West and Broken Hill City Council.

Keynote speakers include:

- Professor Robert Manne; leading author and publisher, will discuss how our communities have historically coped with economic change, to better understand our future prospects;
- Professor Janis Birkeland will discuss how to plan for sustainable lifestyles in regional towns;
- Julie McCrossin will facilitate an interactive session that brings the strands of transition together; and
- Michael Pascoe will give an analytical report on our regional economic outlook.

The conference showcases successful businesses, events and projects implemented by community and economic development practitioners. Based on their interests, attendees can select a number of concurrent workshops across a range of topics. Field trips and social activities provide the chance to network and experience the uniqueness of Broken Hill.

The conference represents local councils, economic development organisations, progress associations, chambers of commerce, community based associations, government departments, tourism organisations, event organisations, private businesses, higher education institutions and consultancy firms. A large number of regional communities, particularly from NSW, will also be represented at the conference.

Registration fee includes:

- pre-conference and conference sessions and conference materials;
- morning and afternoon refreshments each day;
- lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;
- Tuesday welcome dinner – beverages not included;
- a field trip;
- Wednesday conference dinner – pre-dinner beverages only included; and
- coach transfers to social functions.

File Reference: R90/1160-08LG

Key dates / Venues

4-6 May 2010, Broken Hill

Online information

<http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/community/ced%20conference/>

Cost

\$650 per delegate

For further information

DSRD, Manager Community Economic Development Programs, 02 9338 6712 or DSRDced@business.nsw.gov.au

Economic Development

Item 10: Strategic Business Cluster Program

Industry & Investment NSW invites lead organisations, such as businesses, industry associations and local councils who are developing or operating business clusters in NSW to apply for financial support to help achieve defined business outcomes.

This Program supports business clusters and networks of small to medium businesses to achieve competitive advantage in local or international markets. Three levels of financial support are available via a competitive application process:

- Business Network - \$5,000 in matched funding to create business opportunities for their members.
- Business Cluster - \$10,000 in matched funding for the establishment or development of a business cluster to achieve competitive advantage.
- Business Cluster Project - \$30,000 in matched funding to existing clusters for specific cluster activity that increases employment, improves productivity, competition, and promotes innovation.

Clusters can include businesses with complementary capability or businesses involved in the same supply/value chain with common suppliers and distributors, and can include related organisations that support these businesses such as industry associations and knowledge providers (universities and research institutions).

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Applications close

5pm, Friday 5 March 2010

Online information

www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/clusters

For further information

Industry & Investment NSW,
Program Manager, Strategic
Business Clusters 1300 134 359
cluster@business.nsw.gov.au

Finance

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This Royalties for Regions Scheme returns approximately \$675 million per annum to the communities of the State through the administration of three funds; the Local Government and Regional Organisations of Councils fund, Regional Community Services Fund and the Strategic Major Regional Projects fund. All local councils are eligible to benefit under these funding arrangements.

In New South Wales, royalties collected from mining are directed into consolidated revenue. In 2007/08 this amounted to \$573 million, for 2008/09 it was \$1.28 billion.

The potential to return a percentage of royalties to the regions from where they are derived is a long term goal of Mining Related Councils and in recent years, has generated a lot of interest from mining councils across New South Wales and has been raised at both Local Government Association and Shires Association conferences.

The Acting Director General of the Western Australian Department of Regional Government and Lands will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

Interested councils are encouraged to attend the meeting. Seating will be limited so it is essential to register.

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Meeting date and venue

10am, February 26 2010, The Hunter Room, Newcastle City Hall

For further information

For further information and registration contact Margaret MacDonald-Hill, Executive Officer, Mining Related Councils on 4971 6104 or info@miningrelatedcouncils.asn.au

Industrial Relations

Item 12: WorkCover NSW Formwork and Explosive-Powered Tool Review

In March 2008, WorkCover NSW initiated a two-tiered review of the current requirements to hold a certificate of competency for formwork (FF) and the operation and use of explosive-powered tools (EPT) in NSW. The results of the review have now been released.

The review was initiated under Part 9.2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001.

NSW is currently the sole jurisdiction where EPT/FF is required to be licensed by an OHS regulatory agency.

Stage one of the review called for public comment from various stakeholders on a discussion paper released by WorkCover NSW. Stakeholders were invited to submit written comment on three options proposed for the management of EPT/FF in the future:

- Base Case – Maintain Part 9.2 of the OHS Regulation 2001 (status quo)
- Option 1 – Delete Part 9.2 to align with other jurisdictions
- Option 2 – Amend Part 9.2 to a 'competent person' definition

As part of Stage two of the review, a cost benefit analysis was released for further public comment. The analysis showed option 1 to be the preferred option.

Given the responses received, the Minister has approved the deletion of Part 9.2 of the Regulation, but with the continued maintenance of clause 233 of the OHS Regulation 2001, the Formwork Code of Practice, and existing guidance material.

Effective 1 February 2010, workers will no longer require a licence for formwork or explosive-powered tool operation in NSW.

1. To give effect to this change, the following arrangements will apply from 1 February 2010:
2. WorkCover NSW will no longer issue the licence known as a NSW OHS Certificate of Competency for the formwork and the operation and use of explosive-powered tools;
3. Workers will no longer be required to hold a certificate of competency for formwork and the operation and use of explosive-powered tools in NSW;
4. WorkCover NSW will not accept any further applications for the NSW OHS Certificate of Competency;
5. All approvals for RTOs currently approved by WorkCover NSW that are able to provide training and assessment for formwork and explosive-powered tool certificates of competency will lapse;
6. WorkCover NSW will continue with its educational and support material for this area, such as the Identification Tool for Formwork, Safe Working at Heights Guide and Operators of Explosive-Powered Tools Guide;
7. The Formwork Code of Practice, which covers the design, planning, preparation and conduct of work for the erecting and dismantling of formwork and associated equipment, will continue to be maintained;
8. WorkCover NSW will continue to maintain clause 233 (Part 8.4) of the OHS Regulation 2001; and
9. WorkCover NSW will continue to provide information on suggested industry training units to assist employers in determining competency.

Online information

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

Further information

WorkCover's Third Party Management Unit on 1800 855 969 or via

thirdparty@workcover.nsw.gov.au

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Learning

Item 13: Councillor Professional Development Program Public Workshops in Sydney

Three key councillor workshops have been scheduled in February in Sydney.

Good Governance

This workshop examines how the processes, protocols, and conduct of governance contribute to council performance.

The workshop's objectives are to:

- learn from innovative councils about their community involvement and leadership
- evaluate your own leadership practices;
- identify key challenges to your role as councillor, and learn some key problem-solving and assertiveness techniques to help you address them; and
- learn five key leadership practices and identify how these can be applied.

Effective Meeting Skills

The course is designed to assist councillors in gaining the skills and confidence required to effectively participate in council meetings.

At the conclusion of the module participants should be able to:

- develop skills and knowledge to effectively participate in council meetings;
- understand common meeting procedures & formalities;
- understand conflicts of interest that councillors may come across;
- understand motion requirements and the rules of formal debate;
- have an increased confidence in councillors' ability to participate in council meetings.

Planning Legislation Skills and Knowledge

Participants will examine fundamental planning principles, statutory frameworks and the critical steps in the process.

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Date

Good Governance – Saturday 13 February

Effective Meeting Skills – Monday 15 February - 6 to 9 pm

Planning Legislation - Friday 26 February

Cost

The one day modules are \$495 inclusive of GST per course. The evening module which is \$330 inclusive of GST.

Registrations

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/151-courses-for-councillors.asp>

Further information:

Learning Solutions: Ruth Niemczyk on 02 9242 4180 or ruth.niemczyk@lgsa.org.au

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You will also learn how to improve your memory and use mind maps to store information. Once these basic skills have been understood, they can be applied to a whole range of documents.

Attend the course and develop your skills in concentration, comprehension, previewing, punctuation, paragraphing, peripheral vision, skimming, scanning, memory, mind mapping and flexible reading.

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Dates and Location

Thursday 18 February, Local Government Learning Centre, Sydney

Wednesday 3 March, Tamworth

Cost

The full day workshop fee is \$495 inclusive of GST.

Registrations

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/150-learning-solutions.asp>

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Managers may wish to consider this proven program for their staff as one way to support the Year of the Women in Local Government.

Springboard helps you establish what you want from life; focus on your priorities; acquire ideas, skills and confidence needed to reach your potential and goals; position yourself to make positive decisions about work and personal options and take action.

The course includes sessions on time management, assertiveness, dealing with change, conflict resolution, problem solving, goal setting, stress management, networking, communication and action planning.

Each workshop has a high profile woman as a guest speaker. Local Government Learning Solutions coordinates a mentoring strategy in conjunction with the program and delivers a half-day program for mentors. The participants also network with women from other councils.

Program dates

Participants attend all four workshops over four months and their mentors attend the half-day workshop:

- Tuesday 30 March, Mentors
- Wednesday 31 March, Day One
- Tuesday 27 April, Day Two
- Tuesday 11 May, Day Three
- Wednesday 9 June, Day Four

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Location

Local Government Learning Centre, 28 Margaret St, Sydney

Cost

\$990 inclusive of GST for four workshops for participants and a half-day workshop for mentors.

Registrations

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/152-courses-for-staff.asp>

Further information

Learning Solutions: Ruth Niemczyk on 02 9242 4180 or learning@lgsa.org.au

Learning

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A range of public workshops are available throughout March 2010.

Workshops – dates and locations

- The Supervisor Series - Modules 1 - 4, Sydney, 2-3 March.
- Time Management, Wagga Wagga, 9 March.
- IAP2 Certificate Training - Planning for Effective Public Participation, Sydney, 9-10 March.
- Handling Difficult People, Wagga Wagga, 10 March.
- OHS/Return to Work for Supervisors, Sydney, 11 March.
- Finance for Non-Finance Managers, Wagga Wagga, 16 March.
- Selection and Recruitment Skills for Local Government, Wagga Wagga, 17 March.
- Making Minutes Matter, Sydney, 19 March.
- Personal and Executive Assistants' Network Meeting, Sydney, 19 March.
- Certificate IV in Local Government - Rangers Three, Sydney, 22-25 March.
- Making Consultative Committees More Effective, Wagga Wagga, 23 March.
- Revisiting Change Management, Sydney, 23 March.
- Springboard - Mentor Workshop, Sydney, 30 March.
- Springboard - Day 1, Sydney, 31 March.

Registrations

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Further information

Learning Solutions: Ruth Niemczyk on 02 9242 4180 or ruth.niemczyk@lgsa.org.au

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Planning

Item 17: Upcoming National Affordable Housing Exchange

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) is hosting the inaugural National Affordable Housing Exchange in Sydney.

This Exchange brings together a wide range of people involved in all areas of the financing, development, and management of affordable housing programs, including delegates from the public, private, and community sectors.

Significant funding injections to projects that deliver affordable housing have been instigated through the Commonwealth's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Program, ongoing financial support under the National Rental Affordability Scheme and a raft of policy changes across governments.

Each of these areas of affordable housing activity is generating new work and opportunities for organisations that finance, develop, or manage affordable housing programs. This has led to an increase in the number of partnerships between organisations operating in different parts of the broader affordable housing industry. Coupled with this is an increase in the professional cross-over between people working in the development and financial sectors, and people working in the not-for-profit realm.

The Exchange aims to respond to this policy and funding backdrop by providing delegates with an opportunity to network, learn, and directly meet potential partners and suppliers from industry, government, and the community sector. The event is nationally focused, and will bring together not-for-profit housing providers and housing industry players, including property developers, financial institutions, and other industry representative bodies.

One of the key features of the Exchange will be a series of master-class style workshops on relevant areas of interest to increase participants' knowledge and skills base and increasing their delivery of affordable housing.

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Key dates / Venues

Australian Technology Park on
18 and 19 February 2010

Online information

Contact Details and online
registration – go to the
Community Housing Federation
of Australia at
www.chfa.com.au/exchange.

Further information

Beverley Atkins at the Exchange
Secretariat on 02 6162 0345 or
chfa@in-sync.com.au

Procurement

Item 18: New Contract – LGP309 Radio Frequency Identification Systems

Local Government Procurement (LGP) is pleased to announce contract LGP309 for Radio Frequency Identification Systems (RFID).

A panel of suppliers has been established and their contact details are:

Further information

Angela Tesoriero, LGP:
atesoriero@lgp.org.au, 02 8270 8705.

- **Bibliotheca RFID Systems Australia Pty Ltd**
David Weber, david.weber@bibliotheca-rfid.com or 03 9811 4750
- **Civica Pty Ltd**
Nikki McGregor, nmcgregor@civica.com.au or 03 8676 4400
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The new arrangement can be accessed immediately and concludes on 31 December 2012, with an optional 1 x 12 month extension.

A Buyer's Guide will be available shortly.

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Roads and Transport

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On Wednesday 21 October 2009, the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government released the final report into the NSW Grain Freight Review. The findings of the review address economic, institutional, regulatory and supply chain coordination issues. The report makes short, medium and long term recommendations.

The Review examined the NSW grain freight supply chain considering institutional, governance and accountability arrangements (both public and private); and competition, pricing and asset management aspects of the NSW grain freight task.

The Government has also released its response to the report's recommendations.

The Associations participated in the review task force and provided a submission under the review's terms of reference.

The LGSA are considering the NSW Grain Freight Review Report recommendations, and are seeking councils' feedback and comments to form a part of our response to both Federal and State Governments.

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Access the Grain Review Report & Government Response

http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/projects/NSW_grain_freight_review.aspx

For further information

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government: 1800 044 938, nswgrainfreightreview@infrastructure.gov.au

LGSA: Richard Connors, Senior Policy Officer, Roads and Transport: 02 9242 4073, Richard.Connors@lgsa.org.au

Roads and Transport

Item 20: Request for photos of local road & bridge infrastructure

The LGSA are seeking photographs of Local Government roads and bridges to be included in a forthcoming research report on local road asset funding.

The LGSA, in conjunction with the Institute of Public Works Engineering NSW (IPWEA), are undertaking a research project on various aspects of road asset funding. This work updates and adds upon similar work done for the NSW Local Government Financial Sustainability Inquiry and more recently updated road and bridge benchmarking studies undertaken by IPWEA.

It is intended that the report be a key component of the LGSA political platform for the next state and federal elections.

To better illustrate the report, the LGSA are seeking photographs of Local Government road and bridge infrastructure. We are particularly keen on emphasising those parts of the local road network of key economic, employment or a social importance, and which are either in poor condition or have been otherwise impacted upon by funding shortfalls. Examples could include:

- Road pavements or timber bridges in poor condition;
- Load limited roads and bridges, or bypasses resulting from load limited infrastructure (including relevant signage);
- Photos illustrating key economic impacts of under-funded local road networks, eg heavy vehicles using local roads and/or bridges, tourism related traffic etc;
- Photos illustrating other local road users impacted upon by the condition of the local road network, eg school buses, emergency vehicles etc.

We are also interested in photos of local or regional roads and bridges that have benefited from funding initiatives such as the Commonwealth Government's Roads to Recovery Program or the State Government's Regional Road Block Grant and Timber Bridge Funding programs.

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Forward photos to
Richard Connors, Senior Policy Officer, Roads and Transport:
Richard.Connors@lgsa.org.au, or
contact Richard on 02
92424073.

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Item 21: RTA Traffic Engineering and Transport Management Courses 2010

The Roads and Traffic Authority are seeking nominations from council traffic engineering staff to attend an Introduction to Traffic Engineering and Transport Management Course in 2010.

Courses have been scheduled on:

- 10-14 May, 2010;
- 31 May - 4 June 2010;
- 21 - 25 June 2010 (Note – this course has not yet been confirmed and will depend on demand.)

The RTA will make some places available for council traffic engineering staff.

This course is a basic introduction aimed at new practitioners. Each course will be a live-in course over 5 days.

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Nominations close

Friday 26 March, 2010

Email nominations to

technical_directions_publication@rta.nsw.gov.au.

Cost

\$1500 per attendee.

Venue

Harbourview Conference Facility next to North Sydney Station.

Further Information

RTA: Bob O'Keefe, Manager Traffic Policies, Guidelines & Legislation, Traffic Management Branch: 02 8588 5621, technical_directions_publication@rta.nsw.gov.au

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Item 22: Nominations sought for RTA Regional Traffic Committees

The Roads and Traffic Authority are seeking nominations from suitably qualified council staff to represent Local Government on their Sydney, Northern, Southern and South Western Regional Traffic Committees

The Regional Traffic Committees will provide independent technical advice on behalf of the Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority on all matters relating to Appeals on traffic matters and related issues from members of the Local Traffic Committees.

Local Government is represented on each of these Regional Traffic Committees by council staff nominated by the Associations. These positions are generally filled by directors or managers of Engineering Services, Transport or Infrastructure divisions of councils.

Nominees should forward their name, position and contact details to the Associations' Roads and Transport Policy Officer, Richard Connors (details right.)

Online information

http://163.189.217.150/doingbusinesswithus/lgr/downloads/information/committees/traffic_committees.html

For further information

LGSA: Richard Connors, Senior Policy Officer, Roads and Transport, 02 9242 4073, fax 02 9242 4111,
Richard.Connors@lgsa.org.au

RTA: John Ronczka, Regional Traffic Committee Secretariat, 131782,
John_RONCZKA@rta.nsw.gov.au

Tourism

Item 23: 2010 LGSA Tourism Conference – charter flights and partners program just added

Don't miss NSW's only Local Government focused tourism conference. The sixth annual LGSA Tourism Conference will be exploring *The Business of Tourism*.

This conference creates a framework to help mayors, councillors, tourism staff and industry representatives strengthen their tourism strategy.

Please visit the Tourism Conference website for the latest information, including the conference program.

Charter Flight

A charter flight is now available from Sydney to Cowra. This flight will save you time and extra costs associated with ground transfers. There are two options for booking charter flights:

- A Cheftan is available for charter between Sydney and Cowra return: approx. \$260pp return (providing nine people utilise the service).
- A Metroliner (18pax) is available for charter between Sydney and Cowra return: approx. \$275pp return (providing 18 people utilise the service.)

For more information and to book, please contact Rachel Ferguson, Special Projects Officer, Cowra Shire Council on 02 6340 2035 or rferguson@cowra.nsw.gov.au.

Partners Tour

Cowra is the perfect break for partners and families of delegates attending the conference. A personalised Cowra attraction tour has been arranged on Thursday 11 March from 10am to 4pm. The day includes a visit to the POW Hologram and Visitors Centre, Cowra Rose Garden and Bridge Murals, Spring Ridge Cellar Door and Europa Park before taking in the view at Cowra's Scenic Lookout.

The group will stop for lunch at the Lachlan Valley Bistro and indulge in a glass of Cowra wine. After lunch, visit more local attractions such as the Garrison Gates, Prisoner of War Campsite and the Cowra Japanese War Cemetery. Conclude the day with a drive through the new Cowra housing estates and finish with wine tasting at The Mill Cellar Door.

The cost is \$65 per person and there is a limit of 12 people. Please book direct with the Cowra Visitors Centre on 02 6342 4333.

The 2010 NSW Tourism Conference is partnered by Tourism New South Wales and supported by the Tourism Industry Council. Sponsorship opportunities are still available at this time, please enquire with the LGSA.

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Register

www.TourismConference.lgsa.org.au

Registration closes

23 February 2010

Date

10-12 March 2010

Location and Host

Cowra Civic Centre, Cowra Shire Council

Further information

Karen Rolls. LGSA Events:
events@lgsa.org.au, 02 9242 4050

Water

Item 24: Ozwater'10 Conference

Registration for the Australian Water Association's (AWA) Ozwater'10 Conference and Trade Exhibition is now open.

This is the largest water conference and trade exhibition in the southern hemisphere and will interest any person with a professional involvement in the water industry.

Ozwater'10 will represent all sectors of the industry, integrating ideas and knowledge among people involved in research, regulation, consultancy, management and operations, drinking water, wastewater and stormwater.

Thousands of water sector professionals will attend Ozwater'10 to profile the projects, technologies and practices that will feature in an increasingly challenging and demanding era of water management.

This year's theme is Achieving Water Security, and acknowledges the many challenges facing the water industry such as climate change, water shortages and skills shortages and the responses that the industry is making from both policy and practical points of view.

Keynote speakers will share their experiences, challenges and solutions from within Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Europe. The presentations will be complemented by over 180 platform papers and workshops under the main conference themes of:

- Integrating Water Management.
- Making Sense of Water Policy Reform – the Last 10 Years and the Next.
- New Water Sources and Systems.
- Water and People.
- Water and Wastewater Systems and Processes.

The Ozwater'10 trade exhibition is free for all visitors and will showcase the best of the best in water sector products, services and technology presented by more than 200 national and international exhibitors.

Ozwater'10 is one of the most important events on the water sector calendar.

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Key dates / Venues

8 – 10 March 2010, Brisbane
Convention & Exhibition Centre

Online information

Program, registration and further information is available at the conference website:

www.ozwater10.com.au