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This year, the Awards have expanded to include categories across a number of information and communications technology (ICT) disciplines - Applications Development; Geospatial; Project Management; Service Delivery and Systems Architecture.

The Awards were introduced in 2006 by the Australian Government to promote excellence in the use of ICT in all spheres of government across Australia. The primary focus of the Awards is the promotion of excellence in the use of ICT by government.

The Awards are administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).

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Nominations close

1 March 2010

Guidelines and nomination forms

<http://www.finance.gov.au/e-government/better-practice-and-collaboration/e-government-awards.html>

For further information

e-Government Awards

Coordinator: [e-governmentaward@finance.gov.au](mailto:egovernmentaward@finance.gov.au)

egovernmentaward@finance.gov.au, 02 6215 3060

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Item 5: Person-Centred Approach to Dementia

This training is suitable for all staff working in community care and helps participants identify both triggers and possible strategies for preventing/minimising the occurrence of symptoms of dementia.

The provision of HACC services is moving towards a person-centred approach, which can be effective with people with dementia.

The session examines why behavioural symptoms occur in people with dementia and explores four different theories as possible explanations for the behavioural symptoms that carers see.

The facilitator, Mary Bills has worked in the Community Care industry for the past 15 years. Her background includes community based programs for carers, people with disability, older people, including those living with dementia, and people experiencing mental illness. Mary's extensive experience working with carers includes support group facilitation, individual solution focused support, education and advocacy. Her roles have included direct support, case management, coordination and project management.

Getting there

Parking is available for a fee under the railway station. Street parking is metered and time limited. The venue is a 2 minute walk from St Leonards Railway Station.

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Training date and location

24 February 2010, Northside Community Forum Inc, 1 Chandos Street, St Leonards

Time

9.30am-12.30pm

Cost

\$20 for HACC service workers
\$60 for Non-HACC services workers (Includes morning tea.)

Registration

<http://sontaran.instanthosting.com.au/~nsforum/files/Training/Registration-Form.pdf>

For further information

HACC Development Officer: ns-haccdo@nsforum.org.au or

Fleur Childs, Northside Community Forum Inc, PO Box 564 St Leonards NSW 1590, 02 8405 4444,
fleurc@nsforum.org.au
www.nsforum.org.au

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Item 6: Directory of services for older people

The Australian Government has launched a free directory to help older people understand the range of options for care, support and services. Councils are encouraged to promote it locally.

The Australian Government Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot launched this free directory to help older people understand the range of options for care, support and services. The 'Directory of Services for Older People 2010' contains chapters on legal rights, accessing aged care, finance and health.

The guide is designed to help older people and their families to navigate their way through the maze of government services. It is in an easy-to-read source of information which provides brief information and contact details about a wide range of government services.

This year the directory has been printed with spiral binding so it can be laid flat when being read, larger type to make it easier to read and tabs to make finding the relevant section even easier.

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Obtain a copy

Aged Care Information Line:
1800 500 853, Commonwealth
Respite and Carelink
Centre: 1800 052 222 or
Centrelink offices.

Electronic version

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-agdos-2010.htm>

Braille and audio versions on CD are also available by calling the Aged Care Information Line.

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Item 7: Working with Carers Training package orientation

These orientation sessions are designed for managers, coordinators and trainers from Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), NSW Department of Human Services and services funded by ADHC.

The training package is for all frontline staff working with frail older people or people with a disability.

Developed under the NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012, the training package:

- Includes a free manual, CD-ROM and DVD provided to each service.
- Is a tool to build the capacity of ADHC and ADHC funded services working with carers.
- Contributes to service orientation and staff professional development.
- Helps the learner to gain a broader awareness of the roles, responsibilities and needs of carers.
- Investigates strategies to support carers.

Key dates / Venues

Campbelltown 16 February

Burwood 25 March

10am-2pm, venue details and further information from Carers NSW and Training Team

Register

www.carersnsw.asn.au

For further information

Carers NSW Training and Education Team, 02 9280 4744, education@carersnsw.asn.au

In the orientation session:

- Learn to use the training package with ease and discover its flexibility.
- Look at parts of the Trainer's Guide and the Learner's Guide.
- Explore the different delivery styles from group to self paced learning.
- Watch the carer interviews on the DVD.

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Item 8: Important information about combat sports events

New laws regulating combat sports are now in force with implications for councils hosting these events on their premises.

The *Combat Sports Act 2008* commenced on 1 October 2009, replacing the *Boxing and Wrestling Control Act 1986*.

For further information
Executive Officer, Combat Sports
Authority: 02 9006 3852.

In addition to boxing and kickboxing, from 1 January 2010 the legislation provides for regulation of a range of Combat Sports including Wrestling, Muay Thai, Thai Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Ultimate Fighting, Cage Fighting, and Jiu-jitsu.

Permits

Council premises are frequently used as venues for these events. Councils will need to be aware that Combat Sports events conducted on their premises will require a permit. Conducting an event without a permit may expose promoters or amateur sporting groups to prosecution.

While the owner of the venue would not be legally liable in this situation, it would be prudent to determine whether there might be implications for the venue's insurance cover.

Regulation

The Combat Sports Authority is responsible for registering professional combatants and industry participants in these sports, as well as issuing permits for promotions and supervising contests.

Sport and Recreation, a Division of Communities NSW, is responsible for administering the regulatory program on behalf of the Authority, and also issues permits for amateur events in these sports.

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Item 9: Get your Cultural Awards entries in by 26 February

The deadline for entries to the 2010 Local Government Cultural Awards is fast approaching and councils are encouraged to get their entries in.

As the Awards are very competitive, all entries must be submitted on time. Councils that leave completing their entry to the final date risk missing out on this important opportunity!

The Cultural Awards are a significant reflection of quality arts and cultural projects delivered at a local level. Not only do councils gain the chance to receive an Award, they are also promoting their initiatives and have the chance to liaise with councillors, arts industry representatives and community members, which in turn can attract cultural further resources and opportunities.

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Entries close

26 February, 2010

Awards ceremony

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.

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Item 10: Community Sharps Management Grants Program

Funding is available for councils to develop or enhance community sharps management programs to minimise the hazards associated with the inappropriate disposal of needles and syringes in local communities.

Up to \$10,000 for single councils or \$60,000 for groups of two or more councils is available. Funding amount will depend on other factors such as the population of the council or group of councils, problems being experienced with inappropriate disposal, and the extent of existing services and/or infrastructure for community sharps management.

Community sharps are those have been generated by non-clinical activities and include:

- Insulin pen needles, syringes and lancets used to self-manage diabetes and a wide range of other medical conditions;
- Syringes used by people who inject drugs; or
- Syringes used by owners to treat pets and livestock.

Establishing or enhancing a community sharps management program can help councils provide safe workplaces and public environments by minimising the number of sharps present in council waste and recycling services and in public places.

Program objectives

- To support councils to develop a strategic approach to the management of community sharps.
- To encourage the development of partnerships between councils and other stakeholders, including Area Health Services, other government agencies, contractors, local businesses including pharmacies, and community organisations to improve the management of community sharps.
- To encourage a consistent statewide approach to community sharps management by making innovative and practical examples of local solutions available to other councils.
- To highlight efficiencies and cost effectiveness in the management of community sharps.

The program provides funds for:

- Purchasing and installation of community sharps disposal infrastructure (disposal bins).
- Disposal costs for each new community sharps bin purchased and installed, and each new pharmacy disposal service introduced (conditions apply).
- Trialling and implementation of community sharps management initiatives by councils in conjunction with other stakeholders/partners.
- Assistance with the development and production of resources promoting safe disposal practice (such as brochures, posters and stickers).
- Sponsorship of a community sharps management category in the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards.
- Training for council employees in the safe collection and disposal of community sharps (conditions apply).

Applications close

31 March, 2010

Community Sharps guidelines

www.communitysharps.org.au

For further information

Senior Community Sharps Project Officer David Baker: 02 4924 6256 (Monday to Wednesday), david.baker@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Eligibility

Councils, or groups of councils are eligible. If a group of councils chooses to submit a proposal, one council should be nominated as the lead organisation. The lead organisation will be responsible for administering any funding resulting from the submission.

Submission timeframe

Eligible submissions will be considered in the 2009/2010 financial year, subject to the continued availability of grants program funding. Grants will be provided for submissions that satisfactorily address the selection criteria **in the order they are received**.

Projects will generally cover a period of 12 – 24 months to allow adequate time for assessment, evaluation and reporting.

View details of award winning Community Sharps Management projects by visiting the Excellence in the Environment Awards page on the LGSA website at <http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/511-environment-awards.asp>

The Community Sharps Management Grants Program is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health and the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA).

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Item 11: Sustainable transport initiative for Local Government

The NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) has recently developed an online resource for Local Governments delivering sustainable transport initiatives.

SMILE - Sustainable Mobility Initiatives for Local Environments – is a practical research project that seeks to understand what motivates the transport choices of residents and then recommends simple and effective initiatives to increase their use of low-carbon, healthy forms of transport, like walking, cycling or public transport.

The SMILE website offers a platform for Local Governments to exchange experiences and transfer know-how on sustainable transport policies, plans and initiatives.

DECCW is now seeking the participation of councils in the Greater Metropolitan Region of Sydney to fill in a Local Experiences questionnaire on the website.

Using the results of the questionnaires, DECCW will build a comprehensive database of case studies sharing examples of good practice for replication by councils across NSW. Local experiences and local knowledge will be the strength of the SMILE website.

SMILE website

www.cleartheair.nsw.gov.au/smile

Further information

Liesl Laker, Team Transport,
Emissions Reduction Section,
Climate Change Policy and
Programs, DECCW;
Liesl.laker@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Item 12: Workshops – Selecting and Applying Sustainability Tools

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.
- Attend the Sydney workshop to hear about ten tools from councils who have used them and from the organisations that have developed them.
- Participate in practical activities at the regional locations and Fairfield to delve into why and how a selection of tools 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.

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 Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (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 29 April 2010
(changed from 22 April)

Online Registration

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

Further information

Rebecca Jones: 02 9242 4056,
rebecca.jones@lgsa.org.au or Niki
Carey: 02 9242 4159
niki.carey@lgsa.org.au

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Finance

Item 13: Mining Royalties for Local Government – Information Session

The Association of Mine Related Councils (AMRC) in conjunction with the Local Government and Shires Associations, is convening a Special Meeting to discuss the Royalties for Regions Scheme recently introduced in Western Australia.

The 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

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Industrial Relations

Item 14: Metropolitan Union Picnic Day 2010

Local Government unions have confirmed that the Metropolitan Union Picnic Day for 2010 will be held on Friday, 12 March 2010.

For all other councils, the date of the union picnic is to be agreed between the council and the union(s).

Further information

LGSA Industrial Relations Unit:
02 9242 4142, wps@lgsa.org.au

Clause 18B of the *Local Government (State) Award 2007* provides that:

- Union Picnic Day shall be regarded as a holiday for employees who are financial members of the union(s).
- The union(s) shall advise the council of financial members as at the time of the Union Picnic Day. Such advice must be given at least two weeks prior to the Union Picnic Day.
- Employees who are not financial members of the union(s) and who are required to work on Union Picnic Day, shall be paid ordinary pay for their normal working day.
- Employees who are not financial members of the union(s) and who are not required to work on Union Picnic Day, may apply to council to take annual leave, time off in lieu of overtime, leave without pay, such other leave as may be approved by council, or may be required by council to make up time.

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Item 15: The Councillor Weekend

The Councillor weekends have been designed to provide councillors with a programme of accredited learning opportunities covering a range of topics.

It is recognised that many councillors face constraints in travelling long distances for one day training courses, but may be able to set aside time to do an accelerated learning program of mini skills courses over two days.

The Councillor Weekend will explore the principles of Strategic Planning and Asset Management for Councillors, Meeting and Chairing Skills for Councillors, and an Open Forum to discuss important issues and trends.

The facilitators are:

Simon Jacobs Principal, Corporate Planning and Development

David Clark Consultant

Allen Mapstone Consultant, Jeff Roorda & Associates

Darryl Rubiolo Senior Learning and Development Consultant, Local Government Learning Solutions

Jennifer Dennis Policy Officer, Planning, LGSA

Councillor Weekends in 2010 have been designed to cater for both new and experienced councillors over the Friday/Saturday period.

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Date and Location

Friday 12 March to Saturday 13 March 2010, Sydney

Cost

\$880 inclusive of GST for workshops, manuals, refreshments and dinner on the Friday evening

Registrations

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

Further information

Ruth Niemczyk, Learning Solutions, learning@lgsa.org.au

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Learning

Item 16: Learning Solutions Councillor Professional Development Program

A range of Councillor Professional Development programs scheduled during February and March 2010 in Sydney.

Workshop and date

- Effective Meeting Skills, Monday 15 February*
- Managing the Information Overload –Speed Reading, Thursday 18 February
- Planning Legislation Skills & Knowledge, Friday 26 February
- Initiating Change for Councillors, Thursday 4 March
- Media Fundamentals, Monday 8 March
- Councillor Weekend, Friday 12 March to Saturday 13 March
- Financial Skills for Councillors, Friday 19 March
- Connecting with the Community, Friday 26 March

*Evening module

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Cost

Most modules are \$495 inclusive of GST per course. Media Fundamentals is \$594 inclusive of GST. Evening modules are \$330 inclusive of GST. The Councillor Weekend is \$880 inclusive of GST.

Registrations

Please fax a registration form to 02 9242 4188 or email learning@learning.org.au

Further information

Ruth Niemczyk, Learning Solutions
ruth.niemczyk@lgsa.org.au

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Item 17: Planning for Effective Public Participation

The first module in the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Certificate for Public Participation will be delivered in Sydney on 9-10 March 2010.

This introductory module of the IAP2 Certificate Program provides the fundamentals for effective public participation. Using IAP2's Spectrum for Public Participation, participants will learn how to establish clear and achievable objectives for public participation and how to define a promise to the public.

Participants will also learn how to prepare their organisation or project teams for conducting public participation and how to plan for the timing, techniques, and resources needed to make public participation a success.

This course is well recognised amongst the community of public participation professionals in Australia and New Zealand and many other countries including USA, Canada and the UK.

Facilitator: Margaret Harvie, Plan Com Consulting P/L

Margaret is an accredited International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) trainer.

Margaret has extensive local, national and overseas experience including experience in community development with Indigenous communities in Queensland.

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Date and Location

9-10 March 2010

Local Government Learning Centre,
28 Margaret St Sydney

Cost

\$880 inclusive of GST for the two day public program.

Registrations

learning@learning.org.au

Further information

Jennifer Fanning on 02 9242 4181
or learning@lgsa.org.au.

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Item 18: In house Training Services – Project Management and other Workshops to Enhance Performance

Councils can gain significant savings by having training workshops customised to their needs and supplied in house.

Here are some of the one day skills programs which could be conducted on your premises:

Introduction to Project Management – As our projects become more complicated, there is a need to better manage them. This one day program will give you the basics of project management. The workshop has been designed around our experience with councils in NSW and the examples and techniques used on the course are highly applicable to our industry.

Finance for Non Finance Managers – The budget also has to be managed and monitored. We developed this program to give you the basics in accounting theory and applicability including how to read a financial plan, how to understand and report on variances, what is depreciation etc. All of the examples given are relevant to our industry.

Time Management – Time management goes hand in hand with managing projects and their budgets. If you manage your time poorly, or need a refresher as your time management habits have deteriorated, then this is the course for you. Participants walk away from the program with a comprehensive toolkit of time management planners and techniques.

To receive a comprehensive proposal within the next few days, just contact us with your details and the names of the courses you are enquiring about.

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Online information

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/153-in-house-training-services.asp>

Further information

Darryl Rubiolo, Learning Solutions
02 9242 4182 or email
learning@lgsa.org.au

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Item 19: Recent Land and Environment Court Decisions and the Implications for Local Government

This free lunchtime seminar is coordinated by LGSA and Maddocks and is suitable for councillors and senior council staff.

The NSW Land and Environment Court (L&E Court) deals with land, planning and environment law matters relevant to Local Government practice. By providing an alternative vehicle for environmental protection, the L&E Court often produces landmark cases and cases establishing planning principles.

The seminar will address recent L&E Court decisions and the implications for Local Government, particularly exploring issues including:

- Retail centre decisions.
- Climate change decisions.
- Recent planning principles.
- Section 34 conferences (mediation).

The presenters will be Stan Kondilios, Partner, Maddocks and Prue Burns, Partner, Maddocks.

Registrations are essential since numbers are limited. A confirmation letter will be faxed with details of the venue.

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Date and Time

Friday 5 March 2010, 12pm to 2pm

Location

Local Government Learning Centre, 28 Margaret Street, Sydney

Registrations

learning@lgsa.org.au

Further Information

Learning Solutions: 02 9242 4181 or learning@lgsa.org.au

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Legal

Item 20: LPMA Products and Services Access Review

The NSW Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) has recently reviewed the commercial arrangements for access to its products and services, many of which are delivered through the Spatial Information eXchange (SIX).

For further information
SIX.admin@lpma.nsw.gov.au

All Local Government agencies currently access electronic LPMA products and services via SIX.

The review has been undertaken in consultation with all relevant LPMA business units including those representing Local Government. In addition LPMA has met with the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW to discuss and seek endorsement on the new arrangements.

The findings of this review confirmed the need to establish consistent commercial arrangements with clients for product and service access. In addition, it was also identified that the Terms & Conditions for access to SIX required review and updating.

Benefits for Local Government

As a result, a single unified agreement along with updated Terms and Conditions for access have been prepared. The new agreement is based upon the required commonalities of existing LPMA agreements. Benefits of the new agreement include transparency of expectations of both parties, in addition consistent requirements are outlined in the agreement which will apply to all clients.

How will this affect Local Government?

The good news for Local Government is that the way you currently access LPMA information will remain unchanged, eg - users will still login via SIX and have access to the same product group. The new agreement is only about formalising access arrangements for all clients to ensure equity.

What next?

Closer to implementation watch out for further update articles published in Local Government Weekly. In addition, LPMA will hold information forums prior to implementation to outline the new arrangements in further detail. These forums will be communicated via peak industry bodies and on the SIX site.

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Planning

Item 21: Draft Local Development Contributions Guidelines

The Department of Planning has released draft Local Development Contributions Guidelines and a Policy Statement on Development Contributions for consultation.

The Associations will be preparing a submission on the draft Guidelines and Policy Statement. In order to effectively represent Local Government's views, the Associations would appreciate receiving copies of councils' submissions and comments on the draft documents.

Comments and copies of councils' submissions should be sent – in draft or final form – Judy Birrell (details right.)

The draft can be viewed at the Department of Planning website.

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Key dates

Submissions on the draft Guidelines close 26 February 2010.

Draft Guidelines and Policy Statement

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/PlanningSystem/DevelopmentContributionsSystem/DraftGuidelines/tabid/386/Default.aspx>

For further information

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judy.birrell@lgsa.org.au, GPO
Box 7003, Sydney, NSW, 2001.

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Tourism

Item 22: Get down to Business - in Tourism!

There's only one week before registration for the annual LGSA Tourism Conference closes – book online now so you don't miss out.

This year's conference will be exploring The Business of Tourism.

Hear how a young Justin Herald turned his business into a multi million dollar empire, starting with only \$50 and limited business knowledge. He has been named one of the most influential leaders of the next generation in Australia as well as the International Entrepreneur of the year for 2005.

The conference program also includes presentations from councils and council-run tourism operators including Dungog Shire Council, Clarence River Tourism, Cowra Tourism Corporation, Blue Mountains Council, Orange City Council, Tourism Southern Highlands, Manly Council, Bankstown City Council and Parkes Shire Council.

Industry Speakers include:

- Mr John Larkin, Managing Director, Aurora Research.
- Mr Peter Hale, CEO, FORTO.
- Mr Grant Kellam, Manager, Industry Programs Tourism Division, Department of Resources Energy and Tourism.
- Mr Greg Beileiter, Regional Manager West, Industry and Investment NSW.
- Ms Karina Groth, NSW Coordinator, Aussie Host, Tourism Industry Council NSW.
- Dr Darrian Collins, Manager Destination Visitor Survey Program, Tourism Research Australia.
- Mr Andrew Sivijs, Industry Extension Manager, – Sustainable Tourism CRC.
- Ms Amanda Spalding, CEO, Darrell Hair Associates.
- Ms Penny Parkinson, Director Sales and Marketing, Mawland Quarantine Station.
- Ms Beth Lawsen, Divisional Manager Human Services & Facilities.
- Ms Jan Strom, Engagement Facilitator, Office of Regional Engagement, SCU.
- Mr Peter Houghton, Manager, State Reserves Strategy, Crown Lands Division, Land and Property Management Authority.

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