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Item 3: 2011 LGSA Water Management Conference

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The program features keynotes by:

- Steve Cansdell MP, Member for Clarence on the NSW Government priorities for the urban water sector.
- David Harriss, Commissioner of the NSW Office of Water on models for effective delivery of water services in regional NSW.
- Dr Stuart Khan from the UNSW Water Research Centre on direct potable reuse in Australia.
- Phil Duncan, Chair of the First Peoples' Water Engagement Council on Aboriginal stakeholder-ship in water.

Delegates can also select one of the three conference breakout streams:

- A stream on *Natural Resource Management, Environmental Flows, and Water Quality* including case studies from the Moreton Bay Regional Council and on the Clarence Floodplain Project.
- A stream on *Managing Drinking Water in Regional NSW*, including an overview of new quality assurance requirement under the *Public Health Act* and council case studies on implementing risk based drinking water quality frameworks.
- A stream on *Floods, Stormwater, Recycling and Private Schemes* including presentations on the operation of the *Water Industry Competition Act* and the review of recycled water regulation.

The event is hosted by Clarence Valley Council. The Government Sponsor is the NSW Office of Water; the Premier Sponsor is the State Water Corporation; and Distinguished Sponsor, MWH Australia.

Accommodation

Accommodation can sell out fast in Grafton, so we urge you to book your registration and accommodation as soon as possible. A list of hotels is available on the conference website (see fact box).



Water Management Conference

Wednesday 14 – Friday 16
September
Grafton, Clarence Valley Council

Cost

\$440

Registrations due

Monday 29 August

Registration and further information

www.waterconference.lgsa.org.au

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General Interest

Item 4: LiveWire Conference 2011 – Registration is now open

The LiveWire Network is a group of Local Government professionals with an innovative and forward thinking approach towards the industry.

The Conference will allow Local Government professionals to build leadership capacity, gain valuable skills, learn how to influence positive change and network with other like minded professionals over the course of the two day conference.

This year's LiveWire Conference features a great line-up of speakers, including keynote Ita Buttrose and a host of leading professionals:

- Paul Anderson (GM, Eurobodalla Shire Council).
- Benny Callaghan (CEO, School for Social Entrepreneurs).
- Melissa Gibbs (Deputy Director, ACELG).
- John Ravlic (CEO, LGMA National).
- Margarita Peker (Communications Specialist, Klick).
- Todd Heslin (Executive Director, APATHCO).
- Alan Jones (Creative Director, The New Agency).
- Alia Karaman (Manager Strategy, Auburn City Council).
- Adam Marshall (Mayor, Gunnedah Shire Council).
- John Montgomery (Managing Director, Urban Cultures).
- Zoe Pattison (Business Excellence Coordinator, Port Stephens Council).
- Mark Searle (CEO, City of Marion).
- Ashley Jarquin (Senior Strategic Issues Officer, RailCorp).
- Stuart Waters (Director, Twyfords).
- Ben Palmer (CEO, Genos).

LiveWire Conference 2011

Wednesday 28 - Thursday 29
September

Location

Novotel Wollongong

Cost

\$349 inclusive of conference and
cocktail reception.

Registration

open now

Online information

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General Interest

Item 5: 2011 Stories Magazine

The third issue of Stories Magazine by the Local Government Web Network is now available!

Stories Magazine brings together Local Government case studies as well as articles from experts in the field focusing on Local Government online.

This year's issue features articles from:

- Noelene Hyde, Tenterfield Shire Council.
- Russ Weakley, Max Design on CSS3.
- Anne Bransdon, Broken Hill City Council.
- Contented on Writing for the Web.
- Jason Richardson, Leeton Shire Council.

Previous issues are also available. To get your copy please drop us an email (see fact box).

Cost

NSW Local Government – Free
All other organizations: \$8 –
inc. postage and GST

Website

<http://lgwebnetwork.org/content/stories-magazine>

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General interest

Item 6: 2011 NSW State of the Web Survey results now available

The first formal survey of NSW Local Government Online is now available for download.

Looking at issues such as resourcing, technology, use by the community and other pertinent issues, the survey presents a snapshot of NSW Local Government Online.

To discuss, please contact Reem Abdelaty (see fact box).

Website

<http://bit.ly/2011WebSurvey>

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General Interest

Item 7: 2011 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference

Registrations are now open for the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference – Working Together - to be held in Dubbo in September.

This year's Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference will feature special appearances by Sean Choolburra. The Conference will be the platform for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal councillors and staff to gather to discuss current and emerging issues facing Aboriginal people in NSW.

The Conference will feature an array of notable guest speakers including the Aboriginal Sector Development Manager with Museums & Galleries NSW, Steve Miller, who will speak regarding keeping places and beyond; building cultural futures in NSW.

The Conference is not limited to elected members or staff of councils, and can be attended by any individual who has an interest in developing and enhancing Aboriginal lifestyle, culture and employment opportunities.

Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15
September

Location

Dubbo Regional Theatre &
Convention Centre, Dubbo

Registrations & accommodation

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General Interest

Item 8: LGA Conference Business Paper

A draft 2011 Local Government Association Conference Business Paper is now available on the LGA Conference website.

Member councils are requested to check the draft paper to ensure all motions submitted prior to the Friday 5 August 2011 deadline have been correctly included. Amendments are due by CoB Wednesday 31 August 2011. Motions received after this date will be classified as Late.

All motions have been categorised as Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 in accordance with Clauses 7, 8 & 9 of the Standing orders, which state:

Categorisation of motions

7. Motions before the Conference shall be classified into three categories by the Executive Committee, prior to the Conference as follows:

Category 1

Matters concerning the good governance of the Conference or the Association including, without limitation:

- a) *The adoption of Standing Orders.*
- b) *Amendments to the Constitution.*
- c) *Matters of compliance by the Association with any legislative provision.*
- d) *The finances of the Association.*
- e) *The health and welfare of staff members of the Association.*

Category 2

Matters not covered by existing policy and matters involving change of policy.

Category 3

Those matters that are reaffirmations of existing policy or issues of a specific local nature.

8. Motions grouped under Category 1 shall be given priority over Category 2 and Category 3 motions and shall be discussed in the order in the business paper.

9. Motions grouped under Category 3 shall be adopted under a general motion – subject to the reservation that, should any delegate wish any motion to be taken from Category 3 for general discussion, it shall be open to the delegate to request Conference to do so. In view of the importance of some motions in Category 3, especially those of an urgent nature, the executive is empowered to resubmit those it considers to be important for Conference's consideration.

Late Motions

Late motions will be received up to close of business Friday 7 October 2011 and will be published in the LG Weekly on Friday 14 October 2011. Late motions will be categorised using the same methodology as motions received prior to the cut off date.

Late motions will only be dealt with at the final session on the final morning of Conference and only by approval of Conference delegates. No late motions will be accepted at the Conference. If motions have been omitted, please contact Skye Smith (see Fact Box).

Deadline for Business Paper
Now closed

Deadline for Amendments to Draft Business Paper
Wednesday 31 August

Business Paper Distribution
The week of 19 September

Deadline for Late Motions
Friday 7 October

LGA Conference Website inc. Motions & Business Papers
<http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/3721-motions-and-business-papers.asp>

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General Interest

Item 9: 2011 Local Government Association Conference

Early Bird registration for the Local Government Association Conference closes next week.

All details relating to the LGA Conference registration are now available on the Conference website (see fact box). The Conference is hosted by Shoalhaven City Council and supported by Elite Sponsor, Essential Energy.

There are two ways to register for this Conference:

1. You may register and pay online at the Conference website by credit card. A receipt is automatically generated. If you require an invoice (as opposed to a receipt), please indicate this online and an invoice will be sent to you on completion of your booking.
2. Fill in and fax back the required registered booking form to the conference secretariat (note this is not the LGSA office).

Nominations for Service Awards close next week!

There is only one week left for nominations for Outstanding Service Awards & Emeritus Mayor Awards to be presented at the opening ceremony of the LGA Conference in Shoalhaven. All paperwork and application information can be found on the website (see fact box) and the deadline for our office to receive it is **Monday 5 September 2011**.

- Outstanding Service Awards: The eligibility criteria states that intended recipients must have completed a cumulative total of at least 20 years service to Local Government in NSW.
- Emeritus Mayor Awards: The eligibility criteria set for the honorary title of "Emeritus Mayor" is that intended recipients must have served as mayor for a minimum of three one year terms.

Professional Development Workshops

Sunday 23 October, 10.00am - 2.00pm

LGSA Learning Solutions are offering all councillors, newly elected and others, the opportunity to participate in one of three concurrent sessions, prior to the Opening Ceremony. A booking form is available on the LGA Conference website on the program page.

Topics include:

1. Election 2012 – Engaging your Community.
2. Counselling Skills for Councillors.
3. Community Leadership – the latest trends.

Cost: \$220 including lunch. Numbers are strictly limited so places are available on a first in basis. Registration Deadline: **Friday 30 September 2011**.



Conference dates

Sunday 23 Oct – Wednesday 26 October

Location

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Hosted by Shoalhaven City Council

Early Bird closes

Friday 2 September

All Registrations Close

Monday 10 October

Cost

Early bird full conference registration - \$1089
Normal full conference registration - \$1,155
Partners registration - \$440

Conference Website

www.LGAConference.lgsa.org.au

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General Interest

Item 10: 2011 Local Government Association Elections

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has provided details of the nomination process for the election of the LGA Executive at the LGA Conference.

Copies of the Election Notice and the Nomination Form are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Important dates and details are as follows:

- Nominations for all positions open Friday 2 September 2011.
- Nominations for all positions close 12 noon Friday 23 September 2011.
- Ballots will be conducted on Monday 24 October 2011. Voting will open at 8:00am and close at 3:00pm. Note that voting for all contested offices will be conducted simultaneously.

Voting will take place in The Studio, which is within the Entertainment Centre at Nowra – this is the main Conference venue.

Questions specific to the conduct of the election should be directed to the Returning Officer and all general enquiries to the LGSA (see fact box).

Returning Officer

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Community

Item 11: Response to National Cultural Policy Discussion Paper

The LGSA are seeking council feedback on proposed goals and priorities in the National Cultural Policy Discussion Paper.

This is an opportunity for Local Government interests to be considered in the development of a new National Cultural Policy, which will set out a strategic vision for arts, culture and the established and emerging creative industries in Australia.

The Australian Government committed to the development of a new National Cultural Policy in the 2010 election Arts Policy document *Investing in a Creative Australia*.

The National Cultural Policy will reflect the important role that arts and creativity play in the daily lives of all Australians, and will help to integrate arts and cultural policy within our broader social and economic goals.

The National Cultural Policy Discussion Paper identifies the following proposed goals:

- To ensure that what the Government supports — and how this support is provided — reflects the diversity of a 21st century Australia and protects and supports Indigenous culture.
- To encourage the use of emerging technologies and new ideas that support the development of new artworks and the creative industries, and that enable more people to access and participate in arts and culture.
- To support excellence and world class endeavour, and strengthen the role that the arts play in telling Australian stories both here and overseas.
- To increase and strengthen the capacity of the arts to contribute to our society and economy.

The one reference to Local Government in the discussion paper is that the policy “*will provide a new way of clarifying responsibilities between local, state and Federal governments, major cultural organisations and agencies, and will set a new foundation for engagement and collaboration to ensure that all Australians benefit from the cultural life of our nation.*”

The Australian Government is expected to release the National Cultural Policy in early 2012.

Submissions can be made through the National Cultural Policy website (see fact box).

The LGSA will make a submission. Councils may wish to:

- Provide comments to inform the LGSA’s submission.
- Provide the LGSA with a copy of your council’s submission.

There is also an online forum on the culture map website to assist development of submissions (see fact box).

National Cultural Policy Discussion Paper

<http://culture.arts.gov.au/discussion-paper>

National Cultural Policy Website

www.culture.arts.gov.au

Online Forum

<http://www.culturemap.org.au/discussion/proposed-national-cultural-policy-collective-thoughts-inform-submissions>.

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Community

Item 12: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - New Guidelines

Two new guidelines have been released by the NSW Government to assist in Aboriginal cultural heritage matters.

The Guidelines will assist councils in understanding and implementing the appropriate processes for investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have recently released two new guidance documents titled:

- *Guide to investigation, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW*
- *Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit: Guide for Applicants*

The investigation and assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage is undertaken to assess the harm of a proposed activity on Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places, and to clearly identify those impacts that are avoidable and manage those that are not. Harm to

significant Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places should always be avoided wherever possible. Where harm cannot be avoided, proposals that reduce the extent and severity of harm to significant Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places should be developed.

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report is a written report detailing the results of the assessment and recommendations for actions to be taken before, during and after an activity to manage and protect Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places identified by the investigation and assessment. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report supports and application made to OEH for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) where harm cannot be avoided.

Guide to investigation, assessing and reporting on ACH in NSW

www.environment.nsw.gov/licences/investassessreport.htm

Applying for an AHIP: Guide for applicants

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/applyforahip.htm

Online information

www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Further information

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

www.environment.nsw.gov.au

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Item 13: Consultation on aged care reforms

Older Australians, their families and carers are invited to discuss ageing with Australian Government Minister for Mental Health & Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP at various locations in NSW. Councils offering services for older people are encouraged to attend.

On Monday 8 August 2011, the Australian Government released the final report from the Productivity Commission's inquiry into aged care "Caring for Older Australians". The report canvasses issues about current aged care services and proposed new ways of providing support to older people in the community. The final report and further information about the Productivity Commission inquiry may be found online (see fact box).

The Australian Government Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP has said: "This Government is committed to ensuring that every older Australian is valued and can access quality support and care that meets their needs, when and where they need it. I want to hear your views about what that means for you. I hope you are available to join me for this important conversation."

Consultations will be held in four locations:

- Sydney
- Port Macquarie
- Newcastle
- Gosford
- Ballina

Sydney

Monday 29 August
10.30 am - 12.30 pm,
Wesley Conference Centre, 220
Pitt St, Sydney

Port Macquarie

Monday 29 August
4pm - 6pm,
Rydges, 1 Hay Street, Port
Macquarie

Newcastle

Tuesday 30 August
11am - 1pm, The Sebel, 5 King
St, Newcastle

Gosford

Tuesday 30 August
5.30pm - 7.30 pm
Gosford Golf and Function Centre,
Racecourse Rd, Gosford

Ballina

Wednesday 31 August
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Ballina RSL Club, 240 River St,
Ballina

Productivity Commission inquiry

www.pc.gov.au

RSVPs due

5pm Tuesday 25 August
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Community

Item 14: Free training in Dementia care

This is an opportunity for council staff working with older people to attain Nationally Accredited Recognition for aged care workers.

Certificate 3 (CHCAC319A Provide Support to people living with dementia) is a FREE Dementia Care Skills for Aged Care Workers Program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing in partnership with the Hammond Care's Dementia Centre and YWCA NSW registered training organisation. There are no pre-requisites for attending this course.

This is an intensive course and participants must commit the time to attend all three days (one day a week over three weeks) of this course plus half hour assessment at your workplace by a qualified and experienced trainer.

This course is for people who care for people with dementia. The course is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge that will assist in the understanding of dementia and in the development of practical skills.

Following the satisfactory completion of the mandatory half hour workplace assessment, a nationally recognised Certificate of Attainment in unit CHCAC319A (Provide Support to people living with dementia), part of the VETAB accredited Certificate III in Aged Care will be issued by the YWCA NSW.

The course content is based on the People Centred Care approach developed by HammondCare Dementia Centre. The program is designed under the Certificate III National Training package, CHCAC319A module, and covers:

- Provide Support - Work with a basic understanding of Dementia.
- Communication - Use communication strategies which take into account the progressive and variable nature of dementia.
- Activities - Provide appropriate activities to maintain client's dignity, skills and health at an optimum level.
- Behaviour - Develop and implement strategies which minimize the impact of behaviours of concern reducing excess disability.
- Self Care - Use appropriate self care strategies and seek support if required.

There is a half hour assessment and it is the participant's responsibility to find a workplace where the assessment can take place. That workplace can be at a 'day centre' or client's home or group home for that participating organisation.

The Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW is a voluntary host venue for the course and their interest is to raise awareness of the cultural, linguistic and religious complexities of people with dementia.

Training Details

Fridays 2, 9, 16 September
8.45am to 3.30pm
Ethnic Communities' Council of
NSW Inc, 221 Cope St, Waterloo
(no disability access at venue)

Attendees BYO

Photo ID
Copy of your organisation's
mission statement
Core values

Further information

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Community

Item 15: Event registration for IDPwD

Councils can now register their 2011 events for International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD).

IDPwD is celebrated on 3 December each year to recognise people with disability, their achievements and contributions to our communities.

As part of the day, local communities are being encouraged to promote greater inclusion of people with disability and participation of people with disability by holding or attending an event to celebrate IDPwD.

"International Day of People with Disability is unique among community awareness days, as it unites disability organisations, businesses, Federal, State and Local Governments and the community to highlight achievements of people with a disability as well as people who have broken down the barriers and made a difference to community attitudes," IDPwD National Coordinator Craig Wallace said.

In NSW, IDPwD is celebrated throughout November and December with the *Don't DIS my ABILITY* campaign, supported by the NSW Government and Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW. Up to 150 events are held throughout metropolitan and regional NSW.

This year, the United Nations theme for IDPwD is *Keeping the promise: Mainstreaming disability in the Millennium Development Goals towards 2015 and beyond*, which aims to further ensure the full and effective participation of persons with disability in all aspects of societal life and development.

Events range from fun and learning at your local school, events in workplaces as well as efforts by business, government and community organisations to improve access or inclusion in areas like employment or recreation.

Free promotional products are also available to publicise IDPwD events.

Registrations close

Friday 25 November

Online information

<http://www.idpwd.com.au/events>

Further information

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1800 440 385

TTY 1800 555 677

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Community

Item 16: Over 60s road safety workshop

Willoughby Council is offering a free workshop on road safety for older people.

The workshop will provide information on:

- Older driver licensing rules.
- The age 85 driving test.
- Alternatives to using your car.
- Staying safe as a pedestrian.
- Use of motorised wheelchairs/scooters.

Workshop

10am - 120pm,
Willoughby City Council, 31
Victor Street, Chatswood

Further information

Road Safety Officer
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Environment

Item 17: LGSA Excellence in Environment Awards 2011

Councils are reminded that nominations for the LGSA's Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards close next week.

The LGSA have held the annual Excellence in Environment Awards since 1998. The Awards recognise councils' outstanding achievements in managing and protecting the environment. All NSW councils are encouraged to put forward an entry.

Categories

This year's categories and sponsors are:

Energy Saving & Climate Change Adaptation / Mitigation Award

Sponsored by the Office of Environment and Heritage(OEH), Essential Energy and Landcom (TBC)

Waste Avoidance Award

Sponsored by OEH

Community Sharps Management Award

Sponsored by NSW Health

Water Conservation Award

Sponsored Landcom

Environmental Best Practice for Local Water Utilities Award

Sponsored by NSW Water Directorate

Sustainable Procurement

Sponsored by OEH

Natural Environment Policies, Planning and Decision-Making

Sponsored by Sydney Metro CMA

Natural Environment Protection & Enhancement: On-Ground Works

Sponsored by National Parks and Wildlife Service (OEH)

Communication, Education & Empowerment

Sponsored by Our Environment It's a Living Thing (OEH)

Weed Management Award

Sponsored by Department of Primary Industries

Roadside Environmental Management Award (NEW!)

Sponsored by the NSW Roadside Environment Committee (REC)

Local Sustainability Award

Sponsored by Essential Energy, OEH, Maddocks (TBC) and LGS

Louise Petchell Memorial Award for Individual Sustainability

Sponsored by the LGSA

This year sees the introduction of a new award, the 'Roadside Environmental Management Award' to recognise excellence and innovation in roadside environmental management, planning and implementation by NSW councils.

There has also been a change to the entry requirement for the 'Sustainable Procurement Award'. All members of the Sustainable Choice program are automatically entered into the Awards, with winners and commendations based on the results of the Sustainable Choice member council annual survey. Councils do not need to submit an entry to be eligible.

Entries Close

Wednesday 31 August

Awards Presented

Tuesday 29 November

Museum of Contemporary Art

Online information

<http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/511-environment-awards.asp>

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Once again, the Awards culminate with two prestigious Local Sustainability Awards: one for overall council performance and one to recognise the individual achievements of a council staff member or elected Councillor in the field of sustainability.

Entries can now be submitted online, making the submission process quick and easy!

The Awards will be presented at a morning function on 29 November 2011, followed by lunch, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay Sydney.

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Finance

Item 18: LGSA Submission to NSW Budget 2011/12

The LGSA's submission to the NSW Budget for the financial year 2011/12 is now available on the LGSA website.

The submission identifies funding priorities which would enhance high quality local services and infrastructure, improve local amenity and support economic growth.

The priorities focus on the challenges faced by NSW councils - from complex infrastructure management, dealing with climate change impacts and natural disasters, to the accommodation of significant population growth in metropolitan Sydney and regional cities. They align closely with the LGSA's *NSW Election Priorities 2011*.

LGSA's submission

www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/902-submissions-and-other-resources.asp

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Learning

Item 19: The Australasian Conference for Public Participation 2011

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is presenting a two day conference, Excite, Engage, Evolve - Active Participation in a Changing World.

IAP2 is the peak professional body for practitioners in the public participation and engagement industry. The Conference will challenge current concepts and showcase leading experts and practice from across the world.

The Conference includes a dynamic, interactive and targeted program with session Leaders and plenary speakers who will explore the themes, Excite, Engage and Evolve. Speakers include Mark McCrindle, Julie McCrossin, Geoff Wilson and Tim Williams.

More than 40 concurrent sessions offer delegates the opportunity to tailor their conference experience to topics and presenters most relevant for them, including engaging after disasters and being deliberative. A range of sessions will be presented by leading Local Government practitioners from around Australia.

The 2011 Core Values Awards will be presented at the Awards Dinner on Thursday 20 October and a series of pre-conference workshops will be offered.

Visit the IAP2 Australasia website to download the Conference Brochure or register online (see fact box).

Conference

Thursday 20 – Friday 21 October

Location

Sydney Masonic Centre, Sydney.

Registrations

Members \$990

Non Members \$1190

Online information

www.iap2.org.au

Further information

IAP2 Australasia Secretariat

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conference@iap2.org.au

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Learning

Item 20: In-house Training Services – Training Workshops

Councils can gain significant savings by having training workshops customised to their needs and supplied in-house by Local Government Learning Solutions.

Learning Solutions offers a range of in-house training workshops.

General People Skills

- Assertiveness.
- Communicating for Success.
- Creative Problem Solving.
- Effective Investigation Processes.
- Handling Difficult People (for all levels).
- Influencing Skills for Women.
- Introduction to Internal Consulting Skills (one day, or a two day intensive programs available).
- Mentoring Skills for Managers.
- Negotiating for Results.
- Time Management.
- Verbal Judo for Contact Professionals.
- Workplace Behaviour (bullying and harassment prevention, code of conduct etc).

Leadership

- Coaching Skills for Leaders (full or half day).
- Developing High Performing Teams (can be done with a team or with leaders only).
- Leadership workshops for aspiring leaders, supervisors, outdoor leaders and middle and senior managers are available.
- Managing Diversity.
- Revisiting Leadership (a refresher for experienced leaders).

Customer Service

- Customer Care Professionalism – leader, basic and advanced courses available.
- Customer Service Skills for Parking Officers/Rangers/Librarians etc (we customise the programs to suit the individual units).
- Powerful Telephone Techniques.

Presentation Skills

- Creative Training Skills.
- Facilitation Skills.
- Presentation Skills (basic and advanced).
- Training Small Groups.

Also ask us about our Writing, Legislation, Planning and Meeting Skills programs.

Registrations

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

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Learning

Item 21: Councillor Professional Development Workshops – LGA Conference 2011

As part of the annual LGA Conference program, the LGSA's Learning Solutions Unit is offering all councillors, newly elected and others the opportunity to participate in one of three concurrent sessions for a reduced fee.

The LGA Conference program includes the following three concurrent workshops:

Election 2012: Engaging your community

Facilitated by Greg Crowther

As our home grown media expert, Greg Crowther has significant skills in helping candidates to present themselves in the best possible manner when engaging the community during an election campaign.

During the workshop you will learn:

- Skills and strategies to engage confidently and clearly with the media during an election campaign.
- Tips and techniques for remaining in control when under pressure.

Counselling Skills for Councillors

Facilitated by Judy Archer

Councillors often have to deal with constituents who are under stress and are struggling to find a way forward. This session will provide councillors with basic counselling skills that will effectively:

- Explore presenting concerns and underlying issues with their constituents.
- Assist constituents to prioritise concerns, work through their concerns and to explore possible courses of action.
- Identify constituents who may be at risk and utilise strategies to respond to this risk appropriately.

Community leadership: the latest trends

Facilitated by Narayan van de Graaff

This session will assist you to understand the latest trends in leadership and how to portray them in your community leadership roles. During the workshop councillors will explore:

- Contemporary leadership models to help you lead your communities more effectively.
- The key challenges to your role as councillor, and learn some key problem-solving and assertiveness techniques to help you address them.
- Key leadership practices and identify how these can be applied.
- Community leadership and emotional intelligence.
- How do you develop Your Vision for your Council?

Senior staff are also invited to attend. Don't delay, register today.

Date and Location

Sunday 23 October
10am – 2pm
Shoalhaven City Council
Training Rooms

Cost

\$220 inc. GST - includes lunch and comprehensive training material.

Registration

<http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/resources/documents/LGAconfwshops.pdf>

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Learning

Item 22: Dynamic Presentation Skills

Learning Solution's Dynamic Presentation Skills will help you to increase the power and effectiveness of your presentations.

Managers and others who make presentations to the community, government departments or staff, but who struggle to get an outcome, will benefit from this workshop. It covers how to structure a dynamic presentation, how to 'hook' the audience, and how to inject a 'call to action' to achieve great results.

Date and Location

Friday 16 September, Sydney

Cost

\$550 inc. GST a one day workshops

Registrations

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

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Learning

Item 23: Learning Solutions Staff Public Workshops in NSW metropolitan and regional areas – October

Attending one of our Local Government oriented workshops is an opportunity to network, share ideas and learn with people from many other councils. It also provides valuable experience for you to take back to your council.

Details of public staff programs and events scheduled for October 2011 in NSW:

Preventing Bullying and Harassment for Managers

Tuesday 11 October – Ballina and Tuesday 27 September - Sydney

Organisational Culture Change

Wednesday 12 October - Wagga Wagga

Customer Care Professionalism

Thursday 13 October – Sydney

Making Consultative Committees More Effective

Thursday 13 October – Wagga Wagga

Selection Skills for Local Government Managers

Tuesday 13 October – Wagga Wagga

IAP2 – Module 3 – Techniques for Effective Public Participation

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 October - Sydney

Mentoring Skills for Managers

Wednesday 19 October – Wagga Wagga

Coaching Skills for Leaders

Wednesday 19 October – Merimbula

Time Management

Thursday 20 October – Merimbula

Personal Safety – Conflict Resolution

Tuesday 25 October – Sydney

Writing Powerful Proposals and Funding Applications

Thursday 27 October – Sydney

Registrations

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

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Planning

Item 24: Monitoring and reporting variations to development standards

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure have issued a Planning Circular to remind councils that they are required to properly record all decisions made on DAs that allow a variation to development standards via a SEPP 1 application.

The Department issued a Planning Circular PS 11- 018 on Thursday 18 August to remind councils of their responsibilities to complete quarterly returns on variations to development standards under delegations using State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 – Development Standards (SEPP 1) or clause 4.6 under the Standard Instrument and to raise councils' awareness of relevant audit outcomes.

For full details of the Departments requirements to lodge returns, as well as properly assess development under the SEPP 1 go to the Department's website (see fact box).

Online information

www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=P0Fln5rjWEk%3d&tabid=471&language=en-US

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Planning

Item 25: Council Accredited Certifiers - Updates from the Building Professionals Board

The Building Professionals Board has updated their application and renewal forms for council accredited certifiers May and June this year.

The Board has reminded councils to ensure they use the forms dated May 2011 (for renewals) and June 2011 (for new applications).

The Building Professionals Board has developed a new notice to assist councils with meeting their obligation of notifying the Board when a council accredited certifier either commences employment with a council, or ceases to be employed by the council.

It is not compulsory to use the form; it has simply been developed to assist the process of notification.

Building Professionals Board (updated application forms)

<http://www.bpb.nsw.gov.au/page/for-council-accredited-certifiers/applying-for-accreditation/>

Building Professionals Board (updated renewal forms)

<http://www.bpb.nsw.gov.au/page/for-council-accredited-certifiers/applying-for-renewal-of-accreditation/>

Building Professionals Board (form for notifying council employee changes)

<http://www.bpb.nsw.gov.au/resources/753/noticerecac.pdf>

News items on planning issues

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

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Water

Item 26: New Regulation on Drinking Water Quality Assurance

NSW Health is undertaking consultation and inviting submissions on draft *Public Health Regulation (NSW) 2011* relating to the requirement in the new *Public Health Act (NSW) 2010* for water utilities to have in place appropriate drinking water quality assurance frameworks.

Following the *NSW Independent Inquiry into Secure and Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non-Metropolitan NSW*, the NSW Government has put processes in place to make best practice mandatory, including progressively implementing drinking water quality assurance frameworks.

The new *Public Health Act (NSW) 2010* (section 25) requires every drinking water supplier to have in place appropriate drinking water quality assurance programs in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The requirement will come into effect with the enactment of relevant regulations required under the Act.

As announced in the previous issue, NSW Health has made publicly available for consultation draft *Public Health Regulation (NSW) 2011* and an accompanying regulatory impact statement. NSW Health is also undertaking Local Government consultation workshops on the new regulation at various locations across NSW as below:

Submissions due

Friday 11 November
publichealth@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

Registrations

<http://lgovtworkshopregistration.wufoo.eu/forms/public-health-regulations-consultation-workshop/>.

Online information

The draft Public Health Regulation (NSW) 2011 and the accompanying regulatory impact statement
www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/legal/regsreview.asp.

The new *Public Health Act (NSW) 2010*

www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/sessionalview/sessional/act/2010-127.pdf

(see Part 3, Division 1, Safety Measures for Drinking Water).

Ref: R90/1056-12 SM

Monday 29 August Wagga Wagga City Council	10.00am – 1.30pm	Wagga Wagga City Council (Council Chambers) Cnr of Morrow and Baylis Streets,
Tuesday 30 August Queanbeyan City Council	11.00am – 2.30pm	The Queanbeyan Performance Arts Centre, Exhibition Space, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
Wednesday 31 August Penrith City Council	09.30am – 1.30pm	Penrith Library Theatre, 601 High Street Penrith
Thursday 1 September Dubbo City Council	11.00am – 2.30pm	West Conference Room, Dubbo City Council Civic Administration Building, Church Street, Dubbo
Friday 2 September Sydney City Council	9.30am – 1.30pm	Level 11 Town Hall House (back of Sydney Town Hall)
Monday 5 September Kiama Council	9.30am – 1.00pm	Kiama Showground Pavilion, 2 Bong Bong Street, Kiama
Tuesday 6 September Armidale-Dumaresq (Armidale City)	11.00am – 3.00pm	Town Hall Basement, 135 Rusden Street (access via Cinders Lane)

Council)		
Wednesday 7 September Grafton (Clarence Valley Council)	10.00am – 1.00pm	Grafton Community & Function Centre 59 Duke Street, Grafton
Thursday 8 September Newcastle City Council	12.00pm – 4.00pm	Mulubinba Room, City Hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Election of the Executive Committee

ELECTION NOTICE

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

Nominations are called for:

- President
- Vice President (from a country council)
- Vice President (from a metropolitan council)
- Treasurer
- Vice President General (*if required, subject to the provisions of rule 37*)
- Ten Executive Committee Members (10) (from country councils)
- Ten Executive Committee Members (10) (from metropolitan councils)

Nominations: Must be in writing and comply with the organisation's registered rules, may be made at any time from 2 September 2011 and must be received by the Returning Officer at his office or postal address up to but not later than **12 noon on Friday 23 September 2011**.

A candidate may withdrawal his/her nomination prior to 12 noon on 17 October 2011.

Nomination forms are available upon request from the Returning Officer or the Association.

Notes:

1. Rule 35 requires that the office of President shall alternate between members of country councils and members of metropolitan councils. However an incumbent President who satisfies the prerequisites for nomination and election may seek re-election without limitation on the number of terms that may be consecutively held.
2. Eligible voters in any ballot, shall be the Delegates and Members of the Executive Committee who are entitled to vote at the Annual Conference, and who are from an ordinary member which was a financial member on 26 August 2011, which was the day the Roll of Voters closed.
3. If you are eligible to vote, and wish to appoint a proxy to vote in your absence, please complete a proxy form and return it to the Returning Officer at his office or postal address before 5pm on Friday, 21 October 2011. Alternately proxy forms can be hand delivered to the Returning Office prior to the commencement of the Annual Conference, i.e. Monday, 24 October 2011 before 8:00am.

Proxy forms are available upon request from the Returning Officer or the Association after nominations have closed.

How to Lodge Nominations

By post: Australian Electoral Commission, PO Box 496, Haymarket NSW 1239

By Email: A properly completed nomination form including all necessary signatures may be scanned and submitted as a pdf file to nswelections@aec.gov.au.

By Fax: 02 9375 6336

By hand: Australian Electoral Commission, Level 4, 24 Campbell Street, Sydney NSW

Any ballots if required will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 24 October 2011.

All ballots will open on Monday, 24 October 2011 at 8:00am and will close at 3:00pm in The Studio within the Entertainment Centre at Nowra NSW.

[Note: A copy of the AEC's election report can be obtained from the organisation or from me after the completion of the election]

Rhys Richards

Returning Officer,

Telephone: (02) 9375 6362



Nomination Form

Local Government Association of New South Wales

Scheduled Election 2011

Note to Candidates and Nominators

Candidates and Nominators should verify their financial status and any other qualifications required by the organisation's rules prior to lodging a nomination. The candidate must be nominated by **at least two (2)** eligible elected members of any council which is a financial ordinary member of the Association.

We, the undersigned nominators, hereby nominate:

Candidate Name:	
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(Please print candidate's full name)

Ordinary Council Member:	
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(Print Name of Candidate's Ordinary Council member)

For the Office of:	
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(Print Name of Office as it appears on the Election Notice)

NOMINATORS *(Please print)*

Name (in full)	Name of Council Member	SIGNATURE	DATE

CANDIDATE'S ENDORSEMENT *(Please print)*

(Please print your name as you wish it to appear on the ballot paper)

I am a Councillor of the Council named below, which is a financial Ordinary Member of the Association and I accept the above nomination. I declare I am a current member of the registered political parties named below:

Postal Address			
Political party membership:			
Name of Council Member		<i>Country/ Metropolitan</i>	

Email address		<i>Contact phone No.</i>	
Signature		Date	/ /

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