



LGA CONFERENCE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Proxy voting appointment forms

The Returning Officer has determined that in accordance with Clause 15 of Schedule C of the Association's Rules that the "commencement of the Conference" shall be 8am Monday 25 October 2010.

Proxy appointment forms must be received by the Returning Officer by **5pm on Friday 22 October 2010**

By Post: PO Box 496, Haymarket, NSW, 1239

By Fax: 02 9212 7336

By Hand: Level 4, 24 Campbell Street, Sydney NSW

By email: A properly completed Appointment, including signature, may be scanned and submitted as a pdf file to nswelections@aec.gov.au

OR

By Hand: by **8am on Monday 25 October 2010** to the Returning Officer, who will be based at the polling booth at Albury, 1st floor foyer, Albury Convention Centre.

Late motions

Two final Category 1 Motions - which will be dealt with at the Local Government Association conference in Albury next week - are available at Attachment A of this edition of the Local Government Weekly. Delegates are encouraged to print this out and bring it with them to the conference.

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The RTA is proposing a half-day Risk Workshop, seeking Local Government's input into the Last Mile project. Nominations for workshop attendees is now being sought.

Item 21: Cash-in-Transit vehicles and Cash-in-Transit Escort vehicles

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has advised that the Road Amendment (Security Industry Exemptions) Rules 2010 under the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999 was proclaimed by the Governor on the 13 October 2010

Water

Item 22: IPART Draft Determination of NOW Water Management Charges

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) released its draft determination of water management charges that can be levied by the NSW Office of Water (NOW). The determination includes significant price increases.

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Item 2: EOI for the LGSA Tourism Conference 2011

The Associations are inviting expressions of interest from councils and industry wishing to provide speakers to present case studies that relate to the program and theme, *Gone Fishing! Back Soon...*

The conference is presented in conjunction with Tourism New South Wales, industry partners and sponsors.

Participants will hear from representatives of the four taskforce areas established as part of the State Governments new tourism strategy: Local Government, Planning and Investment, National Parks (Nature Tourism), and Education.

Draft Program of Topics:

- Integrating tourism into council Community Strategic Plans (Local Government).
- National Parks development of and product (nature).
- Indigenous tourism development of and products (nature and education).
- Ecotourism, caravan and camping, sustainability issues, road tourism (nature, planning and investment).
- Sports tourism including beach and surf tourism, cruising markets (all strategies).
- The international student market, backpackers markets and youth markets (education).
- Attracting accessible markets and aging populations (planning and investment).
- The growth of the museums and galleries markets and cultural tourism (education, investment and planning).

The program would like to showcase examples of councils who have successfully developed the listed topic areas and who have in fact 'exceeded your visitor's expectations' or who have had problems doing so. We are also looking for great examples of 'Innovation in Tourism' for a special highlights section of the program.

E.O.I Deadline

A short outline of your proposed topic or presentation needs to be sent to Meg Fisher (see below) by 8 November 2010

Conference Dates

9-11 March 2011

Host

Sutherland Shire Council

Website

www.tourismconference.lgsa.org.au

Further Information

Meg Fisher

LGSA Events Manager

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General interest

Item 3: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines - National Transition Strategy

The Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) has mandated that all government agencies in Australia must transition to the now adopted standard of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Version 2 (WCAG 2.0).

This Transition Strategy is guided by the Online Communications Council. Local Government is represented on this Council by the Australian Local Government Association.

The Local Government Web Network has commenced discussions with AGIMO, and will continue to seek their support for members during this transition process.

National Transition Strategy
<http://lgwebnetwork.org/blogs/reema/accessibility-and-national-transition-strategy-wcag20>

Online information
www.lgwebnetwork.org

Further information/Feedback
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lgwebnetwork@lgsa.org.au
02 9242 4051

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General Interest

Item 4: Modernising Local Government groups - new sessions

The Associations have released an updated timetable for *Modernising Local Government discussions, adding focus groups at Lake Macquarie and Inverell*.

To keep the idea of an in-sector dialogue moving on the *Modernising Local Government: Discussion Paper*, the Associations are creating small-scale listening opportunities to enable input from individual participants and encourage interaction. The two major methods are:

Focus Groups

Feature a limit of 15 people per group – with some being open (first come, first serve) and some by invitation. For the open focus groups we will run up to three groups simultaneously at any one venue if there is demand.

Open Invitation Focus Groups

Monday 8 November - Lake Macquarie

Tuesday 9 November – Dubbo

Monday 15 November – Inverell

Tuesday 16 November – Queanbeyan

Tuesday 23 November - Coffs Harbour

Hearings

Hearings will be held with individual councils. Council representatives will have the opportunity to present their thoughts on the discussion paper to Presidents and/or other Joint Executive members.

Further information

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/7-home-page.asp>

Contact

Focus Group:
Emma Moxon
LGSA Office Co-ordinator
emma.moxon@lgsa.org.au

Hearing and Further Information:
Noel Baum
LGSA Director Policy
noel.baum@lgsa.org.au

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Community

Item 5: Community Care Common Standards Communication Strategy

The Australian Government, together with State and Territory governments, are implementing the Community Care Common Standards and reporting processes. Councils running Community Care programs are encouraged to register for an information session.

The common standards and reporting arrangements will take effect from 1 March 2011, replacing existing standards which currently differ between programs. The common standards will apply to:

- The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program.
- Packaged care programs, i.e. Community Aged Care Packages (CACAP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD).
- The National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP).

To assist service providers, a range of methods for providing information about the Standards and streamlined quality reporting processes are planned to occur in each State and Territory. These include:

- Information presentations to provide an overview of the Standards and quality reporting processes between October and February 2011
- A dedicated website
- A Helpdesk to answer questions about the CCS and streamlined quality reporting process.

Each registrant at the information sessions will also be able to provide feedback on the information presentations and identify any further future information needs.

Presentation schedule

Wagga Wagga	Monday 8 November 2010, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Bathurst	Tuesday 9 November 2010, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Dubbo	Wednesday 10 November 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Campbelltown	Thursday 11 November 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Blacktown	Friday 12 November 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sydney	Tuesday 16 November 2010, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Shellharbour	Wednesday 17 November 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Newcastle	Thursday 18 November 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Hornsby	Friday 19 November 2010, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Ballina	Tuesday 14 December 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Port Macquarie	Wednesday 15 December 2010, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tamworth	Thursday 16 December 2010, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Key dates / Venues

Information sessions will be held between October 2010 and February 2011

Online information

www.comcarestandards.com.au

Helpdesk/Further information

Leslie Gevers or Marise Goddard-Jones at GGJ Consultants on 1300 939 609, or

comcarestandards@ggj.com.au

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Community

Item 6: Safe Growth and City Crime Workshop

The Sydney Institute of Criminology (University of Sydney) is hosting a one day workshop **SafeGrowth and City Crime, Co-Design, Eco-Parks, Funky Laneways and Fixing Deadzones.**

This interactive workshop will explore crime in cities, will challenge participants to develop realistic and practical strategies from ideas of speakers and from each other and will seek to highlight some inclusive strategies to prevent crime in cities.

Local Government staff, planners, urban designers, architects, police, criminologists and crime prevention practitioners are encouraged to attend.

This event will be facilitated by Greg Saville and Wendy Sarkissian two high profile experts with significant international experience and reputations.

Speakers will cover the following topics:

- The night-time economy
- Graffiti
- Public art
- Homelessness
- Integrated planning and policy development

Key dates / Venues

Sydney Law School 24 January 2011

Registration fee

Full fee: \$220 (inc GST)

F/T student: \$150 (inc GST)

University of Sydney staff: \$176 (inc GST)

Sydney Law School alumni: \$176 (inc GST)

Online information

law.events@sydney.edu.au

For further information

Events co-ordinator 02 9351 0248

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Community

Item 7: Working with older people training

Council staff working in community care are encouraged to attend these Home and Community Care (HACC) workers courses offered by Northside Community Forum.

Course 1: Suicide Prevention for Older People

This workshop is designed to improve the awareness of suicidal behaviour in older people. In addition, it aims to provide workers with information about early intervention and assessment strategies, and how to refer older people to appropriate services.

The workshop is divided into four sessions as follows:

- Process of ageing and impact of mental health problems for older people.
- Information on older people, suicide and mental health problems.
- Ways of working with older people at risk of suicide.
- Planning immediate and ongoing support of people who may be at risk of suicide.

Course 2: Promoting HACC services to CALD communities

This course aims to enhance participants' capacity to plan and deliver effective education or service promotion sessions to CALD communities. This course allows participants to examine the information needs of CALD communities, the challenges of delivering information to CALD communities, and the factors contributing to 'non-use' of services. It provides practical strategies for identifying target groups, building rapport in a short timeframe with the target groups, and working effectively with interpreters in group settings.

Workshop dates

Suicide prevention, 4 November
9:00am-4:30pm

CALD communities, 25 November
9:30am-12:30pm

Venue

Level 3, 1 Chandos Street, St Leonards.

Cost

\$20 HACC service workers & non-HACC volunteers
\$60 Non-HACC services workers

Online information

www.nsforum.org.au

For further information

Shirley Choi
HACC Administration Officer
02 8405 4444

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Item 8: Libraries - Safe Havens and Hot Houses for Cultural Exchange

Councils the custodians, libraries the link, cultural exchange the connection - this forum will focus on how libraries are often the heart and generator for cultural development in communities.

Be inspired and hear how libraries are a thriving hub of community life and cultural development. Find out how public library programs are a cultural treasure chest of shared stories, new experiences, learning and community connections.

Guest Speakers include Christine Mackenzie – CEO, Yarra Plenty Regional Library and Penny Amberg – Cultural Services Coordinator, Bega Valley Shire Council.

This forum is presented by Eurobodalla Shire Council and LGSA and is part of the Arts Forums for Councils series.

Key dates

11am – 1pm Friday 5 November 2010

Venue

Narooma Library, corner Field & Graham Sts, Narooma

RSVP/Further information

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Emergency Services

Item 9: Emergency Management for Local Government - Free Course

The Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) is seeking urgent applications to the Introduction to Emergency Management for Local Government course. This course is free for Local Government participants.

This course has been designed to introduce leaders, employees and elected officials in Local Government to some of the range of issues and experiences faced by councils when dealing with emergency management.

The training will identify the role of government in emergency management, explain the role of the community in the emergency management context and evaluate emergency management strategies for Local Government.

Local Government representatives are exempt from paying for the course, accommodation, meals, and Melbourne airport transfers to Mt Macedon. Councils are only required to cover the costs of transport to Melbourne Airport.

Completed application forms must first be submitted to Patrick Quick 02 (see fact box) by 29 October 2010.

Key dates / Venues

Applications to EMNSW by 29 October 2010

Training 9-11 November 2010

Online information and application forms.

http://www.ema.gov.au/www/emaweb/emaweb.nsf/Page/Education_Courses_NationallyRecognisedCourses_CourseinIntroductiontoEmergencyManagementforLocalGovernment

For further information

EMNSW: Patrick Quick, Manager
Training & Development Unit. 02
8247 5914 or

patrick.quick@em.nsw.gov.au

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Environment

Item 10: Opportunity to comment on the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

The five year statutory review of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 is currently underway. The Associations are seeking comments from councils for inclusion in a submission on behalf of NSW councils.

The Minister for Climate Change and the Environment is required to review the Act every five years to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water has prepared a background paper which provides some guidance to the major components of the Act, and includes a series of questions which may assist in providing comments, although responses do not need to be confined to these questions.

The LGSA will prepare a response on behalf of councils in NSW. We'd also like copies of councils' draft submissions, or submissions by Regional Organisations of Councils to ensure Local government concerns are reflected in the Associations' response. Please forward comments to Kirsty McIntyre (see fact box).

This is a great opportunity to raise issues of concern and seek any improvements to the system.

DECC background paper
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult/DecPublicConsultation.htm>

Submissions/Comments due

To LGSA: Wed 10 November
Kirsty McIntyre
Senior NRM Policy Officer,
kirsty.mcintyre@lgsa.org.au

To DECC: Wed 17 November
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Industrial Relations

Item 11: The Safety Show, Sydney 2010

The Safety Show is a leading event for Occupational, Health and Safety (OHS) and features the latest products and services from over 350 exhibitors.

Exhibitors will include Laverty Pathology, who will be displaying the latest equipment in Drug and Alcohol Testing as well as a variety of demonstrations that will show the effects drugs and alcohol can have on the workplace.

Date

26 to 28 October 2010

Location

Sydney Olympic Park

Cost

Free

Registration/Further information

www.thesafetyshow.com

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Some people need more than just a one day workshop or a discussion with their Manager to effectively change their behaviour. Local Government Learning Solutions offers an Executive/Manager Coaching Service that can meet your needs.

Since 2000, Local Government Learning Solutions has been providing a corporate coaching service for people leaders in Local Government.

We have coached on issues such as assertiveness, handling difficult staff, managing priorities, marketing an internal service, presentation skills and changing employee or self behaviour, on a fee for service basis.

Coaching sessions are usually one hour in duration, with a recommended 3 to 5 sessions with a coachee to reinforce change and enable it to occur. All coaching sessions are kept confidential between the coach and the coachee. Coachees are encouraged to explore issues resulting from the coaching sessions with their manager.

The quiet period over the December-January period is an excellent time to consider coaching for yourself or for your staff. Learning Solutions also provides a half and full day workshops where we can train your people leaders to be internal council coaches.

Contact

For a comprehensive quote contact Learning Solutions on 02 9242 4081 or learning@lgsa.org.au

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Item 13: Development Approvals: The Heritage Perspective

This short course is a must for councillors, directors, planners, building and health inspectors and engineers, and for anyone interested in heritage issues in local government.

Topics include:

- The Development Assessment Environment
- Conducting an Informed Assessment
- Conservation Area Management
- Assessment Criteria
- Heritage Conservation Principles - The Burra Charter

A site visit is also arranged as part of the workshop.

Presenter: David Logan of Godden Mackay Logan, Heritage Consultants

Heritage Short Course for Local Government

Tuesday 9 November, 9am-4.30pm

Local Government Learning Centre, Sydney

Cost

\$462 pp inc. GST

Registrations

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

Contact

Learning Solutions

02 9242 4181

learning@lgsa.org.au

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Item 14: Update - Local Government Human Resources Conference

More than 100 HR professionals have registered for this premier HR event. Registration is still open.

Saul Eslake, the former Chief Finance Officer of the ANZ and media finance commentator will educate you about the key economic drivers that HR professionals need to know. The Honourable Justice Roger P Boland, President of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, will update you on the State of play in IR today.

Other keynote speakers represent the corporate and community worlds and all will help you to embrace the conference theme "HR – the tree of diversity."

Program changes

Angela Zivkovic, the Project Manager of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) has joined our Wednesday afternoon panel to explore issues around indigenous and mature age employment. Ambrose Hallman from Armidale Dumaresq Council will explore how Process Mapping and Reengineering can improve productivity and save council thousands of dollars. This is a skill which is not well understood by many HR professionals so it is an excellent addition to our conference program.

Networking

This conference is always a great networking opportunity. To assist the networking side of the event we have arranged to take you to the Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club for the optional Wednesday 17 November "BBQ on the Balcony".

The Conference Dinner will be the usual spectacular event with an excellent meal and entertainment with an "LG SuperStar" theme.

MasterClass Workshop Selections

By the time of publication of this item you should have received your MasterClass Workshop Selection Sheet. To ensure you get to go to the workshops of your choice, please complete your selection immediately and return it to Learning Solutions.

Date

17-19 November 2010

Location

Crowne Plaza, Coogee, Sydney

Bookings:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/sydcdb> or call reservations on 1800 668 167 and quote the booking code "DWH" to get the conference rate

Cost: \$1100 per person inclusive of GST

Registrations

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/154-seminars--conferences.asp>

Contact

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

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Do you “work alone”? Would you like to learn how to handle situations that involve conflict in a non-aggressive manner? This course has previously been conducted for a range of council staff from parking officers and rangers to planners, weeds officers and library staff.

Any staff who have an element of “working alone” in their role would benefit from attendance at this workshop.

The course includes physical intervention skills which are a non-aggressive way to get people to comply, without pain.

Learn how to:

- Undertake a risk assessment to identify risks of violence and aggression.
- Apply the SAFER approach to dynamic risk assessment of workplace situations.
- Recognise the range of human responses to threatening and aggressive situations.
- Adopt a proactive approach to service delivery.
- Identify blocks to communication within the working environment.
- Signal non-aggression, control and maintain personal space.
- Recognise an escalating situation and defuse and calm a high-risk situation.
- Apply the win-win approach to resolving conflict.
- Report and record an incident of aggression / violence.
- Identify the sources of support available for victims of aggression / violence.
- Learn from an incident of aggression / violence.
- Understand the law and implications surrounding the use of ‘force’.

Numbers are restricted to 12 so that one-on-one coaching can be provided.

The Personal Safety and Conflict Management workshop is a new addition to our suite of conflict handling courses, which include Verbal Judo, Assertiveness, and Handling Difficult People.

Personal Safety & Conflict Management

Monday, 29 November
Local Government Learning Centre,
Sydney

Cost

\$495 (inc. GST)
Includes comprehensive workbook
and a one month email service
following the workshop.

Registrations

http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/15_2-courses-for-staff.asp

Contact

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

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The Supervisor Series is a frontline leadership program designed to assist new or experienced supervisors or team leaders to assist them to lead their team in a highly effective manner.

The course comprises four modules over two consecutive training days. The four half-day modules are stand alone units, i.e. you can select a particular module to develop skills in a specific area.

Module 1

The Supervisor's Roles

Module 2

Delegation Skills

Module 3

Giving and Receiving Feedback

Module 4

Retaining and Motivating Your Staff

A two-day program aids the, 'soon to be appointed' or 'newly appointed' supervisor, team leader or manager with the essential skills to manage, direct and motivate their teams to perform to agreed standards and expectations.

The Supervisor Series

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 November
Local Government Learning
Centre Sydney

Cost

\$330 (inc. GST) - 1 module
\$462 (inc. GST) - 2 modules
\$880 (inc. GST) - 4 modules

This includes comprehensive handouts and a one month email service following the workshop.

Registrations

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

Contact

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Procurement

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With a theme of Procurement - Risky Business... this conference brings together an array of speakers with hands on experience covering a variety of topics, which will assist you in your role within your council.

Local Government Procurement (LGP) is very proud to coordinate the fourth Annual Procurement Conference for the NSW Local Government sector.

Who should attend?

Local Government professionals, particularly procurement staff, senior management and any other professional staff involved in purchasing.

General Managers and Directors are also encouraged to attend (see Fact Box for how you can register for FREE).

Local Government Procurement Pty Ltd (LGP) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales (LGSA).

LG Procurement Annual Conference

Monday 22 November, 10am-5pm
Tuesday 23 November, 9am-4pm.

Sydney Masonic Centre,
66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Cost

Early bird rate until 31 October
\$495 (inc. GST)

From 1 November
\$577.50 (inc. GST)

FREE registration is available to either a General Manager or Director, when attending with a registered/paying council officer.

Contact

LG Procurement
Emma Murray
emurray@lgp.org.au
02 8270 8700.

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Roads and Transport

Item 18: My Bikeroute Website Launch

The NSW Minister for Roads, David Borger MP, has launched the 'My Bikeroute' website.

In the NSW BikePlan, released in May of this year, the NSW Government made a commitment to build and maintain 'a comprehensive online source of NSW Government bicycle information', including 'a cyclist feedback facility to share route ideas, identify safe local opportunities for short shared path sections and alert road authorities to cycleway maintenance needs'.

As a first step towards meeting this commitment the NSW Minister for Roads, David Borger MP, today announced the launch of the 'My Bikeroute' website.

Initially live for a 10-week trial period, My Bikeroute is designed to help cyclists share information about Greater Sydney's bikeable and potentially bikeable network – those local street and path connections that are quieter, more direct, less hilly or simpler to navigate than a busy road.

This information will be used in many ways, not least in helping to fill gaps in the geodatabase that will sit behind another NSW BikePlan deliverable to establish - a bike route-finding facility on the Transport Info 131500 website accessible through web-enabled mobile phones and GPS devices.

My Bikeroute website

<http://mybikeroute.info/>

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Roads and Transport

Item 19: 2010 National Local Roads & Transport Congress Communiqué

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has released the outcomes and communiqué from the 2010 National Local Roads and Transport Congress held in Bunbury Western Australia from 13-15 October 2010.

More than 300 leading representatives of councils from across Australia met at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Bunbury, Western Australia, to examine the issues critical to Australia's local roads, transport services and infrastructure. New South Wales was represented at the Congress by the President of the Local Government Association, Cr Genia McCaffery, the President of the Shires Association, Cr Bruce Miller, and by a range elected and staff representatives from councils across the state.

Delegates to the Congress welcomed the release of an ALGA study into local road funding. The study found expenditure on local roads has been less than the life cycle cost for the past 5 years and that the shortfall in funding to simply maintain rather than improve Australia's local roads in the period from 2010 to 2025 is estimated to be around \$1.2 billion annually.

In a Communiqué issued from the Congress, delegates have also called for:

- Federal and State Governments to act on ALGA's National Local Roads and Transport Policy Agenda 2010-20 launched at the National General Assembly in June 2010, to address the local roads needs of communities across the nation;
- Re-introduction of the Strategic Regional Roads Program to fund upgrades to regionally important local roads with projects for funding to be selected by an independent agency, similar to Infrastructure Australia;
- A dedicated new program of funding for bridge maintenance and renewal;
- Any system of roads user charging to include local roads, that local government be fully engaged prior to implementation, the revenue resulting from charging users of local roads is paid to the council that owns the road; and that this funding be in addition to R2R funding which is to help address the backlog on local roads;
- Rail transport to be promoted as an important low carbon option which can take pressure off the roads system if investment is increased in the rail network; and
- Urgent action to deal with the backlog in public transport in existing areas and to make early provision for it in newly-developing areas and the recognition of the importance of involving local government in the planning of major urban transport infrastructure.

The Congress also acknowledged the significant contribution that the Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding has made to improving local roads and the economic, social and community benefits the program has achieved to date, congratulated the Federal Government for continuing the Program to 2014, but called for the program to be continued beyond 2014 at a rate of \$1.2 billion per year, indexed in line with the cost increases of roads and bridges and made permanent until the backlog is removed.

Congress Communiqué

<http://www.alga.asn.au/policy/transport/congress/2010/04.communique.php>

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Roads and Transport

Item 20: RTA Heavy Vehicle Last Mile Risk Workshop

The RTA is proposing a half-day Risk Workshop, seeking Local Government's input into the Last Mile project. Nominations for workshop attendees are now being sought.

Earlier this year, The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) formed a Last Mile Access Sub-Committee to focus on improved access for certain types of higher productivity heavy vehicles on key Local Government roads.

Background

In 2009 the total tonne-kilometres moved by heavy freight vehicles in NSW was approximately 55,000 million. This equates to 30% of all tonne-kilometres travelled by all freight vehicles in Australia. Furthermore, 80% of all road freight moves through NSW and 25% of all heavy vehicles in Australia are registered in NSW.

Successfully managing the road freight task requires that total heavy vehicle movements are minimised by using more productive vehicles that can carry more freight. This in turn requires that heavy vehicles are able to access required sections of the road network around origins and destinations. However, the potential impacts of heavy vehicles on road and bridge infrastructure, road safety and the amenity of local communities must also be considered in this policy mix.

The Committee

The RTA's NSW Road Freight Advisory Council (RFAC) formed a Last Mile Access Sub-Committee earlier in 2010 to focus on improved access for B-Doubles, 4.6 metre high vehicles, B & AB Triples, with particular attention to the access of these vehicles to key local government roads.

The Workshop

In an effort to ensure that they capture all stakeholder views, the RTA is proposing a half-day Risk Workshop, with the aim of reaching a clear articulation of risks from the Local Government perspective to inform the Last Mile project. This will include:

- Identifying the most effective ways to work with the Local Councils on Last Mile issues;
- How the RTA can best engage with Local Councils in the design of solutions; and
- Identifying the risks from the Local Council perspective.

A date for the workshop is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be in Sydney in mid November.

Councils are invited to nominate suitably qualified staff to attend the workshop. It is envisaged that this initial workshop would involve a group of about 8 - 10 attendees comprising either general managers, directors of Technical / Engineering Services, or other relevant engineering staff from urban, regional and rural councils.

Nominations for the workshop should be forwarded to Richard Connors at the LGSA by the November 5 2010.

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RTA: Heavy Vehicles website:
http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavy_vehicles/index.html

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Roads and Transport

Item 21: Cash-in-Transit vehicles and Cash-in-Transit Escort vehicles

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has advised that the Road Amendment (Security Industry Exemptions) Rules 2010 under the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999 was proclaimed by the Governor on the 13 October 2010

The object of these Rules is to amend the Road Rules 2008:

- (i) to provide that certain parking and stopping restrictions do not apply to drivers of certain Cash-in-Transit vehicles and Cash-in-Transit Escort vehicles that are engaged in picking up or delivering cash or other valuables; and
- (ii) to make an amendment to Rule 245-1 in the nature of law revision.

These Rules will be notified/gazetted in the NSW Legislation web site on Friday 22 October 2010. These Rules commence on the day on which they are published on the NSW legislation website.

Online information
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/epub>

Further information

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Water

Item 22: IPART Draft Determination of NOW Water Management Charges

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) released its draft determination of water management charges that can be levied by the NSW Office of Water (NOW). The determination includes significant price increases.

The determination sets prices to enable NOW, for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation, to recover water users' share of the efficient costs of its water management activities. The determination includes:

- Prices for holding entitlements and extracting water from regulated rivers, unregulated rivers and groundwater sources; and
- Administration fees and charges for the issue and administration of water access licences and works approvals under the *Water Management Act (NSW) 2000*.

NOW's water management activities involve:

- Negotiating on interstate water sharing arrangements;
- Developing and implementing water sharing plans under the *Water Management Act (NSW)*, which specify the rules for each river system for sharing water between the environment and extractive users;
- Administering water licences and approvals, assessing resource availability, allocating available water to licensees, monitoring compliance and, where necessary, taking appropriate enforcement action;
- Developing and implementing water trading rules and systems to support effective market operation; and
- Advising on plans and strategies for the protection and enhancement of water courses, riparian corridors and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

In terms of infrastructure, these activities involve the construction, maintenance and operation of water management works, gauging stations, monitoring equipment, and other technology in relation to water management.

The determination covers the three year period from 1 July 2011 until 30 June 2014. Councils will be affected by the price determination as town water licence holders.

The determination of water management charges is separate to the determination of charges by State Water for the storage and delivery of water.

Please see the fact box for a link to the LGSA's submission to the IPART's review.

Submissions due
to IPART by 29 November 2010.

Online information
Including draft determination, fact sheets and further information:
www.ipart.nsw.gov.au under *Review of Prices for Water Administration Ministerial Corporations*.

LGSA submission
<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/2629-submissions.asp>

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In the News

Item 23: Media from the LGSA

View the latest media releases distributed by the LGSA

More funding is needed for roads and transport in NSW

22 October, 2010

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/3557-22-october-2010-more-funding-is-needed-for-roads-and-transport-in-nsw-.asp?intSiteID=1>

The Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) have welcomed the release of a study into local road funding released last week at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Bunbury, Western Australia.

Key issues brought to light: Local Government Association Annual Conference

20 October, 2010

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/3556-20-october-2010-key-issues-brought-to-light---local-government-association-annual-conference.asp?intSiteID=1>

Sustainable population growth, modernising the financing of Local Government and ways to address climate change are some of the key issues to be discussed at this year's Local Government Association (LGA) Conference.

Councils should not pay for beverage industry litter

18 October, 2010

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/3555-18-october-2010-councils-should-not-pay-for-beverage-industry-litter.asp?intSiteID=1>

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) and the Boomerang Alliance are calling on the Federal and State Environment Ministers to remain firmly focused on the issue of container deposit legislation (CDL) when they meet in Sydney early next month.

Wanted: More women in Local Government

18 October, 2010

<http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/3554-18-october-2010-wanted---more-women-in-local-government.asp?intSiteID=1>

In the year of Women in Local Government, the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) are encouraging women to consider careers in Local Government.

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ATTACHMENT A

L8 - Griffith

***MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN**

Modern Approaches to Community Wellbeing

Griffith City Council submits this motion on behalf of the Member Councils of Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC), the Riverina East Regional Organisation of Council (REROC) and the Northern Victorian Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC).

“That in relation to the proposed Murray Darling Basin Plan, the NSW Local Government Association demand the following:-

- A. That the Australian Government repeal the Commonwealth Water Act 2007, or at least, that a complete review of the Commonwealth Water Act 2007 be undertaken to restore triple bottom line environmental, social and economic balance to the decision making process prior to the implementation of any Murray Darling Basin Plan, and,
- B. That best quality environmental, social & economic sciences be applied to all aspects of the program, rather than a “quick fix” transfer of water from communities to the environment, and
- C. That Local Government and major stakeholders from affected communities are fully consulted through the Parliamentary Inquiry process and in future throughout the development of the final Murray Darling Basin Plan, and,
- D. That the LGA seek a commitment from the Federal Government that any water recovered must be from investment in water savings through system modernisation & continued water entitlement buy-backs.

Note from Council:

Parliamentary inquiry

- We welcome the inquiry but it must also look at the Water Act otherwise it is a waste of time
- The Australian Government should suspend further work on MDBA’s Basin Plan until the inquiry is completed and the committee has reported

The Guide is a bad document

- The Guide to the Basin Plan is a second-rate document that proposes massive cuts but provides no justification

- None of the reasons behind the massive cuts recommended by the MDBA have been released and we won't see them until 'the end of the month' which is AFTER the community consultation period
- The guide may pass the weight test but if fails dismally on content and thinking

Massive cuts will decimate region

- Cuts of up to 43% will decimate our communities and lead to significant job losses and social upheaval
- Already we have many people extremely stressed and upset from what they've heard
- MDBA's first estimate was 800 job losses across the Basin, now they're saying 3000 but our preliminary estimates (based on ABS data) suggest this figure could be over 7,000 job losses for the Murrumbidgee alone

Enough is enough

- The people of the Murrumbidgee are not afraid of change and are normally quite resilient but huge cuts like this may tip many businesses and industries over the edge
- All Australians will be affected whether it's on the farm or in the supermarket or somewhere in-between

We need a balanced Basin Plan

- There is a real future for everyone in the Murrumbidgee if we can achieve a balanced Basin Plan
- We call on Minister Burke and the government to either change the Act or change the Plan to ensure a balanced outcome that works for communities and the environment
- The massive cuts that have been announced by the MDBA are clearly not acceptable
- This is not a balanced Plan
- There is a real future for everyone in the Murrumbidgee if we can achieve a balanced Basin Plan

L9 - Shoalhaven * NATIONAL AQUATIC AND RECREATIONAL SIGNAGE STYLE MANUAL

Modern Approaches to Community Wellbeing

"That the NSW Local Government Association call on the NSW Government to adopt the National Aquatic and Recreational Signage Style Manual (3rd Ed)"

Note from Council:

The National Aquatic and Recreational Signage Style Manual has developed guidelines for the design and application of advisory water safety signs that is consistent with Australian Standards (AS2416). Any sign in the aquatic environment should confirm to the design, location and legibility advice given in the manual.

The National Aquatic and Recreational Signage Style Manual features a combination of existing and newly designed elements, all of which meet Australian Standards. The Guide is picture based and uses international symbols wherever possible, ensuring that signs can be easily understood by overseas visitors. The manual also contains information on specific structures with installation requirements and prioritization of sign-based messages.