

This Week @ LGANT

Newsletter



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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

A reminder for all members that LGANT will hold a Special General Meeting on Friday June 20th at the Darwin City Council complex. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on Association Constitutional changes. Further information regarding telephone conference options will be made available to members once it becomes available.

YOUTH ORGANISED AQUATIC LEADERSHIP

The Royal Lifesaving Society Northern Territory Branch with the Australian Red Cross and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will be establishing a youth organised aquatic leadership program in the Northern Territory. The program aims to bring about an increase in diversionary activities for young people aged between 10 and 17 years of age. Initially the program will target the West Arnhem and Daly/Victoria Shires.

The later stages of the project will see the development of sustainable regional network for youth orientated services and youth leaders working together to develop a youth direction plan across shires.

As a part of the project, RLSSA NT branch will be hosting exciting aquatic themed camps based at:

- MANINGRIDA 13th, 14th & 15th JUNE
- DALY RIVER/NAUIYU NAMBIYU 17th, 18th & 19th JUNE

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

The Local Government Association of Queensland is hosting a National Environment Conference in Cairns on 9 - 11 July 2008. This is a national conference and councils from across Australia are invited to attend to hear the latest news and to share experiences with other councils.

Conference themes will include;

- Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Purchasing, Sustainability Action
- Ecologically Sustainable Development
- Waste Management
- Water Management
- Climate Change (Mitigation, Adaptation, Litigation, Carbon Accounting and Trading)

LGANT's Waste Management Officer, Jim Fraser, will be presenting a session on waste management standards in remote communities. This will outline the goals and achievements of LGANT's Waste Management Standards Guidelines.

An event that should not be missed. Register now!

To get more information contact LGANT on (08) 8936 2864.

LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (LATM)

Local Government authorities have the opportunity in participating in and submitting an application for funds to improve traffic calming and traffic management concerns on their local road network under the LATM Program.

The Northern Territory Government subsidises projects on a dollar for dollar basis.

For further information contact Peter McLinden LGANT 8936 2891 or directly with Department of Planning and Infrastructure 8924 7153

COMMUNITY COASTCARE GRANTS



The Australian Government has opened a new grant programme called Community Coastcare. Community Coastcare is part of the Caring for our Country package of activities contributing to the coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats priority outcome. Applications are being sought now for funding in 2008-2009.

Community Coastcare will provide two levels of funding: Small grants up to \$50,000; and Grants for larger-scale activities in high priority areas up to \$250,000.

Small grants will support a variety of activities to protect and rehabilitate coastal waterways and wetlands, prevent coastal erosion, enhance skills and knowledge, record and pass on traditional knowledge, protect nesting sites, Indigenous cultural landscapes and culturally sensitive sites.

In addition, applications for grants for larger-scale activities must demonstrate a substantial contribution to national priorities in areas of high conservation value, such as nationally significant coastal wetlands. These projects must also deliver substantial outcomes in terms of: improved water quality and rehabilitation and/or protection of nationally significant coastal zones and coastal hotspots for water quality and biodiversity.

Larger-scale activities must also demonstrate a substantial contribution to the protection of matters of national environmental significance in identified coastal hotspot areas, threatened species and ecological communities.

Applications must be received by **5.00 pm Friday 25 July 2008**.

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Constitutional recognition is the hot topic at the moment for councils around Australia with almost 20 councils having already held such conversations.

ALGA is convening an Experts Forum in August, comprising 80 – 100 representatives, which will review and refine the options for recognition as well as develop and refine the yes and no cases, and possible ways forward in terms of process. This work will then feed into ALGA's Constitutional Summit to be held from 9 – 11 December 2008 in Melbourne. At this summit local government will have an opportunity to clarify and decide on the style of recognition which should be pursued and the strategy for taking constitutional recognition forward.

More information on 'Council Conversations' and a copy of the kit and feedback form are available at www.alga.au/constitutionalrecognition

TERRITORY TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council of the Northern Territory is pleased to inform communities that the popular Territory Tidy Town Awards will be held in Darwin on the 6th and 7th of November 2008. The forum will be held at the Darwin Frontier Hotel and the awards will be held at the Casino on Friday night 7th November. Now is the time to start budgeting and planning for your community's participation. Don't forget to get your community entry in. All remote community entries will receive a free copy of the 'Remote Community Clean Up Book'.



For more information on the Territory Tidy Towns Forum and Awards or for assistance in community clean ups and litter management call Heimo Schober on 0407 186 461. More information on KABNT and the Territory Tidy Town Awards can be found on their web site www.kab.org.au/nt/.

Click on a link below to view job vacancies currently advertised by LGANT Recruitment.

[TENDER - Provision of Street & Traffic Signs](#)

Closing Date: 24/06/2008 (15:30)

[Managers - Central Desert Shire](#)

Closing Date: 20/06/2008 (17:00)

COMING EVENTS

- Local Government Environment Conference – Cairns Qld. 9 to 11 July 2008.
- Coast to Coast Conference – Darwin August 2008
- Territory Tidy Towns Awards – Darwin 6 & 7 November 2008

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