

This Week @ LGANT Newsletter



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JUNE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – FRIDAY 20th JUNE

A reminder for all members that LGANT will hold a Special General Meeting on Friday June 20th from 10am at the Darwin City Council complex. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on Association Constitutional changes. Members should have received an email and/or fax of an attendance form. There is also opportunity to make comments on the proposed amendments to LGANT's constitution. Please fill in the details of those attending and fax back by close of business Monday 16 June 2008 to Cassie Cook on 8941 2665. If you did not receive the attendance form, please **contact Cassie on 8936 2888**.

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 organized 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:

- 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.

This event 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 on 8936 2891** or directly with Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 8924 7153.

COMMUNITY COASTCARE GRANTS



The Australian Government has opened a new grant program 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

A WORK IN PROGRESS - NEW YUENDUMU SWIMMING POOL AND ROAD SEALING

Work has progressed on the new swimming pool being constructed in Yuendumu. The photos below show the progression from an empty field into a brand new swimming pool for community use. LGANT is the project manager for the construction of the pool. Manager of Transport and Infrastructure at LGANT, Peter McLinden, said that the pool will be a fantastic asset for the community. The project is the result of a successful collaboration between the Federal Government, Territory Government and the Yuendumu Community under the Pools in Remote Areas Program.



Another project being managed by LGANT is the road sealing at Imanpa. Funding for the project has come from the Federal Government's 'Roads to Recovery' Program. The photo below shows the results of road sealing in the community.



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

- LGANT Special General Meeting – Darwin City Council, 20th June 2008.
- 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

FOR BACK ISSUES AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON LATEST JOBS AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION VISIT THE LGANT'S WEBSITE.

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TENDER



**Local Government Association
of the Northern Territory**

A peak organisation representing the interests of Local Government in the Northern Territory invites tenders from organisations interested in being appointed to the following Preferred Supplier arrangement:

Provision of Street & Traffic Signs

to Northern Territory Local Government - CONTRACT No. **NT001-0508**

The following list is a guide only to the goods and services intended to be offered under this arrangement

- **Regulatory**
- **Advance Directional**
- **Temporary**
- **Warning**
- **Tourist & Recreational**
- **Street Tags & Nameplates**

This LGANT arrangement is available to download from
www.lgtenderbox.com.au

Tender release 9:00am CST Wednesday, 28th May 2008
Tenders close 3:30pm CST Tuesday, 24th June 2008

