

# This Week @ LGANT Newsletter



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## CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In response to the Rudd Government's commitment to a referendum on Constitutional Recognition within the next three years, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed information packs on the issue which have been sent to all Councils.

Electronic copies are available by visiting the ALGA website – [click here](http://www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition) ([www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition](http://www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition))

The packs have been created to facilitate discussion across Local Government on expectations regarding recognition, with a view to providing government with the sector's preferred wording for a referendum.

LGANT encourages Councils to consider the resource materials provided commence discussions and inform LGANT of their position on the issue at the earliest opportunity.

For more information please contact Cassie Cook on (08) 8936 2880 or at [cassie.cook@lgant.nt.gov.au](mailto:cassie.cook@lgant.nt.gov.au)

## NAIUYU NAMBIYU'S BETTY SULLIVAN WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Betty Sullivan from Naiuyu Nambiyu Community Government Council has won the Community Leader Award at the Australian Sports Awards. This prestigious national award recognises Betty's dedication and hard work in promoting healthy, active aquatic recreation and improving pool safety. The Royal Life Saving Society Australia sent out this message.

Betty Sullivan is the embodiment of Royal Life Saving's vision of turning everyday people into everyday community lifesavers. Betty and Naiuyu Nambiyu Community Government Council have worked with RLS representatives from Darwin and Sydney to implement the program which has been extremely successful in promoting the healthy, active aquatic recreation for the entire Naiuyu community. It was also Betty Sullivan who designed the project logo 'Swim for Life'. "It is an enormous honour for this to happen to me, I hope it can help raise awareness of the value in the Royal Life Saving Remote Pools project", said Betty Sullivan, Royal Life Saving Project Officer Naiuyu. "Swim for Life means that the swimming pool and project activities are an opportunity for

community people to improve their lifestyles. It may be through swimming for fitness, fun or just to be together as a community”, added Betty. Betty would like to translate Swim for Life into the many languages spoken in Nauiyu. “It’s not just for children, soon we will be working on getting more families and elders into the water”, she continued.

“The Nauiyu project is part of the Royal Life Saving Remote Pools Strategy to build healthy communities and without Betty’s dedication and commitment, the project would not be the success story it is today. With her ongoing role we hope to continue to further support and expand such important community projects”, said Shayne Baker, National President Royal Life Saving.

## **INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIA’S WASTE STREAM AND DRINK CONTAINER RECYCLING**

The Senate has referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts, an inquiry into the management of Australia’s waste streams and Drinking Container Recycling Bill 2008 for report by August 2008.

The committee will consider trends in waste production in Australia and examine the effectiveness of existing strategies to reduce, recover and reuse waste. The committee will also analyse policy priorities to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of waste minimisation efforts, analyse new strategies and review economic, environmental and social benefits and costs associated with each alternative. As part of its inquiry the committee will consider the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

The full terms of reference can be found by [clicking here](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/aust_waste_streams/tor.htm) ([www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca\\_ctte/aust\\_waste\\_streams/tor.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/aust_waste_streams/tor.htm))

All submissions will be considered and the committee may invite persons or organisations to give evidence at public hearings.

The committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form via email [eca.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:eca.sen@aph.gov.au).

Alternatively, submissions may be faxed to (02) 6277 5809 or posted. Written submissions should be addressed to:

### **The Secretary**

The Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The closing date for submissions is **close of business Friday 23 May 2008**.

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory will be preparing a submission and welcomes member comments. Send these to Paul Barnes at [paul.barnes@lgant.nt.gov.au](mailto:paul.barnes@lgant.nt.gov.au) or call (08) 8936 2879.

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARDS 2008

Nominations for the United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards 2008 opened 1 February 2008. The World Environment Day Awards is a national awards program which recognises businesses, local governments, organisations, community groups, individuals, schools and the media whose work serves to protect, manage or restore the environment.

More information: <http://www.unaavictoria.org.au>.

**Nominations Close Friday 2 May 2008.**

## LGANT GENERAL MEETING ALICE SPRINGS – 17 & 18 April 2008



LGANT Vice President (Community) Ray Wooldridge speaks at the meeting.



Minister for Local Government the Honourable Robert Knight meeting. MLA takes a question at the meeting.



LGANT President Kerry Moir addresses the meeting.



Major General David Chalmers discusses the Northern Territory National Emergency Response at the meeting.

## COMING EVENTS

Local Government Emergency Management Conference – Bunbury 28 May 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

## RECRUITMENT NEWS & POSITIONS VACANT

Visit the LGANT website to view job vacancies currently advertised by LGANT Recruitment.

Finance Manager - Central Desert Shire Council

Closing Date: 09/05/2008

Shire Service Manager - Barkly Shire

Closing Date: 09/05/2008

Ramingining - Essential Services Officer

Closing Date: 30/04/2008

Director Works & Services - Barkly Shire

Closing Date: 09/05/2008

Youth Sport & Rec Officer - Aherrenge

Closing Date: 01/05/2008

Sports & Recreation Officer - Walangeri

Closing Date: 30/04/2008

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