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GIANT WALK 2008 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST 2008 – JOIN IN ACROSS THE TERRITORY!

Join in on Monday September 1st for the goNT Giant Walk at over 30 locations across the Territory. This is part of the NT contribution to an Australia-wide Guinness World Record attempt to have the most number of people walking 1km simultaneously. The world record we are trying to beat Australia-wide, is 231 000!!

In Darwin, registration commences from 1pm on Monday at the Cenotaph/Parliament House end of the Esplanade. Don't worry if you're not in the city that day as there are numerous walks planned across Darwin, Palmerston and the Territory. Visit <http://www.thegiantwalk.com.au/nt/walks.php> to find the walk closest to you!



NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Developed jointly by the Australian Procurement and Construction Council and the Department of Workplace Relations Advisory Committee, National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry has been endorsed and adopted by the Australian Government State and Territory Governments.

The Guidelines provide a clear statement of Australian Government policy and sets out the workplace relations and administrative requirements of those parties with whom the Australian Government wishes to do business.

One of the changes to the Guidelines that came from the review in 2005 was a requirement for Australian Government and State and Territory agencies to only accept tenders or expressions of interest from contractors for Australian Government projects that are compliant with the Code and Guidelines at the time they lodge their tender or expression of interest.

Local Government needs to be across the Code and the implications it may have on programs they deliver on behalf of the Australian Government Agencies.

Code and Guidelines can be downloaded from www.workplace.gov.au/building

NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLEET STUDY – CALL FOR INPUT

ICLEI Oceania is seeking input from council fleet managers across Australia to help develop a national inventory of local government vehicle fleets. Funded by the Australian Government, this unique study is designed to increase understanding of emissions impacts and reduction opportunities in this sector.

Opportunities for emissions reductions might include new vehicle technologies, fuels and fleet management approaches. The knowledge gained through this inventory will help develop effective projects and strategies for key action across council vehicle fleets. Strong input from all Australian councils is critical to ensure that the data – which will be used to inform future local, state and federal programs – is accurate.

The study is an initiative of ICLEI Oceania's Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Australia program. However, non-CCP councils are also encouraged to take part in the study to increase the quality and value of this data for all Australian local governments. Councils have until Friday 26 September 2008 to submit their data using a specially design workbook.

To receive a copy of the workbook, or to learn more about this study, please contact the project manager, on email: Paula.Arcari@iclei.org (03) 9660 2280.

Alternatively, fleet managers/coordinators can download a copy of the workbook from the CCP Sustainable Transport website via the following link: www.iclei.org/index.php?id=8393

ROADS TO RECOVERY – \$1.75 BILLION IN NEW MONEY FOR LOCAL ROADS FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS

Roads to Recovery delivers much-needed funding to local councils around Australia so they can make urgent safety repairs and upgrades to local roads. There will be a funding increase of \$50 million a year (or \$250 million over five years) compared with the previous annual allocation under the program.

Around Australia, councils are responsible for maintaining more than 657,000 kilometres of local roads, which are used by millions of Australians every day. Local councils have so far used Roads to Recovery money to repair and upgrade around 27,000 separate road sites around Australia. Each individual allocation of this new funding will be determined later in the year by state and territory grants commission. Further information on Roads to Recovery can be found at <http://www.auslink.gov.au/funding/r2r/index.aspx>

CALL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INPUT: OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND IT SURVEY

ICLEI Oceania is investigating the state-of-play of local government procurement, management and use of office IT equipment. The findings of this important study will identify best practice in the local government sector, assist councils in benchmarking their IT and office equipment set-up within a national context, and inform the implementation of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Switch IT Over Project.

In order to draw accurate and relevant research findings, it is critical that council IT Managers participate in this survey. This survey is open to all Australian councils. IT Managers can access the survey via the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5nhci5wljlyyAGBd8etzyA_3d_3d

Any questions can be directed to the CCP Sustainable Purchasing Project Manager at Greenhouse Purchasing - anz@iclei.org / (03) 9660 2256.



**DARWIN SEMINAR – WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A FITTER AND HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE
THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2008 – TRAVELODGE MIRAMBEENA RESORT**

Councils and Government in the Northern Territory maintain and develop millions of dollars worth of assets and infrastructure on behalf of various communities. Careful planning is required to ensure infrastructure is relevant to the communities' needs, is sustainable, meets community expectations in terms of environment and accessibility and is adequately maintained.

This seminar focuses on a number of successful projects and plans designed to ensure maximum usage of open space facilities, along with plans and programs outlining the engagement of local communities in embracing healthy lifestyle change and education of at-risk populations. The seminar is of particular interest to Parks, Recreation, Planning, Technical and Asset Management professionals looking to plan for the future needs of the Territory in a sustainable and relevant manner.

For more information, call Lyn Fullgrabe from **LGMASA** on **(08) 8100 9975** or admin@lgmasa.org.au
Registration forms are available at:
http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Darwin_Seminar_Flyer.pdf

NATIONAL WALK TO WORK DAY - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2008 – BETTER HEALTH, CLEANER AIR

Walk to Work Day (WTWD) is an annual event held around Australia which promotes regular walking and a cleaner environment. By registering for participation at www.walk.com.au individuals, businesses and organisations can take the first step to improve our nation's health and environment. For further information call the Pedestrian Council of Australia on **(02) 9968 4555**.

NEWS FROM THE DESK OF ALGA - LATEST STATISTICS ON ROAD DEATHS

Minister Albanese recently released the latest official statistics on Road Deaths for 2007. Unfortunately the statistics show that the thirty year decline in numbers of people dying has stalled in recent years. In fact the annual road toll has changed little since 2003 and actually rose last year. In 2007, road crashes killed 1,616 people - 18 more than in 2006.

This means that Australia will struggle to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in the road death rate over the decade to 2010. This is a 10 year target agreed by all governments in 2000. The 2010 target of no more than 5.6 road deaths per 100,000 Australians is unlikely to be achieved. The rate for 2007 came in at 7.7. What's more, fatality rates are far from uniform across the jurisdictions, as the following table demonstrates:

ACT	4.1 deaths per 100,000 people
Victoria	6.4 deaths per 100,000 people
NSW	6.5 deaths per 100,000 people
SA	7.8 deaths per 100,000 people
Queensland	8.6 deaths per 100,000 people
Tasmania	9.5 deaths per 100,000 people
WA	11.2 deaths per 100,000 people
NT	26.1 deaths per 100,000 people

In pure hard economic terms, road crashes are estimated to cost the Australian economy \$18 billion per year. The Black Spot Program has shown that investment to reduce road crashes pays for itself many times over. Transport Ministers from across the country have agreed to establish the National Road Safety Council to enhance implementation of key reforms from the National Road Safety Strategy and other road safety reforms by raising the profile of road safety across government, business and the broader community through high level partnerships across key sectors.

The Council's membership will include community leaders and experts from the business, government, academic and community sectors, with expertise in key elements of road safety and/or other essential area. Subject to COAG's agreement, the Council will meet early 2009. This is an important initiative welcomed by local government and all involved with road safety. Local government looks forward to working with the Council.

LGANT MEMBER INCLUSIONS

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SALE OF 2000 McDONALD JOHNSON 5000 SERIES WHITE ROAD SWEEPER – REG. No. SV 1633

NCL has a Street Sweeper that is surplus to its requirements and interested persons are invited to submit a price for the purchase of the item in a sealed envelope to be lodged at the Corporation Office at Endeavour House, Nhulunbuy. The Street Sweeper can be inspected at the Corporation Depot by arrangement with Mr. Kel Brodbeck on 8987 1753 during business hours.

All tenders should be received by 2.00pm Wednesday 17th September, 2008. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted and all tenders offered should be inclusive of GST.

Paul Hockings, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

COMING EVENTS

- goNT Giant Walk 2008 – 1 September 2008
- Local Government Sustainable Development Conference – Sydney, 10-11 September 2008
- Working Together Towards a Fitter & Healthier Lifestyle – Darwin, 18 September 2008
- 10 Shires and Litchfield Council Elections – 25 October 2008
- Territory Tidy Towns Awards – Darwin, 6 & 7 November 2008
- ALGA Board Meeting – 18 & 19 November 2008
- LGANT General Meeting – Darwin, 4 & 5 December 2008
- Local Government Constitutional Summit – Melbourne, 8-11 December 2008

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www.lgant.nt.gov.au

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If you would like to contribute an article to the "This Week at LGANT" newsletter, or need to get some information out to our members, please email Jim Fraser on **jim.fraser@lgant.asn.au**