

This Week @ LGANT Newsletter



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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!

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

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@lqmasa.org.au
Registration forms are available at:
http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Darwin_Seminar_Flyer.pdf

EASY GRANTS INFORMATION – AVAILABLE ON COUNCILNET

The Foundation for Young Australians has some great programs open for application at the moment:

- The Indigenous Small Grants program provides an opportunity for Indigenous organisations to be offered small amounts of funding.
- The Buzz Grants program offers flexible support for young musicians, sound artists and music-related arts workers through grants of up to \$2500.
- Youth Change Makers will support individuals and small groups of young people who have identified an issue in their community and have developed an advocacy response which aims to take action that creates a positive impact and/or change in relation to that issue.

Finally, the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program supports migrant and ethnic communities by providing funds towards innovative projects that promote cultural and linguistic diversity in the Northern Territory. The entire Easy Grants report for August is available by logging onto CouncilNET –
<http://dev.lgant.nt.gov.au/councilnet>

There is also a grants program available to support the transfer between generations of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge (IEK). This grant money is available now Northern Territory wide until late 2009 for Elders and other knowledge holders to teach younger people IEK. For more information, please contact David Wise, Program Officer, NAILSMA, (08) 89467674. Much of the most immediate and relevant information is now available on a web page at: <http://www.nailsma.org.au/projects/iek.html>

JILKMINGGAN COMMUNITY ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED

In conjunction with the Task of Opportunity Causeway project funded by the Australian Government, The Roper Gulf Shire Council resealed the internal road network of the Jilkmिंगgan Community. Work has also been completed on the causeway on the access road in the Community. The first two photos show the completed causeway and sealing, and the other photos show the finished sealing of internal roads.

LGANT is facilitating a workshop and forum on the 17th and 18th of September in Darwin to discuss asset management, roads funding and waste management with Directors of Infrastructure from Councils across the Territory.



INVASIVE SPECIES FORUM – MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

NRM Officers from local government are invited to participate in an Invasive Species Forum to be held on Monday 15th September 2008 in Darwin. This workshop aims to support you and the Natural Resource Management Board (NRMB) in strengthening management and partnerships for invasive species in the NT.

RSVPs would be appreciated by 5th September 2008 to Corinne.Hunt@nrmbnt.org.au (08) 8999 4501

COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED ON THE NT ELECTORAL ROLL

Elections for Wagait Shire Council, Coomalie Shire Council, Barkly Shire Council, Central Desert Shire Council, East Arnhem Shire Council, MacDonnell Shire Council, Roper Gulf Shire Council, Tiwi Islands Shire Council, Victoria Daly Shire Council, West Arnhem Shire Council and the Litchfield Council are to be held on Saturday, 25 October 2008. The Belyuen Shire Council is to remain under administration.

For information on enrolment visit: <http://www.aec.gov.au/index.htm>

2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TIMETABLE

Shire managers and CEOs are asked to note the following key relevant dates in any notices, community newsletters or the like which Council may be issuing during the next few weeks.

Nominations invited	Friday 12 September 2008
Close of rolls	5pm Tuesday 23 September
Close of Nominations	12 noon Thursday 2 October
Declaration of nominations/draw for positions on ballot paper	12 noon Friday 3 October
Postal vote mail-out commences	ASAP after 3 October
Pre-poll voting commences	Wednesday 8 October
Mobile polling commences	Monday 13 October
Polling day	Saturday 25 October

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 ALGA – CALL FOR ‘BIG PICTURE’ INFRASTRUCTURE IDEAS

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and Infrastructure Australia Chair Sir Rod Eddington have called for the community to put forward ideas for national infrastructure projects.

Submissions will be open until 15 October and individuals and community groups are encouraged to submit their project ideas to Infrastructure Australia for evaluation and possible inclusion on the National Infrastructure Priority List - the first of which will be handed to the Council of Australian Governments in March 2009.

"We want both industry and the community to be our partners in the long term effort to fix and modernise the nation's critical economic infrastructure: our roads; railways; ports; water and energy utilities; and telecommunications," said Mr Albanese.

"I urge the community to take this opportunity to have their say. After all, the quality of the nation's infrastructure affects the bottom line of all businesses and the quality of life of all citizens.

Infrastructure Australia's immediate tasks are to conduct an audit of the nation's transport, energy, communications and water infrastructure; produce an Infrastructure Priority List to guide future public and private investment decisions; and develop nationally consistent guidelines for Public Private Partnerships. Infrastructure Australia is also in a position to provide advice on the harmonisation of policies and regulations relating to investment in and use of nationally significant infrastructure.

The discussion paper calls for evidence-based submissions to inform each of these tasks. Submissions should be no more than 15 pages. A copy of the discussion paper, as well as information about how to prepare and lodge a submission, is at: www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au

PINK RIBBON DAY – MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Pink Ribbon Day is the signature day of the National Breast Cancer Foundation and falls on Monday 27th of October. October is also internationally known as Breast Cancer Month. On Pink Ribbon Day, the NBCF actively asks the Australian community to buy a pink ribbon to help fund breast cancer research. As key supporters and researchers, you can help throughout the month of October by hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast. It's a great opportunity to get together with your friends, family, work colleagues or neighbours. Whether your Pink Ribbon Breakfast is big or small, you are making a difference to the lives of many Australians.

To host your own Pink Ribbon Breakfast and receive a Host Kit with goodies from our sponsors go to: <http://www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au/>

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

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 GreenhousePurchasing-anz@iclei.org / (03) 9660 2256.



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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.

PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Do you have a community event that you want to promote across the Territory? The LGANT newsletter is distributed to member Councils, staff and elected members all over the Territory. Member Councils or Council staff are invited to send in details of their community event or story that they wish to share. Please email the details to info@lgant.asn.au or call LGANT on (08) 8936 2888.

COMING EVENTS

- Local Government Sustainable Development Conference – Sydney, 10-11 September 2008
- LGANT Forum for Territory Council Directors of Infrastructure – Darwin, 17 & 18 September 2008
- Working Together Towards a Fitter & Healthier Lifestyle – Darwin, 18 September 2008
- Close of Nominations for Shire Council Elections - 12 noon Thursday 2 October 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