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FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK VENJIE DIOLA!

After over 5 years working with LGANT, Venjie Diola, webmaster and computer guru is leaving us. Venjie has been involved with many projects over the years including setting up the websites for Community Governments across the Territory.

The Executive, CEO and LGANT staff wish Venjie all the best in his new endeavours and thank him sincerely for all his work efforts during his five years of service with LGANT.

YARRALIN ACCESS ROAD UPGRADE NEARS COMPLETION

With funding from the Australian Government, and the Northern Territory Emergency Response initiative, the Victoria River Daly Shire has been given the opportunity to seal the main access road to the Yarralin community. The photos below show the access road being prepared for sealing up until the power station. The road sealing will help with dust suppression in the community, especially around the local school which is located close to the main road.

ELECTION NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Election nominations are now invited for candidates in the upcoming Shire and Litchfield Municipality elections. For more information please visit the Northern Territory Electoral Office **www.nt.gov.au/nteo**
Or call the **Toll Free Inquiry number 1800 019 159**

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 Municipality are to be held on Saturday, 25 October 2008. The Belyuen Shire Council is to remain under administration. Electoral Rolls

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

Close of the Electoral Rolls is on Tuesday 23 September 5pm

2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TIMETABLE

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**

CANCELLED - SEMINAR ON WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A FITTER AND HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2008

Unfortunately, this seminar has been cancelled. For more information, call **Lyn Fullgrabe from LGMASA on (08) 8100 9975** or **admin@lgmasa.org.au**

NEW POSITION AVAILABLE – SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR @ LGANT

Please visit the LGANT website for details on this new position
http://www.lgant.nt.gov.au/home/about_lgant/employment_vacancies/
Or call LGANT on (08) 8936 2888 for more details

NEWS FROM ALGA – THE YEAR OF WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2010

The Australian local government sector has designated 2010 as the Year of Women in Local Government to celebrate and promote the advancement of women into senior management positions. The announcement follows a national forum of representatives from local, state and commonwealth governments, local government associations and peak professional bodies that was convened by Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) and held in Canberra last week. Speaking at the conclusion of the forum, LGMA National President and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Unley (SA), Ray Pincombe said the Year of Women in Local Government was a powerful and proven method of raising awareness and educating the local government sector on the value and capacity of women as senior managers. A working party consisting of over 10 representatives from the local, state and commonwealth government sectors, local government associations and peak professional bodies has been formed to define and develop the way forward for the Year of Women in Local Government.

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 – LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE

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**

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**.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

FAREWELL ALLAN MCGILL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

After 10 years with Darwin City Council, CEO Alan McGill is leaving. Since beginning a career in local government with City of Melbourne, Allan moved to rural Victoria for a few years before he made a major career move and relocated to the Northern Territory as Town Clerk of the Milikapiti Community Council on Melville Island in 1980. The experience gained through working in this small remote Aboriginal community, together with time spent at large and medium size Councils, has given him a unique exposure to the diverse range of Local Government in Australia. Allan was also previously CEO of Katherine and Alice Springs.

LGANT would like to wish Alan all the best in his future endeavours and pay tribute to his service to local government in the Northern Territory and around Australia.

CONGRATULATIONS PALMERSTON COUNCIL

In the recent 2008 National Awards for Local Government, Palmerston City Council received a commendation in the category of "Health and Wellbeing" for their Palmlesstonnes Community Project. This Award recognises Councils that have worked in partnership with health professionals and local leaders to identify and address local health and wellbeing issues.

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. Please email the details of your community event to **info@lgant.asn.au** or call **LGANT on (08) 8936 2888**.

COMING EVENTS

- LGANT Forum for Territory Council Directors of Infrastructure – Darwin, 17 & 18 September 2008
- Close of Nominations for Shire Council Elections - 12 noon Thursday 2 October 2008
- National Walk to Work Day – Friday 3 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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