

# Weekly

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## Message from the President

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM

Friday 5 May 2017



We all know the resourcing of our sector is a critical issue, and this week LGNSW asked members to take part on its biennial cost shifting survey (for financial year 2015/16). I urge all councils to complete it by 30 June. [Read more.](#)

We also keenly await next Tuesday's 2017/18 Federal Budget in this context. We are especially keen to see what the Treasurer says in relation to the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants and extension of the Roads to Recovery Program - LGNSW has been pushing strongly for both on members' behalf.

Planning is another critical issue. On Thursday, we welcomed the release of the NSW Auditor General's Planning for School Infrastructure report. While pleased that school asset planning is improving, the report brings home the enormous challenge facing the NSW Government to provide school infrastructure for our growing population. It also acknowledges the chronic under-investment in school infrastructure and deficiencies in asset planning over the last decade. In our [recent submission](#) on the Draft Education State Environmental Planning Policy, LGNSW emphasised that councils are an important player in the planning and assessment of schools, and voiced opposition to measures that would undermine this crucial role by expanding the certification process to apply to a wider range of school facilities. We consider this to be pivotal to ensure community interests remain an integral part of the planning process for our schools.

On Wednesday, I issued a member message about important dates for voting on conference motions and for the LGNSW Board. Please ensure that these dates are diarised and opportunities to have your say are not missed. [Read more.](#)

In terms of key meetings, LGNSW Chief Executive, Donna Rygate and I attended the Local Government Procurement Board meeting on Monday; we met with Orana ROC representatives on Thursday; and our four Board Working Committees met to talk about reform, the Act review, policy issues and the exciting capability framework project.

This week Donna chaired the capability framework reference group that met for the first time on Tuesday, and a mayoral mentor induction workshop on Monday to help new mentors deliver on this free, confidential member service to both mayors and councillors. For more information on that, [refer to link.](#)

Donna also met with the Minister for Emergency Services' Chief of Staff on Tuesday to discuss the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements - day labour and Crown assets held in Trust by local government that are hit by disasters; the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and the Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL); and overall emergency services funding arrangements. LGNSW continues to argue on the side of logic, e.g. abolishing the separate 11.7 per cent council ESL and wrapping into one FESL, and we encourage councils to highlight the two charges on their rate notices to help advance our advocacy on the issue. To assist members, we have developed a template option for councils on how to indicate the ESL on rate notices. [See link.](#)

A few weeks ago, I mentioned we'd had a win around criteria for the imposition of financial controllers. On Tuesday, Donna met with the Office of Local Government (OLG) Acting Chief Executive on the specifics of this issue, and about how the role would work in practice. I will continue to report progress as and when it occurs.

Donna's other key meetings this week were with the Executive Manager of the NSW Parliament, with OLG (regular catch-up), and with the Audit Office on impending performance audit on shared services in local government.

To end the week with some bouquets, LGNSW congratulates Local Government Super for achieving the number one ranking for green investment globally for the third time since 2012. This was from an assessment of how 500 of the world's biggest investors mitigate the risks and challenges associated with climate change. Well done!

Sutherland Shire Council was awarded category winner for Promoting Indigenous Recognition and is now a finalist for the National Awards for Local Government. We wish you the best of luck for the national gong which will be announced at Australia Local Government Association National General Assembly Dinner on 20 June. Congratulations!

Also, Lake Macquarie City Council took out the Hard Won Victory Award at annual Planning Institute of Australia's National Awards for Planning Excellence. The Council's Planning for Future Flood Risks: Marks Point and Belmont South Local Adaptation Plan was acknowledged for its innovative and collaborative approach. Good work!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM

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## General Interest

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**LGNSW is asking councils to complete its biennial cost shifting survey which aims to at quantify the current extent of cost shifting onto NSW local government.**

LGNSW regularly undertakes a cost shifting survey of NSW councils, as recommended by the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government.

LGNSW strongly encourages all councils to complete the survey (for the financial year 2015/16) which is now available on [LGNSW's website](#).

The survey results will form the basis for a research report for public release. The results provide data to support local government's argument for cost shifting to end and assist monitor compliance with the national Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing Principles Guiding Intergovernmental Relations on Local Government Matters (2006).

In 2006 the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government confirmed that both the NSW and Australian Government often transfer responsibilities onto local government without arranging for adequate funding to fulfil these responsibilities (cost shifting). The Inquiry recommended that LGNSW undertake regular surveys of all councils to establish the amount of cost shifting onto NSW local government.

Results from surveys undertaken by LGNSW show that cost shifting onto NSW local government amounts to around six to seven per cent of councils' total income before capital amounts and has increased significantly from \$380 million in 2005/06 to \$670 million in 2013/14.

The survey asks councils to estimate the cost associated with more than 20 identified cost shifting examples with the option for further examples to be added.

Completed surveys are due by Friday 30 June 2017.

[Complete survey online](#).

**Due date**  
Friday 30 June 2017

**Online information**  
[Cost-Shifting Survey](#)

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## General Interest

### Item 3: Expressions of Interest - NSW Councils Night Time Economy Forum

**People interested in presenting at the inaugural NSW Councils Night Time Economy forum are invited to submit abstracts by 15 May.**

The forum being held in Parramatta on 12 October will bring together local government professionals to share best practice approaches to shape vibrant, safe and sustainable night time economies.

Expressions of interest from speakers should be accompanied by a 200 word abstract for a five minute presentation on one of the following themes:

- Economic development and partnerships
- Place making and urban design
- Strategy, policy and research
- Planning and regulation
- Culture and creativity
- Services, infrastructure and safety.

Abstracts should include project aim, practical tools, learnings and challenges.

The forum is being organised by the a local government working group comprising LGNSW and the councils of Wollongong City, City of Sydney, City of Newcastle, City of Parramatta and Waverley.

Expressions of interests and abstracts should be submitted by email to [Elizabeth.Roberston@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Roberston@lgnsw.org.au) and include name and organisation.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be advised in June 2017.

**Dates**

EOI with abstract due Monday 15 May 2017

**Online information**

[Night Time Economy - Call for Abstracts brochure](#)

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## General Interest

### Item 4: LGNSW Planning Breakfast – Register Now

**An expert panel will discuss NSW housing issues in an interactive forum at LGNSW's planning breakfast at Parliament House (Tuesday 24 May 2017).**

The panel will address the topics of affordable housing (usually referring to properties for low income renters) and housing affordability (referring to the state of the housing market). The panel will discuss what the real drivers are, the role of local government and possible solutions before opening up the debate to the audience.

Guest speakers include:

- **Chris Johnson**, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Taskforce Australia
- **Professor Peter Phibbs**, Chair of Urban and Regional Planning and Policy, University of Sydney and
- **Dr Peter Abelson**, Mayor of Mosman Municipal Council

This event will provide an excellent opportunity to examine these topics from a council perspective. It will be of interest to elected representatives, administrators, general managers, interim general managers and senior planning staff.

The event is organized by LGNSW, hosted by NSW Minister of Planning Anthony Roberts and sponsored by Urban Growth NSW.

LGNSW's planning series informs members and guests about key planning initiatives and provides opportunities to meet with senior industry stakeholders and discuss the latest challenges, regulations, funding and plans for NSW.

RSVPs will be accepted until Wednesday 17 May 2017, unless previously sold out. To secure your place book online now. Attendees will gain accreditation points (CPD) from the Planning Institute of Australia.

**Dates and location**

Tuesday 24 May 2017  
7.30am – 9.30am  
Strangers' Function Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

**Online information**

[LGNSW Planning Breakfast](#)

**Registration**

[Register online](#)

**RSVP**

By Wednesday 17 May 2017

**Cost**

\$99 for LGNSW members  
\$132 for non-members

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## General Interest

### Item 5: Travelling Stock Reserves Review

**The NSW Government is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Travelling Stock Reserves network across NSW and is seeking submissions by 22 June.**

The review aims to help build an evidence base by seeking advice and local knowledge from communities involved with Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs).

A [public consultation paper](#) seeks feedback on two parts:

- the uses and community values surrounding TSR's in each region
- the criteria used to assess individual proposals to access TSR's for other uses.

More specifically, it aims to assess the current and future needs of the TSRs network for livestock producers and, other important land uses such as cultural, Aboriginal, social and environmental.

It also aims to determine which TSRs are still in use or are required for their originally intended purpose and whether they hold importance for other reasons. The information gathered will be used to inform future management decisions and develop a comprehensive map of the TSR network in NSW.

The NSW Government is seeking community input to ensure TSRs remain connected, viable and well maintained. Discussion points in the consultation paper and the online mapping tool have been developed to provide an opportunity to investigate TSRs in a local area.

Councils can respond directly to the review, or contribute to a state-wide response by providing comments or copies of their submissions to [Kirsty McIntyre](#), LGNSW Senior Policy Officer.

#### Online information

[Travelling Stock Reserves Review - public consultation paper](#)

#### [Direct Submissions](#)

close 5pm 22 June 2017

#### [Contributions to LGNSW](#)

by Friday 9 June 2017

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Ref: R94/0105 KMC

## Roads and Transport

### Item 6: Local Government Heavy Vehicle Forum - Grafton

#### Registrations are open for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's local government forum on 30 May 2017 in Grafton.

Attendance is free and LGNSW encourages relevant council staff and interested councillors to attend.

The forum will help councils understand how to meet their obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and identify opportunities to improve productivity and safety in the local freight task.

The forum will:

- Provide information about roles and opportunities under the HVNL, and how the NHVR can assist
- Showcase councils that have adapted to their roles under the HVNL to reduce red tape and boost local economies
- Encourage council representatives to share experiences and find solutions to unique freight challenges
- Identify ways to advance improvements in freight productivity and safety.

The forum will be of particular interest to councillors, senior council management and technical staff. Space is limited, so please [register online](#) by Tuesday 23 May 2017.

The forum is hosted by Clarence Valley Council in partnership with LGNSW, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.

#### Date and location

Tuesday 30 May 2017  
10.00am – 3.00pm  
Clarence Valley Council  
Chambers, 2 Prince Street,  
Grafton

RSVP by Tuesday 28 February  
2017

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## Roads and Transport

### Item 7: Development of New Road Safety Plan 2021 – Stakeholder Input Invited

The NSW Government is seeking input for a new road safety plan to reduce deaths and serious injuries and meet Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021 targets.

Stakeholders and members of the community will have opportunities to provide input into the development of the new plan via forums, online forums and a survey.

Development of the Road Safety Plan 2021 will be informed by:

- An examination of crash information - to understand the factors involved in crashes in NSW
- Australian and international evidence about what has proven effective in saving lives and reducing serious injuries
- Stakeholder and NSW community feedback.

Eight two-hour forums will be held for stakeholders and community members in the following locations:

- Wagga Wagga - Wednesday 10 May, 5-7pm
- Dubbo - Monday 15 May, 5-7pm
- Wollongong – Wednesday 17 May, 10am-noon
- Parramatta – Thursday 18 May, 2-4pm - 18 May
- Sydney CBD – Tuesday 23 May, 10am-noon
- Newcastle – Wednesday 24 May, 5-7pm
- Scone Monday 29 May, 5-7pm
- Coffs Harbour 31 May, 5-7pm

In addition, an online discussion forum and survey will go live this month which will enable stakeholders and community members to provide input.

The online tools focus on the key road trauma issues facing NSW and provide opportunity for feedback on a variety of counter-measures to reduce road deaths and serious injuries.

[Forum details and online registrations.](#)

#### Information

[Road Safety Plan 2021](#)

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Follow [NSW Road Safety Facebook page](#)

**Ref: R90/1244 RC**

## Planning

### Item 8: Save the Date – Local Government Roundtable on Affordable Housing

#### Councils are invited to attend a free one-day roundtable discussion on affordable housing (31 May, Sydney).

The NSW Federation of Housing Associations is inviting councils to participate in practical discussion about planning and the provision of affordable housing in their local areas.

The roundtable will focus on 'affordable housing' - i.e. housing provided to lower income households at below market rents – as distinct from 'housing affordability' (the relationship between house pricing and household incomes).

The roundtable will be an all-day event with the program including the following sessions:

- **Local government and affordable housing** - challenges faced by councils and options available to facilitate affordable housing
- **Financial modelling viability for affordable housing** - key aspects of financial modelling for affordable housing and how councils can use development and feasibility modelling to optimise affordable housing outcomes
- **Local housing strategies** – components of an effective strategy and the experience of councils in preparing strategies
- **Building support for affordable housing in your community** - Dr Judy Stubbs will present an overview of 16 local case study developments and best practice to build community support.

Information on the work of the NSW Federation of Housing Associations and the Federation's industry strategy on affordable housing and the planning system contact [Helen Karathonas](#).

[Register interest](#) (places are limited).

**Date:**

Wednesday 31 May 2017  
9.00am - 4.30pm

**Registration:**

[Register your interest](#)

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[NSW Federation of Housing  
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[Industry Strategy Paper](#) (September  
2015)

**Ref:** R96/0115-11 JP

## Water

### Item 9: Ozwater'17

#### **The Australian Water Association will hold its international water conference and trade exhibition – Ozwater'17 (16 to 18 May) in Sydney.**

AWA's Ozwater is the largest water conference and trade exhibition in Australia and is of interest to anyone with a professional involvement in the water industry.

It provides a forum for learning, debate and networking for professionals working across industries relating to water, decision and policy makers, students, scientists and researchers.

Themed 'Embracing Innovation and Disruption for a Smart Water Future,' the program will explore how embracing inevitable change and disruption, and seeking opportunities to innovate are key to a resilient and a smart water future.

The program features an extensive technical program with more than 150 presentations and case studies over eight streams. On stream will focus on policy regarding national water reform, the current Productivity Commission Inquiry, the challenge of water security, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Another will focus on water for rural, remote and regional communities and local government utilities.

Other streams include:

- Innovations in operations and asset management
- Water's contribution to communities of the future
- Customer and community
- Public health
- Changes in governance, policy, regulation and structure
- Managing change, people and organisations in the water sector.

#### **Trade exhibition**

The Ozwater'17 trade exhibition features 238 displays of the latest water industry science, innovation, technology, products and services for all water professionals and associated industries.

The trade exhibition is free to attend and recommended for field engineers, operators, maintenance workers and team leaders.

[Further information and conference registration.](#)

**Date**

16 to 18 May 2017

**Conference venue**

International Convention Centre,  
Sydney

**Online information**

[Conference information and registration](#)

**Ref:** R90/1056-12 SM

## Learning

### Item 10: Customer Service Excellence

**LGNSW is holding a one-day workshop on delivering outstanding customer service on 29 June in Sydney.**

This workshop will include group discussions and local government case studies to help staff build skills and knowledge that they can use at work.

The program will cover:

- Who are our customers?
- How to ensure a professional approach to customer care
- Listening skills
- Effective telephone techniques
- Questioning skills
- Using appropriate assertiveness techniques
- Dealing with complaints and difficult and/or aggressive customers
- A seven step plan for dealing with difficult situations
- What is 'value added' service
- How to delight your customer.

Contact [LGNSW Learning Solutions](#) to discuss running a course in-house or with other organisations in your area.

**Date and location**

Thursday 29 June 2017 Sydney

**Online information and registration**

[LGNSW website](#)

**Cost**

LGNSW Members: \$660 incl. GST

Non-members: \$1,320 incl. GST

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## Learning

### Item 11: New Internal Audit Familiarisation Seminar

**A new LGNSW seminar will help councils navigate soon-to-be-mandated internal audit requirements.**

The seminar will be held in 31 May in Sydney and can be delivered in regional areas or to individual organization (or groups) on request.

This seminar will provide practical, up to the minute information and guidance about internal audit legislation and requirements, as well as case studies.

The program will cover:

- An overview of relevant legislation and guidelines
- The role and purpose of internal audit
- The benefits of establishing an internal audit function
- The relationship between internal audit and external audit and other council activities
- Developing a charter for the internal audit panel and operations
- Establishing an internal audit committee
- Internal audit committee functions and operations
- Key characteristics of an effective audit committee
- Conducting a 'baseline audit'
- Determining priorities – developing an internal audit work plan
- Internal audit panel meetings and operations
- Internal audit panel reporting.

Senior staff, managers, strategists, governance professionals, mayors and councilors are encouraged to attend to build a cross-organisational understanding of internal audit functions and its role in performance improvement and risk mitigation across the organisation's governance and operations.

Contact [LGNSW Learning Solutions](#) for a quote to have this seminar delivered locally for your organisation or in partnership with other organisations in your region.

**Date**

Wednesday 31 May 2017

**Online Registration**

[Internal Audit Familiarisation Seminar](#)

**Cost**

Members: \$660 incl. GST

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#### **LGNSW is piloting a new men's development program following the success of the Springboard Women's Development Program.**

The program, called Navigator, aims to enable men to identify clear, practical and realistic steps to get results at work or in their personal lives. This may include attaining a new qualification, promotion, new skills, an improved attitude to change in the workplace, better health or work/life balance.

As a special offer, councils who register one participant will pay half price for all other employees who join this pilot program.

Navigator will help men:

- Set and achieve personal goals
- Focus on priorities
- Acquire ideas, skills and confidence
- Make positive decisions and take action.

The program comprises four workshops over a three month period. Each workshop features a high-profile male guest speaker and the opportunity to network with men from other councils.

LGNSW coordinates a mentoring strategy in conjunction with the program and provides a half-day program for mentors.

All workshops are held in Sydney. Councils outside the metropolitan area interested in implementing the program locally can contact [LGNSW Learning Solutions](#).

#### **Dates**

Workshop 1 – Thursday 1 June  
Workshop 2 – Thursday 29 June  
Workshop 3 – Thursday 27 July  
Workshop 4 – Thursday 24 August

#### **Online Registration**

[Navigator Men's Development Program](#)

#### **Cost**

Members: \$1,320 (incl. GST)  
Non-members: \$2,640 (incl. GST)

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**LGNSW is offering a range of workshops to local government professionals and elected members between now and the end of June.**

Workshops are provided at competitive rates and are specifically designed for the local government sector.

#### **Award History and Interpretation**

Sydney – Thursday 18 May 2017

Get up-to-speed on the application and interpretation of *the Local Government (State) Award 2014* in this course. [More information.](#)

#### **Making Consultative Committees More Effective**

Narrabri – Monday 29 May 2017, Wagga Wagga – Tuesday 13 June 2017

Gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of consultative committees in the local government context. [More information.](#)

#### **Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

Sydney – Friday 2 June 2017

Improve skills and gain insights into effective community and stakeholder engagement. [More information.](#)

#### **Improving your Report Writing**

Sydney – Thursday 8 June 2017

Develop the skills you need to write effective, clear and concise reports for your managers and your organisation. [More information.](#)

#### **Leadership for Aspiring Women**

Sydney – Thursday 15 June 2017

Build confidence to take your next career step by better understanding yourself and the skills required to lead. [More information.](#)

#### **Finance for Non-Finance Managers**

Sydney - Tuesday 20 June 2017

Understand, interpret and explain financial issues related to your department or section. [More information.](#)

#### **Local Training**

Contact [LGNSW Learning Solutions](#) to discuss running a course in-house or with other organisations in your area.

#### **Online information**

[LGNSW Training](#)

[LGNSW Learning Calendar \(January-June 2017\)](#)

#### **Registrations**

[Learning Solutions registrations](#)

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