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Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM

Friday 19 May 2017



On Monday, LGNSW Chief Executive Donna Rygate welcomed the new Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Environment and Heritage, Anthony Lean, at our quarterly catch up. We discussed issues including: biodiversity conservation (material out on exhibition); Aboriginal cultural heritage (still being refined by government); coastal management and the NSW Koala Strategy.

We also had a great meeting with Lt. General Ken Gillespie, who is the Regional Infrastructure Co-ordinator, and Don Murray. The role is relatively new, charged with accelerating the roll-out of infrastructure across the State and holding an important Government advisory remit. It was clear that the challenges councils face, and the opportunities in terms of funding and delivery, are well understood.

On Tuesday, we attended the Fit for the Future Ministerial Advisory Group meeting where government had no news on LGNSW-nominated topics including joint organisations, the Far West Initiative and access to TCorp loans. We also talked about LGNSW's Skills proposal (which aims to develop the workforce capability of our sector through improved access to vocational education and training).

You may have seen media reports about the Fire and Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor, Professor Allan Fels AO, holding an Inquiry with NSW insurance companies about the Government's new Fire & Emergency Services levy. It is vital that insurance companies pass on savings to customers and increase public awareness given they will be paying the new Fire and Emergency Services Levy alongside rates.

On Thursday I attended the regular Bush Fire Coordinating Committee with Board member Cr Denise Osborne. The NSW Rural Fire Service is seeking comments on the revised Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code which has the stated aim of providing a streamlined process for bush fire hazard reduction works.

The NSW Government also launched two public consultations this week: on future transport needs for regional areas which includes using technology to improve links between towns and regional cities; and the Greenfield Housing Code which essentially aims to speed up the delivery of new homes in greenfield areas to meet the needs of the growing population and to improve housing affordability. We have some issues with aspects of the Housing Code and will respond.

With the matter of housing affordability and affordable housing firmly fixed on the public and government agenda, we are pleased that NSW Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts will host our Planning Breakfast (24 May) on these very topics. I strongly encourage members to book now for next week's event as this is the last chance to register.

Donna also had a number of other key appointments during the week - a highlight was a presentation at the Family and Community Services' conference, Live, Work, Play: NSW the State of Inclusion. As part of the talk, Donna shared details of LGNSW's inclusive tourism project, being undertaken in conjunction with UTS and the NSW Business Chamber. She also participated in regular LGNSW/Office of Local Government Liaison Meeting; a Container Deposit Scheme Ministerial Advisory Committee meeting; a session about Strategy and Governance in NFPs, and met with Georges River and Mid Coast Councils. Our amalgamated council members have really risen to the challenge of implementing the reform agenda.

On Thursday senior staff delivered a joint presentation, with StateCover, to the CouncilSafe Network about our Mental Health and Wellbeing Toolkit. Initially launched in 2016 at the NSW Human Resources Conference, this toolkit has continued to be an extremely popular resource for the sector. Others also met with Infrastructure NSW about Restart NSW grants.

This week we also commenced the next phase of sector-wide consultation on the development of our Local Government Capability Framework. An online collaboration tool called 'Mindhive' is being used to gather input from staff and elected representatives. Please get involved.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate the State's 92 local water utilities, marked as 'performing well' in the latest annual report card on water supply and sewerage performance for the 1.85 million people living in regional communities. The median typical residential bill, the principal indicator of costs, is now lower than the national median. Well done.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM

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A panel will discuss what the real drivers are for affordable housing and housing affordability, the role of local government and possible solutions before opening up the debate to the audience.

The panel consists of:

- **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.

To secure your place [book online now](#). Attendees will gain accreditation points (CPD) from the Planning Institute of Australia.

Dates and location

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

Online information

[LGNSW Planning Breakfast](#)

Registration

[Register online](#)
[Closes Monday 22 May](#)

Cost

\$99 for LGNSW members
\$132 for non-members
Attendees will gain accreditation points (CPD) from the Planning Institute of Australia.

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General Interest

Item 5: RH Dougherty Awards 2017 – Entries Close Soon

Entries for the LGNSW RH Dougherty Awards close in two weeks (5 June 2017).

These prestigious awards recognise and encourage excellence in communication by the local government sector.

LGNSW encourages all councils to nominate projects. These awards provide a great opportunity to reward teams, recognise projects and promote the great work councils do.

The awards are managed by LGNSW, and judged by leading experts in the communication field.

Categories include:

- Reporting to your community
- Excellence in communication
- Innovation in special events
- Outstanding individual contribution

See [LGNSW's website](#) for detailed information about categories, criteria and guidelines for submitting entries.

Established in 1981, the highly coveted awards recognise and encourage greater understanding and communication by councils to their local communities.

For more information about each category and submission criteria, visit [RH Dougherty Awards](#).

LGNSW would like to thank the Elite Sponsor, GDR Group, for its support.

Dates

Applications close 5 June 2017

Online information

[RH Dougherty Awards](#)

[LG Week 2017](#)

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General Interest

Item 6: Local Government Capability Framework – Project Update

Consultations have begun on the design of a local government capability framework.

Once complete, the framework will define the core knowledge, skills and abilities required of local government elected members and employees in their different roles.

A project reference group met this week to review early design concepts and provide guidance on the development of the framework.

This week, the project launched an online co-design forum using the 'Mindhive' collaboration tool. This online forum will be the main channel to work with the many individuals across councils who have expressed an interest in participating in the design of the framework. LGNSW believes it will be an excellent tool to collate the diversity of views across both workforce and elected members of councils in NSW.

To join the Mindhive forum, please email [Sarah Artist](mailto:Sarah.Artist@lgnsw.org.au).

In addition to the online forum, the project team will be running a small number of design workshops in various locations in June. Keep an eye out on the [Capability Framework webpage](#) in the coming days for more information about workshops and to register your attendance.

Further information
[Capability Framework](#)

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General Interest

Item 7: LGNSW Water Management Conference 2017 – Save the Date

Make a diary note for this year's LGNSW Water Management Conference (4-6 September) in Dubbo. Registrations open in June.

The LGNSW Water Management Conference provides a very cost effective way for professionals to share and update their knowledge of regulations, technical matters and industry developments.

It is for:

- Councillors
- Water utility managers
- Professionals from councils' local water utilities
- Others interested in:
 - policy and practice for urban water supply and sewerage services
 - broader water management issues.

This year's conference will focus on:

Security and quality of urban water supplies

Attendees will discuss implications of climate change and environmental water recovery on the security and quality of urban water supplies. This will include discussion of alternative supply and demand solutions in regional areas.

Regional solutions

Hear from regional water utility alliances and others about capturing economies of scale and coordinating best practice service provision on a regional and catchment basis.

Drinking water quality management

Attendees will hear about the implementation of risk-based drinking water management systems and discuss emerging challenges such as the introduction of microbial health-based targets.

Future policy challenges

The conference will examine emerging policy challenges including:

- Productivity Commission National Water Reform Inquiry
- Modernising the regulatory framework towards more outcome, risk based, and customer focussed regulation
- Institutional reforms (e.g. local water utilities and joint organisations)
- Smart data usage and solution for small to medium sized water utilities

Find travel and accommodation options on [LGNSW's website](#). The 2017 conference is made possible by the support of the following [sponsors](#).

Dates and location

Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 September 2017

Dubbo RSL Memorial Club
Corner Brisbane & Wingewarra streets
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Online Information

[LGNSW Water Management Conference 2017](#)

[Accommodation and travel](#)

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Community

Item 8: 2017 NAIDOC Week Celebrations

A range of resources are available online to assist councils preparing for NAIDOC Week (2-9 July) celebrations.

See the NAIDOC website for a list of suggested activities, an online [events calendar](#) (to register your events and see what other councils are doing), and a [downloadable poster](#).

The poster was designed by Wiradjuri woman Joanne Cassady. Printed copies are also available from the [Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Regional Network offices](#).

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee', which was established in the 1920s. This committee was once responsible for increasing awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal Australians.

Visit the [NAIDOC website](#) or call 1800 079 098 for more information.

Online information

[NAIDOC website](#)

Contact

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Community

Item 9: Resilient Australia Awards

Councils are encouraged to enter the 2017 Resilient Australia Awards. The Awards recognise and promote initiatives which strengthen community disaster resilience.

By celebrating innovation and exemplary practice, the awards showcase work that is often unseen, motivating others to think about how they can be better prepared and more disaster resilient.

The Awards Applications are initially judged at the state and territory level and winners are entered into national judging with the chance to win a National Resilient Australia Award.

Award categories are:

- Resilient Australia Business Award
- Resilient Australia Community Award
- Resilient Australia Government Award
- Resilient Australia School Award
- Resilient Australia Photography Award - People's Choice.

The Resilient Australia Awards are open to everyone including individuals, not-for-profit organisations, small and large businesses, local and state government, schools, education institutions, research bodies and emergency service agencies.

Entries for this year's awards must relate to projects/initiatives which commenced after 1 January 2015, or demonstrate significant outcomes or enhancements since 1 January 2015.

In 2016, Ku-ring-gai Council won the RAA Government award in NSW for their Climate Wise Communities Extension Project. The project built upon its pioneering disaster resilience program, Climate Wise Communities, into a suite of resources that can be used by councils in any location and any hazard.

Dates and location

Entries close 30 June 2017

Online information

[Emergency NSW Website](#)

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Community

Item 10: NSW 'Get Ready' Community Award

Get your entry in for the 2017 NSW 'Get Ready' Community Award which recognises a local community that has worked together to strengthen their resilience to natural disaster.

The term 'community' can refer to a particular township or region, or a group of people in an area that have something in common for example:

- Young people
- Retirees
- A network of non-government organisations
- Older community members
- People living with a disability.

Entries for the award can be submitted by local community, volunteer groups, organisations and local councils.

The winning community will receive a trophy from the NSW Government and their achievements will feature on NSW Government websites. The award will be presented alongside the NSW Resilient Australia Awards in October 2017 ([see item 9](#)).

In 2016, the rural town of Baradine received the award for their project, 'Best for Baradine'. In a remote location, and with an ageing population, Baradine's vulnerable position was tested by the 2013 bushfire. Together, the local community groups decided to take action and worked with Baradine and District Progress Association, Warrumbungle Shire Council and local emergency services to better prepare their town for natural disaster.

Dates

Applications close 30 June 2016

Online information

[Emergency NSW Website](#)

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Emergency Services

Item 11: Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code - Opened for Comment

The NSW Rural Fire Service is seeking comment on the revised Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code (by 25 June 2017).

The revised code provides a streamlined assessment and approval process for bush fire hazard reduction works by issuing hazard reduction certificates.

Key changes to the code include:

- Provision for the construction and maintenance of fire trails and Neighbourhood Safer Places
- Increasing the life span of hazard reduction certificates for up to five years, to support ongoing mechanical maintenance or enable one-off burns
- An improved process for determining asset protection zone distances
- Improved capacity to apply strategic fire advantage zone burns
- Improved provision for fire breaks along public roads and rail corridors
- Provision for managing weeds that pose a bush fire risk
- Extend the provision of planned burn control lines to include those designed for vehicles
- Incorporation of fisheries management issues.

LGNSW is considering preparing a submission, based on members' feedback. To contribute to a sector-wide response, please forward any issues or copies of your council's draft submission to [Susy Cenedese](#), Strategy Manager Environment by 12 June 2017.

Dates and location

Consultation closes 25 June 2017

Online information

[Review of the Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code](#)

Contact

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Environment

Item 12: Flying-Foxes Grants Program – Stream 3 Closing Soon

The third and final round of funding to help councils implement flying-fox camp management plans closes next Friday (26 May 2017).

The flying-foxes grants program, funded by the Office of Environment and Heritage and administered by LGNSW, comprises funding in three streams.

Applications for streams one and two of the program are now closed.

Grants are available to NSW local government organisations including councils, county councils and regional organisations of councils.

Collaboration with other partners is encouraged, particularly where multiple camps are involved or a camp is across tenures.

Proposals require matching funds or in-kind contributions on a one-to-one basis. Proposals with higher matching cash contributions may be more competitive in the assessment process.

For further information regarding the streams, eligibility criteria and applications process, visit the [Flying-foxes grants program page on LGNSW's website](#).

Online information

[Flying-Foxes Grants program](#)

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Environment

Item 13: Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation Reforms Regulations – Webinar for Local Government

The NSW Government invites councils to participate in a webinar on the draft regulations and supporting products currently on exhibition.

The Biodiversity Conservation Bill and Local Land Services Amendment Bill were assented to in late 2016. The reforms are scheduled to commence on 25 August 2017. A suite of supporting products including draft regulations are available for comment until 21 June 2017.

The webinar will focus on elements of the reforms that are most relevant to the role of local government. NSW Government staff will brief participants on the reforms, and will be available to respond to questions. Council staff and elected members are invited to participate.

Participants must register for the webinar, and will receive details on logging into the online session.

More information and a full list of products on exhibition are available on the [Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation Reform website](#).

LGNSW will prepare a submission on behalf of NSW councils. Please forward any issues or copies of your council's draft submission to [Kirsty McIntyre](#), Senior Policy Officer – NRM by 12 June 2017, to contribute to a sector-wide response.

Dates

Webinar: Wednesday 31 May, 2017
2:00-3:30pm

Registration

[Webcast Registrations](#)

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Environment

Item 14: Green Globes Open

Entries are open for the Green Globe Awards which recognise environmental excellence, leadership and innovation in NSW.

These NSW Government awards provide a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of your organisation and shine a light on your hard work.

With ten award categories on offer from 'Sustainability Champion' to the 'Built Environment Award', it's your chance to showcase green, game-changing individuals, organisations and businesses. Councils may have a particular interest in the following categories:

- Public Sector Leadership
- Natural Environment
- Sustainability Champion
- Climate Change Leadership
- Resource Efficiency
- Built Environment

Nominations close 5pm, 27 June 2017.

Entries Close

5pm, 27 June 2017

Online information

[Green Globe Awards](#)

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Ref: R98/0021-03 DA

Planning

Item 15: New Greenfield Housing Code on Exhibition Now

The Department of Planning and Environment has placed on exhibition a draft Greenfield Housing Code for complying development. Submissions close 16 June 2017.

The department has been progressively revising and expanding complying development codes that enable council and private certifiers to approve housing development faster. The latest addition to the series of complying codes is for a specific code for detached and attached housing on the urban fringe, called the Greenfield Housing Code.

The following resources are available online:

- [Background Paper – A Review of Complying Development in Greenfield Areas](#)
- [Explanation of Intended Effect for a Proposed Greenfield Housing Code](#)
- [Review of Complying Development in Greenfield Areas FAQ.](#)

Due Date

16 June 2017

Online information

[Planning NSW Website](#)

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The purpose of the Greenfield Housing Code is to tailor the current provisions of the General Housing Code to improve the take-up of complying development applications instead of development applications in release areas.

Most of the development standards in the Greenfield Housing Code have been simplified and are better explained with diagrams.

However, there are also proposed changes that warrant councils' careful attention. These will enable complying development applications to be approved before lot registration, easements to be more easily ignored and the approval of driveway crossings changed to a two-step process. LGNSW is concerned that these changes may not be practical and may have unintended consequences that could be counter-productive.

LGNSW will be preparing a submission on this draft code and we seek members' assistance on the proposed changes to content and procedural changes.

We also welcome feedback on how a more integrated code-based system can be developed that better aligns complying development codes with local development control codes.

Roads and Transport

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The Roads & Transport Directorate and LGNSW are offering free registration for councillors for the Local Roads Congress and Congress Dinner at NSW Parliament House (5 June 2017).

Council senior infrastructure managers or directors of engineering who register for this annual congress can also register a councillor at no additional cost.

The NSW Roads Congress provides a forum for mayors, councillors, administrators, general managers and senior engineering staff to have access to ministers and senior NSW Government staff to discuss current issues.

Congress' hosts, the Road & Transport Directorate and LGNSW, recognise the difficulties local governments face in attempting to solve roads and transport issues in isolation. Hence, an aim of the congress is to collectively solve issues through discussion, education, ongoing and sustained advocacy and speaking with one voice.

It is an opportunity to meet together under a local government banner to up the ante for additional road funding while also catching up with the latest in roads and transport.

Dates and location

Monday 5 June 2017
Parliament House, Sydney

Online information

[IPWEA Website](#)

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Roads and Transport

Item 17: 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

Online Registration

Registration close Tuesday 28
February.

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Roads and Transport

Item 18: Future Transport for Regional Areas

The NSW Government is seeking input on the future of transport in regional areas of NSW and how to best use new technologies to improve links between towns and regional cities.

There are currently a range of active projects in rural and regional NSW including the:

- Pacific Highway and Great Western Highway upgrades
- Fixing Country Rail program
- New intercity regional train fleet.

These projects are complemented by the following programs:

- Fixing Country Roads
- Bridges for the Bush
- Fixing Country Truck Washes
- Level Crossing Improvement programs.

Transport for NSW is asking for community feedback to make informed decisions about how to deliver transport services and infrastructure into the future. This involves seeking input on everything from the infrastructure needed, through to adapting for the vehicles of the future, including driverless technology and on-demand services.

Transport for NSW is initially seeking feedback via a [survey](#) which closes 30 June 2017.

Further opportunities for consultation and input will be advised in due course.

Online information

[Future Transport NSW Website](#)

Ref: R90/1244 RC

Learning

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Leadership Skills for Aspiring Women

Sydney – Thursday 15 June 2017

Develop the confidence to take the next steps in your career by understanding more about effective leadership skills, communication and giving and receiving feedback, goal setting, time management, team building and image management. [More information.](#)

Finance for Non-Finance Managers

Sydney – Tuesday 20 June 2017

Learn to understand, interpret and explain financial issues related to your department or section.

Designed for Non Finance Managers, the content covers:

- The basics of accounting theory
- Strategic allocation of financial resources
- Reading council financial statements
- Preparing, interpreting and using unit budgets
- Accounting jargon and buzz words
- Applying financial techniques to your decisions
- How council's financial systems feed into the NSW IP&R framework
- Communicating with finance and accounting departments.

[More information.](#)

Political Awareness

Sydney – Thursday 22 June 2017

Learn how to develop effective working relationships with elected representatives when formulating strategy and developing sustainable services for the community.

Designed for managers, coordinators and team leaders, the course content includes:

- Mapping the political terrain and identifying decision-making influences
- Identifying the black, white and grey of working at the political/managerial interface
- Boundary spanning – a framework for operating effectively in the grey area
- Developing a politically aware approach
- Innovative ways to develop political awareness in your council, yourself and your team.

[More information](#)

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

Online information

[LGNSW Training](#)

Registrations

[Register here](#)

Contact

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Learning

Item 20: Community and Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

LGNSW is inviting registrations for a workshop (Sydney, 2 June) that will give participants improved skills and insights into effective community and stakeholder engagement.

The workshop had been designed with a local government focus and addresses key aspects of the engagement process. It draws on participant and presenter experience to provide context in operational areas such as corporate strategy, community development, service delivery and land use planning.

Designed for staff with responsibility for the planning and oversight of stakeholder engagement activities, the workshop covers:

- Insights into the principles of effective stakeholder engagement
- Consideration and analysis of the different levels of engagement
- Practical approaches to enable effective stakeholder identification
- Tools for effective evaluation of agency practices and processes in stakeholder engagement
- A detailed account of stakeholder engagement methods and when to apply them
- Practical experience in planning stakeholder engagement activities and processes
- An account of processes for effective facilitation of groups and meetings.

All participants are provided with a comprehensive work book for future reference and guidance.

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

Date and location

Friday 2 June 2017, Sydney

Online information and registration

[Community and Stakeholder Engagement](#)

Cost

LGNSW members: \$660 incl. GST

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

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Learning

Item 21: Planning Course for Councillors

A recently revised LGNSW course Planning Matters is designed to help elected representatives understand their role in the planning process.

The course covers the key issues that councillors need to understand about the planning system, including current information on planning reform and land management and biodiversity reform.

The course is delivered by specialists from LGNSW, the Department of Planning and Environment and the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Topics include:

- State and local government roles in planning
- Strategic planning and statutory planning
- Densification and local issues
- Independent planning panels
- The gateway test and spot rezonings
- DAs and complying development – what's the difference?
- Controversial activities
- Community engagement
- Review and court matters.

Planning is contentious and for this reason it will always be challenging. This course will be interactive, stimulating and will challenge views. Learn more about how to make planning decisions that matter.

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

Date and location

Friday 30 June 2017
Sydney

Online information

[Planning Matters](#)

Registrations

[Learning Solutions registrations](#)

Cost

LGNSW Members \$660 incl. GST
Non-members \$1,320 incl. GST

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Learning

Item 22: LGNSW's Upcoming Public Courses – May to June 2017

LGNSW is offering a range of workshops to local government professionals and elected members.

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

Internal Audit Familiarisation

Sydney – Wednesday 31 May 2017

Build cross-organisational understanding of internal audit functions and role in performance improvement and risk mitigation. [More information.](#)

Navigator – Men's Development Program

Sydney – Thursday 1 June, 29 June, 27 July, 24 August 2017

Identify clear, practical and realistic steps to make change and get results. [More information.](#)

Systems Thinking

Sydney – Thursday 1 June 2017

Discover how systems thinking allows for improvement at the organisational, departmental or team level, by focusing on understanding and anticipating the potential consequences of all actions. [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.](#)

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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Procurement

Item 23: Procurement Training

Local Government Procurement has a range of upcoming procurement training for council staff.

Procurement for Local Government

Sydney CBD – Tuesday 1 August 2017

Providing a comprehensive overview of the purchasing function within the NSW local government sector, learn the end-to-end procurement life-cycle and practical ways to apply principles within council. [More information and register.](#)

Planning and Specifications

Sydney CBD – Monday 11 September 2017

Designed on the key principles that need to be observed when writing a best practice procurement plan and specifications development, council staff will be able to construct a basic plan to develop requirements, ensuring that contract arrangements are effective and practical. [More information and register.](#)

Evaluation, Supplier Selection and Contract Establishment

Sydney CBD – Monday 9 October 2017

This one day course supports supplier selection and evaluation techniques aligned to probity and value for money. Learn key tips on setting up evaluation criteria for the quotation and tender stage to ensure the right supplier is selected. Designed for staff either currently involved in quotation/tender evaluations or about to do so, participants will come away with practical skills applicable in the Local Government context. [More information and register.](#)

Contract Management Essentials

Sydney CBD – Monday 6 November 2017

Understand the key principles of managing contracts in the local government sector, and learn essential information on the contract management life-cycle including foundation insights to procurement principles. [More information and register.](#)

All Local Government Procurement (LGP) training can be conducted in-house at a location of your choice. For further information; view the [LGP Training Calendar](#) or contact, [LGP Training](#) or 02 8270 8709.

Online information

[LGP Training website](#)

Registrations

[LGP Training Calendar](#)

Contact

LGP Training
02 8270 8709
[LGP Training](#)

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Procurement

Item 24: Procurement Qualifications

Local Government Procurement has a number of accredited procurement qualifications courses for council staff involved in purchasing, tendering and contract management functions.

Advanced Diploma of Procurement and Contracting

Sydney CBD – Commencing in July

Think strategically, develop a comprehensive understanding of strategic procurement and contract management, including legislative requirements, governance and internal controls.

2017 dates (participants must attend all four blocks):

Block 1: 19-21 July 2017

Block 2: 28-30 August 2017

Block 3: 12-14 September 2017

Block 4: 10-12 October 2017

[More information and to register.](#)

Certificate IV in Procurement and Contracting

Sydney CBD – Commencing in August

This practical course program covers the nuts and bolts of the tendering process. Identifying and understanding the need for gaining approvals, developing procurement plans, related legislation and key documents such as specification requirements, the Request for Tender and the Tender Evaluation Plan.

2017 dates (participants must attend all four blocks):

Block 1: 8-10 August 2017

Block 2: 23-25 August 2017

Block 3: 18-19 September 2017

Block 4: 16-18 October 2017

[More information and to register.](#)

Diploma of Procurement and Contracting

Sydney CBD – Commencing in May

This program is suitable for staff who have completed Certificate IV or have prior learning. Develop skills to conduct significant procurement. Understand the value of implementing policy, managing contract performance and monitor compliance within legislation, Coordinate risk management activities and manage contract risk

2017 dates (participants must attend all four blocks):

Block 1: 5-7 September 2017

Block 2: 20-21 September 2017

Block 3: 25-27 October 2017

Block 4: 7-9 November 2017

[More information and to register.](#)

All LGP training can be conducted in-house at a location of your choice. For further information view the [LGP website](#) or contact, [LGP Training](#) or 02 8270 8709.

Online information

[LGP Training website](#)

Registrations

[LGP Training Calendar](#)

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Procurement

Item 25: Procurement eLearning Webinar

Local Government Procurement is holding a free webinar (20 June 2017) on the aims and benefits of its eLearning program.

ProcureLearn offers a 'right now' approach to training with bite-sized modules which are accessible from computer or laptop. The program is specifically designed for NSW council employees who are engaged in any aspect of purchasing.

The program aims to:

- Develop and enhance the standard of procurement across a region or council
- Provide a technically proficient progress path for procurement professionals
- Teach best practice procurement through the latest training
- Provide technical understanding of probity and policy legislation
- Offer a cost-effective training solution for a region or council.

Benefits include:

- Training that provides insights into skill gaps with the opportunity to target development
- Pre-and post-learning assessments to ensure knowledge transfer
- Completion tracking that can be measured and reported
- Access to refresher modules upon module completion
- Access to FAQ and an ask-the-expert forum.

ProcureLearn eLearning modules include:

- Procurement essentials
- Contract management essentials
- Probity in purchasing and procurement

Included with the three-package course, receive access to specialised procurement topics:

- Risk management
- Supplier evaluation
- Sustainable procurement

[Register online](#)

For further information view the [LGP website](#) or contact, [LGP Training](#) or 02 8270 8709.

Local Government Procurement (LGP) offer a range of training from [eLearning](#), [one day procurement courses](#) to [procurement qualifications](#).

Date and Time

Tue 20 June 2017
10:30am – 11:30am

Online information

[LGP Training website](#)

Registrations

[LGP Training Calendar](#)

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In the News

Item 26: ALGA Newsletter

View the latest newsletter distributed by the Australia Local Government Association.