



LINKAGES, First Edition

Welcome to the first edition of *Linkages*. This regular publication is designed to keep member Local Governments informed about the progress of the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program.

Linkages also aims to provide answers to frequently asked questions about the overall Program and its various subprojects.

Members of the LCC team are happy to answer any questions and can be contacted on (08) 9213 2016 or via email info@linkingcouncils.com.

Launch of LCC Program

The Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program was formally launched on Wednesday, 13 February 2002. In launching the program, WA Local Government Association Chief Executive Officer Ricky Burges said the strategy was a first in WA, and would assist online interaction between ratepayers, the Council, community members, interest groups and suppliers, in an environment where distance is often a barrier to communication and business opportunities.

Information Pack and Online Strategy Guide

Member Local Governments should have now received copies of the Linking Councils and Communities *Information Pack* and the *Online Strategy Guide* (including CD-Rom).

Councils who have not received this information or who would like additional copies of the information should contact Kylie Bartlett on (08) 9213 2016 or email kbartlett@walga.asn.au.

Website

The Linking Councils and Communities website has now gone live! The website provides information about the Program and will be updated regularly as the Program progresses. LCC publications, media releases and an electronic copy of the Online Strategy Guide will also be made available on the website.

As part of the website, a page has also been allocated for the *Good News Program* which will be used to provide case studies and other online success stories from a Local Government perspective.

Online Services Development Coordinator

Kieran McCluskey, Online Services Development Coordinator, is now liaising with member Local Governments to arrange to visit Councils or groups of Councils to provide further information about participation in the Program and use of the Online Strategy Guide.

Kieran will also be looking to obtain additional information about each Councils current online capabilities and expected requirements.

If you would like to speak with Kieran directly please call 9213 2081 or email kmcccluskey@walga.asn.au.

GIS subproject

To initiate the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) subproject, a workshop will be conducted as part of the WALIS Forum to begin the scoping phase of this project.

The primary outcome of the GIS subproject will be the implementation of a shared Local Government application to deliver geospatial information to Councils in a coordinated manner, and to enable Local Governments to use this information to support Council business. Opportunities for GIS use include land use, environmental and asset management, and emergency response planning.

The WALIS workshop will be held on Thursday 28th February, from 1:30-3:30pm. Further details about the WALIS Forum and the LCC workshop can be found by accessing the WALIS website at <http://www.walis.wa.gov.au>.

Project Consulting Partner

Following an extensive tendering process to select and engage a consulting services project partner for the implementation stage of the LCC Program, a Project Consulting Partner has now been appointed.

Sinclair Knight Merz / Deakin Consulting will be assisting and complementing the internal LCC team by providing access to the specialist skills required to develop and implement the subprojects



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