



LINKAGES, Edition 10

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) progress

The LCC team has now received 38 signed MOAs to participate in the implementation phase of the LCC Program. The Councils who have signed the MOA and agreed to participate in the next phase of the Program include the Shires of; Beverley, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Carnamah, Carnarvon, Chapman Valley, Chittering, Coorow, Corrigin, Cuballing, Cunderdin, Dandaragan, Denmark, Derby-West Kimberley, Dowerin, Dundas, Exmouth, Halls Creek, Irwin, Katanning, Kellerberrin, Kent, Kulin, Morawa, Mukinbudin, Nannup, Narembeen, Northampton, Ravensthorpe, Shark Bay, Tambellup, Tammin, Three Springs, Trayning, Victoria Plains, Wandering, West Arthur, Woodanilling and Wyalkatchem.

These Councils are now working to design and develop their new websites as part of the Program. If your Council requires an additional copy of its MOA please contact Kylie Bartlett on 9213 2016.

Pilot Reference Group websites - update

Six Councils have now had their new websites developed as part of the LCC Program. If you would like to view these websites, the first developed as part of the Program, please visit the sites below:

Town of Port Hedland (www.porthedland.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Dowerin (www.dowerin.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Dundas (www.dundas.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Exmouth (www.exmouth.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Morawa (www.morawa.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Chittering (www.chittering.wa.gov.au)
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes (www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au)

We will keep all Councils informed when new websites go live as the Program progresses.

Education and Strategy Supplementary Training Sessions

There are a number of Councils across the state who were unable to attend the training sessions held between July and October this year. The LCC team has now developed a supplementary training schedule to ensure that those Councils who have missed the regional training sessions are given every opportunity to participate in the LCC Program.

Correspondence has been sent to all Councils who missed the first round of training and the supplementary training sessions will take place as follows:

Shire of York – 12/11/2002 & 26/11/2002
Shire of Narrogin – 13/11/2002 & 27/11/2002
Shire of Cranbrook – 14/11/2002 & 28/11/2002

For further information please contact Kylie Bartlett on 9213 2016 or email kbartlett@walga.asn.au.

LGMA Conference

"Are You Serious About Being the Best?" was the theme for the recent Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Annual State Conference

held at Observation City Hotel in late October. The LCC team was invited to present at one of the afternoon sessions on the topic of "Increasing Service Delivery by using Technology". Conference delegates demonstrated the Local Government sector's awareness of technology challenges and benefits, asking a number of questions in response to the LCC presentation. It was extremely pleasing that these questions focused on business and strategic issues for Councils. If you would like additional information about the presentation made at the LGMA Conference, please email kbartlett@walga.asn.au.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will LCC tackle the issue of integrating GIS data stored on a remote central server with applications and GIS data stored locally and how will we keep down transmission costs etc?

As with other components of the LCC Program, the GIS subproject takes a "step-by-step" approach such that issues are addressed in "manageable chunks". Some of the primary issues being addressed in this first part of the project relates to (i) access to distributed spatial data held by different custodians (ii) provision of a web mapping tool over a shared services environment. In this context, it is envisaged that data that is held remotely can be overlaid on top of local data regardless of spatial data formats through the use of Open-GIS standards. With respect to data transmission costs, the proof of concept technology requires less bandwidth than other GIS platforms, and wherever possible all data will be moved through the Western Australian Internet Exchange (WAIX), thus incurring no or minimal costs in GIS data traffic.

Is it true that the ASP model will reduce the need to upgrade PC hardware?

The Application Service Provider (ASP) model should reduce the frequency for hardware upgrades as the shift from processing power is from the desktop PC to the central server(s). It should also lower some of the direct operational costs in terms of "managing" the desktop, but it is suggested that a "total cost of ownership" approach be undertaken in order to gain a full understanding of the relevant costs.

To view the full list of FAQs received by the LCC team to date please access the main page of the LCC website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

