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Live Council websites

The following Councils have now had their websites developed as part of the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program. If you would like to view these websites, the first be developed as part of the Program, please visit the sites below:

Town of Port Hedland - www.porthedland.wa.gov.au
Shire of Dundas - www.dundas.wa.gov.au
Shire of Dowerin - www.dowerin.wa.gov.au
Shire of Exmouth - www.exmouth.wa.gov.au
Shire of Chittering - www.chittering.wa.gov.au
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au
Shire of Carnarvon - www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au
Shire of Wyalkatchem - www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au
Shire of Dandaragan - www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au
Shire of Wandering - www.wandering.wa.gov.au

An additional 30 websites are also in various stages of development as part of the LCC Program and we will advise as soon as these sites go live.

Content and Structure Guide

The Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program is now working closely with participating Councils who, after signing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) have completed their Content and Structure Guide for their new Council website.

The content and structure guide is the tool used by Councils to design and capture the high level structure and content of their new websites. Councils who have completed the content and structure guide are now working with the LCC website developers to finalise the 'look and feel' of their website and include relevant Council information in the website as part of the website implementation process.

For further information about the implementation phase of the LCC Program, or if you would like any assistance completing your Council's Content and Structure guide, please contact Kieran McCluskey (9213 2081) or Kylie Bartlett (9213 2016).

Telecommunications - Frequently Asked Questions

Most Councils should now have been contacted by the LCC team in regard to their current telecommunications infrastructure. During this contact Councils would have been informed of the extensive benefits of participating in the telecommunications project.

A general telecommunications "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) is being drafted to provide Councils with more details about this project, and to answer some of the more common questions that have arisen. A copy of this FAQ will be made available through the LCC project website. For further details, please contact Matthew Hill (9268 4569).

Telecommunications subproject – Pilot Council testing

The Shire of Moora is currently participating in a pilot for the LCC Telecommunications subproject. As part of this process, a gateway and ADSL connection has recently been installed at the Shire offices. The

pilot is progressing very well and the shire of Moora has provided extremely positive feedback about the new telecommunications infrastructure and the team involved in the provision of the service. For further information about the Telecommunications subproject and how your Shire can participate, please contact Matthew Hill, Telecommunications Support on (08) 9268 4569 or email mhill@skm.com.au.

Geographical Information Systems update

The LCC Geographic Information System (GIS) subproject has recently developed a "proof of concept" (POC) web mapping application based upon the user requirements identified by the GIS focus group convened last year. This application will be used for (i) demonstration purposes, (ii) validation of technical feasibility, and (iii) validation of the desired functionality as defined in the initial phases of the project.

The Proof of Concept has successfully demonstrated the "distributed" and "open standards" nature of this project, with GIS data being served from several different locations and organisations, including the Department of Land Administration (DOLA), Western Australian Land Information System (WALIS) and the City of Swan (with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to follow shortly). Further, it demonstrates that by using "open-standards" it is possible to access GIS data stored in formats supported by different vendors. Therefore, Councils who have existing or are planning future GIS applications will not be excluded from participating in and gaining benefits from the LCC GIS subproject.

It is expected that the focus group will reconvene in February, as well as a broader consultation of stakeholders with respect to the Proof of Concept. Following this, the project will have finalised a preferred service delivery mechanism/model, functional and non-functional specifications, and will proceed with a procurement and implementation process. Details of this approach and timeframes will be made available following finalisation of consultations with stakeholders and the focus group.

Further information about the GIS subproject can be obtained by contacting Phil Poole on 9268 4582.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) progress

The LCC team has now received 53 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 can be viewed on the Good News page of the LCC website at www.linkincouncils.com.

