



## LINKAGES

### Linkages - Edition 15

#### LCC Team receives 60<sup>th</sup> Memorandum of Agreement

It was celebration time for the Linking Councils and Communities team last week. We received the 60th signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which sees Councils formally commit to the LCC Program.

The signing of the MOA sees Councils make a financial commitment to participate in the LCC Program and as a result of signing the agreement, Councils have a website developed, managed and hosted through the Program.

To date 21 of the 60 Councils have had their websites developed and the remaining 39 Councils are in various stages of the website development process.

A complete list of websites developed as part of the LCC Program can be found on the Good News page of the LCC website at [www.linkincouncils.com](http://www.linkincouncils.com).

#### Recent Council Websites to go "Live"

The following Councils are the most recent to have their website developed as part of the LCC Program:

Shire of Northampton – [www.northampton.wa.gov.au](http://www.northampton.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Derby-West Kimberley – [www.sdwk.wa.gov.au](http://www.sdwk.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Carnamah – [www.carnamah.wa.gov.au](http://www.carnamah.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Ravensthorpe – [www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au](http://www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Murchison – [www.murchison.wa.gov.au](http://www.murchison.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Murray – [www.murray.wa.gov.au](http://www.murray.wa.gov.au)

#### Website UAT Process

As part of the LCC website development process, participating Councils are given the opportunity to review their new website prior to authorising it to go live. This review process is known as User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

The UAT process allows Councils to review the layout of the website to ensure that; any agreed changes made to site structure during website build are correct (including tier titles, order of tiers); links to documents, other sites and email are correct; all content provided is on the site (text, images, PDFs); the home page layout is as specified; graphics are those approved; tier titles are correct according to original/revised structure; the order of tiers is correct according to original/revised structure; the site shortcuts are correct; the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Statement (optional) are correct and viewable; and that Grammar and Spelling is correct.

Once this process is complete, the Council provides authorisation for the new website to go live. However this is not the end of the process from a development and support perspective.

Following the 'go live' stage, the LCC team will contact the Council to organise regional training to allow nominated Council staff to learn how to manage and update the new website. Ongoing support is always available via the LCC Helpdesk to add new content to the website (prior to training) and also to assist Councils in making the most of their new website in the long term.

Ellen and James are available to assist Councils as updates and enhancements to Council websites are required. Contact the LCC Helpdesk via email [helpdesk@linkincouncils.com](mailto:helpdesk@linkincouncils.com) or phone 9228 9922.

#### Certificates of Participation

Local Government officers who have already participated in the Session 3 Web Content Management Training would have this week received certificates of participation for the training. Additional training for Councils who are in the final stages of their website development is currently being organised. We will contact the relevant Councils in the coming weeks to provide further details about the training.

#### Local Government Interoperability Framework

The Project Plan for the national Local Government Interoperability Framework (LGIF) project was recently approved by the Federal government's Networking the Nation program. The purpose of this project, which is being coordinated by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), is to develop an overarching set of policies, standards and guidelines by which Local Government and Federal or State agencies share information and integrate information and business processes by use of common standards.

The intention is that the LGIF will build on existing standards, guidelines, models, methodologies, tools and software and provide Councils, vendors and consultants with a comprehensive toolkit for ensuring that any future Information & Communications Technology (ICT) projects meet essential Local Government interoperability standards.

This development of the interoperability framework will occur over the next 16 or so months. For information on the LGIF and other national projects please contact Rick Molony, Director Online Services at the ALGA on (02) 6122 9418 or [rick.molony@alga.asn.au](mailto:rick.molony@alga.asn.au)



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