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Recent Council Websites to go “Live”

The following Council is the most recent to have a website developed as part of the LCC Program:

Shire of Kellerberrin – www.kellerberrin.wa.gov.au

The list of live Council websites can be accessed on the *Good News* page of the LCC website at www.linkincouncils.com.

Winner – Local Government Week Competition

The winner of the personal computer (PC) as part of the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Booth promotion at the Local Government Week Convention was Cr Trish Laxon, Shire of Gnowangerup.

Cr Laxon's entry in the 'Guess the number of resistors' competition was the closest to the actual number of resistors as part of the competition. The official number of resistors was 4602 and Cr Laxon's guess was only two less than this amount at 4600.

The prize was sponsored as part of Local Government Week by IBM. IBM is one of the LCC Program's business partners, assisting us in the delivery of online services to Local Governments in Western Australia.

Federal Government response to Regional Telecommunications Inquiry (RTI)

The Regional Telecommunications Inquiry (RTI) report released on 8 November 2002 provided an assessment of telecommunications services in regional Australia and made recommendations on arrangements to ensure that regional, rural & remote Australia could share in the benefits of new technologies.

The Federal Government recently announced that it has accepted all 39 recommendations made by the RTI report and in response to these recommendations; the Government will develop a \$142.8 million National Broadband Strategy focusing on the broadband needs of regional Australians, in partnership with all levels of government.

The Association will be seeking additional information about the Government's response to the RTI report. Further information can also be obtained at http://www.dcita.gov.au/Article/0,,0_4-2_4008-4_115317,00.html

Public Information Disclosure Act 2003

The Public Interest Disclosure Act came into effect on 1 July 2003. The Act facilitates the disclosure of public interest information by providing protection for those who make disclosures and those who are the subject of disclosures.

It provides a system for the matters disclosed to be investigated and for appropriate action to be taken.

The legislation covers all 144 Councils and requires each agency to have a Public Interest Disclosure Officer for contact and implementation of the Act with respect to its constituents and employees and the wider public.

A number of Councils participating in the LCC Program have included this information on their new websites. A template of information is available through the Content Pool pack on the LCC website (www.linkincouncils.com). Further details about the Act can be obtained by visiting <http://www.wa.gov.au/opssc/html/disclosure01.htm>

Hints & Tips – Live LCC website tips

To insert a single line spacing into a content pool item using the WYSIWYG editor, press <ENTER> whilst holding down the <SHIFT> key. This will insert a single line spacing / carriage return under the last row of text or image as inserted (as opposed to the double spacing which is inserted when you press only the <ENTER> key).

Inserting spaces (by using the space bar) to add new lines into a passage of text may look effective in the WYSIWYG editor. However when viewed in the live website, the text is often spread across the page instead of in the area intended. Always use the <SHIFT><ENTER> or <ENTER> key to add new lines into a passage of text.

Additional hints and tips for enhancing your Council's website will be published in future editions of *Linkages*.

If you would like further information or assistance when updating and maintaining your Council's new website, please contact the LCC Helpdesk via email, helpdesk@linkincouncils.com.au.

