



LINKAGES, Second Edition

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Stage 1

The Shire of Dowerin has become the first Council in Western Australia to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WA Local Government Association to participate in the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program. The MOU confirms both parties' participation in and commitment to the LCC Program, and commits both parties to developing a sustainable online presence.

The Association has also received signed MOUs from the Shire of Cunderdin, Town of Northam, Shire of Wickpin, Shire of Moora, Shire of Morawa, Shire of Cuballing and Shire of Brookton. All Councils have committed to the Linking Councils and Communities Program and the LCC team will now work closely with each Council to develop their online strategy and provide the training required to progress the Program in their Councils.

In total 40 MOUs have been issued to Councils for signing. If you would like to receive your Councils MOU, please contact Kylie Bartlett (08) 9213 2016 or email kbartlett@walga.asn.au.

Telecommunications subproject

Following a call for Expressions of Interests (EOI) for data services last year, and the subsequent evaluation of these EOIs, two Requests for Quotations (RFQ) have been issued for the following:

- "Supply of Carrier Services and/or IP connectivity"
- "Implementation and Management of Wide Area Network and Central Services"

These RFQs closed on the 6th and 14th of March respectively and responses for both RFQs are currently being evaluated.

Internet and Extranet Enablement subproject

A RFQ seeking a partner in the development and implementation of the infrastructure and applications required for delivery of online services has been issued. This covers the provision of the shared infrastructure, applications, and training required for Councils to deliver services online. This subproject will be coordinated with the Education & Strategy subproject such that Councils who have completed their online services plan can move on to development of their online services.

GIS Questionnaire

A questionnaire has been distributed to all Councils to provide the Linking Councils & Communities GIS Subproject with a common framework to gather information about your Council's GIS requirements. If you have not received your questionnaire please email info@linkingcouncils.com.

GIS Forum – 28 February 2002

Local Government was well represented at the Linking Councils and Communities GIS workshop which was held as part of the WALIS Forum on 28 February 2002.

Chris Gentle from Sinclair Knight Merz (Project Partners for the LCC Program) gave a presentation as part of the workshop which included information on the current status of Council Online Services; LCC Business issues and benefits to Councils; Online Services Infrastructure; GIS subproject deliverables; user requirements definition; and the Project schedule.

A copy of the presentation made as part of the workshop can be viewed on the GIS page of the LCC website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

Online News – What's happening around the country?

The LCC website is regularly updated with information about what is happening around the country in the area of online services, including other Local Government initiatives as part of the Networking the Nation (NTN) program. To see what other State Local Government Associations are doing visit the following websites:

<http://www.go.tas.gov.au/>

<http://www.servicetasmania.tas.gov.au>

<http://logons.lgat.tas.gov.au>

<http://www.go.vic.gov.au/>

<http://www.local-e.nsw.gov.au>

<http://www.lgnet.mav.asn.au/lgqs/>

In addition to this, *Business Entry Point News* is a new online publication aimed primarily at Australian government agencies interested in online service delivery. If you are interested in reading the latest edition, it can be accessed and subscribed to by viewing the 'About Us' page on the Business Entry Point website <http://www.business.gov.au>



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