



LINKAGES – Edition 22

Recent Council websites to “go live”

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

- Shire of Kondinin www.kondinin.wa.gov.au/
- Shire of Manjimup www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/
- Shire of Morawa www.morawa.wa.gov.au/
- Shire of Narrogin www.narroginshire.wa.gov.au/
- Shire of Williams www.williams.wa.gov.au/

WAITTA Awards

The LCC team recently made two presentations to the judging panel at the Western Australian Information Technology and Telecommunications Awards. As finalists in the categories of *Telecommunications* and *Infrastructure*, the team attended the awards dinner at the Burswood Resort & Convention Centre on Friday 26th March. The Awards Presentation Dinner is one of the pre-eminent events on the WA ICT calendar, and was attended by members of both major political parties, including the Premier, the Honourable Dr Geoff Gallop, MLA, and approximately 500 industry and government peers.

In a fantastic result for the Association, and for all Local Government in WA, the WA ICT industry recognised and endorsed the direction, effort and outcomes of the LCC Program, and the role and contribution of Local Government in the ICT sector, by announcing the program as winner in both categories!

On behalf of the Program, I would like to personally thank all of the team involved in the Program over the last two years, and the Councils who have supported the Program during this time. Special thanks go to the Telecommunications project team, and the LCC project partners in Sinclair Knight Merz.



Telecommunications Update

It is topical given the recent WAITTA awards to provide an update as to the telecommunications project.

As you may be aware, several Councils have been using the LCC ‘managed gateway’ under a pilot program to provide a range of services including:

- A secure interface from the Council network to the “public” Internet, preventing malicious network intrusions
- Virus scanning of all inbound and outbound emails
- Ability to monitor and manage web access (through user access controls, black-lists and white-lists privileges.)

All Councils now have an opportunity to participate in this project on an ongoing basis. Correspondence including full details of the project and how Councils can participate in this project is in the weekly Association mailbag.

For further information in relation to this initiative, please contact the LCC team at info@linkingcouncil.com or call 08-9213-2016.

Group Procurement Project

Over the last few months, the Association has been working with several Councils who had expressed interest in evaluating options for the replacement of their core Council business systems. An underlying tenement of this project is that aggregating and consolidating Councils requirements will result in savings over the entire procurement process for these Councils.

Over recent weeks, this has crystallised into the “Group Procurement Project” involving the following Councils.

- City of Bayswater
- City of Bunbury
- Town of Cambridge
- City of Gosnells

The project has been defined into four (4) major phases involving:

- Project Initiation
- Systems/Requirements Definitions
- Systems Selection
- Supplier Appointment

Having formalised the participating Councils, a consultant is being engaged to facilitate this project and will shortly be commencing the requirements definition phase.

It is envisaged that all of WA Local Government will ultimately be able to take advantage of this project, whether it be through a “best practice” specification of Local Government business systems, or the potential benefits accrued through an aggregated market demand conditions

For more information or assistance, please contact the team at info@linkingcouncils.com.au



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