



LINKAGES, Third Edition

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Stage 1

Following on from the report in last month's edition of *Linkages*, the following Councils have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WA Local Government Association to participate in the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program: Shire of Lake Grace; Shire of Wyalkatchem; Shire of Chapman Valley; Shire of Mukinbudin; Shire of Wagin; Shire of Goomalling; Shire of Carnamah; Shire of Three Springs; Shire of Northam; Shire of Exmouth; Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes; Shire of Boddington; Shire of Coorow; Shire of Corrigin; Shire of Kondinin; Town of Port Hedland; Shire of Westonia; Shire of Mingenew; Shire of Kojonup; Shire of Greenough; Shire of Jerramungup; Shire of Woodanilling; and Shire of Denmark.

If you would like to receive your Council's MOU to participate in Stage 1 of the LCC Program, please contact Kylie Bartlett, on (08) 9213 2016.

Training Program begins in Northam

Training in the use of the Online Strategy Guide commenced for the Avon region on Wednesday, 9 April 2002. The full day training held at the Visitors Information Centre in Northam provided those in attendance with interactive training on how to plan and develop an online presence, how to prepare a draft Project Execution Plan and how to facilitate workshops within their own Councils.

Training is now being arranged for those members of the Central Country Zone and Northern Country Zone who have already signed their Stage 1 MOUs. A member of the LCC team will be in contact with participating members of these Zones regarding the training details. Participating Councils will also be provided with a training brief and a list of what to bring along to the training in order to maximise the benefit to Councils.

Further information about the LCC training schedule can be obtained by contacting Kieran McCluskey on (08) 9213 2081.

Regional Presentations

Members of the LCC team have now visited most regional centres throughout Western Australia to provide information about the LCC Program. Presentations have been made to Local Government Officers and Elected

Members at Zone meetings, LGMA meetings and other regional meetings.

In coming weeks further presentations will be made across the State to ensure that Councils have had every opportunity to attend one of the meetings and view the LCC presentation.

For further information about presentation times and locations please visit www.linkingcouncils.com.

GIS Questionnaire update

The GIS questionnaire was distributed to all Councils to assist the Linking Councils & Communities team to gather information about Council GIS requirements. The response to the questionnaire has been extremely positive and the information received is now being collated and analysed to assist the LCC team in further developing the GIS component of the LCC Program.

National Local Government Projects

Two national Local Government Projects, STATIS and Interoperability are now underway. Both are being funded by Networking the Nation (NTN) and are being managed by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Information on Local Government web and associated projects throughout Australia will be provided online through the STATIS project which is the State and Territory Association Local Government Information System. A South Australian company, Chimo, has been appointed to develop the website and database and a trial is expected to commence shortly.

The Interoperability project is more complex and has longer term objectives. The project seeks to identify and develop appropriate standards and technologies to enable Local Government and stakeholders to ensure information can be exchanged in a seamless and transparent fashion. SecureNet have been appointed to undertake a scoping study to identify the interoperability issues for Local Government; what is happening in other jurisdictions; and recommend a way forward.

Further information on both projects is available from John Bijen at ALGA on (02) 6122 9400.



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