



LINKAGES, Sixth Edition Pilot Reference Group

Councils participating in the Pilot Reference Group have now attended two training sessions to verify the training and implementation materials as part of the LCC Program.

Members of the Pilot Reference Group are as follows; Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes; Shire of Chittering; Shire of Denmark; Shire of Derby-West Kimberley; Shire of Dowerin; Shire of Dundas; Shire of Exmouth; Shire of Lake Grace; Shire of Moora; Shire of Morawa; and the Town of Port Hedland.

In the first session, *Online Services Education*, held on 4 & 5 July 2002, the Pilot Reference Group reviewed proposed website designs, website specifications, website content and website standards. The group also reviewed the presentation and training material that will be rolled out across the state in workshop one.

The second session held on 18 & 19 July 2002 involved a workshop to examine the basic website content required by Councils on the proposed Internet, Intranet and Extranet. The reference group participants were provided with a summary of the proposed subscription model and process for sign up to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that requires a financial commitment to the LCC Program. The *Web Planning* training material that will be delivered across the state as workshop two was also reviewed as part of the reference group session.

The next session of the Pilot Reference Group will be held on 15 & 16 August 2002 and will review content management issues and the content management process as part of the LCC Program.

Training Program registration

The LCC Team has received registrations from the majority of participating Councils and all officers who have been nominated to attend training in their region will receive confirmation of the training details (venue etc) one week prior to the training date.

If your Council has not registered for training as part of the LCC training program please ensure that the registration faxback form is faxed to Kylie Bartlett on (08) 9322 2611 as soon as possible. For copies of the faxback, please contact Kylie Bartlett on (08) 9213 2016 or access the workshop page of the website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

Training Program commences – Workshop 1

The roll out of workshop one training as part of the LCC Program has now commenced. The *Online Services Education* training has been

provided to the Avon region in Northam and Gingin as well as to the Northern region in Greenough and Three Springs. The next training session will be for the Kimberley region, scheduled for 30 July 2002 at the Shire of Broome.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Stage 1

A total of 100 Councils have now signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WA Local Government Association to participate in the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program. A full list of Councils who have signed the stage one MOU can be viewed on the *Good News* page of the LCC website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

Telecommunications Update

The team LCC is currently finalising the selection of, and holding discussions with, service providers who have responded to the requests for quotations for:

- Provision of carrier services / IP connectivity
- Provision of managed services (network)

The solutions offered through this project will allow Councils, especially those in remote areas, to increase their capacity to access higher bandwidth Internet services, and to gain access to IT skills and support services through the *managed services* in a cost effective manner.

Pilot implementations of these services will occur through August and it is expected that final service offerings will be communicated to Councils shortly.

Local Government Week

The Linking Councils and Communities Program has organised a booth at the Trade and Technology Exhibition as part of the Local Government Week Convention being held from 2 – 8 August 2002. The LCC booth (number 31), will have members of the LCC team available to provide further information and answer questions about the LCC Program from Saturday, 3 August through to Tuesday, 6 August 2002. As well, we will have demonstrations and activities planned, so if you will be at the convention, please drop by to meet the team.



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