



LINKAGES, Seventh Edition Local Government Week – LCC Booth

The Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program organised a booth at the Trade and Technology Exhibition as part of the Local Government Week Convention which was held from 2 – 8 August 2002.

The LCC 'Internet Café' booth was visited by hundreds of Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members who came to find out more about the Program and to 'put the names to the faces' of the LCC team.

As part of the promotion of the booth, the team distributed LCC show bags containing information about the Program as well as other promotional material. In addition, the LCC team conducted a "guess the jellybeans" competition to raise awareness about the Program. This promotion had more than 200 entries, with everyone trying to guess the number of jellybeans in the computer monitor.

The winners of the competition were announced at the Local Government Week dinner on Monday, 5 August 2002 by the then outgoing WA Local Government Association President, Cr Ian Mickel. The winner of the competition was Cr Mark Hollett from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes who submitted a guess of 8572 jelly beans, only 2 away from the actual total of 8750. Congratulations Cr Hollett who was presented with a Pocket PC for his efforts

Three runner-up prizes were also donated by the Internet Business Corporation (IBC), the project partners for the LCC Program. Three Margaret River Chocolate Factory gift packs were presented to Cr Ron Hoffman, City of Melville; Mr Ray Hooper, Shire of Chittering; and Cr Eddie Garner, Shire of Wyalkatchem.

Training Program registration

The majority of participating Councils have now registered to attend LCC training within their region. Those officers nominated to attend training in their region will receive confirmation of the training details (venue etc) via email one week prior to the training date.

If your Council has not registered for training as part of the LCC training program please fax the completed form to Kylie Bartlett on (08) 9322 2611 as soon as possible. For copies of the fackback, please call (08) 9213 2016 or access the workshop page of the website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

Progress of LCC regional training program

Since the Linking Councils and Communities training program commenced in mid-July, 54 councils have participated in session one

training within their region. In addition, 24 of these Councils have also completed session two training sessions.

Training for the Gascoyne, Great Southern, Peel, Goldfields, South West and Murchison regions will commence by the end of September.

For further information or to receive any of the training materials electronically, please contact Kylie Bartlett on (08) 9213 2016, email kbartlett@walga.asn.au or visit www.linkingcouncils.com.

Pilot Reference Group Training - Session 3

Members of the Linking Councils and Communities Pilot Reference Group attended the third session of the reference group training on 15 & 16 August 2002.

The training was hosted at the IBM offices in West Perth and provided those in attendance with training in the areas of website content administration, user training and support. The Reference Group were also given 'hands on' training in use of the Portal Master system which is the website development software being used to develop Local Government websites as part of the LCC Program.

The input received from the Pilot Reference Group in relation to the training materials for session three has been extremely valuable. The LCC Team is now working to revise the training materials for the rollout of the session three regional training in the coming months.

GIS subproject

Arising from the work of the GIS focus group in defining a specification for a common use Local Government GIS/mapping tool, a prototype or "proof of concept" is currently being developed. It is anticipated that this prototype will be complete by the end of September, and we will be working closely with members of the focus group in the evaluation of this system.

Further, consultations are continuing with other stakeholders including agencies such as DOLA and WALIS to progress access and service delivery options and potential partnership arrangements.



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