Regional and Economic Profile

Tasmania’s Circular Head Council has developed an award-winning Regional and Economic Profile designed to entice businesses, investors and residents to relocate to the municipality. The profile brings together all relevant regional information in one easily-accessible document, saving potential investors the time and effort of requesting the information from a variety of different sources. Information contained in the profile includes maps of natural resources, details of the region’s education facilities, real estate and housing, economic activity, labour force and infrastructure. The regional and economic profile is available to download from the council’s website at www.circularhead.tas.gov.au.

Innovative Plan Addresses Ageing Population Issues

Victoria’s Hindmarsh Shire Council has implemented an innovative positive ageing plan to address the myriad of issues confronting local senior citizens and to establish priority actions to meet community needs. The positive ageing plan identifies seven priority areas for council action and the measures the council should implement to address them. Key actions, identified through the extensive community consultation process were to provide access to information, act as an advocate for the community, support local organisations and volunteers, and to coordinate community activities. To view the Opportunity for All Ages positive ageing plan, visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/main.cfm?categoryid=9&TopicID=54&contentfile=infopage.

New Council Guide on How to Prepare for Climate Change

The Local Government Association of Queensland has released the first Australian guide for councils on how to prepare for the effects of climate change. The Adapting to Climate Change guide is specifically tailored to help Queensland councils identify the way climate change is likely to affect the state’s Local Governments and their communities. The guide addresses possible climate change disaster scenarios for the state such as intense storms, drought and flash floods and provides a step-by-step process to identify climate change issues and implement adaptive plans to address them. The guide also includes case studies of councils that have implemented simple action plans to help them avoid the risks posed by climate change. The guide and other climate change resources can be found on the LGAT website at www.lgat.tas.gov.au in the Climate Change Toolkit.
No Butts About It!

Eleven NSW joined forces as part of a 6-week campaign, coordinated by the Butt Littering Trust, to discourage motorists from throwing their cigarette butts from vehicles along the Newell and Mitchell Highways. The campaign, which resulted in a commendable average butt littering reduction of 77%, used television advertisements, roadside banners and the distribution of personal ashtrays, stickers and other promotional items to convey the message. Permanent ashtrays were also installed at 15 well-trafficked areas, proving to be an effective method of reducing the incidences of butt littering. The Butt Littering Trust recently launched a free Butt Free Toolbox to enable stakeholders to reduce butt littering in their local communities. For details, visit www.buttlitteringtrust.org.

Darwin Hosts National General Assembly (26-29 November)

For only the second time in the event’s 14-year history, the National General Assembly will be held outside of Canberra – in Darwin. Under the theme A Climate for Change, this year’s event will address a range of topical issues facing Local Government including constitutional recognition, infrastructure affordability, financial sustainability, climate change and its implications. It will also build on the Australian Local Government Association’s 3F campaign – Fair Funding; Fair Treatment and Formal Recognition. Speakers include prominent futurist – Mr Richard Neville, Internationally acclaimed Environmentalist – Professor Tim Flannery, and constitutional law expert – Professor Cheryl Saunders AO. To register, visit http://nga.alga.asn.au/event/2007/.

Jobscore Sets Local Government Wages Straight

The Western Australian Local Government Association has created a system that allows councils across Australia to determine the national average remuneration level for Local Government staff positions. At a time of increased competition among councils for staff due to widespread skills shortages, the Association’s ‘jobscore’ system is intended to help councils ascertain the standard remuneration level for a wide range of specific Local Government staff positions so they can offer wages that will allow them to be competitive in the national employment marketplace. The points-based system, already tested among councils in two states, will also enhance the mobility of Local Government employees between councils. For more information about jobscore, visit www.jobscore.org.au.

Business Framework to Improve Performance

The City of Marion is successfully using an internationally recognised business excellence model to improve the council’s organisational performance. Using the Australian Business Excellence framework to guide its organisational performance for the past three years, the South Australian council has focused on areas such as providing skill improvement training for staff and measuring and improving the council’s performance. The City of Marion this year sought an external evaluation of its business improvement processes through participating in the 2007 annual Australian Business Excellence Awards, where the council took out a bronze award. For further details, contact the City of Marion on (08) 8375 6600.
diary dates

Local Government Meetings and Events

September

26-27 General Managers’ Workshop
Hobart
6233 5966

17-1 Nomination period – Local Government Elections
www.electoral.tas.gov.au

October

16-30 Polling Period – Local Government Elections

26 General Management Committee Meeting
Hobart
6233 5966

30-2 Local Government Election results released

November

14 General Meeting
Launceston
6233 5966

15 Mayors’ Workshop
Launceston
6233 5966

December

12 General Management Committee Meeting
Launceston
6233 5966

Conferences and Professional Development

September

14-16 Local EXPOsure
Latrobe, TAS
www.tasregionalarts.org.au

16-18 Renewable Energy and Regional Australia Conference
Bendigo, VIC
www.renewableenergyconference.com.au

17-19 Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia Conference
Wollongong, NSW

19 Local Government Responses to Alcohol Related Harm
Melbourne, VIC
1300 858 584

20 Councils as Information Guardians
Sydney, NSW
(02) 9242 4181

24-28 On-Site ’07
Armidale, NSW

25-27 14th Biennial NSW Weeds Conference
Wollongong, NSW
www.iceaustralia.com/weeds2007/

26 Embracing Change and Improving Performance in Public Sector Finance and Management
Hobart, TAS
1300 857 705

26-27 Online Marketing 2007
Sydney, NSW
(02) 9223 2600

26-29 International Forum for the Alliance for Healthy Cities
Surfers Paradise, QLD

30-3 2007 Australian Sister Cities Association National Conference
Darwin, NT
www.ascadarwin2007.com
FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

Area Consultative Committee Tasmania now has two project officers to support and assist Local Government and local communities access Regional Partnerships funding.

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Surfers Paradise, QLD  
www.bioenergyaustralia.org

26-28  Risk Communication: Engaging the Public  
Adelaide, SA  
www.nsceh.com

26-29  National General Assembly  
Darwin, NT  

26-29  Greenhouse Gases and Animal Agriculture Conference  
Christchurch, NZ  
www.confer.co.nz/ggaa2007

29-30  International Road Safety Conference  
Perth, WA  
(08) 9213 2060

30  People, Pets and Planning Symposium  
Melbourne, VIC  
www.deakin.edu.au/events/ppp

30  Radiation Safety at Communication Sites – Policy and Legal Issues  
Darwin, NT  
futurepace@bigpond.com

September

1-30  International Prostate Cancer Awareness Month  
www.prostate.org.au

17-23  National Stroke Week  
www.strokefoundation.com.au

20  International Peace Day  
www.internationaldayofpeace.org

22  Fusion Expo Day  
Poatina  

30  World Heart Day  
www.heartfoundation.com.au

October

1  International Day of Older Persons  
www.un.org

3  Ride to Work Day  
www.cyclingsouth.org

1-7  Seniors Week  
www.dpac.tas.gov.au

5  Walk to Work Day  
www.walk.com.au

6-7  Tulip Festival  
http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

10  World Mental Health Day  
www.un.org

10  National Kidsafe Day  
www.kidsafe.com.au

13-19  National Week for Deaf People  
www.aad.org.au

14-20  Anti Poverty Week  
www.antipovertyweek.org.au

22  Pink Ribbon Day  
www.pinkribbonday.com.au

27  Derby River Derby  
http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

December

3-5  Moving Cultures, Shifting Identities  
Melbourne, VIC  
http://fhrc.flinders.edu.au/events/movingcultures.html

11  2nd Annual Government Relations Summit  
Canberra, ACT  
www.frocomm.com.au
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28  Clarence Seafarer’s Festival
    Bellerive Boardwalk

28  The Great Huon Apple Race
    http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

November

2-5  Tasmanian Craft Fair
    http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

8-14  Get Walking Tasmania Week
    www.getwalking.tas.gov.au

11  Brighton Show
    http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

12-19  Food Safety Week
    foodsafety@ozemail.com.au

14  World Diabetes Day
    www.worlddiabetesday.org

16  International Day for Tolerance
    www.un.org

17  Hobart Christmas Pageant
    http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

18-24  National Skin Cancer Action Week
    www.cancer.org.au

20  Universal Childrens’ Day
    www.un.org

24  Launceston Christmas Parade
    http://events.dtpha.tas.gov.au

December

3  International Day of People with a Disability
    www.un.org

5  International Volunteers Day
    www.volunteeringaustralia.org

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