

**Notes**  
**LGMA NSW Integrated Planners Member Network**  
**11 December 2009**

**1. Welcome Address by Luke Nicholls General Manager - Bankstown City Council**

No transcript available.

**2. Update from LGMA NSW - Annalisa Haskell, CEO**

Presentation available at

[http://www.lgmansw.com.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Special\\_Interest\\_Groups&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3612](http://www.lgmansw.com.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Special_Interest_Groups&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3612)

Notes:

a) All correspondence relating to future meetings of all Member Networks (SIG) will be sent out by LGMA NSW and not the office bearers of individual Networks.

b) The Integrated Planners Member Network (IPN) page on Bang The Table will be closed and all IPN Member Network related content has been transferred to the LGMA NSW website. The Integrated Planners Member Network features on two pages:

1. 'Member Networks' tab provides info about all Networks - including meeting dates, executive contacts etc. The presentations from each meeting will be posted on this page for approximately one (1) month after each meeting.

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2. Access for Members only – a Member login and password is required for the e-library; this is where all the key content from the Bang the Table site has been transferred across. This page will feature all presentations for the current year as well as the previous year (i.e. 2010 and 2009). The LGMA NSW is currently exploring a forum function that will be added to the site in 2010.

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**3. Presentation by Linda Perrine, Manager Strategy and Policy - Bankstown City Council**

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**4. Workshop on LGMA NSW Integrated Planners Network Charter, Values and Future Direction - Facilitated by Executive Committee**

The draft IPN Charter, Values and Future Direction is currently being prepared based on workshop feedback.

The following questions were raised by participants; a response to these questions will be sought from LGMA NSW and will be advised at the first meeting in 2010. For more information contact Jenny Gleeson, Acting Chairperson on Ph 99368463 or [jennifer.gleeson@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.gleeson@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

- The Network requested that the minutes of the Executive Committees be made available on the LGMA NSW website - for transparency purposes. As paying members we want to know what decisions are being made on their behalf and are they inline with the Member Network's values
- The Network doesn't want access to the presentations restricted to LGMA members only (see item 2b). What are the rights of the non LGMA but paying forum participant?

### **5. Presentation by Aaron Everingham, Objective Corporation: UK perspective on designing policy and statutory documents and effective community engagement**

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Interesting website: <http://bigcitytalk.org.uk> was built by the local community in response to the council's suggested engagement processes for the development of the Birmingham City Plan.

### **6. Presentation by meeting sponsor CAM Management Solutions**

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### **7. Update from Karen Patterson, Division of Local Government on the Act, Regulation, Guidelines, and Manual (IPR Framework)**

Where are reforms are up to?

- hopefully you're aware that the Local Government Act has been amended to include the new planning and reporting requirements for councils (see Circular to Councils 09-37 on 14 Oct)
- in regard to the Regulation, we're just waiting for PCO to provide us with a final Regulation so that we can get it approved by the Minister and signed by the Governor
- so not sure when Regulation will commence but there are no significant changes to draft that was issued for public consultation earlier in the year
- Guidelines will cover what's in the Regulation
- in regard to the Guidelines and Manual, they have been submitted for approval
- DDG is keen for them to be released before Christmas
- they will be released even if the Regulation hasn't been gazetted
- they will be released via a circular to councils which has also been submitted for approval
- there are no significant changes to either from the draft issued for public consultation
- there are likely to be some updates early next year e.g. tourism planning
- we're also finalizing a webpage that will include advice on workforce planning as this isn't covered in any detail in the Manual
- webpage will also provide links to other resources on strategic planning, community engagement and civic leadership

Transitional legislative provisions

- it's important that you are aware of the transitional provisions that are now included in the Act (Schedule 8, Part 31 *Provisions consequent on enactment of Local Government Amendment*

(*Planning and Reporting) Act 2009*) this is covered in the circular that will be issued with the Guidelines and Manual

- these provisions are that the management planning and annual reporting requirements that were in the Local Government Act prior to the amendments that commenced on 1 October 2009 continue to apply until a council has commenced under the new planning and reporting requirements
- this matter is covered in the circular that will be issued with the Guidelines and Manual
- for example, Group 1 councils will commence under the new provisions from 1 July 2010
- this means that Group 1 councils must comply with the new planning provisions for the 2010/11 year
- however, Group 1 council annual reports for the 2009/2010 year (due 30 November 2010) must comply with the previous reporting requirements
- it's important to be aware of this when you're referring to the Local Government Act on the NSW Legislation website because the current version only has the new requirements
- the circular will let you know how you can refer to an historical version of the Local Government Act on the NSW Legislation website  
(<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+30+1993+ed+2009-07-06+N/>)

#### Group nomination

- as at Wednesday, 9/12/09 we had 143 councils who have nominated a group, including some county councils
- 5 councils have been granted a short extension
- only leaves 18 or about 10% of general purpose and county councils that haven't responded so we're currently following them up
- of those that have nominated a group 30 will be in Group 1, 47 in Group 2 and 66 in Group 3

#### Baseline survey

- thank you to those of you who may have completed or assisted with completing this survey
- 84% of councils have responded and we're currently following up those who haven't
- we've started analyzing the responses so will be contacting councils about mentoring early next year

#### Working with State agencies

- I wanted to cover briefly working with State Government agencies
- this will also be covered in the circular that will be issued with the Guidelines and Manual
- the Division has received a number of invitations from councils to attend consultation sessions for the development of their Community Strategic Plan
- the Division's role is to provide advice to councils to assist their transition to the new planning and reporting framework
- we're not a service delivery agency so we can't provide input into the future priorities and aspirations of each local government area
- this is a matter for the community and stakeholders of an area which includes State agencies that provide services to the community
- councils need to identify mutually beneficial opportunities in working with State agencies that operate in their area
- it's important that councils build on established relationships and utilise existing forums to identify areas in common and potential partnerships
- to obtain input from State agencies, in many cases it will be more efficient and effective to develop a draft Community Strategic Plan and then convene a State agency forum that invites

those agencies that provide services in an area or have been identified as potential partners in the delivery of the community's priorities and aspirations

### Implementation

- DLG's focus next year will be on assisting councils to implement the new requirements
- DLG is keen to work with LGMA and IPN on best way to do this which might include training sessions/workshops for practitioners
- DLG is currently planning mid-term councillor information seminars similar to those held following elections
- details are still being worked out but these are likely to be held in Sep-Oct, GMs and senior staff will be encouraged to attend as well as councillors, and will focus on IP&R

### **8. Panel Discussion: Question - What does integration look like for different size councils (regional/rural and metropolitan)? Panel members will provide perspectives on issues regarding implementation of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

No transcript available. Panel Members included Karen Paterson - DLG; Judy Charlton - Albury City (Group 1) ; Ed Mishra - Hurstville (Group 2) and Linda Perrine - Bankstown City (Group 3).

### **9. General Business:**

- 2010 network meeting dates:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Suggested agenda content</i>
Friday 5 February (TBC) THIS DATE & VENUE HAS SINCE CHANGED.	Dubbo (TBC); partnership with Orana Region, IPART, Dubbo City Council presentation
Friday 14 May	skills focus 'corporate planning as a profession', Mosman Council presentation; HR SIG workforce planning
Friday 6 August	Panel: Group 1 Councils - what problems did you face meeting the deadline and how did you overcome them?
Friday 5 November	

- Amanda Spalding has resigned as Chairperson of the IPMember Network. Jenny Gleeson, Secretary will act as the Chairperson of the Network until another Chairperson is appointed in early 2010. A nomination form will be distributed in the near future. Nominations will be called up until a week prior to the February 2010 network meeting - for more information contact Jenny Gleeson, Acting Chairperson on Ph 99368463 or [jennifer.gleeson@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.gleeson@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)
- The Consulting Councils Forum will be holding its next meeting on Friday 26 February 2010 at Parramatta City Council - 30 Darcy Street. This network discusses community engagement practices in local government. For more information the Chair, Wade Clark on Ph 9806 5245, 0404 065 875 or email: [wclark@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wclark@parracity.nsw.gov.au)
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