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Cr Maree Stratham
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Lithgow City Council
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Dear Cr Stratham

Local Government NSW Annual Conference

As you will be aware Local Government NSW's inaugural conference will be held at the Sydney Town Hall from 1 - 3 October 2013.

Planning for the Conference Program is well advanced and as per the conferences held by the former Local Government Association and the Shires Association time has been set aside for business sessions to discuss the various significant issues which affect the sector.

The Association would now like to receive input from Councils to guide the content of the business sessions. Councils are requested to identify the most important 3 – 5 issues which they believe are causing concern to the Council and/or the local community and provide these details to the Association prior to Friday 19 July 2013. The Association will review all responses received and then identify the top 3 – 5 issues as identified overall by member councils. These issues will then be put to the Conference for debate and deliberation as part of the business sessions.

In addition to identifying an issue, Councils are encouraged to suggest an appropriate solution by including either a motion which could be considered by the Conference or notes which might guide delegates to an agreed position.

Issues identified by Councils which fall outside of the top overall 3 – 5 will be considered by the Board prior to the Conference. Councils will be advised of the outcome of these deliberations also prior to the Conference.

A copy of the Draft Program (as at 22 May 2013) is attached for information.

It would be appreciated if Councils could provide their identified issues and any accompanying notes or motions using the online form which can be found on the Association's website at <http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference> prior to Friday 19 July 2013.

For any further information regarding this matter please contact Peter Coulton, Director Corporate Services on 9242 4030.

Yours sincerely,

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Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
Joint President

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Cr Ray Donald
Joint President

Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2013

DRAFT PROGRAM 1 - 3 October, 2013 (as of 22 May 2013)
Sydney Town Hall, George Street, corner of Park Street, Sydney

Tuesday 1 October

- 4.00pm – 8.00pm Registration opens
 Lower Ground Floor, Sydney Town Hall.
- 6.00pm – 8.00pm Presidents' Welcome Reception, Lower Town Hall, sponsored by YMCA.
 Welcome from the **Joint Presidents LGNSW**
 Welcome from **Cr Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of City of Sydney**
 Address by Welcome Function Sponsor

Wednesday 2 October

- 8.00am Registration opens in Lower Town Hall, Sydney Town Hall; Distribution of voting materials; Cloak Room opens in Treasury
- 9.30am – 10.00am *Morning Tea available in Trade Exhibition in Lower Town Hall sponsored by LG Super*
- 8.00am – 10.00am Voting for Executive Positions in Marconi Room, Ground Floor, inclusive of morning tea
 (voting is suspended from 10.00am – 11.00am)
- 11.00am – 1.00pm Voting for Executive Positions in Marconi Room, Ground Floor
- 10.00am – 12.00pm Official Opening Ceremony, Centennial Hall, Ground Floor
Official Opening Ceremony:
 Welcome to Country **Glenn Doyle**
 National Anthem
 Introduction by the **Joint Presidents**
 Address from **Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW** (invited)
 Address from **Hon Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of NSW** (invited)
 Presentation of the AR Bluett Awards
 Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards
 Adoption of Standing Orders.
 Presentation and Adoption of Treasurer's Report.
- 12.00pm – 1.00pm *Lunch in trade exhibition in Lower Town Hall sponsored by LG Super*
- 1.00pm – 1.30pm Keynote Address: **Hon Don Page MP, Minister for Local Government**
- 1.30pm – 3.30pm Opening of Business Session
 Keynote Address: **Cr Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney.**
 1.30pm – 1.45pm Consideration of Motions concerning but not limited to the Independent Local Government Review Panel – findings and directions (**Professor Graham Sansom** invited).
- 3.25pm 5 minutes address by LG Super as Distinguished Sponsor
- 3.30pm *Afternoon tea in Trade Exhibition in Lower Town Hall sponsored by LG Super*
- 4.00pm – 4.30pm **Hon John Robertson MP, Leader of the Opposition** (invited)

- 4.30pm – 5.00pm LGNSW – Plans for the Future (how your Association will assist its member councils in the year ahead, conference future, membership) Speakers TBC. 5 minute address by NRL Distinguished Sponsor
- 5.00pm End of Day proceedings. Sponsors Happy Hour in Trade Exhibition sponsored by NRL
- 6.00pm Sponsors Happy Hour in Trade Exhibition finishes.
- 4.00pm – 6.30pm Delegates Retreat in Trade Exhibition or Treasury Room as Cloak Room open for dinner arrivals/ changes/ *cloak room facilities to cater for changing for dinner for delegates not returning home*
- 7.30pm – 11.00pm Gala Dinner in Centennial Hall

Thursday 3 October

- 8.00am Registration opens in Vestibule, Ground Floor, Sydney Town Hall.
- 9.00am Conference Business Session Opens for General Business. 5 minute presentation by EPA as Distinguished Sponsor.
- 9.15am **Ms Gail Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director, Westpac Banking Corporation**
- 9.45am Conference Business Session Opens - Consideration of Motions (45 minutes)
- 10.30am *Session breaks for Morning Tea in trade exhibition sponsored by EPA*
- 11.00am **Mr Paul Broad, CEO, Infrastructure NSW (invited)**
- 11.30am 'Regional and Urban councils – what will we look like in 2036?' – **Mark McCrindle**, social analyst with an international renown for tracking global changes and analysing social trends
- 12.00pm Planning debate 'The New Planning System: a Cultural Challenge!' Inclusive of **Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning, Mark McCrindle, futurist and demographer, Mr Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Taskforce, Ms Corrine Fisher, Better Planning Network, and Professor Ed Blakely, United States Studies Centre (invited)**
- 12.50pm Report from Elite sponsor/distinguished sponsor
- 1.00pm *Lunch in trade exhibition sponsored by NSW EPA*
- 2.00pm Consideration of Motions (1.5 hours)
- 3.30pm Close of conference. Conference adjourns for Sponsors Happy Hour drinks in trade exhibition sponsored by NRL inclusive afternoon tea
- 4.30pm Sponsors Happy Hour concludes. End of Day proceedings

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

This program is correct at the time of printing; speakers and program details may have changed due to unforeseen circumstances.