



women

in local government management

National forum Rydges Lakeside Canberra 2 - 3 September 2008



NATIONAL FORUM OUTCOMES

A national forum comprising representatives from local, state and commonwealth governments, local government associations and peak professional bodies was hosted by LGMA in Canberra on the 2-3 September 2008 to define and develop a Year of Women in Local Government to promote the advancement of women in senior management positions.

The outcomes of the forum are as follows:

- LGMA will facilitate the development and implementation of the 'Year of Women in Local Government' in 2010 (YoWiLG)
- A working party consisting of representatives from local, state and commonwealth government departments, local government associations, unions and peak professional bodies will be established to develop and implement the 'Year of Women in Local Government' in 2010 (YoWiLG)
- LGMA will nominate a chairperson for the YoWiLG working party and provide secretarial support
- The LGMA will host the first YoWiLG working party teleconference in early November (2008) to determine the way forward
- The YoWiLG working party will
 - develop a business plan and cost elements for the YoWiLG program
 - identify and seek seed funding for research and resources to implement the YoWiLG program
 - identify and seek funding/sponsorship to implement the YoWiLG program

The YoWiLG working party will include the following sector representatives:

- Ray Pincombe, Working Party Chair
LGMA National President, CEO City of Unley (SA)
- Penny Holloway, LGMA National Board Member, Chair LGMA WiLGM Working Party, General Manager, North Sydney City Council
- Kaele Way, National President, ALGWA
- Fleur Cussons, National Vice-President, Environmental Health Australia
- Dyan Currie, President Queensland Division, Planning Institute of Australia
- Roma O'Callaghan, LGPro Board Member, LGMA WiLGM Working Party
- Marg Nicholls, Director, Economic Development Australia
- Angela Byron, Assistant Section Manager, Leadership Office, The Office for Women (TBC)
- Virginia Scott, Acting Manager, Community Capacity Building, Department of Local Government & Regional Development (WA)
- Jenny Merkus, National President, Local Government Community Services Association of Australia
- Peta Irvine, Chief Executive Officer, LGMA Queensland, LGMA WiLGM Working Party
- Gay Thornton, LGMA WA LGMA WA Board Member, LGMA WiLGM Working Party, Director of Community Services, City of Rockingham
- Lyn Russell, General Manager, City of Wagga Wagga
- Gunilla Burrows, member of the working party that established 2007 Year of Women in Engineering.
- Jane Gascoigne, Director of Local Government Grants and Regional Communities, Office for State/Local Government Relations (SA)

Invitations to participate in the YoWiLG working party will also be extended to Australian Services Union, ALGA, IPWEA and other parties as determined.

A copy of the media statement together with a letter detailing the outcomes of the forum and proposed way forward for the YoWiLG will be sent to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for the Status of Women.

Copies of keynote presentations and presentations of initiatives promoting the advancement of women in senior management positions in local government, together with forum workshop outcomes and ideas will be made available to all delegates.