

4th National Local Government Workforce Development Forum Program

7-8 April 2011

Common Room, University House
Balmain Crescent, Australian National University, Canberra

Day & Time	Duration	Topic
DAY 1		MC: Government Skills Australia
Thursday 7 April		Facilitator: LGMA National, John Ravlic
8.30-9am	30 min	Registration Coffee and tea on arrival
9-9.15am	15 min	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome and Introduction Maire Sheehan, Deputy Chairperson, Government Skills Australia Board Melissa Gibbs, Assistant Director, Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG)
9.15-10am	30 min	Keynote Linda White, Branch Manager, Industry Workforce Development Branch Department of Education, Employment and Workforce Relations (DEEWR) Overview of Federal Government's employment, training and education agenda and implications for Local Government, to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COAG's review of skills training and funding ▪ Proposed targeted forms of investment in specific industries or skills ▪ The Critical Skills Investment Fund ▪ Strategies and incentives for engaging 2 million more people in the workforce ▪ EBPPP success and direction and ▪ Labour market predictions
	15 min	Q & A
10am-12noon*	2 hrs	Workforce Development Progress Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Common themes, achievements and successes ▪ Issues currently being addressed by stakeholders <i>Facilitated open forum discussion</i> * Session to include Morning Coffee and Tea – 'working' or otherwise
12-12.30pm	30 min	Lunch
12.30-1.30pm	15 min	Government Skills Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workforce Development Update Nick Dudley, Workforce Development Manager, GSA
	20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workforce Profiling and Planning Case Study WBC Strategic Alliance Donna Galvin, Executive Manager, WBC Strategic Alliance, representing councils of Wellington, Blayney, Cabonne and Central Tablelands Water
	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Package Update Nick Crosling, Industry Liaison Officer, Local Government, GSA
	10 min	Q & A and discussion

Thursday (cont) 1.30-2.10pm	20 min 20 min	National LG Workforce Strategy and Blueprint John Ravlic, Chief Executive, Local Government Managers Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roundtable outcomes and framework for action <i>Open forum discussion</i>
2.10pm- 2.50pm	20 min 20 min	Establishment of National Local Government Workforce Data Set Alex Gooding, Data Project Scoping Consultant, ACELG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview ▪ Roundtable outcomes and framework for action ▪ Discussion <i>Discussion to include feedback on core data and collection methodology</i>
2.50-3pm	10 min	Afternoon Coffee and Tea
3-3.45pm	15 min 10 min 20 min	Critical Skills and the Evolution of the ParaProfessional: Challenges, Learnings and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bob Wiltshire, Director, Local Government Training Institute (LGTI), a division of Hunter Councils, Inc. (invited) o Greg McLean, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Services Union (ASU) <i>Open forum discussion – delegate contributions are encouraged</i>
3.45-4.25pm	25 min 15 min	Apprenticeships for the 21st Century Overview of key recommendations and findings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Report <i>A Shared Responsibility – Apprenticeships for the 21st C</i> (Jan 2011) ▪ Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable (29 March 2011) Presenter: Roger Bush, Asst Director, Strategic Policy, Australian Apprenticeships DEEWR <i>Q & A and discussion</i>
4.25-5.30pm	10 min 15 min 15 min 15 min 10 min	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in LG Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Intro and National LG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Program Update Angela Zivkovic, Project Manager, LG Practice Unit, ACELG o Federal Government Indigenous Employment Program Progress and Future Direction of Strategy Jo Wood, GM, Indigenous Economic Strategy, DEEWR o Community-led Reconciliation Action Plans Adam Mooney, Director, Reconciliation Action Plans, Reconciliation Australia o Case Study Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in LG Banambi Wunungmurra, President, and Ian Bodill, CEO, East Arnhem Shire Council <i>Q & A and discussion</i>
5.30pm		Day 1 forum session ends
7.30pm		<i>Pre-dinner drinks and</i>
8pm		<i>Dinner in the Great Hall, University House, Balmain Cresc, ANU</i>

DAY 2
Friday 8 April

9-11am*		
	30 min	Innovative Workforce Practice and Service Delivery
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental Health Case Study Michael Livori, CEO, Eastern Health Authority (EHA), South Australia
	15 min	<i>Facilitated discussion – application of EHA model to other LG critical skills areas</i>
	45 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACELG Innovation and Best Practice Program Paul Bateson, Program Manager, Innovation and Best Practice Program
		Interactive session
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program briefing ○ Q &A ○ Discussion
	15 min	<i>Open forum discussion on workforce innovation and better practice</i>

**Morning Coffee and Tea to be included in above session*

11am	40 min	Keynote The Community Services and Aged Care Workforce –
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why urgent action is needed ▪ New approaches to skills and workforce design
		Robin Flynn, Policy and Research Manager, Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CSHISC)
	20 min	<i>Q & A and discussion</i>

12-12.30pm **30 min** **Lunch**

12.30-2.30pm	2 hrs	ACELG ‘Learning in Local Government’ Project
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of sector survey results and gap analysis of education and professional development needs ▪ Workshop – Reviewing strategy directions, reviewing organisational roles in E&PD, proposals for collaboration and developing pilot projects for 2011 and 2012
		Sarah Artist, Assistant Director, Centre for Local Government, University of Technology Sydney

2.30-3pm 30 min **Summary Action Plan**

3pm **End of Forum**