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Stronger Local Government Revenues



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ACELG has released an important new working paper called *In Our Hands: Strengthening Local Government Revenue for the 21st Century*. The research demonstrates how local government in Australia can

independently improve revenue streams to meet the ongoing and emerging needs of local communities.

The paper was prepared by John Comrie, who as a former council Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Local Government Association of South Australia, was well positioned to lead the research. The paper covers issues concerning property tax and other sources of revenue, and a series of 'next steps' for the sector to consider is included. The research is currently being presented at a number of forums. [Read More >](#)

Local government leadership program convenes

ACELG and its consortium partner the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) are very pleased with the enthusiastic response for the 2013 *Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program* held this week in Canberra. Forty-four senior-level leaders (both mayors and CEOs) are attending - many from regional areas and all states and territories - to hear the latest thinking on local governance presented by Australian and international experts. More about the 2013 Program in the next issue. [Read More >](#)

Enterprising local government research

ACELG has released a new scoping study called *Social Enterprises and Local Government*. The research outlines how local governments in Australia and overseas are currently working with social enterprises to achieve collaborative place-based solutions to challenges facing communities. The report was prepared by Dr Robyn Eversole and Mary Duniam from the University of Tasmania's Institute for Regional Development and can be found [here](#). This was an ACELG Partnership Research Scheme project. View others [here](#).

More Research News

You may have missed...

Make Your Knowledge Matter: A Guide to Developing and Documenting Research. [Read More >](#)

Community Engagement Resources for Rural-Remote and Indigenous Local Governments. [Read More >](#)

Education and Training in Key Skills Shortage Areas. [Read More >](#)

A complete listing of all 2012 ACELG research can be found [here](#).

IKEN Case Studies

See the new case-studies on ACELG's Local Government Innovation and Knowledge Exchange Network - IKEN:

- > Distributed Energy Plan (Parkes Shire Council, NSW)
- > Place based service delivery (NZ)
- > Affordable housing (City of Salisbury, SA)
- > Banking services to local small businesses (UK).

These and other resources are available from the front page of IKEN.

Researcher Profile

ACELG's Local Government Research Network (*Igresearch*) has a profile of **Austin Ley** who leads the Research Branch at the City of Melbourne. If you have yet to visit *Igresearch*, it's a great place to look for resources or connect with others related to Australian local government. Get involved [here](#).

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ACELG has received a diverse array of proposals from around the country for its biennial Local Government Researchers Forum to be held in Adelaide 6-7 June. The closing date for proposals is **Friday March 22**. For further information contact Stefanie Pillora, stefanie.pillora@acelg.org.au or phone 02 9514 4897. Stay in touch with Forum developments [here](#).

ACELG is finalising the following resources for release by mid-April:

- > A National Assessment Framework online portal for all councils. Contact: [Leon Patterson](#).
- > The National Local Government Workforce Strategy. Contact: [Angela Zivkovic](#).
- > General results of the Australian Local Government Workforce and Employment Census. Contact: [Melissa Gibbs](#).
- > Local Government and Regional Development Australia Committees. Contact: [Stefanie Pillora](#).
- > Knowledge City, a profile of the City of Melbourne research unit. Contact: [John Lavarack](#).
- > Community wellbeing indicators for the Queensland local government (with research partner LGAQ). Contact: [Stefanie Pillora](#).

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