

Norman Waterhouse Local Government Conference 2017

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Friday 11 August | Adelaide Oval

Session Time			
8:30am - 9:15am	REGISTRATION		
9:15am - 9:20am	INTRODUCTION & WELCOME		
9:20am - 10:20am	<p>Planning, Development, Infrastructure.....It's a Brave New World</p> <p>Planning. Development. Infrastructure. Engineering. Governance. Community engagement. Public realm. Information systems: no part of local government is unaffected by sweeping changes as the new PDI system rolls out.</p> <p>Don't miss this important address by <i>Inaugural Chair of the State Planning Commission, Tim Anderson QC</i>, who will speak about the early work of the Commission and its committees; his approach to the new role and future governance arrangements; and provide his observations on the role of local government in transitioning to the new PDI system.</p> <p>Better by Design</p> <p>Hot on the Commissioner's heels, the dynamic duo driving the reform agenda - <i>Sally Smith, General Manager, Planning & Development, DPTI and Anita Allen, Manager, Planning Reform, DPTI</i> - will speak about the brave new world of performance based planning and the development of the planning and design code, important tools that will shape the form and feel of our communities and public spaces for generations to come.</p> <p>Stay ahead of the game; hear it from the horse's mouth!</p>		
10:20am - 10:25am	SESSION BREAK		
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10:25am - 11:00am	<p>Planning & Compliance Case Law Update</p> <p>For your essential, annual update on all the significant decisions of the Supreme and ERD Courts concerning merit appeals, review applications and prosecutions.....</p> <p>Join <i>Claire Ryan, Jo Clare</i> and <i>Aden Miegel</i> in this double session as they review the full spectrum of important decisions on topics including student accommodation, joinder applications, time extensions, categorisation challenges, tourist accommodation, variations and regulated trees.</p>	<p>Has the Dust Settled?</p> <p>With the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 now fully commenced, <i>Paul Kelly</i> and <i>Dale Mazzachi</i> will workshop the last 8 months of case studies under the new provisions. When coupled with significant powers under the South Australian Public Health Act 2011, this interactive session will reflect on what we have lost, what we have gained, and what might be yet to come.</p>	<p>The Normans Confessional</p> <p>Have a question you're too afraid to ask? Need a steer on a sticky issue? Didn't seek permission and now you need forgiveness? Or you just want to chat about a dog?</p> <p>Throughout the day, our experienced practitioners will be available to provide advice (and dispense alms) across all areas of local government.</p> <p>To book a 10 minute session, please contact Leah Fingleton, on 8217 1320 or by emailing rsvp@normans.com.au or turn up at the confessional box on the day!</p> <p>Sitting 1: Property & Infrastructure</p>
11:00am - 11:20am	MORNING TEA		
11:20am - 11:50am	<p>Planning & Compliance Case Law Update (cont)</p>	<p>Governance & Probity in Procurement: What are the Issues?</p> <p>A governance and probity framework for procurement activities is critical in ensuring that Councils comply with their obligations under the Local Government Act 1999. Join <i>Felice D'Agostino</i> and <i>Mabel Tam</i> as they discuss how to achieve commercial and strategic outcomes within the confines of a governance and probity framework.</p>	<p>The Normans Confessional</p> <p>Sitting 2: Employment & Governance</p>
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11:55am - 12:25pm	<p>Transforming Land Transactions</p> <p>Not to be outdone, the Lands Titles Office is also undergoing once-in-a-generation reforms to its processes and procedures. E-conveyancing has arrived and Councils are affected in all sorts of ways, from routine sale and purchase of land, to easement consents required for third party land divisions.</p> <p>This session, presented by <i>Michael Ryan</i> and <i>Yari McCall</i>, will provide practical guidance to assist planners, property/project officers and everyone else involved in land transactions, navigate the new requirements and prepare for the future.</p>	<p>Conflicts of Interest for Employees</p> <p>The magnifying glass remains firmly on local government. Public scrutiny to maintain the highest level of accountability and transparency whilst obtaining the best results for ratepayers, is at an all time high.</p> <p>And yet the "rules" are not always clear. In this session, <i>Sathish Dasan</i> and <i>Felice D'Agostino</i> will address the complicated issue of conflicts of interest for Council employees, analysing whether the "rules" actually promote transparency or whether they are just another bureaucratic exercise.</p>	<p>The Normans Confessional</p> <p>Sitting 3: Environment & Planning</p>

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12:25pm - 1:20pm	LUNCH								
1:20pm - 2:05pm	<p align="center">The Fast Money</p> <p>Time is money. Money is scarce. And so we bring you the "Fast Money": a series of rapid-fire updates on hot topics, legislative change and industry trends.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Crown Land</p> <p>Changes to the Crown Land Management Act will require custodian Councils to make decisions about the suitability and impacts of granting leases over Crown land, including impacts on Native Title rights. Lisa Hubbard and Nick Llewellyn-Jones will update you on the critical changes, with a focus on Native Title rights.</p> </td> <td> <p>Innovation in Rating</p> <p>With the prospect of rate capping looming large after the 2018 State election, the ability to be innovative in the rating space has never been more important. Dale Mazzachi will lead a discussion focusing on Councils' use of the rating provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 to fund projects in non-traditional ways.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Retirement Villages</p> <p>Recent amendments to the Retirement Villages Act will affect all Councils that provide aged accommodation. Lisa Hubbard will slice and dice the changes and how they may affect your Council.</p> </td> <td> <p>Are Enterprise Agreements Sending Your Council Broke?</p> <p>Sathish Dasan will discuss the impact of unproductive enterprise agreements on the Council's bottom-line and what Councils should be doing about it.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Don't Dig Yourself Into a Hole: Control & conduct of mining by Local Government</p> <p>Increasingly, mining operators are looking to undertake exploration activities on Council-owned or managed land, including public roads, reserves and other public places. In this session, Nick Llewellyn-Jones and Chris Alexandrides will outline the rights and obligations conferred on Councils under the Mining Act.</p> </td> <td> <p>Future Proofing</p> <p>Learn what Local Government Professionals SA members are doing and thinking about the sector's future. CEO Taryn Sexton will share her observations on what professionals are seeking from their leaders and how they want to shape the future. Hear about network projects and agendas, the Australasian LG Performance Excellence Program, the Leadership Capability Framework and more.</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Crown Land</p> <p>Changes to the Crown Land Management Act will require custodian Councils to make decisions about the suitability and impacts of granting leases over Crown land, including impacts on Native Title rights. Lisa Hubbard and Nick Llewellyn-Jones will update you on the critical changes, with a focus on Native Title rights.</p>	<p>Innovation in Rating</p> <p>With the prospect of rate capping looming large after the 2018 State election, the ability to be innovative in the rating space has never been more important. Dale Mazzachi will lead a discussion focusing on Councils' use of the rating provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 to fund projects in non-traditional ways.</p>	<p>Retirement Villages</p> <p>Recent amendments to the Retirement Villages Act will affect all Councils that provide aged accommodation. Lisa Hubbard will slice and dice the changes and how they may affect your Council.</p>	<p>Are Enterprise Agreements Sending Your Council Broke?</p> <p>Sathish Dasan will discuss the impact of unproductive enterprise agreements on the Council's bottom-line and what Councils should be doing about it.</p>	<p>Don't Dig Yourself Into a Hole: Control & conduct of mining by Local Government</p> <p>Increasingly, mining operators are looking to undertake exploration activities on Council-owned or managed land, including public roads, reserves and other public places. In this session, Nick Llewellyn-Jones and Chris Alexandrides will outline the rights and obligations conferred on Councils under the Mining Act.</p>	<p>Future Proofing</p> <p>Learn what Local Government Professionals SA members are doing and thinking about the sector's future. CEO Taryn Sexton will share her observations on what professionals are seeking from their leaders and how they want to shape the future. Hear about network projects and agendas, the Australasian LG Performance Excellence Program, the Leadership Capability Framework and more.</p>	<p align="center">The Normans Confessional</p> <p align="center">Sitting 4: Regulatory Services & Rating</p>
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2:10pm - 3:10pm	<p>Rate Capping – Postcards from Victoria</p> <p>Rate capping is now firmly on the local government agenda in SA. And even if the "against" campaign is successful, in tight economic times, Councils will be under increasing pressure to cap rates voluntarily.</p> <p>To provide some insight into how the Victorians are faring under their rate capping regime, we have invited CEOs from two Victorian Councils to speak about their experiences, the challenges and the opportunities.</p> <p>Kelly Grigsby, CEO at Wyndham City Council and Peter Harriott, CEO Greater Shepparton City Council</p>								
3:10pm - 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA								
3:30pm - 4:20pm	<p>Get Me the Wolf!</p> <p>What does local government have in common with Quentin Tarantino's classic film "Pulp Fiction"? Obviously, when difficult problems need solving, or when innovative solutions are required, you call in "The Wolf".</p> <p>In this session, Norman Waterhouse Chairman of Partners Sean Keenihan will invite a group of senior local government managers to share how they worked with the team at Normans to overcome big problems in tight timeframes and lived to tell the story. Sean will also explore how, in the process, they channelled Harvey Keitel's classic portrayal of Winston "The Wolf" Wolfe.</p>								
4:20pm - 6:00pm	COCKTAIL NETWORKING FUNCTION								

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