

# January E-News 2010

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Welcome to the January 2010 edition of LGPro's E-News which is emailed to members 8 times per year, between the printed quarterly editions of PROfile Magazine. We welcome contributions from all sector members. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9686 3833 or email davidp@lgpro.com with any suggestions or comments. David Preiss, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LGPRO

*Discovering the  
Silver Lining*

## 2010 LGPRO Annual Conference

18-19 February 2010  
Melbourne Park Function Centre

"How positive change for the community can emerge after a crisis"

## 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE INCLUDES

### Welcome Dinner & River Cruise

Wednesday 17 February  
6.30pm on Lady Lindeman  
Boatman's Landing  
Waterfront City Docklands

### Conference Dinner

Thursday 18th February  
City of Melbourne  
Melbourne Town Hall  
7.00 For 7:30pm Start

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For All Keynote Speakers

### Sessions Include:

People and their Communities  
Can and Do Get Better

•  
Making Our Cities Child Friendly

•  
Community Engagement in Crisis

•  
The Silver Lining of an  
Ageing Population

•  
Why the Future is Local

•  
Collaborative Reform Projects:  
concept and case studies

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### MARGIE KEETON

#### International Keynote Speaker

Collaborating to Build Capacity  
and Create Communities

*BA Hons (Rhodes), M.Phil (Oxford)*

*Chief Executive Officer,  
Tshikululu Social Investments  
South Africa*

Margie Keeton's professional career has been devoted to work in the development arena that has brought private resources and business approaches to strengthen practical initiatives in education, HIV/AIDS, welfare, skills training and community development in South Africa. She was the founding Chief Executive Officer of Tshikululu Social Investments. Tshikululu is known for its considered approach to social development and the development of effective partnerships to support efforts by community groups and NGOs to address poverty and disadvantage.



### ROB GORDON

PH.D., B.A.(HONS), M.A.P.S.

*People and Their Communities  
Can and Do Get Better*

Rob Gordon is a clinical psychologist who has worked in disasters since the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. He has been involved in 25 major disasters in that time. He is interested in the social consequences of trauma and disasters and using group processes to enhance recovery.



### RICHARD WATSON

FUTURIST AND AUTHOR

*Why the future is Local*

Richard Watson advises organisations on the future, focusing on innovation and scenario planning. He is founder and publisher of 'What's Next', a quarterly report on global trends and is the author of Future Files: A History of the Next 50 Years that was published in 2007



### PETER BAINES

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR

*The Crisis Clock - Hope is Not a Plan*

Throughout almost two decades Peter has experienced and led people through some of life's most challenging events. Peter has first-hand experience of what it takes to achieve results in the midst of human devastation. He gets results without excuses by believing that Leadership Matters.



### TRACEY CURRO

RENOWNED JOURNALIST

*Facillitated Panel Conversation*

Tracey Curro is a former 60 Minutes reporter and an Al Gore Climate Change Ambassador. Tracey was the General Manager of Communications at Sustainability Victoria. Tracey brings an ability to handle information and issues, and engage with diverse audiences and stakeholders, across a wide range of sectors.

# Guidelines for Local Laws Breakfast Launch

## Overview for CEOs, Councillors and Senior Executives

This breakfast launch of the Guidelines for Local Laws will provide Chief Executive Officers, Senior Executives and Councillors with an overview of the necessary context and benefits of a strategic, consistent and whole-of-Council approach to local law regulation. Find out what a more consistent approach to local laws will mean for your Council and the new resources that will be available to assist your Council to achieve better practice. The guidelines will be officially launched by Prue Digby, Deputy Secretary Planning and Local Government, Department of Planning and Community Development. Chairing the breakfast is Lyndon Webb, recently retired Chief Executive Officer of Wellington Shire Council.

**WHERE:** Melbourne Park, Yarra Rooms

**WHEN:** Friday 19 February

7.15am for 7.30am start to 8.45am

*(Prior to the LGPro Annual Conference Day Two)*

**COST:** The workshop is complimentary, however registration is required.



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## Employment Opportunities

LGPro has a job vacancy listing on its website. To view the current positions available, please visit [www.lgpro.com/Jobs](http://www.lgpro.com/Jobs).

Councils who wish to advertise their job vacancy on LGPro's website should email LGPro [jobs@lgpro.com](mailto:jobs@lgpro.com) with their listing.



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# Guidelines for Local Laws: Educative Workshops

**For Officers and Managers**  
with responsibilities in preparing, creating, implementing,  
enforcing or reviewing local laws

The Better Practice Local Laws Strategy, released in December 2008, identified a strong need for the application of a more robust and consistent process for Local Law making. As a result, Local Government Victoria has been working collaboratively with LGPro, the MAV and an implementation committee comprised of Council representatives including the LGPro Statutory Services Special Interest Group to develop a suite of resources to equip and support the sector to achieve better practice and greater consistency in local law making. These LGPro educative workshops are designed to provide a forum for review and discussion of the Guidelines and associated resources.

## When and Where

**Horsham Rural City Council:** Tuesday 23 February 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

**Corangamite Shire Council:** Thursday 25 February 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

**Greater Dandenong City Council:** Tuesday 2 March 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

**Wyndham City Council:** Thursday 4 March 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

**Bendigo Rural City Council:** Tuesday 9 March 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

**Wangaratta Rural City Council:** Thursday 11 March 2010  
8.30am (for 9.00am start) to 4.30pm

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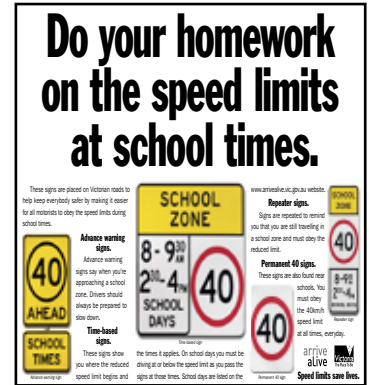
# Obey The School Rules



At the end of January, school goes back for 2010. This means that reduced speed limits around schools will apply.

School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children. So drivers must take extra care around schools, and slow down.

“School day” speed limits were introduced across the State starting in October 2003. These speed limits are clearly signposted. The types of signs you will see around schools include:



Advance warning signs which tell you that you are approaching a school zone and should be prepared to slow down.

Time-based signs which show you where the reduced speed limit begins and the times it applies. On school days you must drive at or below the speed limit at the times shown on the signs. An alternative version of these signs, called repeater signs, are used to remind you that you are still travelling in a school zone and must obey the reduced limit.

Permanent 40 signs are also found near schools. You must obey the 40km/h speed limit at all times, everyday when you see these signs.

Electronic variable speed limit signs are used on some roads. The speed limits on these signs change. Drivers should always travel within the speed limit shown on these signs.

To assist drivers to comply with “school day” speed limits, the days on which these speed limits apply are published in the Government Gazette. In 2010, with the exception of weekends and public holidays, “school day” speed limits will apply on all days in the following periods:

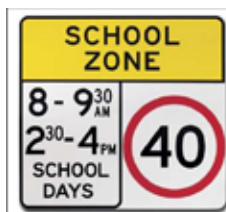


## So watch out for the speed limit signs near schools, slow down and obey the school

<u>School Period Starts</u>	to	<u>School Period Ends</u>
Wednesday 27 January 2010		Friday 26 March 2010
Monday 12 April 2010		Friday 25 June 2010
Monday 12 July 2010		Friday 17 September 2010
Monday 4 October 2010		Friday 17 December 2010



Advanced Warning Sign



Time Based Sign



Repeater Sign



Electronic Sign



Permanent 40 Sign

# Induction to Local Government

Induction to Local Government will be presented by Phil Shanahan (former Local Government CEO) and has been designed for those people in your organisation who are new or recently appointed staff to Local Government. The aim of the program is to provide Local Government employees with a clearer understanding about:

- A) The role of Local Government in a Federal system;
- B) Financial arrangements and challenges for Local Government;
- C) Governance issues for Local Government employees, including managing relationships, the role of Councillors, ethical behaviour and practices and legal obligations;
- D) Local democracy and community engagement.

## Upcoming 2010 Sessions:

**26 February 2010** Boroondara City Council

**06 June 2010** St Kilda Town Hall

**10 August 2010** Bayside City Council

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINEESHIP IN JAPAN

Life time opportunity to work, experience the culture and lifestyle of Japan.

The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR Sydney) is offering an opportunity to train in Japan under the Local Government Officials Training Program (LGOTP) 2010 from 23rd of May until 25th March 2011.

You are eligible to apply if you are a government employee in any field, and:

- work for a council or state government in Australia or New Zealand and are aged 20-39;
- could secure leave of absence from 22nd May 2010 until 25th March 2011;
- An applicant must have some command of the Japanese language.  
(certain fluency in everyday Japanese)

[Click here for more information](#)



## LGMA Management Challenge

2010 LGMA Management Challenge will be held Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th of March at the Karralyka Centre, Ringwood.

The LGMA Management Challenge is an internationally acclaimed professional and team development program that brings the best out of your present and potential Local Government leaders.



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## LGPro Awards for Excellence



The LGPro Awards for Excellence celebrate the success of individuals and teams working in Local Government in Victoria. The Awards will be presented at the 2010 LGPro Annual Conference Dinner to be held on Thursday 18 February 2010 at Melbourne Town Hall.

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### LGPro Ignite: You, Your Team, Your Organisation

**A Leadership Learning Path for new Supervisors, Team Leaders and Coordinators in Local Government**

**Series 1 - Thursday 11 February 2010 – Now Open for Registration**

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### Mentoring Local Government Leaders of the Future Expressions of Interest for 2010 Series

This exciting new LGPro program helps Local Government professionals learn from each other by sharing knowledge, expertise and skills across the sector. This cross council program brings together council officers from all levels and positions who are seeking professional development with experienced and knowledgeable mentors to gain new perspectives and insight, to build new skills and to seek new leadership opportunities.

For further information phone LGPro on 9686 3833 or email [leaneb@lgpro.com](mailto:leaneb@lgpro.com)

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**Assessment Officers**

February 03 2010

10.30am - 1.00pm

Hobsons Bay City

Contact: Jaralle Lange

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jlange@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

**WorkCover**

February 03 2010

10.00am-12.00pm

Banyule City Council

Contact: Edward Elliott

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Edward.Elliott@banyule.vic.gov.au

**Behaviour Change Network**

February 04 2010

9.30am - 12.00pm

Melbourne City Council

Contact: Julian Donlen

(03) 9209 6690

JDonlen@portphillip.vic.gov.au

**Family, Youth & Children's Services**

February 05 2010

10.30am to 1.30pm

Hobsons Bay City Council

Contact: Steve Dawkins

(03) 5568 0535

sdawkins@moyne.vic.gov.au

**Statutory Services**

February 09 2010

10.00am to 12.00pm

Stonnington Council Chambers

Glenferrie Road and

High Street Malvern

Contact: Peter Shelton

(03) 9238 1445

PShelt@cgd.vic.gov.au

**Community Safety**

February 10 2010

11.00am - 1.30pm

Richmond Town Hall

333 Bridge Rd, Richmond

Contact: Caroline Bell

(03) 9705 5276

cbell@casey.vic.gov.au

**Aged & Disability Services**

February 12 2010

10.0am to 1.00pm

Whitehorse City Council

Contact: Rebecca Haack

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rhaack@moreland.vic.gov.au

**Learning & Development**

February 15 2010

10.00am-12.00pm

Moonee Valley City Council

Committee Room

9 Kellaway Ave

Moonee Ponds

Contact: Trish Winterling

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**Bushfire Recovery Network**

February 22 2010

11.00am - 2.00pm

LGPro, South Melbourne

Contact: Leanne Bickley

leanneb@lgpro.com

**Corporate Planners Network**

February 26 2010

1.00pm to 4.00pm,

Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Property Network**

February 24 2010

10.00am to 2.00pm

TBC

Contact: Julian Harvey

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 SIG meetings and  
 information please go to  
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CORPORATE INFORMATION DATABASE

2010			
Date	Event/Program	Who Should Attend	Venue
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Tues 9	<b>LGPro Mentoring Program</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Institute of Chartered Accountants, Melbourne
Thurs 11 & Fri 12	<b>Ignite Series I</b>	A leadership learning path for new supervisors, team leaders and coordinators in Local Government	Yarra Valley Conference Centre
Wed 17	<b>2010 Annual Conference Welcome Dinner &amp; River Cruise</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Docklands
Thurs 18	<b>2010 Annual Conference Day 1 Sessions</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Melbourne Park
Thurs 18	<b>2010 Annual Conference Conference Dinner</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Melbourne Town Hall
Fri 19	<b>2010 Annual Conference Guidelines for Local Laws Breakfast Launch</b>	Councillors, CEOs, Senior Executives	Melbourne Park
Fri 19	<b>2010 Annual Conference Day 2 Sessions</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Melbourne Park
Fri 26	<b>Induction to Local Government</b>	All Local Government Professionals new to the sector	Boroondara City Council
<b>MARCH</b>			
Wed 24 & Thurs 25	<b>LGMA Management Challenge</b>	All Local Government Professionals	Karralyka Centre, Ringwood
<b>APRIL</b>			
Thurs 22	<b>CEO Forum Meeting and Dinner</b>	CEOs	TBA
Fri 23	<b>CEO Forum Program</b>	CEOs	TBA
Thurs 22 & Fri 23	<b>Ignite Series II</b>	A leadership learning path for new supervisors, team leaders and coordinators in Local Government	Torquay
<b>MAY</b>			
Fri 7	<b>Business Lunch</b>	All Local Government Professionals	TBA
<b>JULY</b>			
Thurs 29	<b>Women's Network Dinner</b>	All women in Local Government, men also welcome	TBA

A number of programs and activities are in development at the date of writing and we will inform you about them as details become available. For more information regarding these or other events, logon at <http://lgpromemberlogon.com/Default.aspx> You can contact the LGPro office on (03) 9686 3833 or email [info@lgpro.com](mailto:info@lgpro.com)