

## **Annexure 2 - Schedule of Awards and Project Recognitions Received**

| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>Short Description</b>                      |
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| 2               | Betty Award LAMP Project                      |
| 3               | Bluett Award Notification                     |
| 4               | StateCover WHS Award LAMP Project             |
| 5               | EPA Recycling Recognition                     |
| 6               | NoW Recognition for Quirindi Wastewater Plant |
| 7               | ACELG Tr@cer Mapping recognition              |
| 8               | Quarry Advice                                 |
| 9               | EPA Contaminated Land Workshop Recognition    |

## **Awards Received by Liverpool Plains Shire Council**

- 2004 Energy Australia National Trust Heritage Award
- 2004 Namoi Landcare Local Government Community Partnership Award
- 2005 Tidy Town Bush Spirit Award – First Fleet Memorial Gardens
- 2005 Local Government Manager's Association/Sydney Morning Herald Management Excellence Awards – Rural Council
- 2006 Energy Australia National Trust Cultural Heritage Award – WC Railway Museum
- 2006 NSW Local Government Cultural Awards – Werris Creek Railway Museum
- Council and Blacktown City Council won the New Affiliation Award at the 2006 Australian Sister Cities Annual Conference
- Category winner in the 2006 National Local Government Awards – Community Business Partnerships
- Category and overall winner in the 2007 National Local Government Awards – Information Technology Category for Tr@ceR Records Management System
- Highly Commended Award in the 2007 Kelloggs/ Heart Foundation Awards for the activities at the Quirindi Recreation Centre.
- Category winner in the 2007 NSW Tidy Towns Cultural Heritage Award – Werris Creek Railway Museum
- Finalist in the 2007 National Awards for Economic Development Excellence – Community Partnerships Category
- Category Winner in the 2007 Australian Property Industry Awards – Local Government Category – Werris Creek Railway Monument
- Category Winner in the 2007 Excellence in the Environment Awards – Weeds Management
- Category winner in the 2007 Northern Inland Innovation Awards – Tr@cer Electronic Data Management System
- 2007 A.R.Bluett Memorial Award for the Shire that made the most progress in 2006/07
- Runner up in the 2008 NSW Inland Tourism Awards – for the Australian Railway Museum
- Highly Commended 2008 Statecover Risk Management Awards – Tr@cer EDMS
- 2009 NSW Local Government Managers Association/Sydney Morning Herald Excellence in the Environment Awards – Highly Commended – Tr@ceR Weeds
- 2009 Australian Business Arts Foundation Award – NSW State Winner – Toyota Community Partnerships Category – Australian Railway Museum

- 2009 National Local Government Awards – Category Winner – Innovation in Natural Resource Management – Tr@ceR Weeds
- 2009 NSW Inland Tourism Awards – Australian Railway Museum
- 2010 National Trust of Australia/Energy Australia Heritage Awards – Winner Cultural Heritage – Corporate/Government Category – Quirindi Royal Theatre
- 2010 Local Government Cultural Awards – Winner Cultural Infrastructure Category – Population less than 20,000 – Quirindi Royal Theatre
- 2011 Australian Property Industry Awards Winner Local Government Category – Quirindi Royal Theatre
- 2012 NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Overall Town - Category C – Second Place- Quirindi
- 2012 Australian Property Industry Awards Highly Commended Local Government Category – Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre
- 2013 NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Overall Town - Category C – First Place – Werris Creek
- 2013 NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Cultural Heritage Awards – Category C – Quirindi Royal Theatre
- 2013 National Awards for Local Government – Category Winner – Asset and Financial Management Category – Quipolly Dam Upgrade
- 2013 IPWEA Engineering Excellence Awards – Highly Commended – Innovation in Water Supply and Wastewater Category – Quipolly Dam Upgrade
- 2013 NSW Inland Tourism Awards – Finalist – Visitor Information Centre
- 2013 Northern Inland Regional Development Authority Innovation Awards – Tr@ceR Mapping App.
- 2013 Betty Awards for Asbestos Awareness – Regional Council in Australia
- 2014 Australian Regional Development Conference – Planning & Building Award – Quipolly Dam
- 2014 Northern Inland Regional Development Authority Innovation Awards – First Fleet Memorial Gardens
- 2014 NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Overall Town – Category A – Third Place – Currabubula
- 2015 StateCover Mutual Highly Commended WHS Excellence Award – Asbestos Management Program



**THE**  
**Betty**  
**Awards**



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## TOP COUNCILS TAKE OUT NATIONAL AWARD

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Eighteen of the nation's 565 local councils and shires have taken out Australia's top local government awards in this year's National Awards for Local Government.

The prestigious awards recognise the dedication and hard work that local governments do in supporting their communities.

Run since 1986, this year saw 192 entries by councils and shires across the country.

"This year's category winners showcase the diversity of our local governments, with winners coming from places like East Arnhem Land, Rockhampton, Liverpool Plains, the Grampians and our major capital cities," Minister for Local Government Anthony Albanese said.

In coming weeks, the independent panel chaired by Paul Bell, President of the Local Government Association of Queensland, will assess the category winners and determine a national winner, which will be announced in June.

## 2013 CATEGORY WINNERS

### Category: Active Arts

Sponsored by the Office for the Arts, Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

- **Winner:** Whittlesea City Council, VIC – Into the Light 2012: The Unfolding Story
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** East Arnhem Shire Council, NT – iStories
- **Commended:** Newcastle City Council, NSW – The Loft Arts and Cultural Centre
- **Commended:** Frankston City Council, VIC – Frankston Arts Centre Arts Access

### Category: Asset and Financial Management

Sponsored by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

- **Winner:** Wyndham City Council, VIC – FieldInspect: Mobile Inspection Application
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** Liverpool Plains Shire Council, NSW – Quipolly Dam Upgrade
- **Commended:** Randwick City Council, NSW – Buildings for our Community Program
- **Commended:** Sutherland Shire Council, NSW – Graffiti Hotspot Reduction Project

### Category: Excellence in Road Safety

Sponsored by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport

- **Winner:** Dungog Shire Council, Maitland City Council and Port Stephens Council, NSW – Safer Motorcycle Routes
- **Commended:** Brisbane City Council, QLD – Active School Travel
- **Commended:** Rockhampton Regional Council, QLD – Rockhampton Regional Council Road Safety Strategy 2012-2022

### Category: Excellence in Tourism

Sponsored by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

- **Winner:** Singleton Shire Council, NSW – Singleton Visitor Information and Enterprise Centre
- **Commended:** Towong Shire Council, VIC – Sandy Creek Bridge and Rail Trail: A New Icon of the High Country

### Category: Innovative Infrastructure Development

Sponsored by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport

- **Winner:** Northern Grampians Shire Council, VIC – Monash Steps/Stawell Steps
- **Commended:** Maroondah City Council, VIC – Marveloo: A Unique Mobile Accessible Restroom

### Category: Promoting Reconciliation

Sponsored by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- **Winner:** Yarra City Council, VIC – Follow in my Footsteps: Celebrating Aboriginal Culture in Gertrude St
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, QLD – Cherbourg Planning Scheme
- **Commended:** Lake Macquarie Council, NSW – Understanding Sensitive Aboriginal Cultural Landscapes
- **Commended:** City of Melville NSW – Bidi-Katitjiny Aboriginal Women's Trail

### Category: Regional Collaborations

Sponsored by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

- **Winner:** Townsville City Council, QLD – Citysolar Program: Townsville City Council's Whole-of-Community Collaborative Framework for Action
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** Warren Shire Council, NSW – Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance
- **Commended:** East Arnhem Shire Council, NT – Latitude 12

### Category: Strength in Diversity

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- **Winner:** Hume City Council, VIC – Supporting Parents: Developing Children
- **Commended:** City of Greater Dandenong, VIC – Face to Face: Unity in Diversity

**Category: Women in the Community**

Sponsored by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

- **Winner:** Bankstown City Council, NSW – The Bankstown Children and Families Hub
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** Northern Grampians Shire Council, VIC – From Adversity Rise Champions: The Women of Joel Joel Take Charge
- **Commended:** Wollondilly Shire Council, NSW – Women in Trades: A Unique Approach

**Category: Youth Engagement and Participation**

Sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

- **Winner:** City of Playford, SA – Juggernaut (Young Riders as Leaders)
- **Small Council Winner (under 15,000 rateable properties):** Wattle Range Council, SA – iPOP Limestone Coast Peer Education Project
- **Commended:** City of Greater Geelong Council, VIC – The GEEYOUNG Project
- **Commended:** City of Darwin, NT – Annual Youth Arts Exhibition
- **Commended:** Penrith City Council, NSW – The Mondo Community Safety and Youth Engagement Project

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Location: QLD - Mackay

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Location: NSW - Young



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Date: 24th March 2015



Signature:



Our reference  
Contact  
Date

Mr Robert Hunt  
General Manager  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council  
PO Box 152  
QUIRINDI NSW 2343

Attention: Ron Van Katwyk

Dear Mr Hunt

## RE: Recycling at Liverpool Plains Shire Council Landfills and Waste Transfer Stations

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) refers to current recycling activities and strategies adopted by Liverpool Plains Shire Council (Council) across its landfill and waste transfer stations. In the past 6 months, the EPA has undertaken a number of site inspections at some of these facilities and noted the measures being implemented by Council.

Reducing the generation of waste and turning it into recoverable resources are priorities for NSW. The EPA recognises the benefits of the “hole in a wall” design that provides a system that is easy to use, maintain and collect from which minimises harm to the environment and encourages waste avoidance and resource recovery. The more convenient the system the higher its success and it appears that it is working well for Council. The EPA encourages Council to continue the use such initiatives and further advance environmental management across its landfill and waste transfer stations.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact me at the Armidale Office by telephoning (02) 6773 7000.

Yours sincerely

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Our Reference: LPSC250113  
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Attention... Mr R. Batterham

Dear Sir,

**QUIRINDI WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Quirindi wastewater treatment plant was inspected on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 by Trent Betts of this Department.

The plant was found to be capably operated by Council staff. The facility in general was found to be well presented, neat and tidy.

Samples were collected of the raw influent, MLSS, aeration tank decant and humus tank effluent for laboratory analysis. This results of this analysis indicated that both sides of the treatment plant were producing a satisfactory result. The trickle filter side was producing effluent that was particularly low in BOD and suspended solids, most likely on account of the low loading this side was receiving. A copy of the analysts report number NOW\_124033 is attached for your information.

Yours faithfully,



For G. George  
Regional Manager,  
North  
Urban Water Branch  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2013



# Innovation, Ingenuity and Initiative

The adoption and application of new  
ideas in Australian local government

### Logan City Council - From Bureaucracy to Business

Logan City Council, 2012

In 2008, Council's development assessment business was in crisis. Council has overcome many challenges, transforming itself from being one of the worst performing councils across South East Queensland (SEQ) to be amongst the best in the region. Assessment timeframes have reduced by 68% with a five-day turnaround target being achieved for a large percentage of low risk applications. Council is receiving federal government recognition for these initiatives and relationships with the development community have improved significantly, reaping rewards for all parties.

The approach to the challenges faced by Council included shifting from a bureaucratic to a business mindset, implementing internal referral partnerships, developing a robust reporting framework and redesigning the structure to support the business improvement initiatives. A significant innovation was the involvement of the development community during this journey in Council's commitment to improve service delivery. Council listened to its customers and responded accordingly, adopting a business philosophy and transitioning from a reactive management style to a proactive/consultative approach.

Strong support from Councillors and executive management enabled Council to embark on its journey to deliver best practice in development assessment. The journey has just begun. A significant influence on the transformation was the development of a four year business plan for the Development Assessment Business. Importantly the business plan developed a Branch vision, aligned to the Corporate vision and outlined a cultural plan. Council now has a 24 hour assessment turnaround target for low risk residential development applications.

As part of its 2011-2012 budget, Council announced wholesale reductions of development application fees on key residential applications, including residential subdivisions and multi unit developments. Council has drastically improved its level of customer service, by establishing a dedicated customer service team within the development assessment business who were responsible for all development assessment enquiries. Currently, the Development Assessment customer service team answers 90 per cent of all planning and development enquiries within 24 hours with our goal being 95 per cent by the end of the year.

<http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/leading/entrydetails.aspx?entry=RE043&entryYear=2012>

Process innovation may require a longer time and resource commitment, but the pay-offs can be substantial. The Logan project took two to three years to implement.

Liverpool Plains Shire (NSW) encountered a problem in that its approach to noxious weeds management did not meet requirements. It developed the *Tr@ceR Weeds Mobile Mapping Program*.

### Tr@ceR Weeds Mobile Mapping

Liverpool Plains Shire Council, 2009

The development of the Tr@ceR Weeds program stemmed from Council's initial search for a more strategic approach to noxious weed management. Council wanted to introduce a management plan that incorporated measurable outcomes and enabled performance monitoring and benchmarking of the property inspection and weed control process. To achieve their aim, Council developed an in-house computer based program, aptly named Tr@ceR Weeds that takes the inspection and management of weeds into the cutting edge of data collection and validation.

The program combines an exacting process of mobile GPS satellite navigation with the power of interactive

Smart Forms. Weeds inspectors now have specific information at their fingertips enabling them to record specific data on weed infestation, while an integrated cadastral map allows the inspectors to determine the owner details, address details, Lot/DP and global position.

The Tr@ceR Weeds system captures data regarding the type of weed, infestation size and geographic infestation trends assisting inspectors to pin point areas posing a potential risk to the environment. The system also offers a range of suggested treatment processes for landholders to reduce the incidence and potential spread of weed infestations. A unique user interface gives the inspectors the ability to accurately access their location and to print inspection reports in the field reducing the time and cost of processing property inspections.

<http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/leading/entrydetails.aspx?entry=NR022&entryYear=2009>

Opportunities for process innovation come about when councils are required to develop new decision-making frameworks. At Ku-ring-gai Council (NSW), a view had emerged that response to climate change required the introduction of new decision making processes that would address returns to climate change related investments.

In collaboration with Macquarie and Bond Universities, the Council undertook a study to identify financially sound methods to determine monetary and non-monetary return of investment in climate change initiatives. The results of the study were applied in the development of a model that provides decision makers with a comprehensive evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of a suite of adaptation options.

#### Climate Change Decision Making in a Bean Counters Realm

*Ku-ring-gai Council, 2011*

The climate change problem is represented as a predominantly global concern but paradoxically requires local level solutions and responses that profoundly implicate local government in new decision making challenges. Ku-ring-gai Council has developed a climate change adaptation model that integrates mitigation and adaptation and provides critical information needed by decision makers to justify investment in a completely transparent way.

The options are contextualised, community validated strategies designed to reduce climate change risks through a combination of mitigation and adaptation while managing unintended consequence for the cheapest possible price. Those that represent the best return on investment are currently underway with over one hundred tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> already saved. Staff have contributed several journal articles to peer review academic journals to share the product of their research.

Delegations from Korea and China have visited Council in the past few months to learn more about the model developed in an effort to find a suitable model for their own local governments to implement. Council is currently co-ordinating a research team involving Macquarie and Bond universities, ANU and the University of Tasmania to develop a bid for research funding to examine the post planning phase of climate change to identify common barriers and investigate solutions for local government.

<http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/leading/entrydetails.aspx?entry=LE002&entryYear=2011>

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18<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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Attention -: Stewart Hamilton

RE : SITE INSPECTION OF THE CAROONA QUARRY ON 15/01/2013

Dear Stewart,

Thank you for allowing Tony McNamara to meet with me the opportunity to inspect the operation of the above quarry on the 15/1/13.

During the course of my visit, we discussed the following areas of your operation;

▪ **CAROONA QUARRY**

As a result of the inspection I would like to draw to your attention the following matters pursuant to Section 131 of the Mines Health and Safety Act 2004, which are in my opinion relevant to the continued safe operation of your mine.

- \* ▪ I am very pleased to say that this quarry is the best operated quarry that I have ever had the opportunity to inspect.
- I am pleased that the council has started to use a profiler in this quarry.
- Keep up the great work. (Photo's attached)

These hazards should be reviewed to ensure that they are minimised to the fullest extent that is reasonably practicable. Could you please forward within **28 days**, a timetable indicating the course of action that you will be taking in this matter?

If any of the issues in this letter require further clarification then please do not hesitate to contact me on (6738 8506 or 0428 659 393)

Yours Faithfully



**Noel Kelly**  
Mine Safety Officer  
Northern Region





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