



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

10th May 2005

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SUMMARY:

To provide information regarding the 2005 Shires Conference.



The Shires Conference is to be held at the Wentworth in Sydney from Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th June. The Conference will once again be preceded by Local Government Managers Australias Forum to be held on the 6th June.

The theme of the Shires Association Conference is, "Where To From Here" following the recent reform processes. The Master of Ceremonies will be author, journalist, biographer and former footballer, Peter Fitzsimmons.

Elections for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Councillors will be held this year. Nominations for the position of President close on the 24th May 2005 and nominations for the other positions close during the Conference. I have nomination forms should any Councillor be interested. All elections will be conducted by the State Electoral Office.

The LGMA Forum theme is, "Survival" and will be held at the Westin Hotel, Sydney. This years program will challenge delegates and speakers on how to survive Local Government in todays climate and present ways in which we can triumph in trying situations.

Councillors who have indicated an interest in attending are the Mayor, Councillor Janet Hayes and Councillors Bowell, Green, Hunt, McWilliam and Saul. Council will not have any motions under its own name but motions submitted to the "A" Division Conference, regarding volumetric loading of livestock and health funding recommendations by IPART, have been referred to the Conference by the Division.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Funds for Councillors to attend the Conference have been provided in the budget.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *General Manager's Review*

As per report

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council selects its delegates to attend the Conference.
2. That Council's voting delegate at the Conference be the Mayor, Councillor Janet Hayes and all other attendees be registered as alternate delegates.

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GENERAL MANAGER