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Australasian Management Challenge regional Winners announced

LG Professionals Australia has announced the Australasian Management Challenge regional winners, following the state-based regional round of The Challenge. The winners from each will now be able to participate in the Australasian Finals.

The list of regional winners is as follows:

- NSW – Fairfield City Council
- NT – City of Darwin
- NZ – Dunedin City Council
- QLD – Sunshine Coast council
- SA – City of Salisbury
- TAS – Burnie City Council
- VIC – City of Greater Bendigo
- WA – City of Joondalup

LG Professionals Australia CEO Lauren Oakey took this opportunity to thank LG Professionals Australia Principal Partner, Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT).

“As our Principal Partner, JLT provides national support to the LG Professionals Australasian Management Challenge as well as the 2016 LG Professionals Australia Congress and Business Expo.

“JLT’s 2016 commitment greatly assists the organisation in continuing to provide the sector with quality premier events, products and services”, Lauren added.

JLT’s Chief Executive Officer – Public Sector Stephen Penfold was delighted that JLT’s partnership with LG Professionals Australia enabled the 2016 Australasian Management Challenge.

“The Management Challenge reflects similar values held within JLT in that The Challenge promotes an investment in developing specialist resources that will create additional value to local government communities. We are delighted to be involved in such a valuable initiative for the sector.”

About the Australasian Management Challenge

The Australasian Management Challenge is Australia and New Zealand's premier forum for current and emerging local government leaders.

Prior to the regional Challenge, teams undertook a pre-challenge task to help them understand each other's strengths and develop strategies for the regional component of the program. The task is related to real, topical issues that organisations deal with.

The regional Challenge Days are held in March in each capital city and in some regional centres. On the day, each team must fulfil a number of tasks that typify management in the local government environment and develop individual and team competencies. The best performing team from each state and New Zealand then go on to contest the Australasian Final.

The program is delivered collaboratively by the LG Professionals Australia National Office and our Federation partners across Australia, as well as the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM).

Everyone who participates in the Challenge, from experienced managers to emerging leaders, comes away with new and practical insights into excellence in leadership and management.

More than any other traditional training program or seminar The Challenge assists councils to:

- Attract and retain staff
- Improve organisational culture
- Promote team-work
- Develop new and sustainable management skills
- Breakdown silos
- Grow inter-departmental relationships
- Build capacity.

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