

2010 WOMEN'S FORUM PROGRAM*

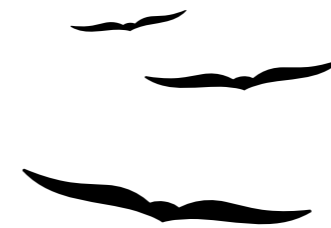
Day 1 – Wednesday 28th July 2010		
The Civic Centre, Chandos Street Gunnedah		
Time	Topic	Speaker
9.30 – 10.30 am	Registration	
10.30 – 11.00am	Morning Tea, Mooki Room	Sponsored by Gunnedah Miners Support Group and the Railway Hotel
11.00 – 11.05am	Welcome	Clr Adam Marshall, Mayor Gunnedah Shire Council, Ms Julie Griffiths, USU
11.05 – 11.25am	The Current State of Local Government and the role of women	Clr Karen McKeown (President ALGWA)
11.30 – 12.15pm	Keynote Address - Qualities of a Respected leader in Local Government	Hon. Jodi McKay, Minister for Women (confirmation pending)
12.20 – 12.40pm	Flexible Workplace Arrangements: the way towards a sustainable workforce	Lillian Tiddy, Director Workplace Solutions Division, LGSA
12.40 – 1.30pm	Lunch, Mooki Room	Sponsored by BHP Billiton, Caroon Coal Project
1.30 – 2.15pm	Becoming an Elected Representative – roles & responsibilities	Clr Adam Marshall (Gunnedah Shire), Clr Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire), Clr Gwen Griffen (Gunnedah Shire)
2.20 – 2.40pm	Creating a Sustainable Self - performing at your peak	Speaker to be provided by Anytime Fitness
2.40 – 3.00pm	Afternoon Tea, Mooki Room	Sponsored by Anytime Fitness Break entertainment - Millers Fashions Parade
3.00 – 3.30pm	Councillors and staff working together towards equitable decision making for a cohesive community	Clr Jenny Dowell, Mayor Lismore City Council.
6.00 – 10.00pm	Official Forum Dinner	Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club Entertainment provided by Streamline
Day 2 – Thursday 29th July 2010		
The Civic Centre, Chandos Street Gunnedah		
8.30 - 8.40	Welcome	
8.40 – 9.15am	Breaking through the invisible barrier	Ms Margaret McDonald – Hill, NSW Association of Mining Related Councils
9.20 – 10.00am	Non Tradition Roles : Challenges in Moving Up the Corporate Ladder	Clr Esme Martine, Mid Western Region Council
10.00 – 10.30am	Morning Tea, Mooki Room	
10.30 – 11.00am	The Importance of Lifelong Learning to your career success	Ms Kathryn Hogan, UNE Partnerships
11.00 – 11.30am	Topic of Aboriginal Focus (Topic to be advised)	Ms Cindy Berwick and Ms Ann Dennis
11.35 – 11.55am	Open Mic Question and Answer Session	Panel Session
11.55 – 12 noon	Close Day 2 and Lunch, Mooki Room	

* Please note the above is a draft programme and is subject to change.



2010 Gunnedah Women's Forum

SHAKING THE BRANCHES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT



The Civic Gunnedah, NSW

28th-29th July

INTRODUCING THE 2010 GUNNEDAH WOMENS FORUM

The Gunnedah Women's Forum will raise the awareness and inform the Local Government sector on the value and contribution of all women employed, elected and involved in Local Government.

Prompted by Gunnedah's strong association with the koala, the forum theme entitled 'Shaking the Branches of Local Government' will seek to explore the challenges faced by women within Local Government and advocate notions of personal strength, going out on a limb, making one's presence felt and having a voice, climbing the branches of personal growth and also suggests a fresh approach or new perspective to tackling issues.

The forum will create a useful framework for women wanting to gain practical knowledge and skills to advance their career in Local Government and

to raise the awareness and educate key decision makers on the value and contribution of women in the workplace.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Understanding the current state of Local Government: the gender disparity
- Identifying the qualities of a respected leader in Local Government and practical guides to climbing the corporate ladder
- Flexible Workplace Arrangements: the way towards a sustainable workforce
- Case studies exploring the journey of becoming an elected representative and the opportunity for staff and councillors to work together toward change
- The importance of health, well being and life long learning to optimising your career

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The forum is open to all individuals, men and women, involved with Local Government with an interest in promoting the role of women in the workplace and specifically the Local Government sector.

Individuals such as: staff from all levels and departments of Local Government with an interest in career advancement, human resources, senior management, Councillors, community members with an interest in becoming an elected representative for their respective council.

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WHY ATTEND?

The Gunnedah Women's Forum will raise the awareness and inform the Local Government sector on the value and contribution of all women employed, elected and involved in Local Government.

The objectives of the forum are to:

- Raise the awareness of the significant role women play in the effectiveness and long term health of local government and the need to increase their participation.
- Fostering a commitment to Local Government becoming an 'employer of choice' through advocating for cultural and attitudinal change to the advancement of women.
- Highlight the current barriers faced by women in Local Government and provide strategies to overcome these barriers in the workplace.
- Empowering women to lead and succeed; seeking out opportunities for career advancement, leadership and mentoring roles and improved participation of local women in decision making roles.
- Discuss the role of modern HR practices to ensure flexible ways of working.

ABOUT GUNNEDAH

Gunnedah is the hub of one of Australia's richest agricultural regions – the Liverpool Plains in North West New South Wales and is ideally located on the picturesque Oxley and Kamilaroi Highways. "Koala Capital of the World", Gunnedah is proudly home to one of the largest and healthiest Koala populations in the country. Keep your eyes peeled one might just be around the corner.

Gunnedah is a great spot to base yourself to explore the region - with day trips to nearby national parks including Mount Kaputar, the Warrumbungles and Coolah Tops - a must.

Beyond the green and furry, Gunnedah also has many other attractions including several important memorials, museums, parks and recreational facilities.

Gunnedah is a place where you will discover true blue country hospitality. Genuine smiles and the natural beauty of the landscape paints a picture of real Australia. A country experience that will stay with you – to be remembered with a smile!

For more information visit:
www.infogunnedah.com.au

INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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REGISTRATION AND BOOKING DEADLINE

FORUM REGISTRATION FEES – STANDARD

Full Forum Registration Includes all forum sessions, forum dinner, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, coach transfer from accommodation to dinner venue.	\$100.00 GST Inclusive
Single Day Registration Includes forum sessions, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch on nominated day.	\$70.00 GST Inclusive
Forum Dinner Only Please register partners attending dinner on separate registration form.	\$40.00 GST Inclusive

FORUM REGISTRATION FEES – NON FOR PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Full Forum Registration Includes all forum sessions, forum dinner, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, coach transfer from accommodation to dinner venue.	\$80.00 GST Inclusive
Single Day Registration Includes forum sessions, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch on nominated day.	\$50.00 GST Inclusive
Forum Dinner Only Please register partners attending dinner on separate registration form.	\$40.00 GST Inclusive

To register your attendance please complete the attached official registration form or download the registration form from www.infogunnedah.com.au. Only one delegate is to be registered per form. Additional forms can be photocopied or downloaded from www.infogunnedah.com.au. Payment should accompany the registration form.

Cheques are to be made payable to:
Gunnedah Shire Council.

Electronic transfers can be made to:
Gunnedah Shire Council
BSB: 032-554
Account number: 114305
Institution: Westpac
Description: Your Name - Women's Forum

All registered delegates will receive a confirmation letter after the closing date for registrations.

Completed registration forms are to be forwarded to:

Lisa Davis
Conference & Events Coordinator,
Gunnedah Shire Council
PO Box 63 GUNNEDAH, NSW 2380

Or faxed with proof of EFT payment to:
ATTN: Lisa Davis - 02 6740 2237

Please note credit card payments can not be accepted. **Registrations will close Friday 18th June 2010.**

Tax Invoice / Registration Form

The registration form becomes a tax invoice for GST when payment is made. An additional tax invoice will not be issued.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be confirmed in writing. The registration fee will be fully refunded for cancellations prior to Friday 18th June 2010. Cancellations after COB Friday, 18th June, 2010 will incur a 100% cancellation fee (being full registration fee). Please notify all cancellations in writing via email lisadavis@infogunnedah.com.au or via Fax **02 6740 2237**

Substitute delegates will be accepted.

Accommodation & Getting Here

Gunnedah has over 20 accommodation choices in and around the township to ensure delegates rest at ease. From four star motels to camp-o-tels and cabins there is something for all budgets, needs and occasions.

Contact the Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre on **02 6740 2230** or email tourism@infogunnedah.com.au for assistance with booking accommodation.

Alternatively, visit www.infogunnedah.com.au for accommodation listings, maps and travel information.

Mobile Phone Coverage

Gunnedah boasts excellent and reliable mobile phone coverage including GSM network, 3G, Next G coverage.

Disabled Access And Special Requirements

All venues are fully accessible for delegates with disabilities. Please note any special dietary requirements on your registration form.

Information For Partners

Whilst an official partners program will not be offered, delegates wishing to bring along a partner are encouraged to request additional information on things to do and see and suggested itineraries to help plan your visit to Gunnedah.

Please contact the friendly staff at the Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre on **02 6740 2230** or email tourism@infogunnedah.com.au for information.

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REGISTRATION FORM / TAX INVOICE

2010 Gunnedah Women's Forum
28th – 29th July 2010, Gunnedah NSW
An initiative of Gunnedah Shire Council
ABN 80 183 655 793

Please return this form with payment no later than Friday 18th June 2010 to:

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Gunnedah Shire Council
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Delegate Details

Title: First Name: Surname:

Position: Organisation:

Mailing Address:

Town: State: Postcode:

Tel: Mobile: Fax:

Email:

Travel Information

Please indicate how you will be travelling to the Forum (completing this information will assist planning for shuttle bus transfers from Tamworth Regional Airport should it be required).

Car Train Plane

Registration and Payment

Please indicate the level of registration required:

Standard registration

- Full registration \$100.00
- Day Registration \$70.00 – Please indicate day attending:
- Forum Dinner only \$40.00

Total = \$

Non for Profit Organisation registration

- Full registration \$80.00
- Day Registration \$50.00 – Please indicate day attending:
- Forum Dinner only \$40.00

Total = \$

Please indicate method of Payment

- Cheque
Cheques are to be made payable to **Gunnedah Shire Council** and mailed with completed registration form to:
Lisa Davis, Conference & Events Coordinator, Gunnedah Shire Council, PO Box 63 Gunnedah NSW 2380
- Electronic Funds Transfer
Details: Gunnedah Shire Council BSB: 032-554 Account number: 114305 Institution: Westpac
Description: Your Name - Women's Forum

Special Requirements

E.g. dietary, access etc:

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