

2015 RURAL

MANAGEMENT

CHALLENGE



Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of the 2015 Rural Management Challenge

Local Government Professionals Australia, NSW is inviting councils to host a 2015 Rural Management Challenge Day for their region. The challenge will be held between the months of September and November in 2015 and we would love for all rural and regional councils to be involved this year and provide this unique professional development opportunity for their staff.

"Of all the events we participate in each year... this is the one we look forward to the most"

Ray Smith, General Manager, Bland Shire Council

Nominate to host the Rural Management Challenge in your region today

Phone Wendy on 8297 1201 or email coordinator@lgprofessionals.com.au

Why Participate?

The Rural Management Challenge has been designed to give councils in rural and regional areas of NSW the opportunity to participate in this invaluable staff training and professional development exercise. The tasks of the challenge are uniquely designed to address issues and challenges facing rural and regional councils in NSW, encourage team work, leadership building and communicating skills.

Previous participants have gained a greater understanding of their council, their community and local government as a sector as a result of the challenge.

The Challenge

The challenge is held over two days, commencing at midday on day one and concluding at midday on day two. As part of the challenge, teams are invited to attend the Rural Management Challenge Dinner which is held on the evening of day one and provides excellent networking opportunities for team members with their neighbouring peers.

Each team is provided with a certificate of participation following the challenge and the team who scores the overall highest mark is sponsored to go on and compete in the LGMA Australasian Management Challenge in March 2016.



Challenge Locations

LG Professionals, NSW would like to provide every council in NSW with the opportunity to participate in the Rural Management Challenge and we would be delighted to host a challenge in each regional area, but this can only be achieved with your support.

We are currently asking each region to nominate a host council for the challenge and to confirm their region's participation.

How The Challenge Works

Each team is comprised of four team members plus a team mentor. Each team comes together and competes with other rural and regional council teams in their local government area across two-days filled with a variety of tasks. Tasks are generally focused on council operations and previous tasks have included role plays, reports, presentations, drafting of press releases and working together in cross council teams.

Where councils are not in a position to enter an independent team, we support combination teams with participants from two or more councils coming together to form a composite team.

Each team is required to have an LG Professionals, NSW member as their mentor, who will coach the team pre and post the challenge. Mentors also play a vital role on the challenge days and are invited to be a part of the facilitation team and contribute to the tasks. Mentors receive detailed information before the challenge begins, to assist their team throughout the two days as well as a detailed report from the facilitators post-challenge, that will form the basis for debriefing and the application of the learning outcomes to the workplace.

Role of the Host Council

- Assisting with securing a suitable venue for the challenge (LG Professionals, NSW will cover all associated costs of the challenge).
- Promoting the challenge to all neighbouring councils.
- Provide the official welcome on day one of the challenge and optional attendance at the challenge dinner.

Minimum Numbers

To ensure the best learning outcomes for the teams, and to ensure all associated costs to facilitate the challenge are met, we require a minimum of four teams per location. There is no limit to the number of locations that the challenge is held.

Team registration is \$1545.00 per team (excl GST) inclusive of catering on both days of the challenge and the dinner on the first night of the challenge.

How to Nominate

Simply call Wendy on 02 8297 1201 or email coordinator@lgprofessionals.com.au.