



New Zealand Society of
Local Government Managers

SOLGM Midlands / Central Combined Branch Meeting Agenda

Sunday, 13 September 2015

Monday, 14 September 2015

Venue: Wairakei Resort, Taupo

Sunday 13 September (Optional)

- 6.00 pm Networking and pre-dinner drinks
- 7.00 pm Dinner: Sponsored by Civic Assurance

Monday 14 September (Day sponsored by Datacom)

- 9.00 am Tea / Coffee
- 9.30 am **Welcome**
Gary Allis, SOLGM Midlands Branch President
- 9.35 am **SOLGM Update**
Karen Thomas, Chief Executive, SOLGM
Barbara McKerrow, President SOLGM
- 10.00 am **Local Government Operational and Managerial Effectiveness Self
Assessment Programme**
Karen will outline the programme and benefits for local government.
- 10.15 am **Individual Branch Meetings**
(maximum of 15 minutes)
- 10.30 am **Smart Growth Western Bay of Plenty Sub Regions**
Duncan Tindall, Implementation Manager, SmartGrowth will present findings from recent joint council's (TCC, WBOPDC, BOPRC) with NZTA study tour to Australia on options and alternatives for managing growth forms of urban development and provision of infrastructure.

- 11.15 am **Waikato Waters Study**
David Hall, Deputy CEO Waipa District Council and Chair of the Waikato Waters Project Group, will present on the process, findings and recommendations of the study.
- The study commenced in October 2014 when Hamilton City, Waikato District and Waipa District Councils agreed to co-fund a study looking at ways to better manage water infrastructure in the future.
- The study investigated three options:
1. Boosting the existing shared service arrangements between all three councils.
 2. Retaining the status quo with each council running its own operations.
 3. Considering forming a ratepayer-owned and council-controlled organisation (CCO) to run water services on behalf of all three councils.
- <http://www.waterstudywaikato.org.nz/home>
- 12 noon **Hauraki District Council – Developer of Residential Subdivisions:**
Hauraki District Council have a long history in activity being the developer of residential subdivisions in the township of Ngatea with the main focus on driving expansion of the town.
- Council's Community Services Manager will present of the history of this activity and future plans.
- 12.20 pm **Civic Assurance Market Update**
Ian Brown, Superannuation Manager, Civic Assurance.
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.15 pm **Barbara McKerrow**
Update of the presentation from the last branch meeting on the New Plymouth reorganisation that is underway.
- 1.30 pm **WBOPDC / NZTA One Network Collaborative Road Maintenance Contract**
This contract was awarded Highly Commended Infrastructure Project at the LGNZ 2015 Conference. The new seven year contract generated saving of \$50m to NZ inc.
- The presentation from Gary Allis, Deputy Chief Executive / Group Manager Infrastructure Services, will outline the joint procurement process, the benefits and challenges of collaboration with NZTA, the contract and management structure and the benefits to Western Bay.

2.00 pm

Pensioner Housing Divestment

Catherine Ball, Team Leader Strategic Policy and Paula Chapman Whakatane District Council will present on two topics.

Through their Long Term Plan, Whakatane District Council have made the potentially controversial decision to divest their pensioner housing. Whakatane District Council have been through the process of advertising for expressions of interest from social housing providers for the management and ownership of their pensioner housing units.

This is the second time the divestment has been considered, with significantly different processes and outcomes. This presentation will cover the process, community feedback and the interest from providers, including some highs and lows, and key learnings.

Sovereign CEO Challenge and Whakatane District Council

An Organisational Development Case Study. Waikato District Council recently participated in the Sovereign CEO Tri-Series Challenge involving 150 people and winning \$25,000 for charity. Along the way, it has shaped a fitter, more-integrated and more-motivated Council team – one which is better placed to respond to challenges, and to the needs of our community.

This presentation will cover off the what, how and why of undertaking such a large team building exercise.

The Sovereign Tri-Series CEO Challenge is a national competition, open to all corporate organisations.

2.30 pm

Whanganui District Council Flooding

Whanganui recently experienced a severe flooding event. They will present on the CDEM response and the impact on the community and the Council.

3.00 pm

Close of play