



# SOLGM 2015 Gala Dinner NEWS

**Including the 2015 McGredy Winder Local Government Excellence Awards®**

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Dear Subscriber,

Last night at our inaugural Gala Dinner, hosted by award winning journalist Amanda Millar, over 140 people from throughout local government gathered together for a special evening to recognise achievements in professional management across the sector.

While SOLGM has held the SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards® for 25 years and for many years partnered with a number of organisations to offer leadership development opportunities, this year we wanted to create an evening that truly celebrated the successes of local government professionals.

The announcements made at the Dinner were:

**The 2015 McGredy Winder SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards®**

The Supreme winner was Project Helix, an end to end online building consenting system, submitted by Selwyn District Council which the judging panel considered an outstanding example of the sector's ability to develop and implement solutions at a national level. The winning project was chosen by our panel of five judges from the following category winners:

- Building Organisational Capability Category: Auckland Council on behalf of the NEMS Steering Group - National Environmental Monitoring Standards
- Joined Up Local Government Category: Environment Canterbury on behalf of the Combined Health and Environmental Risks Programme Control Group - Canterbury's Waste and Environmental Management Team
- Council-Community Relationship Category: Gisborne District Council - Gigatown
- Transforming Service Delivery Category: Selwyn District Council – Project Helix. The judges also awarded a Highly Commended award to Kaipara District Council in this category for their entry, Retaining BCA Accreditation
- Brookfields Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Category

 **LG Learning**

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**2015 Microsoft/Koorb  
SOLGM Strategic Finance  
Forum**

**23 & 24 April in Hamilton**

This Forum is an annual event that is designed to highlight current and emerging financial management issues relevant to local authorities, provide opportunities to identify and discuss solutions, and showcase best practice within the local government sector.

**RMA Hearing  
Administrators**

**4 & 5 May in Wellington**

This two day training course is designed to update and refresh the skills of experienced Resource Management Act (RMA) Hearing Administrators, as well as teach these skills to staff new to this role.

**HR in Local Government  
Forum**

**5 & 6 May in Wellington**

The SOLGM HR in Local

(sponsored by Brookfields Lawyers): Waikato Regional Council - The Tui Mine Remediation

36 entries were received this year, the second greatest number since the Awards began. The judges considered that the high standard of entries reflected very well on the performance of the New Zealand local government sector. You can find more on the Awards in our website [here](#).

**The New Zealand leg of the LGMA Australasian Management Challenge** (sponsored by Civica) - the top performing team was Tauranga City Council's 'Team Blue Sky'

The Tauranga City Council's team will go on to compete in the Australasian Finals to be held in Melbourne in June. New Zealand teams have an exceptional track record at the finals, where they compete against the Australian State finalists, with results for the past three years being two wins and a second.

#### **2015 SOLGM Overseas Manager Exchanges:**

- United States Exchange (sponsored by Civic Assurance Ltd) - Anusha Guler, Manager Democratic Services, Wellington City Council
- New South Wales, Australia Exchange (sponsored by JLT) - Jamie Cox, Engineering Manager, Wairoa District Council
- British Columbia, Canada Exchange (sponsored by JLT) - Mark Bruhn, Manager Parks, New Plymouth District Council

#### **2015 SOLGM Leadership Scholarships:**

- Mt Eliza Business School Leadership Development Programme Scholarship (sponsored by The Skills Organisation) - Tanya Winter, Chief Executive, Westland District Council
- Leadership Development Centre Leadership in Practice Programme Scholarship - Steven May, Environmental Services Manager, Grey District Council
- Opus 'Leading Self' Programme Scholarships (2) - Charlotte Almond, Strategy and Development Manager Wanganui District Council and Ross McCarthy, Business Transition Lead Manager, Wellington City Council

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who attended. A special thanks to our sponsors for their support of the evening. We are adding photos from the Dinner to our [Facebook page](#) so don't forget to take a look.

Regards

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Government Forum is designed to provide an opportunity for Human Resources, Organisational Development, Learning and Development professionals and people with significant staff responsibilities to meet, share ideas and discuss issues of common interest in a local government specific context.

#### **Successful Relationships at Work**

#### **12 & 13 May in Wellington**

This two-day Successful Relationships at Work workshop is an engaging and interactive way to help staff and managers in Local Government to become much more effective at building trusting, enjoyable and effective relationships at work.

We have 14 upcoming events currently in our calendar - you can find a full list [here](#).

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9 -11 November 2015



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