



SOLGM 2015 Gala Dinner NEWS

Including the SOLGM 2015 Local Government Excellence Awards®

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Following last week's announcement that we are taking nominations for the 2015 SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards®, this week we are seeking entries for our Overseas Manager Exchange Programme. In this Gala Dinner Update you'll find information on both.

The SOLGM Overseas Manager Exchange Programme 2015/16

This Programme is one of a range of SOLGM initiatives that provide leadership and development opportunities specifically tailored to the local government environment. The Programme is designed to provide local government managers an opportunity to focus on their management development and career in Local Government through a short exchange with a partner manager in another country.

The 2015/16 Programme offers three exchanges to the United States, British Columbia in Canada and New South Wales in Australia. Each exchange involves a hosted visit to the destination country and hosting a reciprocal visitor from that country during the time period of the 2015 SOLGM Annual Summit. The SOLGM Annual Summit is being held this year in Palmerston North from the 9th to the 11th of November.

The exchange visit to the overseas host country is timed around the Annual Conference of the host association.

Entries to the Programme must be received no later than 31 March 2015 and the recipients of the three exchanges will be announced at the inaugural SOLGM Gala Dinner being held in Wellington on 16 April.

SOLGM would like to thank the sponsors of these exchanges, JLT (Canada and Australia exchanges) and Civic Assurance (United States exchange) for their longstanding support for this Programme.

You can find information on the Programme in [here](#) or contact Natalie Stevens, Manager, Learning and Development – natalie.stevens@solgm.org.nz or phone 04 978 1272.

Gala Dinner Update

The Gala Dinner has been timed to coincide with this year's CE Forum. We

What's New

REGISTER NOW FOR THE RISK MANAGEMENT FORUM

When: 19 and 20 February

Where: Wellington

Find out more [here](#).

Interested in our other learning and development events? Find them all in our [Events Calendar](#).

PS - If you work in HR our **Forum for HR professionals** will be in late June - details will be available shortly.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER A TEAM FOR THE LGMA MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

Don't miss out - Registrations for the Challenge close next Monday, 2 February.

The NZ leg of the Challenge is being held in Upper Hutt on the night of the 30th of March and all of the 31st of March.

You'll find information and a link to the entry form [here](#).

expect to have the Programme for that Forum out next week.

We have invited Local Government Minister Paula Bennett to be our guest speaker at the Dinner and her office has indicated that she hopes to be in a position to accept - we should be able to confirm in our next Gala Dinner Update.

More information on the Gala Dinner can be found in our website [here](#).

2015 SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards®

As announced last week SOLGM is now accepting entries that showcase the very best in professional excellence in local government management from Local Authorities and Council Controlled Organisations within New Zealand. This year entries can be made in the following five categories:

- Building Organisational Capability
- Joined Up Local Government
- Council-Community Relationship
- Transforming Service Delivery
- Environmental Leadership and Sustainability

Information on how to enter the 2015 SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards® can be found [here](#).

Regards

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