



SOLGM 2015 Gala Dinner NEWS

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What's New

This year's **Local Government Chief Executive's Executives' Forum and Masterclass** has have been timed to coincide with our inaugural Gala Dinner. With the theme "Aotearoa New Zealand - What Can We Learn From Each Other?" the focus of the Forum and Masterclass are very much around providing opportunities to learn from and exchanging ideas with other Chief Executives – people who are also dealing with the unique demands of managing at the highest level in Local Government in New Zealand.

The Forum and Masterclass are being held over two days and bring together a range of engaging presenters and facilitators who will take attendees through topics specifically designed to provide fresh new perspectives and practical ideas.

The Forum and Masterclass are in Wellington on the 16th and 17th of April. More information on the Forum's programme along with the registration can be found [here](#).

Gala Dinner and the SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards Update

The judging panel for this year's Excellence Awards will be:

- Lyn Provost, Auditor-General
- Glenn Snelgrove, former Chief Executive of Western Bay of Plenty District Council and recipient of the SOLGM Distinguished Management Award in 2014

The third member of the panel will be announced shortly.

We are very pleased to also advise that Brookfields Lawyers are sponsoring the Brookfields Lawyers Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Category of the Awards.

Brookfields Lawyers is a leading law firm providing legal advice in all principal areas of the law for public, corporate and private clients across New Zealand and beyond. Read more about them [here](#).

More information on the Excellence Awards, including how to enter, can be found [here](#) and you can purchase your Gala Dinner [tickets here](#).

We are also seeking entries for our Overseas Manager Exchanges sponsored by JLT and Civic Assurance. The 2015/16 Programme offers three exchanges to the United States, British Columbia and New South Wales in Australia. We have been offering these for a number of years and know that past recipients have found them hugely beneficial. Find out how to [apply here](#) - close date for applications is 31 March. The recipients will be announced at the Gala Dinner.

Also being announced at the Gala Dinner are the recipients of our Leadership Scholarships. We expect to have applications open for those in the next week or so.

Regards
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With our new Learning and Development Manager on board we have started the year with a very full event calendar including:

The revised for 2015 [How Local Government Works Induction Series of five Webinars](#) starting 25 of February.

Our [Risk Management Forum](#) on 19th and 20th of February in Wellington

[A webinar on Project Management and Procurement](#) on 24th of February followed by a two day [Project Management course](#) on 10th and 11th of March.

Two webinars on [Understanding the New Accounting Standards](#) are being held on the 25th of February and the 10th of March.

[The Art of Deliberate Success workshop](#) on 2nd and 3rd of March.

The [Local Government EAs and PAs Forum](#) on 12th and 13th of March.

A repeat of our recent and very popular [Systems Thinking workshop](#) on 1 April.

The [2015 Microsoft/Koorb SOLGM Strategic Finance Forum](#) is on the 23rd and 24th of April in Hamilton.

We have three RMA training courses coming up:

[RMA Consents Administrator Technicians Training](#) on 20 and 21st of April, [RMA Hearing Administrators Training](#) on 4th and 5th of May and [Who's Afraid of the RMA training](#) on 16 June.

Check out the full list of upcoming LGLearning Events [here](#). Among other events we will be adding to the calendar shortly will be details on our **HR Forums** scheduled for early May. Look out for our **Communications Forum** coming up later in the year as well.

