

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Glenn Wall

Community Building Partnership

The NSW Government's \$35 million Community Building Partnership program will support local jobs, stimulate growth and improve community facilities.

Community groups and local councils across NSW will be eligible to submit applications for funding that will help support local infrastructure and jobs.

The NSW Community Building Partnership will invest \$300,000 into building local community projects in every electoral district – with an additional \$100,000 to be invested in electoral districts with higher unemployment.

Under the partnership, the NSW Government will contribute to the cost of building important community projects and stimulating local economies.

For example, a community group which has commenced raising some of the cost of repairing a local hall roof would be able to apply under the partnership for funding to finish the job – getting the project completed faster, maintaining critical local infrastructure, creating local jobs and delivering new facilities.

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will deliver positive results for their community, through job creation and community, social, recreational or environmental outcomes.

Projects must be ready to commence by late 2009 and be completed before the end of December 2010.

Applications for funding under the partnership open on 22 June and close on 10 August 2009. Application packs are available from your local State Member of Parliament or can be downloaded from www.nsw.gov.au. For further information visit www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au

NRMA Helping People Awards for Volunteering

Nominations are now open across NSW for the NRMA Helping People Awards. There are four categories of awards for people who undertake volunteer work with charities. Awards will be given for volunteers in each of four categories: Community – Age 25-59 years; Environmental – Age 25+ years; Seniors – Age 60+ years; and Young – Age 17-24 years. Entries close on the 10 July 2009.

Winners will receive a \$5,000 donation to the charity they volunteer for, plus a holiday for two within Australia.

Entries can be mailed to: NRMA Helping People Awards - NRMA Motoring and Services; 9 George Street North Strathfield NSW 2137

Further information is available at www.mynrma.com.au/helpingpeopleawards or by phoning, 02 8222 2112.

Museums and galleries IMAGinE awards

Nominations are now open for the 2009 IMAGinE awards. The IMAGinE awards are presented by Museums and Galleries NSW, Museums Australia (NSW and ACT), and Regional and Public Galleries NSW. The awards honour the achievements of the NSW and ACT public museum and gallery sector and those who work within it.

IMAGinE awards objectives are to promote the value and importance of the museum and gallery sector; encourage best practice and innovation within museums and galleries; recognise achievements and individual accomplishments in the museum and gallery sector; support and celebrate the work of NSW museums and galleries; and raise the profile of museums and galleries.

2009 IMAGinE award categories are Collection Management; Exhibitions; Education and Public Engagement; Overall Excellence and Individual Achievement Awards. Nominations close on the 31 July 2009. Nominations forms and further information is available at http://mgnsw.org.au/sector_development/imagine_awards
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