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**Local Government
Financial Management
Group Conference**

Friday March 14 2008
The Lakes Resort Hotel
West Lakes
9.00am - 5.00pm



PROGRAM – Much Ado about something

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8.30 am	Registration	2.20 pm	Audit Committees in South Australia: Best Practice models and results of UHY Haines Norton Survey <i>Allen Bolaffi, Partner UHY Haines Norton</i> Allen Bolaffi will present the results of the first annual UHY Haines Norton Audit Committees Survey that has received a 75% response rate from South Australian Councils. This will provide us with a meaningful report on the current status of Councils' committees. He will also discuss what is becoming best practice across the sector, covering issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independence of Chair of committee• Management of conflicts of interest• Risk management analyses• Reporting lines to Council• Self assessment procedures• Committee annual report
9.00 am	Welcome <i>President SALGFMG</i>		
9.10 am	Country and Metro - competing interests within the Local Government sector <i>Mark Goldstone, CEO, City of Prospect</i> After many years working as a Chief Executive Officer in country Councils in both South Australia and interstate, Mark has recently taken up a position as Chief Executive Officer at a metropolitan Council. In this session Mark will explore his observations of the different perspectives, capacities, efficiencies and political influence that Councils have as a result of their location, size and the personalities that they contain.	2.40 pm	Internal Audit experience in NSW Local Government <i>Juliette Hall, Corporate Internal Auditor, Sutherland Shire Council (NSW)</i> This presentation will look at the internal audit function in NSW and provide opportunities for us to learn from their experiences. The presentation will address the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typical internal audit structures in NSW Local Government• Internal audit service options and recommendations considered for NSW• Internal audit approaches used in NSW Local Government• Hints on the establishment of an internal audit function• Establishment and use of networking opportunities for one-man-band operations• Internal auditors• Relationship between Internal Audit and Finance Departments• Internal Audit Adding Value to your organisation• Triple Governance Track - Education, Prevention & Investigation
9.45 am	A Model Budget Template for Councils <i>Peter Moore, CEO, LG System Inc</i> When Accrual Accounting came to Local Government, the budget document was left behind and often continued on a cash basis. Peter Moore will explain how 13 rural Councils came together and developed a budget template and supporting documents with funds from the LGA Research and Development Scheme. These documents are available to anyone, along with other software developed by the group. The budget template separates out the high level indicators that the elected body are focused on and the detailed worksheet that supports it.		
10.20 am	Morning Tea	3.35pm	Creative Culture Workshop <i>Nigel Collin</i> More and more in today's business world, success is determined by our ability to come up with unique and innovative ideas as well as creative solutions. This session will give you the tools to start thinking differently and more creatively as well as look at how to create a culture that both nurtures and supports creativity. We'll explore <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five Creative Essentials• Some Creative Cultural Rules• A process for thinking more creatively• Work with some practical thinking tools and idea generators
10.45 am	Treasury Management <i>Paul Slater, CEO, Local Government Finance Authority</i> There has been much discussion and various opinions expressed recently regarding the need for, and benefit of, councils adopting a "Treasury Management Policy". In fact the LGFMG has undertaken a project on behalf of the LGA funded by the Research and Development Scheme to assist councils to develop such a policy. Paul Slater has spent 32 years of his banking / investment banking career in Treasury Management and would like to share some of that experience with attendees.	4.45 pm	Close including Quiz Result, Prizes and Lucky Draw (PSP) <i>President, SALGFMG</i> <i>Note: to be eligible to win any Sponsor prizes or the lucky Draw, you must be in attendance at this session and have fully completed the Sponsors' Passport.</i>
11.15 am	Recent Tax Developments for Local Governments <i>Kevin Smith, Director, TaxEd</i> This presentation will focus on recent developments in GST and FBT as they apply to Local Governments. Reference will be made to recently issued rulings and decisions made by the ATO. Examples will be provided where appropriate. Questions will be encouraged throughout the presentation.	4.55 pm	Networking, drinks and nibbles
12.00 pm	Depreciation and other horrors <i>Tim Campbell, Solicitor, Hunt & Hunt</i> This presentation will question the relevance of Australian Accounting Standards to Local Government in SA. What are the implications of the adoption of the Australian Accounting Standards? Are Local Government annual financial statements meaningful and useful?		
12.40 pm	Lunch		

PRESENTERS

Allen Bolaffi – Partner, UHY Haines Norton

Allen is a partner in the Adelaide office of UHY Haines Norton, a specialist service provider to Local Government across Australia in the area of audit, consulting, and management assistance. Allen is an experienced auditor and has been assisting Councils in South Australia to improve their financial governance. He is Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Adelaide City Council and a member of Flinders University of South Australia and Adelaide Hills Council Audit Committees.

Tim Campbell - Solicitor, Hunt & Hunt

Tim has a background in Local Government, not-for-profit organisations and business. He is a Chartered Accountant and became a lawyer in 2006. He has been a councillor and alderman, and is currently a member of a number of Local Government audit committees. Besides his interests in Local Government and law, Tim is interested in the Australian wine industry and lectures at the University of Adelaide and University of Cape Town in winery business management.

Nigel Collin - Nigel Collin Creative

Nigel Collin injects creative thinking into companies. Known for his high energy, entertaining and interactive style, Nigel Collin teaches people lifelong skills that audiences can use that day and every day after.

With extensive experience in injecting creativity into companies across a myriad of industries including IT, Entertainment, Finance, Pharmaceutical and Telecommunications, Nigel has developed a series of exciting creative thinking tools. He adapts these tools to the unique context of his clients resulting in effective organisational and personal change. Nigel's work regularly takes him throughout Australia and around the globe. In 2006 he studied organisational creativity at the Walt Disney Company in the US.

Mark Goldstone – CEO, City of Prospect

Mark grew up in the northern suburbs of South Australia and after spending six years with the RAAF, has worked in Local Government for approximately 16 years.

Mark commenced his Local Government career in Tasmania working as an Environmental Health/ Building/Planning Officer with the Warratah Wynyard Council and then King Island Council, before being appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Circular Head Council. Mark relocated back to South Australia with his family to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, where he stayed for 6 years, before accepting the Chief Executive Officer position at The City of Prospect in August 2007

Juliette Hall - Corporate Internal Auditor, Sutherland Shire Council (NSW)

Since completing a Degree in Business Studies at UTS in Accounting and Business Law in 1984, Juliette has worked as a Branch Internal Auditor with a large multinational Insurance company, including three years in London prior to changing direction to accounting and administration in a large medical firm. Returning to Australia, Juliette held positions in accounting/administration with a small manufacturing company, an internationally based oil company, a Trustee company then commenced her own business in property.

In 1990, Juliette joined Sutherland Shire Council (NSW) in the systems and special project accounting area then in 2001 she moved into a newly created Corporate Internal Audit position, a position she still holds.

Juliette is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is an active member of the NSW Local Government Internal Auditors Network.

Peter Moore, CEO, LG System Inc

Peter Moore, CEO of LG System Inc, a software provider of open source software for Local Government, has spent his working life in South Australia as a Tax Agent and Commercial Auditor. He worked in Local Government for 24 years including a CEO role for 17 years. Peter has a Bachelor of Economics and is a Fellow (IT) of CPA Australia.

Paul Slater, CEO, Local Government Finance Authority of SA

Paul has a banking / investment banking background and has been in the Treasury Risk Management business for the past 30 years. Paul was appointed CEO of the LGFA in November 1997. In 2004, Paul accepted the additional responsibility of heading up LGCS Pty. Ltd, a joint venture "shared services" company, owned by the LGFA & Local Government Association of SA. Paul has a business background from the NSW Institute of Technology and is senior CFTF of the Finance & Treasury Association of Australia.

Kevin Smith, Director, TaxEd (Proprietary Limited)

Kevin is the original founder of TaxEd and holds a Masters of Law Degree in Tax Law and a Masters of Law Degree in Commercial Law. He has been providing guidance and training to Local Governments in tax related matters for ten years in Australia. Kevin is an accountant by profession and has lectured in accounting, tax and law both in Australia and overseas

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