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Integrated Planning Regional Workshop

Moree Plains Shire Council will be hosting an Integrated Planning and Reporting workshop on 13 November 2009 for north western Councils.

The State Government recently legislated the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework to strengthening councils' strategic focus. The new statutory planning and reporting requirements are mandatory for all NSW Councils.

The workshop will assist councils in the north-west region to understand the implementation process.

Moree Plains Shire Council's General Manager, Mr David Aber said, "I am pleased to have the assistance of the Local Government Division of the Premiers and Cabinet Department and Waverley Council to run the workshop."

"The workshops will provide an overview of the regulatory and legislative requirements of the new framework, plus give an insight into the implementation from a practitioners view point," Mr Aber said.

Participating regional councils will share their knowledge and experiences with integrated planning, asset management, community engagement and social planning.

The introduction of the new planning and reporting guidelines signals the most significant change in this area since the introduction of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The workshop will provide a valuable forum for both Councillors and Senior Staff who will all play pivotal roles in ensuring the success of Integrated Planning and the new framework.

Several Councils have already indicated their intention to participate and other interested Councils should contact Mr Mark Connolly, Council's Integrated Planning Manager to register.

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