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## Cook Shire puts stamp on LGMA conference

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The annual Local Government Managers' Australia Queensland conference this week has a distinct Cook Shire flavour, with Chief Executive Officer Linda Cardew facilitating several sessions and staff members Sha-lane Gibson and Michael Fallon speaking at the event.

Mr Fallon will facilitate an interview panel at the week-long conference, held in Townsville, and Ms Gibson will feature on a separate millennial panel. "Michael will be asking the hard questions of a panel of chief executive officers from Western Downs, Noosa and Isaac councils on the topic of change," Ms Cardew said. "Sha-lane will be a panel member with three other millennials for a session on designing councils for future employees, facilitated by the CEO of Redland City Council. Sha-lane and Michael nominated and were chosen for these forums, which is a credit to the quality of their nomination and the skills that these two young people possess."

The conference was a golden opportunity to hear from experienced local government leaders, Mr Fallon said. "As a relatively new local government employee, and one of the youngest staff members at Cook Shire Council, being part of the conference is a wonderful chance to learn," he said. "It's a bit intimidating questioning a panel of chief executive officers, but it's also really interesting hearing their opinions on change and how we can be better prepared moving forward."

Local Government Managers Australia Queensland is a not for profit leader in local government advocacy, collaborative learning and professional development and comprises members from Queensland councils.

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