General Management Committee

Agenda

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the General Management Committee was held on Wednesday 10 March 2010 at the Brighton Civic Centre, commencing at 3.10pm.

The meeting will commence immediately following the conclusion of the General Meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Barry Easther President
Lord Mayor Rob Valentine Hobart City Council
Mayor Kevin Hyland West - North West Region
Mayor Albert van Zetten Northern Region
Mayor Robert Legge Northern Region
Mayor Deirdre Flint Southern Region
Mayor Graham Bury Southern Region

Mr Allan Garcia LGAT
Dr Katrena Stephenson LGAT
Ms Christine Agostinelli LGAT

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Lynn Laycock West - North West Region
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1.1 SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES *

Mayor Kevin Hyland/Lord Mayor Rob Valentine

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2009, as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

Minutes of the meeting held 16 December 2009 are at Attachment to Item 1.1.

1.2 SUBJECT: BUSINESS ARISING *

That the Committee receive the report on business arising from the previous meeting.

Noted

Update of Policy items from the last meeting not covered in this Agenda are at Attachment to Item 1.2.

1.3 SUBJECT: PRESIDENT’S REPORT

That the President's report be received.

Noted

Since the meeting held on December 2009 the President has represented the Association at:

- The Australian Local Government Association Strategic Planning Session
- Elected Memb

Meetings

ALGA Strategic Planning Session

Forums/Events

Burnie City Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshop
Opened the Elected Members’ Short Planning Course Session

Media  Radio/TV  Various general issues
1.4 SUBJECT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

That the Chief Executive Officer’s report be received. Noted

Interface with external bodies
- Quadrant Board Meetings
- CMP Board Meeting

Local Government Forums
- ALGA Strategic Planning Session
- Elected Members’ Workshop
- Urban Passenger Transport Briefing
- Forest Practices Advisory Council
- National Workforce Strategy Teleconference
- Climate Change
- Renewable Energy

State Government Meetings
- Treasury
- Valuation and Ratings

In this lead up to the State Government Elections, interaction with the State Government is low and issues of substance will not be dealt with until following the election process.
2. POLICY

Policy Items for Discussion & Decision.

2.1 SUBJECT: COMPULSORY VOTING

That the Committee note the recent feedback from council sources as to the responses to the discussion paper on this matter and whether formal positions need to be taken by the Association on the proposals contained in the paper.

Resolved

Background
A discussion paper on the issue of compulsory voting was released to councils prior to Christmas with a response period suggested by the end of February 2010. It was felt that this would give ample time for consultation. Media reports indicate that the matter has been considered at a number of council meetings with varied positions being taken on the component elements of the paper.

Informal feedback from council representatives appears to suggest a significant shift away from the existing policy of the Association which does not support compulsory voting. Addressing the matters of cost and enforcement, in particular, would appear to have influenced the positions of many in Local Government. While the matter will be addressed by the incoming State Government at an appropriate time, it will be important to understand at a sector level, the overall feeling of councils across the state. At this time, there is a resolution coming from one council proposing support for compulsory voting. An issue for the Committee to consider is whether there should be an attempt to resolve a Local Government position on such matters as all-in all-out, 4 year terms, postal vs ballot box voting, etc.

It is considered that there may be some merit in testing some/all of these matters so that an identified position can be taken rather than one interpreted from responses to a discussion paper.

Budget Implications
Does not apply.

Current Policy
The formal policy of the Association at the present time is to not support compulsory voting.
2.2 SUBJECT: GENERAL POLICY DISCUSSION

That Committee members note the intent of this session and contemplate any matters they consider worth raising.

It was requested that the President raise the following issues for consideration at the Australian Council Of Local Government –

- The impost on rural councils in relation to the provision of medical services and facilities.
- That the provision of community housing through the Nation Building and Jobs Plan may lead to housing being sited in unsuitable areas, with little or no consideration to existing planning scheme requirements.

Background
This is a standing agenda item intended to allow members the opportunity to raise any matters of strategic policy not addressed elsewhere in the agenda.
3. PROJECTS & SERVICES

Projects & Services Items for Comment and Decision.

3.1 SUBJECT: ELECTED MEMBERS SHORT PLANNING COURSE

That the Committee note the conduct of the course and the intentions regarding certification and future offerings.

Background
The inaugural course attracted 26 participants comprising both newly elected and serving members. Feedback from both participants and presenters indicate that the course was very worthwhile although future offerings will likely be adjusted on the basis of some of the experiences and feedback received.

The format of the sessions involved a lecture and group discussion process on day one with an online practical exercise provided to participants for completion over the five week period preceding the second face to face session. While each participant was expected to complete the assessment, it was not marked and the second day involved a review of the work undertaken to allow an understanding of the issues involved, the steps in the consideration and the decision process. While marks were not awarded, notional self assessment would provide participants of an indication of how they fared.

An “exam” was also offered to participants following the second session which could be undertaken on an opt in basis. This provides participants with the opportunity to put their new found knowledge to the test and also provide prior learning recognition in the event that enrolment in a related UTAS course was considered at a later date. It is not known at this time how many participants chose to undertake the exam.

It is intended that a full evaluation of the course be undertaken with inputs from both participants and presenters. Following the analysis of the evaluation, consideration will be given to any changes necessary prior to any future offering of the course. Preliminary discussions with UTAS have involved the proposition for the conduct of a further session in Hobart in October 2010.

In terms of recognition, the Association will produce certificates for all those that participated but will also award a further certificate for those that successfully pass the exam. The former certificates could be presented by the council Mayor to their councillors while those that successfully pass the exam could be presented with their certificate at the conference. This would raise the awareness of the course and perhaps increase the interest in attending future offerings of the course.

Budget Impact
Development of the course was funded through the Stronger Councils Better Communities Program with cost of participation charged on a cost recovery basis.

LGAT Policy
The short planning course builds on the past work of seeking to provide new elected members with the knowledge they require to participate as a member of a planning authority.
3.2 SUBJECT: HEALTH FUND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

That the Committee note the proposal to offer health cover to Tasmanian Council employees via LGAT.

Background
During recent discussions with representatives of MAV, it was revealed that a process had been conducted to determine whether a health benefits provider was able to make an offer to Victorian Council employees that would benefit financially those employees while providing the ability to access the same levels of service and care that was available via their present providers. A key component of the offer was to place councils at an advantage in terms of “employer of choice” with the medical fund access being tied to employment.

From the perspective of councils there is a relatively modest upfront contribution which is repayable over a period of time as the fund grows. Experience thus far in Victoria has seen significant take up with premiums up to half of what subscribers were paying previously.

Representatives from the company offering the service in Victoria are presenting to the General Managers' Workshop on 17 March 2010, to explain how the process works and assess interest from councils to implement a similar scheme in Tasmania. There are likely some legal issues that will require attending to but it is considered worthy of examination given the success of the Victorian exercise to date.

Budget Implications
Unlikely to be any financial exposure or impost for Association or councils but potentially significant savings for employees.

Current Policy
Does not apply.
3.3 SUBJECT: 2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

That the Committee note the following report.

Background
The 98th Local Government Conference will be held at Wrest Point in Hobart, from 12-14 May 2010. This year’s conference theme is Up Up Up – A Focus on Excellence and Innovation. The conference dinner will be held offsite at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on 13 May. Full delegate registration will cost $695 (inc GST). Dinner tickets will cost $130 (inc GST).

GMC members are once again invited to assist in chairing the conference workshops. Please notify LGAT of your ability to assist.

Confirmed plenary speakers include:
- World Top-10 speaker, Dominic Thurbon, Managing Director of the Centre for Skills Development
- Fae Robinson, Principal Consultant and Futurist of Impact Solutions International;
- Dr Carole Boyle, Assoc. Prof. and Director of the International Centre for Sustainability Engineering and Research, University of Auckland, NZ
- Geoff Willis, Executive Chair, Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation

Confirmed workshop presenters include:
- Prof Niki Ellis, Deputy CEO Australian Health Workforce Institute, University of Queensland
- Dr Ingrid Burkett, Social Innovations Manager, Foresters Community Finance
- Dr Carole Boyle, Assoc Prof and Director of the International Centre for Sustainability, Engineering and Research, University of Auckland, NZ
- Di Tompson, Managing Director, Powercom Group
- Brad Wynter, Manager Organisation Development, City of Whittlesea
- Tim Gardner, Managing Director, Stornoway Group
- Stephanie Knox, Urban, Regional and Social Planner

Local Government Awards for Excellence
Entry forms for the 2010 Local Government Awards for Excellence have been distributed to all councils. The closing date for entries is Friday, 19 March. All councils are encouraged to submit nominations.

Sponsorship and Trade
Sponsorship and trade sales are pleasing with most sponsor packages already sold. The level of sponsorship and in-kind support is expected to be comparable with previous years.

Budget Implications
With a marginal increase in delegate and trade exhibitor fees, and at current sponsorship levels, the conference is well placed to cover the associated expenses and deliver a modest return.
3.4 SUBJECT: NATIONAL PROCUREMENT

That the Committee notes the increasing interest of other state associations to engage LGAT in broader procurement arrangements.

Background
The issue of aggregated purchasing has been canvassed with Tasmanian councils on a number of occasions. A previous incarnation of a Victorian procurement group had several Tasmanian councils as members but as the quality and reliability of the service subsided, so did the interest of member councils.

The LGAT is presently signatory to a national procurement arrangement for the supply of uniforms for Tasmanian councils. Councils are able to access a national contract (presently held by Yakka) utilising the purchasing power of the 560 councils across the country. A number of Tasmanian councils that provide or subsidise uniforms/protective clothing for staff utilise this contract. As a signatory, LGAT receives a modest commission on total purchases with a total income of approximately $1500 pa from this source. Remaining councils access their supplies from major opposition suppliers or smaller local suppliers.

In recent times there have been approaches from LGAQ regarding the establishment of a national contract for Izuzu trucks. The fleet discounts on offer are better than those available from State Government purchasing contacts. This information will be relayed to General Managers at the upcoming GM Workshop with a view to canvassing interest.

MAV has recently made overtures in relation to the interest of LGAT in being part of its procurement arrangements. MAV and LGAT already share an association via the mutual insurance arrangements offered under Civic Mutual Plus. No detailed discussions have occurred to date but there may be the possibility of pursuing these arrangements for the greater benefit of Tasmanian councils in relation to purchasing savings. It is also not clear as to whether there would be any income benefit for LGAT in bringing member councils into this arrangement.

LGAT has looked at aggregated procurement in the past but has not been convinced of the merits or commitment of councils to support a statewide scheme. The cost of retaining a resource that can establish and oversight contracts and maintain the relationships with suppliers potentially outweigh the returns. This circumstance arises due to the fact that unless councils agree to support an overall purchasing arrangement, the commissions and savings do not accrue. Councils have tended to argue the need to support local suppliers rather than achieve savings on overall purchasing. Most other jurisdictions have moved to procurement via Associations with some establishing subsidiary companies to undertake this task.

At this time, it is not proposed that LGAT proceed down the procurement route alone but it will promote the “truck offer” and will undertake discussions with MAV to assess the benefits that may be possible for member councils.

Budget Implications
With a strong reliance of the Association on member subscriptions for revenue, there is potential in pursuing the merits of aggregated purchasing where it can provide savings to member councils and generate commission income for the Association.

Current Policy
Does not apply.
### 3.5 Subject: Elected Members Workshop

That the Committee note the following report.

**Background**
Twenty-four delegates from twelve councils attended the residential workshop for elected members, held from 20-21 February, at Peppers Seaport Hotel in Launceston.

The weekend’s agenda, aimed primarily at newly-elected members, included discussion on council finances, asset management, land use planning, the role of elected members, developing better presentation skills, and the ups and downs of life in Local Government. A question and answer session was also featured over the course of the weekend.

Feedback received in relation to the weekend was very positive, with delegates commenting that the sessions were:

- Very engaging
- Fabulous
- Short, sweet and interesting
- Clear, concise and precise
- Professional
- Articulate
- Straight forward and entertaining
- Extremely informative and valuable

**Budget Implications**
The Elected Members Workshop is run on a cost recovery basis.

### 3.6 Subject: Local Government Representatives

That the Committee note the following Local Government Representative appointments.

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4. FINANCES

Financial Items for Discussion & Decision.

4.1 SUBJECT: PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT *

Mayor Deirdre Flint/Mayor Robert Legge

That the Profit and Loss report to 28 February 2010, be received.

Carried

Background
At Attachment to Item 4.1, is a print out of the Profit and Loss Report to 28 February 2010.

Budget Implications
Does not apply.

Current Policy
Does not apply.

4.2 SUBJECT: CASH FLOW STATEMENTS *

Lord Mayor Rob Valentine/Mayor Kevin Hyland

That the Committee receive the reports for the months of November & December 2009 and January 2010.

Carried

Background
It is considered appropriate that the Committee should have access to information relating to the cash position of the Association detailing cash on hand, reserves, amounts held for projects and expenditures and revenues pending.

Detailed cash flow statements have been prepared for the information of the Committee and are at Attachment to Item 4.2

Budget Impact
As above.

Current Policy
The Association has a responsibility to manage the assets of the organisation in a responsible and transparent manner.
4.3 SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP – HOBART CITY COUNCIL *

That the Committee note the contents of correspondence received from the Lord Mayor detailing the decision of Hobart City Council to give notice of its withdrawal from the Association.

Background
The correspondence (copy at Attachment to Item 4.3), highlights the efforts of the Association in relation to water and sewerage and the creation of a stronger voice for larger councils as the reasons for withdrawal. Council also advises that it is seeking its own report on governance reforms to the Association and will refer the outcomes of the report to the Association for consideration.

Council has now paid its outstanding subscription fee for 2009/10 and has indicated that it will determine its final position on continued membership prior to the end of the next financial year when the issues of concern have been raised and/or resolved.

A meeting with the full council has been requested of the Lord Mayor by the CEO on behalf of the President to discuss the matters of concern with a view to addressing any existing or ongoing matters of difference.

Budget Implications
Reductions in membership have a financial impact in terms of reduced subscription revenue which may require an overall reduction in services, increased subscriptions from remaining members or alternative revenue sources.

Current Policy
The notice provided by council is in accordance with the Rules of the Association.
4.4 SUBJECT: BUDGET AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010-2011

The Committee noted the draft budget and accepted that maintenance of the present subscription levels should likely be possible for the upcoming financial year.

The Committee did acknowledge that the basis for subscriptions was to be reviewed with a shift away from total Assessed Annual Values as an indicator of capacity to pay to a measure such as revenue received by councils.

Noted

Background
The Association is presented with a few challenges this year relating to the circumstances of particular members. Glenorchy City Council gave formal notice last year of its intention to withdraw from the Association, a decision that is to be reviewed by Council in its upcoming budget deliberations. At the time of writing, the actual position of Glenorchy Council was not known. In the event that Glenorchy Council does not remain a member of the Association, subscription income will be reduced to the extent of approximately $46,000. Budget reductions to this level in one year may be difficult and the shortfall may need to be spread across remaining members.

Another matter impacting on subscription is the recent round of valuations. You will recall two years ago that following significant rates of increase in the aggregate values of municipal areas, several councils would have catapulted through the subscription levels of the Association even though their relative income had not increased. As a result, adjustments were made to the subscription categories detailed in the rules to take account of possible major future shifts in AAV whilst seeking to maintain the equity level between councils in the payment of subscriptions.

The most recent round of valuations has seen some councils’ total municipal AAV double, pushing at least five councils into a new category with one jumping two categories. Another has moved one category as a result of the application of valuation adjustment factors. With the present dissension of at least two of the major councils regarding Association membership, there are significant concerns that the impacts of the recent revaluation round will create further concerns among members.

While alternative options to subscription arrangements have not been considered at this time, the situation at present is likely to be further impacted by the upcoming valuation cycle. Although the overall relativity should remain over the three valuation series within the six year cycle, the implications during the process place some councils at particular hardship. It is considered that this matter requires detailed discussion by GMC prior to embarking on any modelling of current subscription arrangements or alternative options.

In terms of the budget itself, it is considered that subscription levels overall could be maintained at approximately the same level as last year. To the extent that Glenorchy chooses not to continue membership, the $46,000 would require topping up.

The major factor impacting on the budget this year is whether councils wish to support the continuation of the careers and workforce development activity within the Association. This matter is subject to consideration at the General Meeting and would involve an overlay of the normal subscription arrangements to fund the activity.
Other adjustments include a reduction in President’s travel expenses, printing, seminars and motor vehicle running costs. Increased expenditure is anticipated in the areas of ALGA subscriptions, rental of premises, rates, land tax and water charges. There remains some capacity within the salaries budget to increase the policy effort by converting the present part time arrangements of some staff to full time. The climate change activity of the association has been subsumed within the policy activity which may require additional resourcing to respond to the Local Government and broader legislation agenda post the State Government election.

At Attached to Item 4.3 is a spreadsheet that gives an indication of what would occur in the event that subscriptions remain at the same level and no adjustments were made to the valuation categories which determine the amount that each council contributes. It is proposed to table at the Meeting some options that may assist or alleviate the financial impact on the large number of councils that appear to be disaffected by the most recent valuation cycle.

**Budget Implications**
As detailed above.

**Current Policy**
Does not apply.
5. ADMINISTRATION

Administration Items for Discussion & Decision.

5.1 SUBJECT: WATER & SEWERAGE – ELECTION OF OWNERS’ REPRESENTATIVES

That the Committee endorse information being provided to Member Councils in regard to their arrangements for election of Owners’ Representatives.

Background
When negotiating the arrangements associated with the legislation for water and sewerage reform, the Association made it quite clear to the State Government that the collective owner councils in each region should be able to select their respective Owners’ Representatives on whatever basis they determined appropriate. This was agreed and no formal processes were put into legislation to prescribe the nomination, selection or voting process associated with owners’ representatives.

The initial selection was conducted without issue but a recent resignation and subsequent election for replacement had the potential for difficulties to arise in light of the full details of the voting process not being detailed prior to the election process commencing.

Without seeking to interfere, it is considered worthwhile and in the interests of member/owner councils to satisfy themselves that they have a rigorous and transparent process for the election of these representatives. As is the case for elections conducted for the President and members of GMC, it may be prudent to suggest to councils that they contemplate the utilisation of the services of the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) to ensure that procedures for elections and the voting process are independent, rigorous and professionally conducted. It may be that the arrangements presently in place in each region are adequate but in light of the recent experience a gentle reminder could be beneficial.

In the event that GMC agrees, it is proposed that the CEO write to member councils suggesting that they review their present election procedures to satisfy themselves that their arrangements are rigorous and contemplate whether future processes should involve use of the TEC for the purposes of either advice or conduct of elections.

Budget Implications
Does not apply.

Current Policy
Present legislation does not prescribe the method by which owner representatives are elected.
5.2 SUBJECT: GMC ELECTIONS

That the Committee note the following report.

Background
As per the Rules of the Association the requirement to conduct elections for the General Management Committee is as follows -

5.5 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Elections for the General Management Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The Chief Executive Officer shall request the Tasmanian Chief Electoral Officer to act as Returning Officer for the election unless otherwise determined by the General Management Committee.

(b) In the month of January in every year following ordinary Council elections, the Returning Officer shall request nominations for the General Management Committee from Members within the 3 electoral districts.

The Tasmanian Chief Electoral Officer has been requested to act as Returning officer and the dates for the election and the timetable is as follows –

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<td>Ballot material posted (if a ballot is required)</td>
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<td>10am Wednesday 28 April 2010</td>
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The conduct of election of President is also usually undertaken at this time but as per the motion carried at the November 2009 General Meeting, the term of the current President has been extended until June 2012.

Budget Implications
An allocation has been made for the conduct of elections.

Current Policy
As per Association Rules, stated above.
5.3 SUBJECT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

This item was discussed in a closed session and Minutes for this item will be provided to Committee Members only.

Background
This Item was dealt with in a closed session of the Committee with information provided to Members at the Meeting.

5.4 SUBJECT: STAFFING UPDATE

That the Committee note the following report.

Background
Since the last meeting there have been some changes to the Policy Team.

Christine Materia tendered her resignation as Climate Change Officer just prior to the Christmas shut down. Christine had been with the Association for two years, initially as NRM Officer and latterly in a part-time capacity as Climate Change Officer. Christine has taken a full-time, permanent position with the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Association successfully filled the vacancy in the Policy Team that arose through Sue Bronstein’s departure to take up a role in Treasury. Georgia Palmer commenced in November and is working 4 days per week. Her policy portfolios include Climate Change, Emergency Management and National Broadband Network and she is acting as Registrar of the Standards Panel. Georgia has recently returned to Tasmania from Victoria where she had been working in a policy role in State Government.

The Association has not sought to immediately backfill Christine Materia given the pre-election timing. We will review emerging priorities post election and with consideration of the current skills and experience on the Policy Team, move to recruit in April/May. This may be in addition to the recruitment of a Project Manager should our application to the Commonwealth Government’s Local Government Reform Fund be successful.

The Association also had a new staff member commence in the Administration Area to fill the gap left by Janet Storan’s retirement. Fiona Madigan commenced part-time work on in October 2009.
5.5 SUBJECT: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the Committee meet on Wednesday 12 May 2010, immediately following the conclusion of the AGM and General Meeting.

Noted

A list of the meeting dates for 2010 is detailed below-

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5.6 SUBJECT: OTHER BUSINESS & CLOSE

It was agreed by the Committee that a process be implemented within the LGAT to formulate and drive policies of particular relevance and importance to Councils and that these processes be extended to the Committee’s dealings with the State Government.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at