

## Key LGAT Activity– February 2012

### Policy/Project Activity

- Audit of Standards Panel activity since introduction
- Commenced review of Mayoral Handbook
- Feedback on Healthy Communities Toolkit
- Follow up on Division 81 Issues
- Input into Productivity Commission survey regarding Local Government regulation.
- Input into the Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government (ACELG) draft National Local Government Workforce Strategy
- Input to Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) submission on the amendments proposed to the Telecommunications Act by Andrew Wilkie and separately, Bob Brown.
- Keynote presentation by invitation to New Zealand Local Government Planning and Development Conference.
- Maturity assessments conducted at all councils by IPWEA as part of the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project.
- Member of Tender Panel for Local Government Valuations
- Standards Panel activity – this has seen a steady increase since the New Year

### Training and Workforce Development

- Trialed a new promotional tool, a touchscreen computer mounted on a stand at the Job Skills Expo in Albert Hall Launceston. Received a good response at this well attended event. Met many job seekers, advised them of current council vacancies, employment registers, and scholarships in engineering in their area and around the state.
- Presented a summary of workforce planning and training, policy actions and grants available, from the State, Commonwealth and other Local Government Associations.
- Continued to monitor a rise in the number of council job advertisements.
- Continued screening the Think Big Work Local television commercial. Observed a corresponding rise in visits to [www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au](http://www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au)

### Meetings and Communication

- 2 editions of the LGAT Newsletter
- Alcohol Advisory Group Meeting
- ALGA Board Meeting/Strategic Planning

- Asbestos Steering Committee
- Associations teleconference on Emergency Management
- Award Modernisation
- Break O Day Council re Coastal Planning and Development
- Break O Day Council re Water and Sewerage
- Breakfast Roundtable with the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI), Property Council, Master Builders Association and Housing Industry Association
- Business Tasmanian Online Working Group
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) briefing session on wood smoke: air quality and health
- Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) re Emergency management
- Elise Archer – planning update
- Emergency Management Education and Training Advisory Group Meeting
- Enquiry by Design Workshop
- Environmental Dispute Mediation Meeting
- Healthy Toolkit Project Managers
- Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
- Local Government Division re Code of Conduct Regulations
- Local Government Division re State of the Sector Reporting
- Local Government HR Forum
- Meeting with CEO and Policy officer from CLAIR Sydney (Japanese Local Government Program)
- NRM South re Social Procurement
- Office of the Tasmanian Regulator Consumer Consultative Committee Meeting
- Participation in SES Emergency Management Coordinators Forum
- Regional Water and Sewerage Forum (North)
- Royal Surf Live Saving and Sports and Recreation re Pool Fencing
- Southern Waste Strategy Authority Management Meeting
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation/Decision Pathways (TCAP) Meeting
- Tasmanian Fire Service and Department of Premier and Cabinet re Draft Tasmanian Bushfire Policy
- Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council Meeting
- TCCI Business Executive Roundtable with Will Hodgman

## Media

- Joint release of the Local Government Asset Management Policy between LGAT and Minister.
- Water and Sewerage
- Amalgamations

## Outputs

- Submission to the House of Assembly Standing Committee on Community Development Inquiry into Local Government Elections
- Submission regarding proposed changes to the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act.
- Model Code of Conduct circulated to Councils for Comment
- Launched Local Government Asset Management Policy in partnership with the Local Government Division.