General Meeting

Minutes

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The President, Clr Lynn Mason, declared the meeting open at 10.00am.

The Traditional Owners of the Land, the Leterremairrener People, were acknowledged and Members welcomed.

APOLOGIES

Mayor Doug Burt George Town Council
Ms Ngaire McCrindle George Town Council
Mayor David Brewster King Island Council
Mr Andrew Wardlaw King Island Council
Mayor Terry Martin Glenorchy City Council
Mayor Peter Wilson Tasman Council
Deputy Mayor Roger Self Tasman Council
Mr David Laugher Tasman Council
Mayor Cathy Edwards Clarence City Council
Mr Andrew Paul Clarence City Council
Mayor Deirdre Flint Central Highlands Council
Mr Trevor Berriman Central Highlands Council
Mayor Robert Armstrong Huon Valley Council
Mr Geoff Cockerill Huon Valley Council
Clr Ted Jeffries Brighton Council
Mayor Colin Howlett Southern Midlands Council

The President acknowledged and congratulated Derwent Valley Council in reaching the World Finals of the 2005 Liveable Communities Awards.

The Local Government Association were also congratulated on their recent Category Award for Information Technology.

1  ITEM:  MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2005  *

West Coast Council/Central Coast Council

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2005, as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

Background:
To confirm the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 June 2005.

See Attachment to Item 1.
2 ITEM: BUSINESS ARISING *

That the meeting note the information.

Noted

Background:
At Attachment to Item 2 is a schedule of business considered at the previous meeting and its status.

3 ITEM: CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Consideration was given to the Agenda items and order of business and it was agreed that the Northern Midlands Council Round Up be brought forward.

Confirmed

Background:
Delegates will be invited to confirm the agenda for the meeting and the order of business.

4 ITEM: RATIFICATION OF POLICY

Contact Officer: Allan Garcia

That the General Meeting note that there are no items brought forward from the previous meeting that require ratification as policy of the Association.

Noted

Background comment:
Delegates are invited to endorse policy items brought forward from the previous meeting.
ITEM: LGAT POLICY UPDATE ***
Contact Officer – Christine Standish

That the Meeting note the updated LGAT policy documentation and progress reports on previous motions.

Noted

Background comment:
At its June 2005 General Meeting, the Association passed a resolution for a comprehensive review of LGAT policies to be undertaken with regard to the document Local Government Policy 2003 – Revised March 2003.

The Association has reviewed that document over the last year and found that in the sense of being a policy document of contemporary relevance it falls short of providing position statements for Local Government in relation to a wide range of matters of topical interest and concern. Largely focusing on motions that have been passed at General Meetings over the years, it provides little in terms of background information and context to support the various positions and principles articulated.

In 2004 the Association altered its practice in relation to reporting on the follow-up of motions passed at General Meetings. Since then every motion passed from 2003 onwards has been acted upon in some way and that action tracked through a comprehensive register of motions and actions. In addition, the Council initiating the motion is advised of the outcome of action taken and regular updates of progress on outstanding motions is advised at each General Meeting.

Updates of progress in relation to motions passed at General Meetings during 2003 and 2004 are at Attachment to Item 5A and 5B.

In light of various policy positions taken over the years, the Association has now developed a more robust document that reflects current attitudes of Local Government on a range of issues that impact its interests. Some motions passed at General Meetings inform that process and, while the specific substance of those motions does not necessarily form the precise wording of the document, the spirit remains.

In this context, the Association has reviewed the 2003 document and incorporated those elements that continue to stand as policy positions for Local Government within the revised policy document. It should be noted that a large number of motions contained in the 2003 document relate to legislative amendments, preferred operational positions and governance arrangements. Many of these matters have been dealt with through reviews of legislation or simply been adopted by the Association as part of its governance practice. Thus it is not considered appropriate to reiterate these. Nevertheless, a number of items continue to have relevance and these have been incorporated into the revised policy framework. While not yet complete a copy of this document is at Attachment to Item 5C. Councils are invited to comment on the draft.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
Does not apply
ITEM: STATE COASTAL POLICY
Contact Officer – Allan Garcia

That the meeting note the progress with development of a new State Coastal Policy and the consultation process and period.

Background comment:
The proposed new State Coastal Policy has been reviewed by the Steering Committee overseeing this project following an initial public consultation phase. The Steering Committee comprises members from the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Resources, the Local Government Association of Tasmania, The Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage and the Arts. The Steering Committee has been supported by a cross agency project team and working group with members from both State and Local Government.

A new policy has been drafted which:
- Has concise objectives and outcomes for the coastal area;
- Provides for a more appropriate definition of the coastal area;
- Has specific implementation obligations, including a requirement for planning authorities to review their planning schemes; and
- Is supported by guidelines and model standards to assist planning authorities to implement the Coastal Policy in their planning schemes.

The draft policy and supporting documents have now been released for a final round of public comment prior to consideration by the State Government and referral to the Resource Development and Planning Commission (RPDC).

The package has been provided to all councils as well as respondents to the first round of consultations. Regional information sessions will be held with councils and the community in the eight week consultation period.

Under Section 13 of the State Policies and Projects Act 1993, planning authorities will be required to amend their planning schemes to ensure they comply with the new policy. Once the new policy is approved, the RPDC will use its powers of discretion to determine the timeframe for amendment of planning schemes.

A coastal works manual has been drafted which provides a “good practice” guide to practitioners working in coastal areas. It focuses on methods and techniques for a range of on-ground activities and will be of particular assistance to works supervisors, contractors and community groups. This will be released shortly as a technical document.

The current policy will remain in force until the new policy has been approved.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
Local Government is bound by the provisions of the Resource Management and Planning System. Local Government has long held a position supporting a suite of state policies to support decision making on land use planning and management and has been a strong advocate of a coastal policy that is robust, easily understood with ease of implementation.
ITEM: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY  
Contact Officer: Allan Garcia

That the meeting note the following report.

Noted

Background comment:
Approximately thirty responses have been received from officers and elected members seeking to be involved in the sustainability project.

It is proposed to convene a workshop inviting all participants that have expressed an interest to “think tank” key issues and prioritise activities and processes to take them forward. While it is anticipated that many issues will be identified there will need to be some categorising of matters and consideration of resourcing and relative importance of matters to be tackled. It will also be necessary to determine an appropriate vehicle or structure to deal with these issues (eg Steering Committee, working groups, etc.)

At the time of writing a date and venue for the initial workshop had not been determined although it is anticipated that this will be resolved prior to the General Meeting.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
A motion supporting this matter was carried at the last General Meeting.

ITEM: NATIONAL PACKAGING COVENANT  
Contact Officer – Christine Standish

West Coast Council/Clarence City Council

The Meeting resolved that the Association become a signatory to the strengthened National Packaging Covenant.

Carried

Background comment:
At the 2005 LGAT Annual Conference it was agreed to defer a decision on Item 9, which recommended the Association become a signatory to the strengthened National Packaging Covenant (NPC), until the revised document was publicly available for scrutiny.

At the Environment Protection and Heritage Council Meeting, held on 1 July 2005, Australian Environment Ministers agreed to extend the strengthened National Packaging Covenant for a further 5-year term, to commence on 14 July 2005. Under the Covenant up to $6 million will be available for distribution towards waste disposal projects of Local Government and industry bodies.

A copy of the strengthened Covenant can be accessed at -
The strengthened Covenant incorporates a number of changes designed to introduce more quantifiable performance measures and more rigorous compliance procedures to better assess overall Covenant achievements, including:

- a national recycling target of 65% for packaging by the end of 2010 (currently 48%);
- no further increase in the amount of packaging waste disposed to landfill over the current (2003) baseline;
- specific actions and performance measures to assist with reporting against the targets;
- a broader scope looking “beyond kerbside” to include recovery and reuse of packaging materials consumed away from home; and
- a revised environmental code of practice for packaging and guidelines.

The Covenant will be subject to a mid-term review in 2008 to gauge whether these targets are being reached. Importantly, valuable project proposals from Local Government stakeholders, who are not Covenant signatories, can be considered under the revised agreement.

The Australian Environment Ministers also agreed to investigate other measures complementary to the objectives of the Covenant including container deposit legislation and point of production packaging. These were generally the outcomes that Local Government lobbied for at a national and state level.

All current signatories are required to re-sign by 31 August 2005 and the National Packaging Covenant Council (NPCC) is keen for new signatories to sign within that timeframe if possible. It is expected that the NPCC will formally invite potential new signatories to sign the Covenant.

Covenant signatories are required to develop an Action Plan, of at least three years duration, which sets out how they propose to implement and measure their actions and commitments under the Covenant, and provide an Annual Report. While Local Government Associations are required to meet these criteria there are fairly minimal expectations in this regard.

LGAT was not a signatory to the original Covenant. But, given its strengthened provisions and the expanded scope for non-signatory Local Government stakeholders to apply for project funding, it is recommended that the Association consider becoming a signatory to the revised Covenant.

**Budget Impact**
Does not apply

**Current Policy**
While the Association was not a signatory to the original Covenant, it supports the principle and practice of extended producer responsibility.
9 ITEM: STATUTORY REVIEW OF EMPCA *
Contact Officer – Christine Standish

That the meeting note the following report on progress with the Statutory Review of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1993.

Background comment:
Based on comments from Councils, the Association provided a Local Government response to the Issues and Options Paper, released in December 2004, by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment (DPIWE), as part of the 10-year statutory review of EMPCA.

Council responses indicate that generally Local Government considers EMPCA to be more effective than previous environmental legislation and there was broad in-principle support for many of the options contained in the paper intended to address some of the identified shortcomings in the current legislative provisions.

Public submissions have now been assessed by the Steering Committee, which is currently preparing a response paper, indicating its preferred options, for circulation to those parties who made submissions. Following this a review report will be prepared, incorporating any further comments, which the Minister will table in Parliament later in the year. There are some issues identified in the findings that will require further consultation with Local Government, most likely through workshops or forums.

A copy of the LGAT submission is at Attachment to Item 9.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
Does not apply
ITEM: ALTERATION TO MEETING PROCEDURES

Central Coast Council/

That the Rules of the Association be amended to provide that observers sent by Members to meetings may be permitted to ask questions for the purpose of clarification only of a matter currently before the meeting.

The Motion Was Withdrawn

Amendment Motion

Central Coast Council/Launceston City Council

The meeting accepts that as part of General Meeting protocol the Chair will allow questions from observers so long as they are seeking clarification on a matter currently before the meeting and not entering into debate. It was agreed that such discretion by the Chair would not need to be exercised through the voting delegate.

Carried

Background comment:
Encouragement of the attendance of observers at meetings should be continued if we are to maintain a healthy interest in, and understanding of, the Association and its role in the local sphere of government.

Notwithstanding that observers may not participate in a formal sense, it is considered appropriate that they be entitled to ask questions to assist their understanding of a matter that is currently before the meeting.

If it is not elsewhere covered, it may be appropriate for the amending rule to contain a rider providing a discretionary power for the Chair to rule whether the observer’s question is relevant to the matter before the meeting.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
The rules presently state that in speaking to a motion a member (council) shall be represented by the voting delegate, unless an observer has been introduced to the chair for that debate.

In practice this arrangement has seen the voting delegates speak on the majority of issues but where considered necessary or appropriate by the voting delegate, observers have been invited to speak for or against motions by acknowledgement through the Chair.

As the rules stand there is no specific provision for seeking clarification through a question by an observer unless sanctioned by the voting delegate.

It is considered that the motion before the meeting is sensible and seeks to ensure that debate on issues is rigorous, relevant and encourages participation. While it would be possible to amend the rules of the Association to allow for such questioning, the outcomes being sought
could equally be achieved through recognition by the Chair of observers in such circumstances with discretion to rule on those matters falling outside of the scope of the motion.

In the event that the meeting deems an amendment to the rules appropriate, Rule 16 (d) (iii) requires that the resolution must be carried by at least two-thirds of the votes capable of being cast by Members, whether present at the meeting or not.

11 ITEM: RATING FOR ENERGY GENERATORS

West Coast Council/Circular Head Council

That LGAT adopt the independent Victorian resolution regarding rating for energy generators at their installed capacity.

Carried

Foreshadowed Motion

That LGAT be requested to lobby the State Government to conduct an independent study regarding the rating of energy generators.

POINT OF ORDER

A Point of Order was raised by Mr David Sales, Devonport City Council, in regard to Rule 16(d)(i) of the Association which states –

When a vote is being taken to amend a Policy of the Association, the resolution must be carried by a majority of the votes capable of being cast by Members, whether present at the Meeting or not.

A ruling from the Chair, upheld the point of order and subsequently declared the Motion Lost.

In light of the absence of the Mover of the Motion, it was resolved by the Chair, and supported by the Meeting, that the Original Motion be re-tabled at the 30 November 2005 General Meeting, with the additional background information to be circulated in a discussion paper prior to the meeting.

Background comment:
The Victorian Government, via an exhaustive independent study, adopted the recommendation that

1 Rate, Independent sites
2 Rates at a value per MW produced.

Budget Impact
Does not apply

Current Policy
Does not apply
LGAT Comment
The Victorian Government has reached a position on a formula to be used by energy generators to calculate payments in lieu of council rates. This follows a review by an independent panel, appointed in August 2004, which was commissioned following concerns expressed both by councils and generators as to anomalies associated with the rating arrangements.

Largely, the outcomes recognise the difficulty of applying traditional valuation principles to electricity generation and focus on a system of installed capacity. Generators now have the option to elect not to pay rates under the Victorian Local Government Act and to make payments in lieu of rates under specific guidelines. The payments in lieu of rates are based on $40,000 plus $900 per MN of rated capacity, with discounts for generators operating at low capacity.

The new arrangements provide increased uniformity for rating arrangements for electricity generators across Victoria but still allow generators and councils to reach mutually acceptable arrangements on their own terms and conditions.

In Tasmania councils do not have the capacity to rate the State’s electricity generator, Hydro Tasmania. While councils now have the ability to rate State Government agencies and State owned corporations, a key principle applied to the State and Local Government Financial Reform project was that of revenue neutrality.

Both parties saw this principle as fundamental to the project as neither wanted to be revenue negative as a result of the final arrangements. The final position agreed with the State Government excluded the rating income of Hydro Tasmania as this would have resulted in a significant gain to Local Government and one that the State Government was not prepared to support. It did acknowledge, however, that in order to meet its obligations in relation to competitive neutrality and the pending entry of the Tasmanian energy industry to the National Energy Market (NEM), there was a need to adopt a regime of taxation equivalents for rating which would result in Hydro Tasmania being on a level footing with like generators in the rest of the NEM. It is understood that this process has been proceeding within State Government.

The Victorian model provides a basis for arrangements between councils and generators in relation to rates but with regard to generating assets of Hydro Tasmania, there is presently no capacity for Tasmanian councils to apply such arrangements.
12 ITEM: SKILLS SHORTAGES
Contact Officer – Christine Standish

Hobart City Council/Central Coast Council

That the meeting note the following report.

Carried

Background comment:
At the 2004 Annual Conference a motion was passed requesting the Association to initiate a training pool of municipal planners and other professionals, in the light of significant skills shortages in Local Government professions.

1. Research
Since then the Association has conducted substantial research into the current and impending problems confronting Local Government as a result of skills shortages, an ageing workforce and difficulties in recruiting and retaining young people. There is now considerable evidence to show that there are significant shortages across the Local Government sector (nationwide) in key Local Government professions, especially qualified planners, environmental health officers, engineers and building surveyors. This shortage is particularly acute in Tasmania given its relative isolation, regional status and rapidly ageing population.

In order to address some of these problems, LGAT has established a working group comprising representatives of key professional organizations – LGAT; Local Government Managers Australia; Planning Institute of Australia; Australian Institute of Environmental Health, Institute of Public Works Engineering and Australian Institute of Building Surveyors. This group has set itself inter alia the following priorities:

- to address succession planning and recruitment strategies
- to develop resources to enable Local Government to promote itself as an industry and career option to graduates, school leavers and the wider community
- to identify appropriate training options to improve the Local Government skill base

2. Current Strategies to Address Identified Problems
As previously reported, the Association continues to pursue a range of strategies in consultation with relevant State and Federal Government Agencies, professional organizations and education providers. Key developments include:

Local Government Careers Information Kit
LGAT has engaged a consultant to develop a set of materials to highlight and promote career opportunities in Tasmanian Local Government. The materials are primarily web-based (with some hard copy) and will be used to promote Local Government as an industry and career option to schools, colleges, university students as well as the wider community.

The Association has established a steering committee, comprising Local Government and Education Department representatives, to oversee the content development of the information kit. The material is due to be completed by September 2005 and LGAT will then develop a strategy, in consultation with the steering committee and Skills and Training Working Group, to promote and disseminate the material. It is also working with a schools-based focus group to evaluate design and content appeal.
LGMA has provided funding support towards this project.

**University Student Work Placements**
The Association is currently finalising a memorandum of understanding with the University of Tasmania to enable student placements with Local Government through the School of Government’s public sector internship program.

It has also promoted to Councils the professional placement unit, which forms part of the two Planning Degrees (Graduate Diploma and Masters) currently offered through the School of Geography and Environmental Studies. This unit enables students to undertake an 80-hour placement in an appropriate planning related workplace.

**Phased-in-retirement**
The Department of Economic Development (DED) approached the Association some time ago with a tentative proposal to support an awareness-raising program for Local Government to cover issues surrounding phased-in-retirement. Discussions have been held with DED and the Australian Services Union and the Association is currently awaiting a formal proposal from DED.

**Regional Skilled Migration Programs**
LGAT is working closely with the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and the State Department of Economic Development to promote to Councils the range of programs implemented by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments to encourage skilled migration to regional Australia.

**Environmental Health Officer Cadetships and Degree**
A proposal to develop an environmental health degree is being considered by various stakeholders and the University has developed a draft curriculum. It is understood that the degree is likely to commence in 2007 and will be delivered through the Launceston campus. In this event TAFE will most likely teach out its Advanced Diploma but it is unclear what its role might be in the future. It is currently developing training programs for Councils as part of the Local Government Training Package.

LGAT recently met with the Director of Public Health to discuss the degree and other matters including EHO cadetships. He expressed concern at the low numbers of EHOs currently working in the State and advised that he plans to conduct a review of the environmental health workforce in Tasmania in the near future.

**Attracting and Retaining Young People in the Workforce**
The Association has attended several seminars focusing on ways to attract and retain young people in the workforce and, indeed, this was a key theme of the recent LGAT Conference.

**Research into Para-professional Training Options**
LGAT is closely monitoring initiatives in other States to develop para-professional training options that can support qualified professionals.

**OPCET Industry Forum**
The Office of Post-Compulsory Education and Training (OPCET) recently met with the Association’s Working Group on Skills and Training to discuss the possibility of convening an industry forum to work with Local Government to address skills shortages and skills development issues within the sector.
The Working Group considered that such a forum would be highly beneficial to the industry and could assist in furthering some of its own initiatives. A proposal seeking funding to conduct the forum has been submitted to OPCET’s Industry Advisory Group and further discussions have been proposed. It is envisaged that key State Government agencies would be involved in this forum, especially DIER, DPIWE and DHHS.

**Budget Impact**
The various strategies outlined above are currently met from the Association’s budget but it may be necessary to seek further resources to implement any additional programs.

**Current Policy**
As above.

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**13 ITEM: PRE-ELECTION WORKSHOPS**
Contact Officer – Allan Garcia

| That the meeting note the conduct of and attendance at the 3 regional forums conducted by the Association in conjunction with the Local Government Division and the Tasmanian Electoral Commission |
| Noted |

**Background comment:**
Evening workshops for intending candidates were held in each of the regions during the week commencing 11 July 2005. Approximately 15 participants attended the Burnie workshop with 20 or so attending each of the Launceston and Hobart workshops.

Attendees were provided with information on the community expectations of their leaders, roles of councils and councillors and details of the election process. Members of the General Management Committee also attended each of the workshops and were able to provide an insight into life as a councillor, the time commitment, campaigning tips and relationships with the community and other councillors.

The workshops were very well received with participants taking the time to express their gratitude. While the forums provided a better understanding of the process and commitment required to be a councillor and enthused many, it was equally gratifying to have feedback from participants that having better understood the process, they would either not stand or position themselves more effectively for the next election round.

A number of smaller, more informal sessions have been conducted upon request by the Division and Electoral Commission. Individual councils have also sought copies of presentations to conduct small local sessions.

**Budget Impact**
Does not apply

**Current Policy**
The Association is committed to conducting workshops and forums pre and post election to ensure that intending and successful elected members are aware of their responsibilities and are provided with information and skills to equip them in those roles.

**LGAT Comment**
See above.
ITEM: ROADS CONGRESS
Contact Officer – Allan Garcia

That the meeting note the outcomes from the recent National Roads Congress conducted in Launceston.

Background comment:
More than 430 Local Government leaders from across Australia met at the 6th National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Launceston on 3-5 July 2005. Approximately 30 Tasmanian participants attended the Congress.

The Congress noted that Local Government is responsible for 680,000km (almost 85 percent) of the entire Australian road network. Maintaining this $75bn asset is a significant task requiring additional assistance from state and federal governments. The current maintenance backlog approaches $350 million. Local Government has a critical interest in sustainable, accessible transport in urban, regional and remote areas and remains concerned at problems including congestion, pollution, safety, residential amenity and affordability.

The Congress resolved the following:

1. Delegates called on the Australian Government to provide fair funding to local government and replace the archaic system of financial assistance grants with growth funding based on at least one per cent share of national taxation revenue.
2. Delegates urged ALGA to successfully conclude negotiations on a meaningful intergovernmental agreement to put an end to cost shifting once and for all.
3. Delegates acknowledged by acclamation the work and commitment of the retiring Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson MP. They applauded the introduction and renewal of the Roads to Recovery program. This program is providing vital assistance to Local Government to help reduce the gap between what councils can afford to pay to maintain local roads and what is needed to bring them up to fit-for-purpose standard.
4. Delegates acknowledged Mr Anderson's comment that in the early 1990s the Australian Government had estimated the local road maintenance backlog would require an investment of $3bn and that a third phase of Roads to Recovery funding would be required to achieve this.
5. Delegates asked State and Territory Associations to call on State and Territory governments to ensure they played their part in addressing the shortfall in local road funding.
6. Delegates resolved to monitor developments in road user charges and called for research into potential access by Local Government to revenue from these charges generated from the use of local roads.
7. Delegates called for a national roads and transport strategy for Local Government to be developed by the Australian Local Government Association with a draft strategy to be presented to the 2006 National Local Roads and Transport Congress for consideration. The national roads and transport strategy for Local Government should be based on four key elements:
   a. Long-term certainty for local road funding
   b. Strengthening partnerships across all spheres of government to address areas of specific need
   c. Greater federal involvement in sustainable transport
   d. Assistance to build Local Government capacity in data and asset management.
8. Delegates encouraged collaboration with other organisations in advocacy of a national roads and transport strategy for Local Government.

9. Delegates called on the Australian Government, in conjunction with State and Territory governments, to play a stronger role in urban and passenger transport issues. Delegates also called for development of a national infrastructure strategy.

10. Delegates resolved to support ALGA’s call for a further $250 million to be added to the AusLink strategic regional program.

**Budget Impact**
Not applicable

**Current Policy**
The Association’s policy position on roads is largely in line with the resolutions from the Congress

15 **ITEM: COUNCIL ROUND-UPS**

The General Meeting noted the briefings from the Northern Midlands and Sorell Councils.

**Background comment:**
Two Councils, Northern Midlands and Sorell, have been asked to conduct a brief presentation on matters that are currently important in their municipality. The session will also allow time for questions and provide an opportunity to briefly share and highlight problems or opportunities facing councils.

16 **CLOSURE**

The President congratulated
- Launceston City Council on the success of the National Roads Congress held in July;
- Central Coast Council for winning an MBA Award for their new Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre; and
- West Tamar Council for their Category Win in the National Local Government Awards for Asset and Environmental Management.
- Burnie City, Northern Midlands and West Tamar Council’s all achieved success in the National Awards For Local Government.
- Waratah/Wynyard Council won the Minister’s Award at the 2005 Sport and Recreation Industry Awards for Excellence
Mention was also made of the following changes within councils -

- Mr Trevor Berriman, Central Highlands Council, will be retiring in September;
- Mr Paul Ranson, Meander Valley Council, is moving on to a position with Bass and Equitable and Mr Malcolm Salter is currently the Acting General Manager;
- Mr Chris Brooks, Launceston City Council, is moving to a position with Island State Credit Union;
- Mayor Cheryl Arnol has resigned from the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and was thanked for her services to Local Government; and
- Clr Craig Johnston was welcomed as Mayor of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 2.10pm.