

Key LGAT Activity – July 2018

Issue in Focus

LGAT would like to thank all delegates for attending the 106th Annual LGAT Conference. This year's Conference theme 'Re-inventing The Three Rs' was certainly embodied by inspiring Plenary presentations and engaging workshops. Waste warrior Craig Reucassel and Tasmanian Australian of the Year Scott Rankin were standouts, as was our closing journey around imagining place with Architect Genevieve Lilley.

It was a big three days starting with our AGM; one of our biggest agendas ever – with 23 motions received from councils, not to mention a few of our own. A number of strong themes emerged including waste, with five supported waste motions including agreement for LGAT to progress a feasibility study on establishing a state-wide waste management arrangement, a number of suggested amendments to the Local Government Act and dropping use of the term Alderman. LGAT was also provided direction regarding advocacy around the Building Act, telecommunications towers, stream management and decentralization. In his address at the AGM, the Minister for Local Government affirmed the position of no forced amalgamations and wanting collaboration with the Local Government sector on the soon to commence review of the Local Government Act.

Over 239 conference delegates enjoyed a local seasonal menu in collaboration with Eat Well Tasmania, visited 42 Trade Exhibitions in our revamped trade exhibit, enjoyed the Art from Trash Exhibition, a Gatsby themed fun filled conference dinner and for those who still bounced out of bed the following morning, a heritage walking tour at Wrest Point. With waste firmly front of mind, washable coffee cups and water glasses saved over 900 disposable vessels from landfill, recycled card delegate name tags saved over 200 plastic lanyard sleeves, calico delegate bags are re-usable as grocery bags and the fantastic support from trade exhibitors saw plastic minimised in displays and no balloons.

Policy/Project Activity

- Building Great Communities for Tasmania's Children, Local Government Forum - attendance and gathering information for sharing with councils that were unable to attend
- *Building Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018* – Consult sector on proposed amendments to the *Building Act 2016* and associated legislation
- Council survey on recent Henry Design Tribunal decision
- Development of workshop / training for council audit panels in partnership with the Institute of Internal Auditors
- Electoral Act Sectoral submission
- Emergency Management Bill input
- Finalisation of EPA MOU workplan

- General Meeting Regulations, Electoral Advertising – Issues resolution of update of candidate information
- Input to ALGA Election priorities document
- Input to the review of the Consolidated Data Collection
- LGAT Conference - engagement with elected representatives and council officers about Local Government Community Health and Wellbeing Project and council activities that help communities thrive
- LGAT Delegations Register – Manage updates
- LGAT draft Model Credit Card Policy for Local Government in Tasmania – Finalise additional Audit Office comments and submit for July General Meeting
- Local Government Community Health and Wellbeing Project Survey on Potential Forum Topics and Speakers
- Local Government Workforce Development Group – National LG skills shortage investigation and report
- Playgrounds and Play spaces Forum planning and filming with Hobart City Council Bush Adventures
- Preliminary feedback on draft TOR for Review of the Local Government Act
- Preparation for General Managers Workshop, 2IC Forum and New Councillor Induction
- Report on Local Government Community Health and Wellbeing Project (January to June) prepared and submitted to Department of Health
- Review of Economic Development Officers training proposal
- Submission to the Federal Government Mobile Base Station Code of Practice Review
- Tasmanian Cat Management Project - Assistance preparing materials for the 2018 LGAT Conference
- Tasmanian Coastal Hazards Management for Existing Settlements and Values Project – Liaise with Tasmanian Climate Change Office and inform development
- Welcoming Cities Project -Negotiated with Multicultural Council of Tasmania in delivering support to councils
- Youth Local Government Workshop - Support for the statewide conference in October for Tasmania’s youth

Media and Communications

Media Releases:

- Award for Outstanding Service
- Awards for LGAT Life members 2018
- Conference Preview
- Conference Program
- Conference Wrap Up and Thank You
- General Meeting, AGM and Conference Opening
- LG Awards for Excellence 2018
- Meritorious Service Award 2018

- State Govt. Media Release: no forced amalgamations and collaboration with the Local Government sector.

Other Media:

- Advocate, Examiner, Mercury - Conference preview and General Meeting agenda
- Advocate, Examiner, Mercury - Waste and Craig Reucassel
- Examiner, Advocate (Country Courier and Brighton News pending) - LGAT Awards for Excellence
- Leon Compton - Review of Local Government Act
- Mercury - Review of the Local Government Act
- Mercury – Waste Op-Ed
- Northern ABC Radio - Amalgamations and Elections
- Preparation of next run of television commercial (Vote for Council)
- Southern ABC Radio – Private Certification for planning
- Southern Cross TV News, Win TV News, Mercury, Examiner, Advocate - General Meeting and motions

Social Media

- Shared promotion on Twitter and Instagram with Eat Well Tasmania #eatwelltasmania
- Successful re-tweeting and sharing eg Rosemary Stanton (4000+ followers)
- Twitter: Conference: #LGATconf2108, #LGTas, #politas #waronwaste

Training and Development

- Prepare speakers and agenda for General Managers Workshop

Meetings

- Aboriginal Heritage Council – Briefing
- ALGA Post National General Assembly Teleconference
- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee teleconference
- Annual General Meeting & July General Meeting
- Awards for Excellence Judging panel
- Cement Concrete & Aggregates Association – Land use planning discussion
- Department of Education – Australian Early Development Census
- Department of Health – Healthy Tasmania Community Innovations Grants Networking Forum
- Department of Social Services - Data exchange briefing
- Director of Local Government- Regular Monthly Meeting
- Edge Legal – HR Support for LGAT
- Ella Hadad, Opposition Spokesperson for the Environment – Waste briefing
- General Management Committee meeting
- Glenorchy, Clarence City, Kingborough Councils - Valuing inclusion in the built environment project promoting disability access

- Huon Valley Council – Community Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Infrastructure Tasmania – Update on priorities
- Ironbark Sustainability – Southern LED Light Project
- Judging for Local Government Professionals Tas Raymond West Scholarships
- Kingborough Council – Cat Management Project resource development
- Local Government Workforce Development Group – National Careers website
- MAV Insurance Board Teleconference
- Minister for the Environment – Waste roundtable
- Multicultural Council of Tasmania – Welcoming Cities Project launch
- Municipal Association of Victoria – Arts and cultural projects
- National Local Government Cultural Forum Executive (all LG associations) – Review work plan and communicate
- Nomenclature Board Meeting 477
- Shelter Tasmania – Legislative Council Select Committee on short stay accommodation
- Skills Tas – Training for Economic Development Officers discussion
- Southern Tasmania Councils Authority (STCA), Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) – Regional Coastal Strategy
- State Association’s Policy Directors meeting
- Tasmanian Audit Office – LGAT draft Model Credit Card Policy for Local Government in Tasmania
- Youth Local Government Conference – Leaders information forum