

## Key LGAT Activity – January 2018

### Issues in Focus

#### LGAT Releases Election Advocacy Document

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January LGAT released its State Election Priority Statement. It is available on the LGAT website under [latest news](#). This Statement presents six key high-level priorities for this sector in Tasmania and calls on the political parties to recognise Local Government as a crucial partner in any attempts to effect, economic, social and cultural change and to promote strong, healthy, liveable, viable, sustainable communities. We are not a secondary stakeholder.

#### Reminder - Elected Members Professional Development Weekend 24 - 25 Feb 2018

The LGAT Elected Members Professional Development Weekend will be held on 24-25 February 2018 at Peppers Seaport in Launceston. This event is fast approaching, but we are still accepting registrations, so please download a copy of the [Registration form](#).

#### LGAT Breakfast Series

- ❖ *Burnie Friday 2 March and Launceston Wednesday 7 March*

The north and north-west breakfasts are focussing on innovation, productivity and how councils can prepare to maximise opportunities for their councils and communities. The breakfasts feature David Adams, Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Tasmania and Peter Carr, Director Business Innovation and Digital Technology, City of Hobart.

- ❖ *Hobart Thursday 8 March*

For the south we are delighted to be partnering with LG Professionals Tasmania and Australian Local Government Women's Association to deliver an inaugural International Women's Day Breakfast Forum. The Hon. Pam Allan, a renowned former politician, business woman and local government professional, will share her inspirational achievements and experience in her wide and varied leadership roles.

[Registrations](#) are now open:

#### Policy/Project Activity

- Advertised the LGAT/National Procurement Network Request for Tender - Mobile Garbage Bins, Industrial Containers and Bins, Static Compactors, associated products and services. Tender closes 2.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.
- Advocacy on the Dog Control Amendment Regulations 2018
- Commencing project plan development on Community Health and Wellbeing
- Consultation with Audit Office re pricing increases
- Consultation with councils regarding the delineation of State and Local Government maintenance responsibilities under the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*
- Developing pilot methodology for Walkability for Transport project in partnership with DHHS, Launceston, Clarence and Brighton Councils
- Development of LGAT Performance and Improvement Survey

- Development of Model Credit Card Policy
- Discussion with Australian Early Development Census and B4 Early Years Coalition about agenda details and possible dates for collaborative workshop/conference “A conversation about the early years and Local Government”.
- Discussions around street lighting policy in new subdivisions
- Liaised with a number of agencies in relation to their natural disaster grant applications
- Ongoing discussion with ALGA and the State Government in relation to NDRRA reforms
- Peak body partnership activity on election statement and forums
- Preliminary proposal to State Government regarding LG Women’s Excellence Award
- Preparation of councillor induction materials for Glenorchy Council
- Preparation of Election Advocacy Document
- Provision of ongoing advocacy and support to the Southern Lights LED street lighting project
- Sector consultation and submission on the Draft Major Projects Bill
- Sector consultation on the issues associated with Interim Planning Directive 2 – visitor accommodation
- Signed the Deeds of Agreement with providers for the new LGAT/NPN 1.17 contract - bulk fuel, fuel card services, and oils, lubricants and vehicle care products. Councils can now purchase goods through 11 preferred suppliers.
- Updated the Councillor Resource Kit

### **Media and Communications**

- Media Releases
  - 12 Jan 18 – ALGWA & LGAT MOU
  - 30 Jan 18 – Local Government Election Priorities require a Strong Partnership
  - 31 Jan 18 – Coalition of Peak Bodies – Shared Aspirations Statement
- Opinion Editorials
  - 23 Jan 18 – Opinion Editorial to Advocate and Examiner “Team Tasmania”
- Communications
  - 22 Jan 18 - President’s Report submitted to LG Focus Magazine
  - 30 Jan - LGAT Election Priorities Statement distributed to media and stakeholders
  - Liaison with political parties regarding leader submissions to the February Pulse

### **Training and Development**

- Planning for Elected Member Weekend
- Planning for electorate based candidate information sessions in partnership with TasCOSS
- Planning for International Women’s Day events
- Scope and organise a session for land use planners on the Priority Vegetation Mapping, to support the Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Scope and organise Strat title training

- Webpage design and text to support contract management and tendering practices, including advice on using Australian Standards documents to establish good procurement and contract management practices.
- Webpage design, videos and text to support the implementation of workforce behaviours policies.

### Meetings

- AEL Group Employment/Department of Education - Local Government Apprenticeships
- ALGA - Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Reform
- CEO TasCOSS - Election Agenda
- CEO TasCOSS and Cassy O'Connor - election forums
- Chair of the Road Safety Advisory Council (Garry Bailey)
- Department of State Growth - Heavy vehicle access and permitting
- DHHS – community leadership training opportunity
- DHHS, RMIT, City of Launceston - scope Walkability for Transport pilot project
- Digital Services Tasmania working group
- DPAC - Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Reform
- Eat Well Tasmania – campaign discussion
- Executive Officer Delta Dogs Tasmania - partnerships with Local Government
- Glenorchy City Council - Councillor Induction
- Graham Flowers/Mark Thomas - speaking at Elected Member Weekend
- Hobart City Council Stakeholder Workshop
- King Island Council - development of LGAT procurement and contract management resources
- LG Professionals – Special Interest Groups scope
- Local Government Division – Regular Monthly Meeting
- RTAC (Roads and Transport Advisory Committee) strategic workshop with other state local government association members – development of ALGA's national roads and transport policy agenda
- Russell Kelly NbN Co
- SGS Economics and Planning consultants (engaged by the Tasmanian Climate Change Office) - Environmental Upgrade Finance (EUF) Feasibility Study
- Skills Tasmania – workforce development activities and opportunities for Local Government
- State Emergency Service - Natural disaster grant application
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office - current and upcoming projects of benefit to Local Government
- TasWater CEO and Chairman
- VISTAS Steering Committee
- Waste Management Association of Australia & Veolia – waste management

### Operational

- Kellie Madden, Project Officer for the LGAT Community Health and Wellbeing Project, commenced at LGAT