



Key LGAT Activity – March 2018

Issues in Focus

March was an extremely busy month for events, with a General Meeting, regional breakfasts (covering a number of different topics, depending on where you attended), Strata title and Natural Asset Code workshops and a General Managers Workshop to name just a few. Our focus for events has now shifted to the 2018 Annual Conference, scheduled for 25-27 July 2018, in Hobart. This year's Conference theme - Reinventing the Three R's, reflects a Local Government sector that is reenergized and reinvigorated; a redirected focus on innovation, efficiency, creativity, harnessing opportunities and advancement. Please keep an eye on the [event webpage](#) as further details are added.

March also saw the return of the Hodgman Liberal Government. Prior to the election LGAT released its State Election Priority Statement. It is available on the LGAT website under [latest news](#). This Statement presents high-level priorities for this sector across the areas of planning, infrastructure, waste, regional development, community resilience and partnership and calls on the incoming government 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. This Priority Statement will form the basis for our discussions with the incoming Ministers.

Policy/Project Activity

- Development of Walkability for Transport Project with DHHS and RMIT
- Letter to Treasurer regarding stamp duty exemption for some property transactions involving roads and public open space
- Liaison with council officers and DPIWPE regarding the provision of timely advice to councils on fruit fly
- Feedback to Department of Environment and Energy and ALGA on proposal for a new Small Load Metering Regulatory Framework for street lighting.
- Scoping improvements of the Delegations Register
- Consult and develop Local Government submission on the Draft Building Surveyors Code of Practice
- Development of workplan to implement the MOU with the EPA
- Scoping workforce development plan project for Environmental Health Officers
- Development of a draft model credit card policy for Local Government
- Council support on the Code of Tendering
- Correspondence with the Department of Justice on trailer mounted dwellings
- Interjurisdictional research on council cost indices
- Council advice on copyright for development applications
- Finalisation and release of the updated Audit Panel Guidelines
- Input into ALGA submission on the impact to Tasmania of the changes to recycling import rules in China
- Development of the 2018 community survey
- Sector consultation on land use planner recruitment challenges
- Review of the container deposit scheme draft report

- Preparation of the 2018 Awards for Excellence guidelines and entry details
- Correspondence with the Minister for Environment of the challenges associated with the changes to recycling import rules in China
- Securing online accessibility training module for Local Government
- Tender review for municipal valuations

Media

The Examiner has approached LGAT to provide regular Opinion Editorials, a great opportunity, which will strike a balance between topics for the Examiner and topics that will be distributed more broadly to the three main newspapers and community newspapers.

LGAT Media	Date	Publication
Opinion Editorial – Difference Between Assertion and Evidence	24.3.2018	Examiner
Opinion Editorial – Managing the Cost for Free Camping	19.3.2018	Advocate, Examiner
Media Release - Launch of ALWGA Women Can Campaign at LGAT International Women's Day Breakfast	9.3.2018	Mercury attended event. Story and Photograph.
For Noting		
Mercury Story Featuring LGAT CEO - Tasmania's most influential women	9.3.2018	Mercury

Communications

- The Pulse e-newsletter March
- LG Noticeboard
- Twitter

Events

- LGAT Regional Breakfast Series – 2 March 2018 and 7 March (North-West and North)
- LGAT/ALGWA International Women's Day Breakfast 8 March 2018
- Universal Access Forum – LGAT collaboration with CBOS, Clarence, Hobart, Glenorchy and Kingborough Councils to deliver event with 90 community and industry attendees
- Local Government Relief and Recovery Policy Review web forum - LGAT facilitated a forum with councils to discuss the draft relief and recovery policy

Training and Development

- General Manager's Workshop Weekend 21-22 March, White Sands, Bicheno
- Strata titles workshop
- Natural Assets Code workshop

- Presentation at the MAV Insurance forum, north and south

Meetings

- Clarence, Hobart & Kingborough Councils, conference organisers - Coast to Coast Conference planning
- Public Health Services, DHHS/LGAT - quarterly meeting covering immunisation, Healthy Tasmania, Community Health and Wellbeing project
- Launceston City Council – Walkability for Transport project
- EPA – discussion of workplan to implement the EPA/LGAT MoU
- DPIPW – Save the Tassie Devil planning meeting
- Hobart Women’s Shelter – White Ribbon accreditation for councils
- Glenorchy, Clarence, Hobart & Kingborough Councils – evaluation of Universal Access Forum
- Multicultural Council, Welcoming Cities Project – accreditation process for councils
- Office of Security and Emergency Management, DPAC- relief and recovery in emergencies
- Southern Councils & Ironbark - Great Southern Lights project
- Southern Councils, Ironbark & TasNetworks - Great Southern Lights project
- TasNetworks - public lighting pricing reset
- State Emergency Management Committee
- Local Government Division - election material
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office (DPAC) - scoping Tasmanian Government support for Local Government initiatives to facilitate Electric Vehicle uptake
- National Local Government Workforce Development Group - skills shortages survey, Skills IQ, and potential career website
- White Ribbon Executive Manager – potential support for and engagement with Members
- Tasmanian Consultative Panel - Black Spot Programme 2018-2019 Proposed Projects
- RelianSys web - improvements to Delegations Register
- Central Coast Council – Director Infrastructure Services regarding updates to Central Coast Council’s Climate Change Plan
- Institute of Internal Auditors – potential training
- Insight GIS – community mapping platform
- Hobart City Council – regulating level 1 premises
- State Growth – planning policy
- TasCOSS & DHHS – community wellbeing project
- David Hammond – free camping policy approach in New Zealand
- Local Government Division & Treasury – National Competition Policy and free camping stakeholder reference group
- Skills Tasmania workforce development grants
- Property Council – PD 4.1 discussion
- Planning and Building Portal Steering Committee