

Key LGAT Activity– October 2012

Policy/Project Activity

- Annual Report drafted and being readied for publication.
- Development of Emergency Management Protocol for Resource Sharing.
- Drafted Model Social Media Policy to be circulated through LGAT and Local Government Managers Association (LGMA) networks for comment.
- Extension of Trial Dispute Mediation Service.
- Feedback on proposed changes to the Local Government Act re Local Government Tenders and Allowances.
- Feedback on the National Settlement Framework
- Initiated an amendment to the Heritage/LUPPA Amendment Bills through the Legislative Council to address concerns regarding timing.
- Made a submission on proposed Local Government electoral changes following consultation with councils.
- Made a submission to Legislative Council on behalf of councils in response to proposed amendments by the Property Council to the Heritage Bill.
- Preparation of General Meeting papers.
- Received Independent Evaluation of the LG Financial and Asset Reform Project
- Response to State Government on Natural Disaster Relief to Local Government Discussion Paper.
- Standards Panel activity (3 cases underway).

Training and Workforce Development

- Coordinated HR workshop – modernising enterprise agreements.
- Completed a draft report on the 2012 Council Workforce Survey, participated in by 79% of councils. Titled 'Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Report 2012 - Retirement Impacts', the report analyses the estimated impact of retirement on occupations within councils. The sector level findings are intended for public viewing, while the confidential findings from the report are available to individual councils. Copies of the report are anticipated to be disseminated in November.
- Participated in Skills Tasmania's workforce planning Community Practice workshop, to share and learn information about workforce planning and training with other Tasmanian employers.
- Performed some corrective maintenance on our www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au website to ensure that the page continues to list council job vacancies for the convenience of job seekers.
- Three more councils added promotional buttons or links to their websites to the think big work local site www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au
- LGATs four Think Big Work Local career promotional videos, may be advertised on Government Skills Australia's website soon. A small number of volunteers have identified themselves for possible participation in new videos on other occupations.
- Continued to monitor council job vacancies, weekly, from the three major newspaper/websites, LGATs www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au, and from council's own individual websites. This data assists LGAT with when to schedule TV advertising, and demonstrates that Local Government is a major employer with a steady need for recruits - particularly in the current climate.

Meetings and Communication

- ALGA Board Subcommittee for Constitutional Recognition.
- Andrew Harwood (UTAS) re climate change adaptation research in Tasmania.
- Associations CEOs' teleconference regarding constitutional recognition.
- Attended information sessions held by Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) on their annual Employer Survey, and by Skills Tasmania on their latest range of training grants.
- Council of the Ageing Policy Committee.
- Enterprise Award councils regarding Award modernisation.
- Haydyn Neilsen re LGAT magazine article.
- Household Hazardous Waste Working Group teleconference.
- Integrated Service Delivery Intergovernmental Committee meeting.
- Launch of Adult Literacy Network.
- LED lighting forum.
- LGMA Annual Conference (LGAT report and panel participation).
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office update.
- Meeting with Department of Treasury and Finance regarding full retail contestability (street lighting).
- Meeting with Meena Naidu (Project Manager) and Michael Lambert (Chair) re heavy vehicle charging and investment reform.
- Meeting with new CEO of the Integrity Commission.
- Meeting with Federal Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government - Simon Crean (President and CEO).
- Meeting with Tasmanian Fire Service re Bushfire Policy
- Coastal Oil Spill Training liaison with councils, DPIPW and Seafood Council of Tasmania re free training for Councils.
- National constitutional recognition coordinators meeting.
- Planning schemes online update.
- Regional Climate Change Initiative meeting.
- Regional Development Australia Forum
- Resilient Australia Awards Ceremony
- Roads and Transport Advisory Committee (of ALGA) teleconference.
- Role of Local Government Working Group.
- Southern Asset Management Group Meeting.
- Southern Regional Water and Sewerage meeting.
- Suicide Prevention Strategy meeting.
- Tasmanian Government Community Engagement Framework workshop.
- Teleconference with the Association of Building Sustainability Assessors.
- Volunteering Symposium (LGAT had provided thought piece).
- Water and Sewerage Implementation Steering Committee meeting.



- Water and Sewerage Selection Committee Meeting.
- Water and Sewerage Working Group meeting.

Media and Marketing

- CEO Live Blog for the Examiner (10/10/12).
- Sponsor and Local Government Appreciation Event.
- Fortnightly Electronic Newsletter.