

Key LGAT Activity – February 2017

Issue in Focus

The month certainly has been an interesting one for Local Government. In the latter part of the month the Treasurer's announcements regarding water and sewerage caught everyone by surprise and certainly impacted significantly on LGAT's workload and priorities. More will be said in the upcoming March Edition of the Pulse and also the inaugural edition of LGTas – LGAT's hard copy publication, due out at the end of March.

The other significant activity this month was the first screening of the new LGAT television commercial – Better Councils Better Communities – on the 16th February. The ad was made by LGAT and filmed in Tasmania using Local Government workers and their families as actors. In addition to the television commercial we also launched a new homepage and a new page on the LGAT site to support the commercial. The Better Councils Better Communities page includes a raft of new materials, including council stories and videos explaining councils' services. The launching of the television commercial and new webpages is the culmination of many months' work from the LGAT team.

Policy/Project Activity

- Agreement from councils to a joint procurement process for public lighting.
- Analysis of the Member Survey Results
- Collation of data on Rating on Crown Lands to assist LGD in preparation of amendments to *Local Government Act*
- Comment on the Agritourism Discussion Paper
- Development of a draft Statewide Waste Strategy for Local Government
- Early discussions with other states and territories re NPN 1.17 - new tender for register of pre-qualified suppliers of a) bulk petroleum products including bio and aviation fuels and ADBlue b) fuel card services and c) oils and lubricants
- Feedback on the State Government's sharing accommodation policy
- Finalisation of BUS242 Civil Works: Roads, Bridges and Road Resurfacing (Tender refresh 2016)
- Request for Quotation process for consultant to support LGAT Strategic Planning
- Preparation for General Meeting, GMC and ALGA Strategic Planning
- Presentation at Joint Select Committee hearing on Gaming Markets to- 2023; coordination of 3 Councils presentations
- Regional Innovations Champion Training
- Review and input into the *Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Bill 2017*
- Responding to the Minister's announcements on TasWater
- Subscription modelling
- Sponsorship and Trade sales for 2017 LGAT Annual Conference
- Submissions on behalf of sector:
 - To ALGA on Emissions Reduction Fund
 - To DHHS on regulation of E-cigarettes
 - To DPAC on Community Interest test on Gaming

Media and Communications

- Appointment of Emily Brown (City of Hobart) to the Tasmanian Spatial Information Council
- Article – LG Focus
- Article – Local Government Yearbook
- Communiques for Members re TasWater
- Development of the new 'LG Noticeboard' web page for presenting sectoral stories, advertisements and opportunities
- Launch of the 'Better Councils Better Communities' campaign – TV ad and website
- Launch of the LGAT homepage refresh
- Launch of the Better Councils Better Communities television commercial and webpage
- Media Doorstop – TasWater (20 February)
- Media Release – TasWater (20 February)
- Media Release – State Planning Provisions (22 February)
- Media Release – State Government Continues to Peddle Misleading Information (23 February)
- Media Release – Council's Considering Treasurer's Advice (24 February)
- Monthly Pulse e-newsletter (8 February)
- Radio/Television: TasWater, State Planning Provisions, LGAT Television Commercial; AirBnb/sharing economy; dogs/greyhounds; Glenorchy Council.

Training and Development

- Elected Members' Professional Development Weekend
- LGAT Road Safety Breakfast Series – 3 x regional
- Related Parties workshops with Audit Office - 3 x regional

Meetings

- 2017 National HR Conference Planning Committee teleconferences
- All day workshop to progress health prevention project in Glenorchy
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Strategic Planning Meeting
- Federal Black Spot Consultative Panel Meeting
- Institute for Public Administration Australia Tasmania council meeting
- Integrity Commission Seminar: 'Ethical Conversations: A Challenge for Boards?'
- IPWEA street lighting road map webinar
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
- LGAT General Meeting
- Local Government Division and Integrity Commission regarding confidentiality training
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania Board Meeting
- Meeting of the LGAT Waste Reference group
- Meeting SES re Municipal Risk Project.
- Meeting Volunteering Tasmania
- Meeting with Goanna Energy regarding energy issues
- Meeting with State Growth regarding strategic land use planning

- Meeting with the Department of Justice regarding the *Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Bill 2017*
- Meeting with the EPA to discuss sector training and progressing the Regulatory roles and responsibilities MOU
- Meeting with the Planning Policy Unit to discuss finalisation of the State Planning Provisions
- Meeting with the Tasmanian Planning Commission and PPU to discuss the process for developing the Local Provision Schedules
- Met with Council of the Ageing regarding Active Ageing consultation and preventative health collaboration
- Monthly meeting with the Local Government Division
- National Heavy Vehicle regulation harmonisation meeting
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Access Portal demonstration – teleconference series
- National Procurement Network meeting (states and territory local government procurement organisations).
- President/CEO meeting with Minister re Budget Submission
- President/CEO visit to Break O Day Council
- Recovery and Resilience Sub Committee of State Emergency Management Committee
- Red Tape Reduction Coordinator re potential reform issues
- Southern Central Sub-region meeting
- TasCoss: general catch up on areas of common interest
- Tasmanian Bushfire Mitigation Grant Program meeting
- Taswater: Meeting of Owner Representatives and the Minister regarding Water and Sewerage; Special GMC meeting; Special meeting Mayors, General Managers, Owners Representatives.
- VISTAS Steering Committee Meeting