

Key LGAT Activity – July 2017

Preparation for 105th LGAT Conference was central to activity during July. The event, held from 26-28 July at Wrest Point, Hobart, was attended by over 200 delegates.

Highlights included:

- A Welcome Reception with Members of Parliament in attendance.
- Highly thought-provoking plenary presentations by Dr Greg Moore about the value of street trees and Victoria's youngest serving elected member, Cllr Emilia Sterjova who spoke on the topic of youth engagement.
- The Conference Dinner featuring the presentation of the Meritorious Award, and Life Member Award, and entertainment by the Royal Australian Navy Band.

The winners of the Local Government Awards for Excellence were announced on 28th July. Awards were presented for Dorset Council's – *Aged Care in the North East* (Delivering Excellence - Smaller Councils), and Devonport City Council's *Read Devonport* project (Delivering Excellence - Larger Councils).

Conference papers and presentations are now available on the LGAT extranet.

Issue in Focus

LGAT is currently seeking feedback for the Code of Conduct Review, feedback is required by **11 August**. The attached paper articulates some questions to assist in your considerations. As well as formal council positions, individual elected members and officers are encouraged to make submissions. We are keen to hear from both those that have experience of the application of these provisions, but also from others in the sector who may have a view on the effectiveness of the Code of Conduct.

Please direct all feedback to Dion (dion.lester@lgat.ta.gov.au).

Policy/Project Activity

- Commenced recruitment processes for Senior Policy Officer
- Consultation on changes to National Telecommunications Carriers powers and immunities
- Deeds for LGAT/National Procurement Network - Industrial, Hardware, Construction, Electrical and General Hardware and Materials (NPN 1.16) signed by LGAT.
- Development of draft project scope for Natural Disaster Grant Funding application for consultation
- Development of information for council use on the TasWater debate
- Development of sectoral position on EMPCA proposed amendments to deal with waste tyres
- Development of targeted sponsorship package for TasPlan
- Finalisation of Partnership Prospectus for potential sponsors
- Investigation of feasibility of a statewide policy on Sharps Disposal
- Law Society Correspondence regarding the regulation of Asbestos
- Negotiation with DPIPWE regarding Cat Management Plan implementation (Regional Coordinators)
- New LGAT/NPN Bulk Fuel, Fuel Card Services and Oils and Lubricants and Vehicle Care Products Tender (NPN 1.17) advertised in the Australian on 29 August 2017.

- Preparation of AGM/General Meeting Agenda
- Review and input into Planning and Building Portal project consultation document
- Review and input into UTAS and National Trust project proposal
- Sector Briefing Paper on the Cat Management Plan
- Sectoral briefing paper on the use of drones
- Shared procurement contract for energy for public lighting executed
- Strategic planning for TasWater advocacy
- Submission on Air (Smoke) Regulations

Media and Communications

- ABC Radio, Leon Compton - Interviews with Conference Panellists
- Better Councils Better Communities articles:
 - Councils supporting Save the Devil Project
 - Derby Mountain bike park
 - Resource sharing at West Tamar and Flinders Councils
 - Northern Lights Project
- Letter to Editor - Melbourne Amalgamations
- Media - Conference/AGM
- Media Enquiry - Planning Reform
- Media Enquiry - Container Deposit Levy
- Media Enquiry - Sale of property for non-payment of rates
- Media Enquiry - Sharing Accommodation
- Media Release – Conference Overview
- Media Release - GMC Elections Results
- Media Release – Healthy *Tamar*
- Media Release – Life Member Award Winner
- Media Release – Local Government Awards for Excellence Winners
- Media Release – Meritorious Service Award Winner
- Media Release - State of the Regions Report release
- Media Release - Tamar Taskforce
- Media Release – TasWater Takeover
- Media Release – Water and Sewerage
- Opinion Pieces to The Mercury, The Examiner and The Advocate re TasWater
- Promotion of Reconciliation Council launch
- Sunday Tasmanian feature – Emilia Sterjova (Speaker at Annual Conference)

Training and Development

- 2017 LGAT Annual Conference
- Co-creating Smart Communities Workshop
- Discussion of training for elected members with Local Government Division

Meetings

- 2017 Annual General Meeting
- 2017 LGAT Annual Conference
- ALGA Board Meeting & Post National General Assembly Board Meeting (teleconference)
- ALGA National General Assembly
- Code of Conduct Panel workshop – review of the Code
- Consumer Building and Occupational Services – Building Reforms fortnightly meeting
- Container Deposit Scheme Project Steering Committee meeting – review consultancy scope and RFT
- COTA Ageing Workforce Project - Reference group meeting
- Department of State Growth – Agritourism Strategy
- DHHS - Modelling for strategies to reduce alcohol impacts on health and safety
- DPIPWE - Cat Management Plan
- DPIPWE – Dairy stock underpass program
- Eat Well Tasmania - Collaboration on health eating strategies
- Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence National Project Reference Group
- General Management Committee LGAT
- General Meeting
- Heart Foundation – Healthy Active by Design Project
- Hobart City Council - National Carpool project
- LED street lighting role out project - Southern council teleconference
- LED street lighting role out project - North west council teleconference
- LED street lighting project - Discussion with Stephen Yarwood regarding smart lighting
- LED street lighting project - Teleconference with David Metcalf and Tony Pollard
- LED street lighting project - Teleconference with Central Coast regarding next steps
- LGAT Assist Board meeting – 7 Loans approved
- Local Government Division Regular monthly meeting
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania Southern Branch meeting
- Local Provision Schedules Steering Committee meeting
- Local Provision Schedules Statewide Technical Reference Group (LGAT) meeting
- MAV Insurance Board
- National Workforce Development Group Teleconference – Project scoping
- PLGC Officials and PLGC Meetings
- Sharing Accommodation Working Group

- Regional Development and Cooperation forum
- Southern Planners Technical Reference Group meeting
- TasWater Campaign Steering Committee
- Tourism Tasmania – Visitor Economy roundtable
- Waste Management Association of Australia – Statewide waste strategy