

Key LGAT Activity– June 2013

Policy/Project Activity

- Alcohol Legislative Scoping Study Submission.
- Bushfire Inquiry Submission.
- Consultation and feedback on the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act Amendment Bill relating to enforcement.
- Consultation with councils to support the review of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations.
- Development and distribution of materials related to the referendum campaign. Development of website page and web adjustments to allow for banner. Coordination activity including data collection and analysis, provision of information to the national team and project planning.
- Development of a letter of agreement and draft scoping document in relation to Container Deposit Scheme research pending discussion at July General Meeting.
- Evaluation survey for Environmental Dispute Mediation Service.
- Exploration of neighbour tree dispute issues to input in to Tasmanian Law Reform Institute Project.
- Feedback on Asbestos training materials to the Asbestos Unit.
- Letter to Treasury and Finance requesting a meeting to discuss issues around the Liquor Licensing Act.
- Papers and terms of reference developed for Code of Conduct Working Group.
- Preparation of the July General Meeting Agenda.
- Progression of application to terminate state reference Awards and transition to the Modern Industry Award from 1 January.
- Standards Panel activity.
- Released application process for regional funding under the Financial and Asset Reform Project.
- Joint development of MoU with TasGas in relation to gas installations under Local Government (Highways) Regulations.

Training and Workforce Development

- Continued to work with the Division of Local Government on combined workforce data collection, agreeing to reduce the workload on councils in the Division's 2012-13 survey and to align the Division's 2013-14 survey with LGAT's Local Government Workforce Database survey in 2014.
- Promoted council jobs to 1300 people at the Commonwealth Government's Devonport Government Jobs & Skills Expo; and to St. Michaels Collegiate School.
- With data from the Local Government Workforce Database 2012 influenced TasTAFE to teach civil engineering in Launceston, with flexible arrangements to provide for Burnie; TasTAFE had planned to reduce delivery to Hobart only from August 2014.

Meetings and Communication

- ACELG Local Government Researchers Forum.
- Alcohol Advisory Group Meeting.
- ALGA Campaign Coordinators Meetings – 2 face-to-face, and 2 teleconferences.
- ALGA Constitutional Recognition SubCommittee (weekly teleconference).
- Australian Early Development Index.
- Awards for Excellence Judging.
- Bushfire Code (Planning and Building) Review of Implementation.
- Business Tasmania Online Working Group.
- Code of Conduct Working Group.
- LGASA/MAV/NCCARF Climate Change and Asset Management workshop
- Department of Education - Opportunities for engagement on training and workforce planning.
- Federal Department of Environment re regional sustainability planning.
- Heart Foundation Roundtable: State Policy for the Design of Health Communities.
- Local Government Division Monthly Meeting.
- Meeting with SES and Kingborough Council re emergency management risk assessment tool pilot.
- Meeting with STCA and Tasmania Fire Service re Bushfire Action Plan.
- Meeting with University of Technology Sydney, Centre for Local Government re childcare and planning.
- National Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Project – inter-jurisdictional and industry co-design workshops 1-4.
- National Local Government Human Resources Conference – Organising Committee teleconference.
- Nomenclature Board.
- Page Seager re Award Modernisation and Template Contract for General Managers.
- Public Health Emergency Sub Committee
- State Fire Management Council Meeting.
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office Roundtable.
- Tasmanian Local Government Procurement discussion group - meeting with key general manager's to discuss needs and opportunities.
- Tasmanian Training Consortium Executive Committee, regarding impacts on Tasmanian Public Sector Management course budget as Victorian are included in the program.
- Tele-meeting with the Government Skills Australia, Industry Advisory Council about changes to terms of reference.
- Tele-meeting with the National Local Government Human Resources Conference organising committee to progress that event to be held 13-15 November in Surfers Paradise.
- Waste Advisory Committee Local Government Members – Teleconference re Container Deposit Schemes.
- Work Health and Safety Act Working Group Meeting
- Workshop for councils officers on the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Regulatory Impact Statement.

- Workshops for council officers regarding Aurora Energy's street lighting tender process and retail contestability
- Northern Finance Group meeting.
- Inaugural Northern Asset Management Group meeting.
- Combined Southern Finance and Asset Management Group meeting.

Media and Marketing

- Accepted quote for production of additional careers videos.
- Constitutional Recognition across various media (print, radio and television).
- Distribution of materials to councils in relation to the referendum.
- LGAT News June edition.
- Monitored visits to Think Big website for 3 years, noting monthly visits increasing from 1000 a month in 2010-11 to 1300 a month in 2011-13.
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements for 3 years, noting average of 12, 20 and 16 vacancies per week in the years 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13.
- Scheduled 'Think Big' TV commercial to screen in July to coincide with seasonal peak in vacancies and assist with Constitutional Recognition.
- ABC - Comment on 20 year vision of Greens, specifically waste levy and electric vehicles.
- The Examiner/ABC - Forestry industry compensation - impacts on regional Tasmanian - distribution of funding.