

Key LGAT Activity– March 2014

Policy/Project Activity

- Completed LGAT's Annual Report to the Australian Packaging Covenant which is required as a signatory.
- Distributed Sponsor and Trade Prospectus for Local Government Conference.
- Made a submission to Commonwealth VET Reform process, seeking greater degree of Local Government determination of the direction of VET funding.
- Made a submission to Construction and Property Services Skills Council on proposed changes to minimum Building Surveying training, which in the proposed form may negatively impact Tasmania councils.
- Presentation on Local Government to Tasmanian Leaders Course.
- Request for Quotation developed in relation to production of practice summaries for financial and asset management.
- Sectoral feedback on the Review of the Citizenship Code (Federal Government).
- Secured speakers for Local Government Conference.
- Submission to DED on Red Tape Reduction in the hospitality industry.
- Testing of the extranet.

Training and Workforce Development

- Advice to an island council re economic development officer training course options, and sought information on available grants to support two councils to obtain Cert II electro-technology training.
- Monitored weekly council jobs advertisements
- Provided support, extensions of time, and prepared data for the 2014 Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Database; 75% of councils have returned survey which will provide same level of accuracy achieved in the 2012 database
- Sought proposal for development of HR/IR Tools around behaviours for all Member councils
- Updated and printed 12 careers flyers to include new TasTAFE website links
- General Managers Workshop
- Mayors Professional Development Day

Meetings and Communication

- 26TEN Coalition of Interest Meeting
- ALGA Board Meeting
- Bushfire Control Meeting
- Collaborative Leadership Subcommittee of State Emergency Management Advisory Group meeting
- Council on the Ageing Policy Committee Meeting
- DIER re the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Forest Practices Advisory Committee
- Fortnightly newsletter
- Governor's Environment Scholarships Presentation
- Inclusive Ageing - Age Friendly Communities Reference Group Meeting

- Inter Agency Working Group on Drugs
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting - 8 loans approved
- LGAT General Meeting
- Local Government Association of South Australia re 'My Local Services' App
- Local Government Division regarding Auditor-General's Depreciation of Roads Project Report.
- March edition of *LGAT News*
- Meeting Steven Curnin, UTAS re Emergency Management training
- Meeting with Goanna Energy regarding Public Lighting
- Meeting with State Manager, Environmental Health, Public and Environmental Health Service regarding the Tasmanian Drinking Water Guidelines
- Meeting with Tasmania Fire Service re Fire Hazard Abatement Training
- Meeting with Trans Tasman Energy Group regarding Public Lighting
- Meeting with Work Safe Tasmania re Better Work Tasmania project and Work Safe Month
- Met with HR staff from Kingborough and Huon Valley Councils as well as staff from Colony 47 regarding a 'speed date' style careers event to be hosted by Kingborough Council in May
- Met with TasTAFE and Australian Institute of Building Surveyors regarding proposed changes to the minimum Building Surveying training and continued availability in Tasmania
- National Local Government Cultural Forum
- Nomenclature Board Meeting
- Participated in the Commonwealth Department of Education VET Reform seminar
- Planning Schemes Online Steering Committee
- Recovery Subcommittee of State Emergency Management Advisory Group meeting
- Reference Group Meeting for the Healthy Food Access Project
- Regular Monthly meeting the Local Government Division
- Roads and Transport Advisory Committee (ALGA) teleconference on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
- Tasmanian Healthy Workplace Initiative – Key Partnership Meeting
- Tasmanian Regional Arts State Executive Committee Meeting
- Tasmanian Training Consortium re Local Government Professional Development Opportunities
- Tasmanian Training Executive meeting
- Teleconference with Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government on forthcoming research.
- Telephone conversation to establish relations with the new Chief of Staff for the Minister for Local Government.
- Valuer-General regarding Land Under Roads
- Web based discussion forum with council planners regarding future reform activity



Key Outputs

- Facilitated Work, Health & Safety Forum for council officers
- Completed update of "Becoming A Councillor' Resource
- Distributed Awards for Excellence guidelines and nomination form
- Distributed Meritorious Service Award guidelines and nomination form