

## Key LGAT Activity – May 2017

### Issues in Focus

- On the 11th May, following a decision (through our General Meeting process) to oppose the State Government's proposed takeover of Local Government's water and sewerage assets, Member's charged LGAT with leading a campaign against the takeover. This will involve some careful juggling to maintain effective advocacy on policy and legislation agendas being pursued by the State Government and has significant resourcing implications for LGAT. Work has commenced in relation to sourcing expert support and in developing a strategic campaign approach.
- On the 25<sup>th</sup> May the State Government released the 2017/18 Budget. In relation to Local Government, perhaps the most significant announcement was \$7.3 million of funding to facilitate the expansion of the Northern Economic Stimulus Loans Package state-wide. This will enable up to another \$60 million in loans for Local Government. In addition, the Budget contained an extra \$300,000 to assist councils in developing their Local Provision Schedules and \$360,000 per annum ongoing to assist with the implementation of the Cat Management Plan.

### Policy/Project Activity

- Advice to DPIPWE regarding proposed changes to the Tasmanian Marine Oil and Chemical Spill Contingency Plan
- Analysis of procurement spend under the National Procurement Network by Tasmanian councils for the 12 months to end March 2017
- Consultation on changes to Biosecurity Legislation. Response to be finalised in June
- Developed a council officers contact database, to assist LGAT with sectoral communication
- Developed contract and tender documentation templates and general advice on procurement
- Development of a proposal for State and Local Government co-funding arrangement for further road network assessments on local roads
- Development of a project funding submission to the Commonwealth for preventative health improvement in Tasmania
- Development of an approach to identifying and negotiating collaborative strategic projects in Tasmania that build on Tasmania's current circumstances and result in positive benefits for regional communities
- Development of briefing note on Major Projects Approvals legislation
- Development of the 2017 – 2020 LGAT Strategic Plan
- Discussion with DPIPWE and DPAC regarding Impact Damage Assessment App and relief and recovery funding requirements.
- Discussion with DPIPWE regarding Cat Management Plan
- Discussion with TasNetworks regarding LED role out projects and tariff reform
- Engagement of Goanna Energy for shared procurement for retail energy price for unmetered public lighting
- Finalising partnership sponsorship prospectus for LGAT communications activities

- Input into the development of ALGA's submission to the Senate Committee inquiry into the outcomes of the National Disability Strategy
- Investigation of whole of sector Employee Assistance Program
- Investigation of whole of sector Online Job Advertising package
- Investigation on the statewide extent of illegal dumping of car bodies
- Liaising with Jeff Roorda and Associates (JRA) regarding development of strategic asset management templates for councils
- Liaison with Councils to update on LED project including council status and TasNetwork LED discussions
- Liaison with State Emergency Service regarding Municipal Emergency Management Risk Project
- Presentation at the EU World Cities Session
- Provision of briefing material to councils in relation to State Budget
- Research and development of a summary paper on value capture for councils' information
- Sought interest from Councils in the potential uptake of the LGAT/National Procurement Network Fuel contract, currently under development
- Submission on draft legislative amendments (LUPAA) to facilitate the development of Tasmanian Planning Policies
- Submission on Draft Local Government (Targeted Review) Amendment Bill
- TasWater - information sharing, data analysis, General Meeting preparation, media, campaign planning
- Work on National Local Government HR Conference speaker sourcing and program
- Working with communications consultant to improve LGAT communications approaches
- Working with State Growth and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to plan a state-wide workshop in June on a new access portal for Local Government road managers

## Media and Communications

- President Op Ed TasWater (all papers)
- Letter to editor TasWater
- Media Releases: Expansion Economic Stimulus, State Budget, Special General Meeting TasWater, LGAT Meritorious Service Awards, Restoration of indexation of FAGs
- Print/Radio/TV on TasWater, Climate Change, Building Regulation, State and Federal Budget, Container Deposit
- Refreshing of the New Better Councils Better Communities stories
- Analysis of the Better Councils Better Communities TV advertisement and website
- Focus group testing of the Better Councils Better Communities TV reach and response with school groups engaging with LGAT in careers event

## Training and Development

- Local Government Climate Change, Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Forum
- “2IC” / Emerging Leaders Workshop
- Preventative Health Workshop
- Presented at the Create Your Career careers expo in Burnie

## Meetings

- Agricultural Land Mapping and Natural Assets Code Workshop
- ALGA/National Local Government Associations Group - National HR Conference planning teleconference
- ALGA/National Local Government State Associations - 9th National Local Government Cultural Forum
- ALGA Associations' CEOs Meeting
- ALGA - National Disability project being conducted by UTS
- Australian New Zealand School of Government - Applied Learning Seminar - Public Value
- Audit Office and Local Government Division – Enhancing the support material for Audit Panels
- Beacon Foundation - LGAT presentation at Creating My Career, 3 events for high school students in Burnie Launceston and Hobart.
- Brighton Council Digital Roundtable
- Carr Advisory – Smart Cities
- City of Hobart Access Committee - response for national submission into whole of journey disability access
- City of Hobart – presentation of opportunities through purchasing via the LGAT/National Procurement Network.
- Clive Attwater (Australian Electric Vehicle Association) – update regarding electric vehicles, fleets and charging stations
- Consumer Building and Occupational Services - Local Government Reference Group for building legislation
- Consumer Building and Occupational Services – Fortnightly meeting with peak bodies to discuss the Building Act reforms
- Department of State Growth – Tasmanian Planning Policies
- DHHS - Health Promotion Activity linking Arts and Health
- DHHS - preventative health funding proposal to Commonwealth Government
- DHHS - preventative health project with funds of \$250,000 transferred to LGAT end May
- DHHS - Participation in the Dynamic Simulation modelling, reducing the risk of harm from alcohol for Tasmania.

- DPIPWE – Primary Industry Activities Protection Act
- Emergency Management Reforms Projects Output Steering Committee.
- Flood Review team - draft recommendations of the review into the June Floods.
- Launch of COTA's *Tasmania Active Ageing Plan*
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
- LGAT Strategic Planning Session with GMC
- LGAT Special General Meeting, TasWater
- Local Government Professionals Australia Chief Officers Forum
- Local Government Professionals Australia National Conference (Hobart)
- Local Government Division - Regular Monthly Meeting
- Local Government Professionals National Congress
- Local Provision Schedule Steering Committee
- Minister Grooms Office – Economic Development
- Minister Rockliff - budget announcements and legislative changes to Cat Management Plan.
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – teleconference with State Governments and Associations nationally regarding current state of access portal development, planning for activation sessions in each state
- NCCARF (National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility) – CoastAdapt training
- North West IT Consortium – Shared Service Platform
- Office of Security and Emergency Management - relief and recovery.
- Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator Customer Consultative Committee.
- Planning Policy Unit – Local Provision Schedules and Planning Reform more generally
- Planning Reform Taskforce
- RDA Tasmania Meeting
- Southern Councils Group - response for national submission into whole of journey disability access
- Southern Planners Technical Reference Group - Local Provision Schedules
- State Emergency Committee Collaborative Leadership sub- committee
- State Growth Learner Driver Mentor Program Funding Panel – allocation of funding for 2017-18 program year
- STCA / Waste Strategy South – LGAT Waste Reference Group and Strategy
- Tasmanian Archives Office – Updating archiving guidelines
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office & Climate Planning - Inception meeting for the steering committee for Climate Resilient Councils project
- Tasmanian Planning Commission - Local Provision Schedules
- TasWater – regular meetings

- TCCI Budget Breakfast
- Treasury - State Budget Lock Up
- Vendor Panel Operations Manager - e procurement licencing arrangements for Tasmania.
- WALGA - Microsoft LGAT/National Procurement Network contract currently under development
- Wise Lord and Ferguson – input into the Fire Permit System review