

Key LGAT Activity– November 2014

Key Outputs and Outcomes

- With 14 new Mayors and around 90 new Alderman/Councillors LGAT is focused on quickly building understanding of their new roles. The Association delivered three development opportunities for mayors and councillors in November: Donning the Robes - An Introduction for New Mayors, Leading through Performance - a one day Mayors' Professional Development Workshop and Local Government 101 - a one day introductory course for new Councillors. In addition LGAT staff participated in councillor induction at Launceston Council and provided induction presentation materials to a number of councils.
- LGAT also co-promoted a two day program for new Councillors being hosted by Break O Day Council and provided an overview of LGAT activities, extranet log in information and a Councillor Resource Kit to all newly elected Councillors.
- LGAT also delivered an inaugural workshop aspiring General Managers/2IC officers. This first one-day forum included a master class from an experienced general manager and Local Government perspectives from the Local Government Division and the Australian Local Government Association. Early feedback has been very positive and another forum will be run in May next year.
- LGAT agreed to be a partner in the National Procurement Network – Corporate Wardrobe Contract (NPN 2.11 – 2). This tender will be advertised early 2015.
- Arrangements regarding the National Procurement Network Contract for Tyres and Batteries (NPN 1.14) was finalised and this contract will be available to Tasmanian Councils as soon as contract documentation has been executed. Councils can find the details of the contract suppliers and pricing through Vendor Panel.

Policy/Project Activity

- Attended ALGA National Local Roads Congress in Tamworth
- Attended Regional Climate Change Initiative workshop regarding corporate adaptation planning
- Consultation/feedback on changes to State Grants Commission
- Development of the Elected Members' Professional Development Weekend in February 2015. (The program will be available on the LGAT website soon)
- Following an invitation for expressions of interest in producing the *LGAT News* magazine, LGAT appointed Mark Media to take on the role
- Local Government Standard Drawings & Subdivision Guidelines Review -support processes
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements, continuing to observe a rise in council job vacancies throughout 2014
- Preparation and arrangements made for hosting the National Procurement Network meeting scheduled for 1 and 2 December in Tasmania
- Preparation for new councillor/mayor training and induction activities
- Production of the December *LGAT News* magazine
- Research and preparation as Chair of legislation working group – Role of Local Government Project.
- Standards panel activity

- The 'Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Report 2014' and 'Workforce Plans' for the 19 participating councils should be completed by the end of December and distributed to member councils shortly after.

Training and Workforce Development

- Called for EOI from councils to join LGATs application for a Skills Fund grant by Dec 4, potentially saving councils 80% of VET training costs in 2015. Provided council human resources units with a range of information on training as part of the grant application process.
- Donning the Robes – Introduction for New Mayors
- Fraud awareness training coordinated and delivered by Jardine Lloyd Thomson for Latrobe/ Kentish, Meander Valley and West Tamar Council
- Launceston City Council – Alderman's Induction
- Leading Performance – Workshop for Mayors
- Local Government 101 – Elected Member Workshop
- Local Government HR Special Interest Group
- So You Want to be a GM – Forum for 2IC officers

Meetings and Communication

- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee and CEO of National Heavy Vehicle Regulator regarding NHVR framework
- Australian Institute of Architects re available expertise resource for Local Government
- Brent Knevet and Accuvio re council website platform opportunities
- Coalition 26TEN
- Combined Collaboration and Economic Development Working Group – Role of Local Government Project
- COTA/DPAC/LGAT Age Friendly Communities workshops: Hobart, Launceston and Wynyard
- Cycling Safety Steering Committee
- David Nicholson (Institute of Public Administration Australia) re strategic partnership opportunities
- Department of State Growth regarding Freight Equalisation Scheme
- Discussion with consulting firm ArcBlue regarding procurement road mapping for Councils
- Environmental Protection Authority meeting re training needs
- General Meeting
- Illicit Drug Advisory Group
- Institute of Public Administration Australia Emerging Leaders' Forum
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting - 4 loans approved
- LGAT fortnightly newsletter
- Local Government Division – inputs into Economic Development Working Group
- Local Government Division – regarding Code of Conduct Amendment Bill
- Mary Massina re Strategic Planning Taskforce
- Meeting with Simmons Wolfhagen and Goanna Energy: Review of terms and condition for stage One offers: Unmetered Public Lighting energy contracts
- National Competition Policy Forum
- New General Manager Break O Day Council - general Local Government issues/LGAT projects

- Presented a summary of LGAT workforce planning and training information to HR Forum in Launceston.
- Public Health Emergencies Sub-Committee (PHESC) meeting
- Road Safety Advisory Committee
- Resilience and Recovery Subcommittee of State Emergency Management Advisory Group meeting
- Role of Local Government Project – Legislation Working Group
- Social Determinants of Health Steering Committee Meeting
- Sporting Schools – re new federal funding opportunities and how to communicate with councils
- Standard Drawings Review Working Group meeting
- State Growth regarding National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Various to Various access permits
- Subdivision Guidelines Review Working Group meeting
- Submission to review of National Competition Policy Review
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office regarding climate change and energy efficiency programs and projects
- The Local Government Workforce Development Group, comprised of LGA representatives, met in Sydney to discuss items including planning the Local Government Human Resources Conference in Melbourne in 2015.

Media

- ABC Breakfast Radio - Interview with Leon Compton
- Advertised council jobs at “Growing Your Future’ - a high schools careers expo at the Botanical Gardens Hobart.
- Maintained website advertising of council careers and training options with the www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au website.
- Media Release - A Focus on Performance
- Media regarding Acting General Manager at George Town Council
- Media regarding strategic policy agenda
- Media regarding voluntary amalgamations