

Key LGAT Activity– October 2013

Policy/Project Activity

- Final Code of Conduct Model developed for the Minister's consideration.
- Quotations sought for state-wide register compliance and delegations.
- Comment on the Role of Local Government reports.
- Community of the Year judging panel.
- Prepared a submission for the State Budget Process.
- Prepared a submission on the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment Bill 2013.
- Briefing of the Legislative Council on Land Use Planning Bill and Urban Drainage Bill. Correspondence on the LUPPA Amendment Bill and concerns around private certification.
- Advice to other Associations on Tasmania's approach to Award Modernisation. Preparation of application to terminate State Reference Awards and move to the Modern Local Government Industry Award.
- Consultation regarding retention or review of General Manager's Roll.
- Correspondence with Land Titles Office regarding issues arising from 'release of consolidation'.
- Correspondence with the Minister for Planning regarding concerns about Private Certification proposals.
- Consultation on proposed amendments to the *Dog Control Act*.
- Standards Panel Activity.
- Project Managed User Testing of the draft 26TEN Plain English Guide.
- Request for quotation for final evaluation report on the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project.
- Preparation for the Dollars and Sense – Financial and Asset Management Forum.
- Input into development of draft Orders for financial and asset management.
- Out of session review of Auditor General's report on infrastructure accounting (depreciation).
- 2012-2013 LGAT Annual Report released

Training and Workforce Development

- National Local Government HR Conference Organising Committee Teleconference: assisting with council attendance, and panel member participation, planning session facilitation and panel presentation from LGAT.
- Rescheduled 2013 Work Inspirations 'speed date' style event for 2014 at the request of the school involved, advised participating councils and began planning for 2014 event.
- Met with Hobart College VET (Tourism, Administration) students re Local Government careers.

- Researched Skills Fund training grants suitability for councils and advised councils of availability of funds for training.
- Met First Aid training consultant and forwarded information to HR officers.
- Advised Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, and Government Skills Australia Industry Advisory Committee on negative impacts of proposed changes to VET Building Surveying qualifications by the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council. .

Meetings and Communication

- 26TEN regarding user testing of the draft Plain English Guide.
- Aboriginal Heritage Legislation briefing.
- Alcohol Action Group.
- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee meeting with National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – local government planning Aurora re street lighting tender process.
- ALGA/State LGAs meeting to review and revise ALGA's Climate Change Strategic Plan.
- Archives office regarding guidance for councillors.
- Assessment Panel re Community Road Safety Awards.
- Australian Early Development Index Steering Committee.
- CEO Dogs Home of Tasmania.
- Coastal Projection and Planning Interdepartmental Committee.
- Code of Conduct Working Group.
- DHHS project manager re Natural Disaster Resilience Program Pandemic Project.
- Forestry Tasmania re Tasmanian Forest Agreement, Forestry Tasmania Interaction with Councils and roads issues.
- Glenorchy City Council – National Procurement Network and purchasing through Vendor Panel information session.
- Interagency Working Group on Drugs.
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting - 6 Loans approved.
- Local Government Cultural Forum videoconference.
- Local Government Division monthly meeting.
- Local Government Division regarding Financial and Asset Management draft Orders.
- Local Government Managers Australia Tasmania Conference– presentation at AGM and MC panel session.
- Local Government webinar/teleconference consultation re legal access to private land over crown reserves.
- Meeting DPIPWE regarding review of Cat Legislation.
- Meeting with Craig Marschall (Trans Tasman Energy Group) regarding retail contestability.

- Meeting with Secretary DPIPWE re Parks Authority and Aboriginal Heritage.
- Minister for Planning's Office re planning legislation.
- Multicultural Policy Reference Group Meeting.
- National Procurement Network meeting.
- Red Tape Working Group (Department of Economic Development) – Hospitality.
- Regional Development Tasmania Strategic Planning (CEO).
- State Budget Community Consultation.
- State Government Electric vehicle trial meeting.
- Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board forum regarding new arts investment models.
- Tasmanian Regional Arts Council Strategic Planning Meeting.
- The Training Consortium regarding Local Government tailored training and linking into their programs.
- The Training Consortium regarding LGAT training calendar project.
- Work Health and Safety working group.

Media and Marketing

- Fortnightly electronic newsletter.
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Media Release – Headworks Charges – a necessary Impost.
- Media Release – A Heartfelt Thank You.