

Key LGAT Activity– September 2012

Policy/Project Activity

- Assisted Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment in organising a workshop for planning and heritage officers to discuss principles and processes proposed for new Aboriginal Heritage legislation.
- Commenced drafting a model Social Media Policy for Councils
- Completed analysis of 2012 council workforce data for a major workforce planning report to councils in November.
- Engaged consultant Section51 to conduct an independent evaluation of the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project.
- Judging Community of the Year Awards.
- Managed complex Standards Panel activity.
- National Drug Strategy Feedback to DHHS
- Process and terms of reference agreed in relation to evaluating and winding up the Household Hazardous Waste Project. Funds for the pilot are exhausted.
- Progressing consultation on Protocol for Resource Sharing in an Emergency.
- Progressing work related to Award Modernisation.
- Response to draft Water and Sewerage legislation completed.
- Version 1 of the Water and Sewerage Constitution developed and circulated.
- Supporting paper for Water and Sewerage Constitution provided to councils for comment.
- Prepared and circulated relevant background papers for Owner's Representatives Meeting.

Training and Workforce Development

- Arranged for Polytechnic to take over from The Skills Institute to fulfil some of the Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program grant funded training for councils.
- Attended a meeting of government agency heads and UTAS on strategy to boost the number of foreign students studying in Tasmania, in response to a recent report's findings that on the economic significance of this to Tasmania's economy.
- Banner advert for TV commercial was completed, designed to advertise competition and prizes for job seekers visiting www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au
- Distributed advertising button adverts, linking three more council websites to www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au.
- Met with Civil Contractors Association developed an action plan to try and preserve the pathway from VET to UTAS Engineering studies to prevent a reduction in the number of engineers available, and an increase in the cost of training.
- Monitoring council jobs advertisements reveals that vacancies are rising again in September to 22 per week, up from 12 per week in July 2012.
- Recent changes to the LGAT website required work to maintain the ability of www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au to list council jobs advertisements in one location for job seekers. A quote has been requested.

Meetings and Communication

- (LGAT) Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project Steering Committee meeting
- Alcohol Advisory Group - Legislative Scoping Study Project Meeting
- Business Tasmania Online Working Group
- Household Hazardous Waste: Presentation to the Board of the Southern Waste Strategy Authority, Cradle Coast Waste Management Group teleconference, Southern Waste Strategy Authority Management Meeting
- Climate Change Adaptation Project Meeting
- Consumer Affairs re Vendor Disclosure
- Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts meeting to discuss retirement living workshop for Local Government
- Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources regarding cranes.
- General Meeting
- Interagency Working Group on Drugs
- Launch of Safer Rural Roads
- Local Government Associations' Workforce Development Group
- Local Government Division – Financial and Asset Management Reform Steering Committee
- Monthly meeting with the Local Government Division
- National, Local Government Workforce Development Group met to discuss ACELG Minimum Dataset.
- OTTER (Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator) Customer Consultative Committee Meeting. Meeting
- Public Health Emergency Sub Committee Meeting
- Roads Australia Function
- Role of Local Government Working Group
- RSPCA re Cat Management Act
- Tasmanian Fire Service re community protection planning and bushfire planning in high risk communities
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office – Adaptation Issues
- Tasmanian Regional Arts Council – teleconference re Arts and Cultural Policy Protocol
- Tasmanian Training Consortium, Executive.
- Threatened Species Week event- launch of threatened species LINK database
- Through Skills Tasmania and Department of Economic Development provided detailed assistance on workforce development to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Council.
- Tobacco Coalition Meeting
- Teleconference with other Local Government Associations on the Australian Centre for Excellence Local Government's handling of the National Minimum Dataset.
- Water and Sewerage Implementation Steering Committee
- Water and Sewerage Owners' Representatives Meeting



- Water and Sewerage Regional Briefings
- Water and Sewerage Working Group

Media and Marketing

- Presidents release addressing ridiculous Tasmanians for Reform claims.
- Household Hazardous Waste Program (ABC)
- Publication of quarterly *LGAT News Magazine* including web based reader survey

Key Outputs and Outcomes

- The General Managers Workshop on 12 and 13 September included presentations from Colin Petit, Secretary of Department of Education, Bob Graham re electronic lodgement of building applications, Jardine Lloyd Thomas Pty Ltd re insurance offering in Tasmania. Discussion on a range of current Local Government issues.
- Long Term Financial Planning Workshops conducted in Hobart and Launceston which were both well attended and well received.
- Conducted a pilot promotional 'bus tour' with Saint James College and Kingborough Council discussing democracy's history, Local Government democracy and Local Government jobs.