

## Key LGAT Activity– September 2013

### Policy/Project Activity

- Submission on proposed amendment to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, including private certification.
- Submission on proposed exemption of polytunnels from requiring a building permit.
- Consultancy on impact of Container Deposit Scheme on Local Government in Tasmania commenced.
- Offered through Expression of Interest process, 2 free registrations to the National Local Government HR Conference for which LGAT sits on the Steering Committee. Successful applicants decided.
- The General Managers workshop included presentations on meeting procedures, national heavy vehicle regulations, auditor general's reports, vendor panel procurement software, delegation and compliance software and telecommunications issues.
- Submission on proposed amendments to the Local Government Act that relate to financial and asset management.
- Collated feedback on the Code of Conduct Discussion Paper for the next meeting of the Working Group.
- Provided feedback on draft Audit Panel Orders.
- Feedback on evaluation report, Trial Environmental Dispute Service.
- Progression of Award Modernisation issues.
- Consultation with councils on an additional amendment to the Historical Cultural Heritage Bill.
- Follow up regarding recent amendments made to the Urban Drainage Bill in the Lower House
- Project managed the completion of a Final Draft - 26 TEN Plain English Guide (funded under the Tasmanian Adult Literacy Action Plan).

### Training and Workforce Development

- Contributed to development of an e-learning strategy for Local Government.
- Supported an intern to work with two Councils on an e-learning strategy.

### Meetings and Communication

- *LGAT News* magazine
- Judging for the Institute of Public Administration Tasmanian Excellence Awards.
- CEO participated on an alumni debate for UTAS
- Inaugural Women's Gathering with Minister Cassie O'Connor
- Local Government Division Monthly Meeting
- Local Government Division regarding Audit Panel proposals.

- Presented at the LGMA Procurement Forum.
- Review of Bushfire Control Implementation Meeting (SES)
- Department of Economic Development Red Tape Working Group – Agriculture
- Forestry Tasmania Bill update
- Forest Practices Advisory Committee
- Tasmanian Community Flood Resilience Project Steering Committee
- Emergency Management Act Steering Committee
- Audit Office regarding Road Review
- Bushfire Ready Communities
- Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources regarding Gas Regulations
- General Managers Workshop
- Municipal Standards Working Group Meeting
- Australian Local Government Association Board Meeting
- General Meeting of LGAT
- Meeting with officers of the TPC regarding proposed legislation
- Integrity Commission regarding conflict of interest template policy and guidelines.
- National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility Climate Change Adaptation Series presentation
- Burnie Council regarding delegations/compliance project
- IPWEA State Division Annual General Meeting
- National Local Government Cultural Forum planning meeting
- Tasmania Regional Arts – progressing development of MoU with LGAT
- Tasmania Regional Arts State Executive Meeting
- Equilibrium regarding Container Deposit Scheme consultancy.
- Community Telco presentation re: spectrum replacement and options for the future.
- Resilient Australia Awards
- Local Government Division regarding rating software
- Developed training package in *Vendor Panel* software
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting - 8 loans approved.



### Media and Marketing

- Death of Mayor Darryl Gerrity
- The Role of General Managers
- *LGAT News* – September 2013 Issue
- Fortnightly electronic newsletter
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Added more council careers to the [www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au](http://www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au) site
- Awarded prizes for the jobs seekers competition, in which LGAT obtained information about awareness of Local Government jobs by jobs seekers in return for the chance to win prizes.