

Key LGAT Activity –September 2016

Issue in Focus

In early September the Joint Select Committee established to review community attitudes to gambling and potential structural features of the Tasmanian Casino, Keno and Electronic Gaming markets from 2023 onwards released its Terms of Reference. They can be found at:

<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Joint/Media/fgm.adm.160831.Advertisement.jt.001.pdf>

At the LGAT July General Meeting the following resolution was passed:

That LGAT formally take the position that the terms of reference for the State Government's Joint Select Committee Review into gaming in Tasmania be expanded to include whether or not electronic gaming machines should be allowed outside casinos at all and that as part of the Select Committee Review process, the Tasmanian community be polled to determine its view on this critical question

That LGAT formally take the position that the Gaming Act should be reviewed particularly to remove its power to over-ride other acts

That LGAT convey this position to the Government, Opposition and Green parties and to all Members of the Legislative Council.

LGAT has written to each Councils Community Development Officers seeking input into a whole of sector submission. We would welcome any input by **Friday 21 October 2016**.

A workshop to discuss the Terms of Reference and our submission will be held at Brighton Council Chambers on the 10th October.

Policy/Project Activity

- Workshop and actions arising from TasWater announcement.
- Provided information to a Department of State Growth survey, updating information on skill shortages.
- Gathered information on public and private solid waste facilities in Tasmania.
- Scoped the development of a paper with DPIPWE, State Growth and industry partners on itinerant workers in Tasmania and the future needs of regional areas.
- Advertised a Civil Works: Roads, Bridges and Road Resurfacing Tender (BUS 242 – 1013) for Local Government.
- Interview panel for the Iplan Business Analysts and Change Coordinator.
- Input into a University of Technology, Sydney study on Local Government's role in Economic Development.
- Preparation of the LGAT Annual Report.
- Prepared a submission on Improving Tasmania's Disaster Preparedness Arrangements.
- Feedback on the proposed amendments to Emergency Management Act.

- Preparation/consideration of broader LG Communications campaign.
- Commenced baseline measurement of LGAT webpage visits. Currently, a pleasing 3500 visits per month.
- Scoping of the “Crucial Conversations” Regional Workshops.
- Submission on the State Government's Draft Transport Access Strategy.
- Research in relation to amalgamations and resource-sharing as part of project to develop supporting materials for councils.
- Participation in the Smart Cities Roundtable.
- Development of an updated model GMs employment contract and new model contracts for Senior Managers and other employees.
- Release of the EAP, Training and Development and Phased in Retirement Policies as part of the HR Toolkit.

Training and Workforce Development

- Finalised the delivery of Fire Abatement Training for Local Government by Tasmania Fire Service.
- Delivered two Audit Panel Workshops.
- Meeting with Skills Tas regarding upcoming workforce development funding opportunities.

Media and Communications

- *LGAT News* magazine (September edition)
- *The Pulse* e-newsletter 8 & 29 September
- Opinion piece re TasWater - *The Advocate*, *The Mercury* & *The Examiner*
- Sharing Economy - Air BnB
- Huon Valley Council

Meetings

- Central Highlands Farewell for Mayor Deirdre Flint.
- Central Highlands Council, LGAT update and Planning Reform discussion.
- Interview Panel for Director Local Government (CEO)
- PLGC Role of Local Government Project Strategic Action Plan Implementation Committee.
- UTAS re potential partnerships/Associate diploma.
- Water and Sewerage Workshop/Longford.
- George Town Council, LGAT update and Code of Conduct Training with the Integrity Commission.
- General Managers Workshop.

- Planning Policy Unit of the Department of Justice regarding the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS).
- Tasmanian Planning Commission regarding the Local Provision Schedule of the TPS and Regional Strategies.
- CEO of Mental Health Carers.
- Local Government Professionals Tas Southern Branch AGM.
- CEO TasWater.
- Review of the Training Consortium (interview with LGAT CEO).
- LGAT *Assist* Board Meeting.
- PLGC Officials Meeting.
- ALGA Board Meeting.
- Jack Archer – CEO of the Regional Australia Institute.
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania President (Teleconference).
- Regional Development Australia Tasmania Board Meeting.
- RDA/TCCI re Tasmania Report.
- State Emergency Management Committee.
- Alcohol Advisory Group Meeting.
- Northern Councils LED project meeting.
- Local Government Division Code of Conduct.
- Bushfire Mitigation Grant Program panel.
- TasNetworks Pricing Reform Working Group.
- Office of the Tasmanian Energy Regulator Consultative Committee.
- Bureau of Meteorology Flood Warning Consultative Committee.
- EPA re Marine Pollution Response and Contingency Plan.
- Cat Management Working Group and Reference Group.
- Goanna Energy re Electricity contestability.
- Regional Meetings (S, N, NW) with council Infrastructure Managers regarding heavy vehicles.
- State Growth - Heavy vehicle transitional notices - Steering Committee Meeting.
- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee Meeting (attended by teleconference).
- Office of the Infrastructure Minister - briefing re heavy vehicles.
- Institute of Public Administration Australia - Tasmania AGM and council meeting.
- People with Disability in the Workforce - Coalition Group Meeting.
- LGAT Communications Strategy Meeting.