

Key LGAT Activity– April 2012

Policy/Project Activity

- Feedback on proposed changes to Animal Welfare Act.
- Standards Panel activity.
- Support for Water and Sewerage Governance Working Group.
- Pursuing advice re Division 81.
- Local Government Valuation Tender Panel.
- Advice to ALGA re risk management training.

Training and Workforce Development

- Careers expo for schools and the community at Smithton organised by Circular Head Council.
- Careers expo for high school student at Botanical Gardens Hobart.
- Presentation to Independent Schools careers advisers about council careers.
- Think Big Work Local advertisement continues to screen until June 2012.
- Continue to monitor council job advertisements, noting a seasonal decline in vacancies as we approach end of financial year.

Meetings and Communication

- Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre re TASMARC Shoreline Monitoring Project extension
- ALGA (Australian Local Government Association) re Financial Assistance Grants (with other senior staff from Associations).
- ALGA waste forum
- Asbestos Steering Committee (State Government)
- Aurora re Street Lighting
- Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government Workforce Development Forum
- Business Tasmania Online Working Group
- Meeting between Local Government reps, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources and Crane Industry representatives on development of State and Local Road network and permit system for cranes.
- Code of Conduct Training . Burnie (involving Burnie, Circular Head, Waratah Wynyard and Latrobe councillors).
- Department of Economic Development re Retirement Living and Economic Development Project.
- Department of Premier and Cabinet re Review of Local Government Relief Policy
- DPIPWE Spatial Information Reference Group
- EPA Woodsmoke workshop for Local Government
- Greg Johannes . Planning policy
- Heart Foundation Briefing on Health in All Policies
- Input into the Local Government Division's State of the Sector reporting.

- LGAT News Magazine March edition
- LGAT electronic newsletter fortnightly
- Local Government Forum on proposed changes to Heritage legislation
- Local Government Division re Directions Paper on overnight RV camping
- New CEO of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Premier's Local Government Council Meeting
- Premier's Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Public Health Emergency Sub Committee
- Regional Councils Climate Change Adaptation Project . Steering Committee Meeting
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority re Smartforms.
- Southern Waste Strategy Authority re Household Hazardous Waste
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Decision Pathways Project . discussion re LGAT conference workshop
- University of Tasmania re review of Planning Course
- Victorian Bushfires, Local Government Lessons Learnt Workshop

Media

- Water and Sewerage
- Local Government Reform

Outputs

- Submission on Heritage Bill
- Final electronic development assessment project report to the Commonwealth.
- Response to Attorney General's Department *Draft National Action Plan for the Attraction, Support and Retention of Emergency Management Volunteers*
- Release of Model Code of Conduct and related forms to councils. All on LGAT website.

Don't forget . LGAT staff, from the CEO down, are happy to come to your council to discuss issues of interest or concern. You only need to ask.