

Key LGAT Activity– November 2012

Policy/Project Activity

- 4 new standards panel cases
- Advice to ALGA on Disability and Access plans for Local Government in Tasmania.
- Agreed Service Level Agreement with DPIPW for provision of requesting Council 132 and 337 Certificates via the LIST.
- Annual Report released
- Briefings to the Legislative Council on the Water and Sewerage Bill and responded to amendments proposed by the Property Council.
- Collated feedback on draft Model Social Media Policy for finalisation.
- Developed a draft submission to the discussion paper 'Future Provision of Years 11 and 12 Education in Regional Tasmania' and distributed that to councils for input.
- Discussions with Commonwealth regarding finalisation of eDA project and use of remaining funds.
- Evaluation report drafted for the Household Hazardous Waste Project including recommendations for the way forward.
- Feedback on Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment Natural Heritage Strategy.
- Finalised the report on the Elected Member Census which is now available on the website.
- Further feedback on amendments to the Heritage Bill.
- Input into draft discussion paper on the review of the Emergency Management Act
- Input to PLGC Agenda and Papers including the revised Partnership Agreement on Communication and Consultation and Water and Sewerage Reform
- Monitored council job advertisements per council each Saturday, graphing results since July 2010.
- Negotiated use of a social media video and have arranged minor edits.
- Response to DPAC's Discussion Paper- Review of Local Government Relief Policy
- Submission on Constitutional Recognition to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.
- Submission on Proposed Local Government Electoral Changes
- Submission to the 2013-14 State Budget

Training and Workforce Development

- Distributed a summary of state and Commonwealth training grants to council human resources officers through the HR Forum.
- Distributed Page Seager analysis of Awards and conducted two forums to discuss the findings and ways forward.
- Input to WALGA on their review of the Local Government Remuneration Survey.
- Presentation to the Local Government HR Forum on preliminary findings from the Local Government Workforce Survey.

Meetings and Communication

- ALGA Board Meeting
- ALGA Constitutional Recognition Sub Committee Teleconference
- Asbestos Forum
- Aurora re street lighting
- Australian Local Government Association Policy Director
- Award Modernisation Planning
- Climate Change Adaptation Workshop – facilitated by National Climate Change Adaptation Research Flagship and Department of Sustainability & Environment
- Coastal Protection and Planning Framework Interdepartmental Committee
- Cradle Coast Waste Management Group Meeting
- Crane Industry Reference Group Meeting
- Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding Tasmanian Relief and Recovery review
- EPA re Environmental Dispute Mediation Trial
- EPA re plastic bags
- Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
- Household Hazardous Waste Working Group
- Learner Driver Mentor Program (DIER) Panel
- LGAT General Meeting
- LGMA Communications Special Interest Group (Social Media)
- Local Government Division monthly meeting
- Local Government Division re proposed electoral changes
- Local Government HR Forum
- Mark Wise (Hobart) re spatial information
- Meeting with Jeff Roorda regarding Financial and Asset Reform Project
- Meeting with Section51 to discuss evaluation report and future directions for the Financial and Asset Reform Project
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Consultation
- National Roads Congress
- NRM South
- Premier's Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Premier's Physical Activity Council Local Government Forum
- Professional communities of practice workshop (climate change)
- Regional Development Australia Information Session
- Retirement Living Steering Committee Meeting
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- Roads and Transport Advisory Committee (ALGA)

- Role of Local Government Working Group
- SES re emergency resource sharing protocol
- SES re Protocol for Resource Sharing
- State Associations Teleconference re national pilot project - Road Route Assessment Tool rollout
- Tasmanian Audit Office re Local Government Report
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office (John Harkin) re Communication Project for Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Decision Pathways Project
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office re Tasmanian Climate Adaptation Project Communications Strategy
- Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council Meeting
- Tasmanian Training Consortium Executive Committee.
- Water and Sewerage Implementation Steering Committee
- Water and Sewerage Regional Briefings
- Water and Sewerage Selection Committee
- Water and Sewerage Working Group re Concessions for Not for Profit Entities

Media and Marketing

- Sought a quote for screening the Think Big television commercial through summer, to promote the marketing survey on www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au to raise the profile of council jobs through this period which has been found by monitoring of job advertisements to be a peak period.
- Sought a quote for the production of three more careers promotions videos.
- Placed 4 careers promotions videos produced earlier in 2012 for the www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au on the Government Skills Australia website as news items.
- Fortnightly electronic newsletter.
- Media responses on:
 - Fire hazards
 - Derelict buildings
 - Waste management