

## Key LGAT Activity– November 2013

### Policy/Project Activity

- Delivered 'Dollars and Sense' – a two day forum on financial and asset management (see Outcomes).
- Progressed termination of state reference awards and progress to Modern Local Government Industry Award through obtaining consent of General Managers regarding termination of Municipal Managers Award, Directions Hearing with Fair Work Australia and Meeting with the Unions.
- Progressed the Container Deposit Scheme research and provided feedback on draft report.
- Progressed to quotation stage for development of a register of compliance and delegations for 16 key pieces of legislation for use by all member councils.
- Provided overview of Award Modernisation, OH&S Project, LGAT Training Calendar Project and Workforce Survey to HR Forum.
- Provision of information to the Local Government Division to support Ministerial Briefing on future of Code of Conduct provisions.
- Standards Panel Activity.
- Submission on proposed changes to kennel standards under the Animal Welfare Act.
- Submission on proposed changes to the Dog Control Act.
- User Testing of 26TEN Plain English Guide.

### Training and Workforce Development

- Attended and facilitated sessions at the National Local Government HR Conference as member of the Steering Committee.
- Assisted with running of National Local Government Human Resources Conference, reported on Think Big Work Local project as part of national summary, and helped facilitate a session on workforce planning for remote and regional councils. Participated in teleconferences to discuss review of 2013 and planning for the next conference.
- Participated in Skills Tasmania's workforce planning Community of Practice seminar, sharing workforce planning information across various industry groups.
- Met Australian Employment Services regarding operational works training for councils under Commonwealth EBPPP grant obtained by LGAT.
- Met TasTAFE to discuss making a State Skills Fund grant for councils, drafted an application on behalf of councils drawing on data from the Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Report 2012 and database.
- Consulted council human resources staff about the method and timing of the survey to gather data for the Tasmanian Workforce Planning Report 2014.
- Monitored Tasmanian council jobs advertisements.

## Meetings and Communication

- Archives office regarding LGAT archiving.
- Attendance Legislative Council debate on Land Use Planning amendments.
- Aurora regarding Street Lighting.
- Australian Government Leaders Network Meeting.
- Australian Local Government Association Board Meeting
- Australian Local Government Association Climate Change Group Meeting.
- Break O Day Council regarding procurement.
- Centenary of ANZAC Working Group.
- Coastal Protection and Planning Framework Policy Meeting.
- Community Road Safety Awards.
- Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding Bushfire Inquiry recommendations.
- Directions hearing regarding Award Modernisation – Fair Work Commission.
- Fair Work Ombudsman regarding LGAT Procurement Initiative.
- Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Project Meeting with ALGA and other state associations.
- Local Government Human Resources Forum.
- Kim Booth regarding gaming machine proposal.
- LGAT Assist Board meeting - 9 loans approved.
- LGMA Communications Special Interest Group (Campbell Town).
- Local Government Division Monthly Meeting.
- Local Government Division re Introduction to the Local Government Act e-learning program.
- Mel Irons regarding her "Tassie Fires: we can help" website.
- Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators Forum.
- National Local Roads Congress (Alice Springs).
- National Procurement Network Meeting.
- Northern Subregional Alliance General Managers Meeting.
- Office of the Economic Regulator Consumer Consultative Committee Meeting
- Peter Barnett, Telstra regarding possible options for sector procurement.
- Premier's Local Government Council Officials Meeting.
- Road Safety Advisory Committee.
- Role of Local Government Steering Committee.
- SES regarding Evacuation Plans.
- Tas Regional Arts State Executive Committee.
- TCCI Jobs Forum (Launceston).

### **Media and Marketing**

- Fortnightly electronic newsletter.
- Compiled December *LGAT News* magazine.
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Media response – unpaid rates.
- Judging the 2014 Government Communications Australia – Awards for Excellence.

### **Outcomes**

- Dollars and Sense Forum – LGAT presented a very successful Forum which was the final event presented by the LG Financial and Asset Reform Project. About 50 people attended with 90% of the delegates rating the forum at 8/10 or above and two participants giving a perfect “10”. Feedback indicates that the speakers, relevant topics and range of subjects contributed to the popularity of the forum.
- Urban Drainage Bill – LGAT successfully lobbied for amendments to the Urban Drainage Bill, resulting in the provision of a six year period (rather than the proposed three years) within which councils are to develop stormwater management plans, along with removal of the provision relating to solid waste management.