

Key LGAT Activity– December 2011

Happy 2012!!!

Policy/Project Activity

- Commenced maturity assessments under the Local Government Financial and Asset Management Project in nine councils, remainder to be undertaken in the few months of 2012.
- Presentation to Environmental Health Australia Quarterly Forum – Environmental Dispute Mediation Trial
- Finalised NW Regional Coordinator for the Local Government Financial and Asset Management Project
- Commenced planning for Elected Members workshop
- Standards Panel
- Preliminary comment on Tasmanian Emergency Management Plan review.
- Continued advocacy and information provision in relation to Division 81/GST changes.
- Commenced elected member census –surveys distributed and being returned.
- Update to Commonwealth on electronic development assessment project, steering committee and meetings with the Project evaluators.
- Preparation of papers for GMC/PLGC.
- Collation and consideration of Local Government and Other responses to the Draft Statewide Directions Paper: Review of Local Government-owned Overnight RV Camping Services
- TCCI – discussion re MOU for data access for modelling of reform options.
- Finalised draft evaluation report for the Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee.

Training and Development

- Input into the Vocational Education & Training sector review
- Input into a terms of reference document aimed at better guiding the Government Skills Australia's Local Government Industry Advisory Council which manages council training and funding at the Commonwealth level.
- Recruitment of additional volunteers to appear in Think Big Work Local careers website videos.
- Continuation of the Council Workforce Surveys.
- Analysis of quotes for consideration of additions to the TV commercial to advertise our student competition.
- 2nd draft of local government training resource for schools called 'LGACORE104B Work with others in Local Government' which is part of a national training package.
- Concluded 18 months of monitoring council job advertisements, which showed a rise over the period.

Meetings and Communication

- General Management Committee
- Premier's Local Government Council
- Premier's State Budget Community Consultation Meeting
- Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
- Water and Sewerage Working Group Meeting
- Nomenclature Board
- Business Tasmanian Online Steering Committee

- DIER re speed limits around childcare centres
- Working Group (LGAT, LGD, Treasury, Tourism Tas) in relation to council-operated overnight RV camping services
- Electronic Development Assessment (eDA) Project Steering Committee
- Local Government Division – monthly meeting, data, caravan parks
- Integrity Commission – re education program
- TCCO Climate Futures Briefing and Discussion re Climate Change Forums
- Heart Foundation Healthy Community Awards
- ACELG Local Government Researchers Forum
- Environmental Dispute Mediation Project Meetings with EPA
- LGAT News magazine
- LGAT newsletter
- Schools viability reference group (2 meetings)
- Forest practices advisory committee
- ABS Seminar
- Peter David (Aurora) with Norm McIlfatric (DIER) re street lighting
- Coastcare Week Conversations
- ChemClear re relationship with Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Tasmanian Regional Arts Board Meeting
- Volunteering Tasmania re new project
- Infoactiv e-waste teleconference
- Water and Sewerage Inquiry - Presentation to Select Committee, Meeting of Working Group to further develop governance documents, timeframes and processes.
- Regional Climate Change Adaptation Project (RCCAP) Steering Committee
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Pathways (TCAP) Project Steering Committee
- Meeting with DPIPW Urban Water Policy Unit regarding next steps following Review of the Drains Act
- Tasmanian Training Consortium Executive Committee

Media

- Departure of General Manager of Burnie City Council
- Amalgamations

Key Outputs

Household Hazardous Waste (Chemsafe Homes Tasmania) collection days were held in Launceston and Burnie (Hobart and Clarence collection days were undertaken at the end of November). These were the most successful series of collections to date with over 700 people participating. Tonnage figures are not yet available for those collections but over the first 2 years the Pilot Tasmanian Household Hazardous Program offered 30 drop-off days across 24 local council jurisdictions, with 1,942 people surrendering 52,499 kg of material.