

## Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes – February 2011

### Policy Activity

- Recruitment and induction of Project Manager (Sue Grau) for Local Government Reform (Financial and Asset Management Project).
- Steering Committee Papers including draft communications plan for Local Government Reform (Financial and Asset Management Project).
- Liaison with the Local Government Division regarding review of the Code of Conduct Regulations and distribution of paper to Mayors and General Managers.
- Consultation with councils and follow-up letter to the Minister in relation to microchipping exemption for working dogs until 12 months of age.
- Sought expressions of interest to undertake the biannual community satisfaction survey and met with proponents.
- Preparation for next round of Household Hazardous Waste Collections in March including distribution of pamphlets.
- Input into the Key Performance Indicator/Sustainability Objectives and Indicators Project of State Government including preparation for, facilitation and write up of the Expert Working Group an advice to the Auditor General on Progress.
- Commenced discussions with Police regarding abandoned vehicles – to be progressed as a general meeting item at a later date.
- Complaints referred to the Standards Panel were progressed.

### *Training and Development*

- Finalised programs and circulated registration form for the Community Development Forum to be held in March.
- Careers email bulletin (included identification of 3 new sources of VET training funding)
- Saturday monitoring of council job adverts from the three newspapers, HCC, LCC and [www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au](http://www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au) websites (an average of 12.25 jobs have been advertised by councils each week since June 2010, with a high of around 20 vacancies per week since Christmas).
- Continued planning for the 2011 Local Government Conference which will celebrate 100 years of the LGAT including historical research on key events over the last 100 years.

### *Consultation/Submissions*

- Consultation and feedback on Canal Estates Bill
- Provided input into the ALGA submission to the parliamentary inquiry into NBN
- Consultation regarding Cat Management Regulations
- Submission on proposed changes to Rural Default Speed Limits.
- Submission for the COAG Road Funding Feasibility Study
- Submission to State Taxation Review
- Provided feedback to Workplace Standards in relation to an asbestos jurisdictional mapping exercise.

## Meetings and Communication

- ALGA Strategic Planning Meeting
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- CEO met with new Acting Director of the Local Government Division.
- CEO met with Minister David O’Byrne re infrastructure and related portfolio issues
- President and CEO met with Miles Hampton regarding direction of water corporations
- My State Business Dinner/Forum
- Southern Water Forum on metering roll-out
- Meeting of the Associations’ Policy Directors
- Local Government Advisor to Will Hodgman
- Climate Change Partnership Committee Meeting
- Launch of the Local Government Reform Fund 'Future Proofing Tasmania's Councils' Project
- Local Buy Procurement Workshops.
- National Local Government HR Conference Steering Committee (teleconference)
- Page Seager re award modernisation.
- Local Government HR Forum
- DIER regarding speed limits around childcare centres.
- DIER re street lighting
- Crane Industry Reference Group
- Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator(OTTER) Meeting
- Lalla Hinds, NBN Co Tasmanian Representative
- Tasrail regarding Local Government Engagement
- Forest Practices Advisory Committee
- Workshop for Strategic Fire Management Plan
- Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
- Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy Implementation Steering Committee
- Rob Kelman, Boomerang Alliance re waste management
- Danielle McPhail, Contaminated Sites Unit, EPA Division re Sign Off Bulletin 112
- Litter Working Group
- Community Fire Protection Launch
- Facilitated Sustainability Indicators and Objectives Expert Working Group
- Tobacco Coalition Meeting
- Alcohol Advisory Group

- Launch of the Physical Activity Plan
- Seniors Bureau – Future Directions Working Group
- Rural Health Week Steering Committee
- Michael Small re disability standards

#### **Media**

- Asbestos - CEO (television)
- Climate Change – President (ABC Radio)

#### **Key Outputs**

- LGAT and RTOs delivering training under EBPPP funding, met their reporting requirements to GSA and DEEWR, and students have commenced study for 2011.
- TV advertising screened through mid Jan to mid February boosting website hits by about 60%. The website averages around 1000 hits per week. Television advertising is scheduled to take advantage of the peak in job advertisements at the beginning of the calendar year.