

Key LGAT Activity– October 2011

Policy Activity

- Council Provision of Overnight Camping Services for Recreational Vehicles – development of Directions Paper
- Forum for councils staff on changes to Division 81 Legislation with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- Appointed provider (with EPA) for environmental dispute mediation pilot project.
- Assessment of pre-compliance activities undertaken by councils in relation to PD4
- Feedback to ALGA on flood data
- Assessment of new information supplied under request for quotation for Local Government Financial and Asset Management Project.
- Further feedback on the Future Directions for Older Tasmanians policy paper.
- Updating of the new Councillor Resource Kit for distribution after elections.
- Feedback to State Government on concerns related to the draft Municipal Emergency Management Plan.

Training and Development

- Forum for council staff on changes to Division 81 (GST) legislation.
- Regional LocalBuy Workshops for procurement officers.
- Provided input ACELG on what may and may not help councils with strategic workforce development.

Consultation/Submissions

- Initial feedback in relation to areas of concern in the draft Tasmanian Bushfire Policy.
- Commenced survey of Mayors and General Managers in relation to LGAT Strategic Planning.

Meetings and Communication

- The Premier – range of issues
- Minister Brian Wightman on waste issues.
- Valuation and Rating Review Steering Committee
- Water and Sewerage Regional Briefings.
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Reform Project Expert Panel
- Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
- School Viability Reference Group – Community Forums
- Low Carbon Economy Forum
- Office of the Tasmanian Energy Regulator (OTTER)
- Council of the Ageing Tasmania (COTA)
- Local Buy Workshops
- Coastal Hazards Reference Group
- DPIWE re soil and water management plans.
- Forest practices advisory committee.
- Landslip Hazards Reference Group
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator engagement meeting.
- Climate change and intergenerational equity.

- Constitutional Recognition Expert Panel community forum.
- LGAT report to LGMA Conference.
- Alcohol Advisory Group
- Advisory Panel on the Economic Potential of Senior Australians.
- Local Government Division re annual data collection.
- Local Government Division re code of conduct legislation.
- Fortnightly electronic newsletter.
- Initial meeting with EPA and consultant Provider for environmental dispute mediation pilot project.
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Pathways (TCAP) Project Team

Media

- Council amalgamations
- Water and sewerage
- Selected a consultant to produce some videos for the www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au website that will describe more council jobs to job seekers.
- Received quotes and scheduled the Think Big TV advertisement to run from October 2011 to June 2012 on a variety of channels, including SBS and utilising a number of free bonus spots.

Key Outputs

- State-wide Directions Paper - Council Provision of Overnight Camping Services for Recreational Vehicles - released for consultation/comment
- Submission on the Commonwealth Government's Low Carbon Communities 'Community Energy Efficiency Program' design options consultation paper