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Three Tasmanian councils recognised in 2011 Local Government Awards for Excellence

Three Tasmanian councils have been recognised for their dedication to making a positive difference to their local communities on the final day of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Conference, *100 Years Long: 100 Years Strong*.

Launceston City, Devonport City and Kingborough Councils are the three category winners of the *2011 Local Government Awards for Excellence*, announced today by Tasmanian Deputy Premier the Hon. Bryan Green.

LGAT President Barry Easter said the Awards aimed to promote and reward outstanding achievement in local government, recognising initiatives that have, or are delivering, a positive result for Tasmanian communities.

“Launceston City Council took out the *Delivering Excellence for our Communities* Award for its Two Hands Coffee initiative, which aims to make ‘at-risk’ youths job ready, providing them with work experience on a coffee cart, followed by work placement at a local café,” Cr Easter said.

“Devonport City Council won the Award for *Demonstrating Operational Excellence* for the Combined Plant Auction, which has allowed seven North West Tasmanian councils to sell used plant and equipment to the public at competitive prices, providing a practical and ethical means of recycling items that previously could not be traded.

“Kingborough Council was awarded for *Delivering Excellence in Natural and Built Environments*, by making the management and protection of the municipality’s natural assets a primary directive of the organisation and a core value for the local community.

“Kingborough is now responsible for the implementation of all Natural Resource Management programs that local government is likely to be involved in.”

The Awards are presented for projects, large or small, with an internal or external focus, that benefit the community and promote a better future for Tasmania. As well as celebrating outstanding efforts, they aim to promote sharing of good management practices and effective responses to community needs.

**Award summaries attached*

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