President’s Message
Just as I was trying to keep warm in front of my computer this morning and wondering what subject I should write a few words on for this fortnight’s newsletter, I received a media release from the Infrastructure Minister, the Hon Lara Giddings, announcing a Boost for local line-marking!
I am sure you will agree that an increase from $560,000 (the annual level of funding for the past four years) to $810,000 is a very welcome announcement indeed. LGAT has been lobbying the State Government for years to increase the allocation for line-marking on local roads and this is certainly an excellent result.

Historically, maintenance of line-marking on local roads has involved the re-marking of lines with paint whereas in urban areas, exposed to higher traffic volumes, thermoplastic material has been used. It is the Department’s objective, obviously subject to funding levels, to gradually convert painted lines to thermoplastic on all Local Government roads. We certainly look forward to this transition as it will be more economical over time and will improve driver safety.

Interestingly, $500,000 of the total funding will come from increased speeding fines. So, if we take that to its logical conclusion, the more often we are caught speeding, the greater chance we have of an increase in the budget for local road line-marking!

Drive safely, especially during these frosty and foggy, winter days.

Active Tasmania Awards 2010
A total of $31,000 prize money is available to acknowledge active communities around Tasmania through the 2010 Active Tasmania Awards, coordinated by the Premier’s Physical Activity Council. The 2010 Medibank Active Tasmania Awards categories include: Local Government - City Award; Local Government – Other Award; School or Group of Schools Award; Community Organisation Award; and Collaboration or Partnership Award. If your council, local school, or community group is creating a physically active community, you are encouraged to submit a nomination by 13 August. For more information, go to www.getmoving.tas.gov.au, phone 1800 440 026, or email businesspoint@development.tas.gov.au.

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program Funding
Councils are encouraged to apply for Round 3 of funding under the Federal Government’s Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) by 30 July. The Government is making available a $100 million one-off payment to be shared by all councils for community infrastructure, and each council has been allocated a similar amount of funding as the last round of RLCIP. Eligible projects must be additional developments, or additional stages of current infrastructure projects. Projects that can be constructed with the funding include:

- Social and cultural infrastructure such as art spaces and gardens;
- Recreational facilities including sports stadiums and swimming pools;
- Tourism infrastructure including tourism information centres and walkways;
- Children, youth and senior citizen facilities;
- Access facilities such as boat ramps and footbridges; and
- Environmental initiatives including drain and sewerage upgrades, and recycling plants.


Cat Management Regulations Move a Step Closer
The implementation of new laws to help reduce the number of stray and feral cats has moved a step closer with regulations being finalised in consultation with key stakeholders. As part of the Cat Management Act 2009, it will be compulsory for a cat to be desexed and micro-chipped before being given away or sold. Owners of cats prior to the introduction of the new regulations will be strongly encouraged to comply while registered breeders will be exempt. Under the legislation, cats found on conservation reserves or farmland may be trapped, seized or humanely destroyed. Further education and awareness will be undertaken by DPIPWE prior to the proclamation to help achieve a high level of compliance with the legislation, which is expected to be proclaimed by 1 July 2011. The latest information on the Cat Management Act is available at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au.
New Website to Support Local Government’s Inclusion in the Australian Constitution
The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has launched a new website and resource material as part of Local Government’s campaign for a referendum on the inclusion of Local Government in the Australian Constitution. ALGA President, Clr Geoff Lake, said changing the Constitution would improve the way that the three levels of government work together and ultimately deliver more efficient services to the community. The launch followed the recent announcement of $250,000 from the Australian Government to fund further educational materials to support Local Government’s constitutional campaign. The new website is located at www.councilreferendum.com.au.

Local Government Appointment to Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee
Hobart City Council’s Youth Programs Coordinator, Mark Joseph, has been appointed to the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee (TSPSC) as the LGAT nominated representative of Local Government. The committee was established in 1993 in response to growing national and state concern about the high rate of suicide among youth. The TSPSC acts as a central reference point for responding to suicide prevention initiatives at a local, state and national level and now adopts a whole of community approach to suicide prevention.

Local Government Physical Activity Forum (Launceston)
The Premier’s Physical Activity Council (PPAC) invites you to attend a free information forum specifically tailored for Tasmanian Local Government, which showcases a range of health and wellbeing initiatives and services to encourage and support Local Government representatives and community organisations to get involved with physical activity in their community. The forum will be held from 10am – 3pm, on 23 July, at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. Register by 20 July. RSVP by email at businesspoint@development.tas.gov.au, or phone 1800 440 026. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For a copy of the agenda, visit www.getmoving.tas.gov.au/article.php?article_id=8.

Move Well Eat Well Funding
The LGAT has been able to secure funding from the Department of Health and Human Services to promote the Move Well Eat Well program. We are pleased to be able to allocate $3,300 to a council in each region of Tasmania (North, North-West and South) to promote healthy eating and physical activity for primary age children and their families within their community. Six primary schools in Tasmania have already achieved a Move Well Eat Well Award and over 130 others are following their lead. This means they are actively promoting physical activity and healthy eating in their school community. Applications close on the 20 August. To apply, download an application form from www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=hWRyYG7H41MM9q1%2fByhCx1T9vhByjkSX%2fKXaqjL%2fIGe%3d&. For further information, contact Sue Moir on 6222 7328, or email movewelleatwell@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Dorothy Pearce Address - Passion, Entrepreneurship and the Rebirth of Local Economies (Hobart)
Dr Sirolli has an international reputation for his person-centred model for regional economic development. Enterprise facilitation uses the passion of local people and resources of local networks to foster indigenous business ideas rather than importing large industry. It is a model that is particularly appropriate for rural and regional areas and for working with disadvantaged population groups. From 5.00pm on 24 August, at the University of Tasmania in Sandy Bay, Dr Sirolli will discuss the inter-connectedness of social justice and economic development initiatives and provide examples of where his model has been used to foster social enterprise. Cost is $30. RSVP by 13 August. Registration details can be found on the TasCOSS website at www.tascoss.org.au.

Future Challenges and Opportunities for Social Housing (Hobart)
The Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) will host a breakfast with the Secretary to Cabinet for Human Services and Housing, the Hon Cassy O’Connor MP, who will discuss future challenges and opportunities for social housing, social housing in a wider social context, and Government plans for 2010 and beyond. The breakfast will be held from 7.30am at the Mercure Hotel Hobart on 15 July. The AHI’s Chief Executive, Joan Ferguson, looks forward to hearing your views for the future development of the sector and how the AHI can best support you. Cost is $35 for members and $55 for non-members. For more information or to register online, please visit www.housinginstitute.org/events/register/register.php.

Workplace Bullying Awareness (Hobart)
A four-hour Bullying Awareness Workshop will be held in Hobart on 24 August. The workshop, supported by the Tasmanian Skills Institute, will provide a comprehensive view of workplace bullying, harassment and discrimination including developing or enhancing effective interpersonal skills to deal with conflict in the workplace. Attendees will gain insight into legal and compliance issues, key factors and indicators of a bullying culture, definitions, rights and responsibilities of employees, employers and managers, and creating positive workplace relationships. The emphasis is on honing and acquiring interpersonal skills and practical information, strategies and methods to deal with bullying. Cost is $45. To register, visit www.volunteeringtas.org.au.

Fox Information Sessions in Southern Tasmania
Landowners in Southern Tasmania are encouraged to attend public information sessions being held by the Fox Eradication Program this month. Fox-positive scats have been collected near Ranelagh, Judbury, Geeveston and Cygnet during the past year and these, along with ongoing fox sighting reports from the public, reinforce the very real threat that foxes pose to the region. The program is continuing targeted baiting in the state’s south and the information sessions will provide opportunities for people to have their questions answered about the fox eradication effort and to find out how they can help. The information sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the following locations: Mountain River Hall (12 July), Cygnet Town Hall (14 July), Middleton Hall (15 July), Woodbridge Hall (21 July), and Margate Hall (22 July) Further details are available online at www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/fox, or by phoning 6336 5426.
**Festivals Australia Funding**
Festivals Australia is an Australian Government program which funds Australian regional and community festivals to present quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity. To be eligible for funding, an activity must not have been previously presented and must be one that could not be afforded without the funding. Applications must be made by organisations that manage regular festivals such as councils, cultural organisations and regional arts councils. Applications close on 15 July for projects starting after 1 January 2011. For more information, go to www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia, phone 1800 819 461, or email festivals.australia@environment.gov.au.

**Pest Management for Museums and Galleries (Berriedale)**
The Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is hosting a workshop on pest management for museums and galleries on 26 July. The workshop will be presented by Alex Roach of Heritage Pest Management. The program includes the impact of pests on collections, integrated pest management, insect traps, use of chemicals, non-toxic method of fumigation and a tour of the newly constructed Museum of Old and New Art building. For further details and a registration form, visit http://tassiemuseums.edublogs.org.

**Guidelines on Accessible Bus Stops**
The Australian Human Rights Commission has made available on their website the final draft of the proposed guidelines on accessible bus stops. Submissions were invited in 2009 upon the release of the first draft. Final comments are now being sought on the proposed guidelines and are required by 2 August. The proposed guideline can be found at http://humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/transport/Bus_Stops_Guidelines.doc.

**Get Walking Tasmania Month**
Get Walking Tasmania 2010 encourages Tasmanians to overcome barriers to participation in regular walking. During Get Walking Tasmania month, communities and environments that support participation in walking for recreation and for active transport will be promoted. Councils may become involved by:
- Forwarding a link or a hardcopy of any local tracks and trails brochures to be promoted during the month;
- Considering launching a tracks and trails brochure during the month if there is one currently under development; or
- Registering an event during Get Walking Tasmania month to promote the tracks and trails and active transport opportunities available to your community.

Register online at www.getwalkingtas.gov.au, or call the Heart Foundation on 6336 5119.

**Business Events Expo (Hobart, Launceston)**
The Business Events Expo - Tasmania 2010 (BEE 2010) is a free event open to all Tasmanian event planners and will be held at Wrest Point in Hobart on 3 August, and at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston on 4 August. BEE part of the Experic! Meet venue managers, event organisers, audio visual companies, entertainers and others who can make your business event a stand-out success. RSVP by 12 July by completing and submitting the registration form, available online at http://businesseventstasmania.com/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=378034. For further information, contact kanderson@businesseventstasmania.com, or call 6224 6852.

**Working in Health Promoting Ways Forum (Glenorchy)**
Increase your knowledge about leadership for inclusion, leadership that is ethical and empowers others. Try out a tool to help you lead your community effectively at the Working in Health Promoting Ways Forum, to be held on 15 July at the Glenorchy Civic Centre. Guest speakers include Prof David Adams - Commissioner, Social Inclusion Unit, and Dr Natasha Cica - Director, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics, University of Tasmania. Participation is free. To register, email sue.chaston@dhhs.tas.gov.au by 12 July. For further information, phone Sue Chaston on 6233 8399, or Britt Steiner on 0408 378 315.

**Measuring the Unmeasurable: Dealing with Complex and Complicated Evaluations (Hobart)**
Human services officers, evaluators, managers and policy-makers are invited to attend a presentation on 16 July by Dr John Guenther of Cat Conatus. The presentation, to be held from 11.30am – 1.00pm in the Commerce Building at the University of Tasmania’s Faculty of Business, will offer a critique of the kinds of indicators used to evaluate outcomes of different types of programs, and will provide some practical examples of tools that have been used successfully to measure the unmeasurable – including evaluations conducted in Tasmania.

**Upcoming Events**
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