

## Key LGAT Activity – October 2018

### Issue in Focus

LGAT hosted *Creating and Funding Great Playgrounds and Playspaces* forums in Longford on October 30 and in Bridgewater on October 31. The forums were attended by representatives of 21 councils, including officers from a wide range of professions and elected representatives as well as several state government officers and community organisation workers. We also had a councillor from Western Australia attend the event!

Speakers at the sessions included Keith Brown from the Heart Foundation, Lola Cowle from the Tasmanian Community Fund and Christine Woolley from the Australian Early Development Census. Presentations about innovative Local Government playground projects and using the bush as a playspace were featured in both sessions. There was also a site visit to the Longford Village Green electronic play equipment and the newly developed Bridgewater Community Parkland.

A key theme that emerged from the sessions was the importance of playgrounds and playspaces for promoting enjoyable physical activity for children and families and the long-term health and wellbeing benefits this brings. There was also a focus on consulting with children and community members in the development of parks, the importance of ensuring playgrounds are inclusive for children of all abilities, the value of master-planning to ensure parks are well located and connected with other community assets and the benefits of ensuring council maintenance staff are involved in the planning and development of new parks.

The forums were sponsored by Kompan and organised as part of the Local Government Community Health and Wellbeing Project that is supported by the Tasmanian Government.

### Elections

With the Tasmanian Electoral Commission recently finalising the counts for councillors across the State, it is evident that many councils are set to look quite different. For a start around 50% of councils will have new Mayors. While a number of issues arose during the election period (see the Pulse for more on this) ultimately, we saw an increased level of participation in voting with the highest turnout in 20 years. With LGAT having invested in television and social media advertising for the first time, encouraging first candidates and then voters, it does seem we may have had some impact.

Congratulations to all our new and returned Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors. We look forward to supporting you over the next four years.

### Policy / Project Activity

- Submission Burials and Cremations Amendment Bill
- CEO on Judging Panel for Tasmanian Women's Honour Roll
- Review and development of tender documentation for Project Management Service for the installation of energy efficient street lighting
- Tender advertised for Project Management services for the installation of energy efficient street lights
- Ongoing project delivery of southern lights project

- Review of quotations and selection of consultant for update of Municipal Emergency Management Guidelines
- Liaison with MAV insurance, councils and Tasmania Fire Service around liability and aircraft staging on council land
- Engagement of consultant to undertake the LGAT state-wide Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Filming short videos with Northern Midlands Council, Meander Valley Council and City of Launceston for Creating and Funding Great Playgrounds and Playspaces Forums
- Feedback to Consumer, Building and Occupational Services on Permit Authority Forum
- Input into the proposed Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines
- Consult Councils regarding the Tasmanian Government's *Supporting a Statewide Electric Vehicle Charging Network: Consultation Paper*
- Submission on the proposed changes to the Litter Act
- Submission to the draft Short Stay Accommodation Bill
- Finalise the scope and request for tender for the statewide waste arrangements feasibility study

## Media

- Rating of Independent Living Units (Southern Cross, ABC)
- Glyphosate use (ABC)
- Compulsory Voting (ABC, Mercury, Examiner)
- Candidate Numbers (ABC, Southern Cross)
- Dog Control/Penguins (ABC)
- Recording of council meetings (Mercury)
- Fast growth suburbs (Mercury)
- Diversity candidates (Advocate)
- Councillor Allowances (Advocate)
- General Manager's Roll (Advocate)
- Heritage Buildings (Examiner)
- Letter to the editor - DA timeframes (Mercury)
- Op Ed – Voting is a privilege / Voting is easy (All papers)

## Communication

- Federal Election – ALGA Advocacy
- LG Noticeboard
- The Pulse e-newsletter
- Twitter ([@LGATasmania](https://twitter.com/LGATasmania))

## Training and Events

### For Members

- Preparation of new web materials for newly elected councillors
- Handbook developed, and training provided for Peer Advisors and flyer distributed to councils

- Developed and promoted program LG 101 for new Councillors

#### Participation by LGAT Staff

- CEO Presentation to MAV Insurance Forum for Tasmanian Councils
- CEO and President presentations to Local Government Youth Conference
- CEO Panel Participation Local Government Professionals Tasmania conference
- CEO Keynote Presentation to Local Government Association of South Australia Conference
- CEO Presentation to Recovery Taskforce new recruits.

#### Meetings

- Aldridge lighting southern lights project
- Bishop Condie - proposed changes to Burials and Cremations Act (telephone)
- Closing ceremony Local Government Youth Conference
- Department of Health – Active Living Forum planning
- Department of Health – immunisation Strategy consultation
- Director of Local Government - monthly catch up
- Interstate Local Government Associations Planning Network Meeting
- IPWEA Tas NAMS Council Representative – asset Management
- Ironbark and councils - southern street lighting project
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- Local Government Procurement NSW Annual Conference
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania Board Meeting and Conference
- Local Provision Schedule Steering Committee
- MAV Insurance Board Meeting
- MAV tender documentation and contract review
- National Procurement Network – Corporate Wardrobe NPN2.11-3 project planning
- National Procurement Network - quarterly executive
- National Procurement Network - Telecommunications Tender NPN 1.18 project planning including specifications development – implementation start date 1 May 2019
- Office of Security and Emergency Management and Climate Change office - onsite waste water treatment workshop
- Office of Security and Emergency Management regular catch up
- Planning and Building Portal Steering Committee
- RDA Tasmania Committee
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Regional Coastal Hazards Strategy Project Specification
- TasCOSS – Transport Planning discussion
- Tasmanian Local Government Asset Management Group Meeting
- TasNetworks customer council
- TasPlan Remuneration and Nominations Committee Meeting
- UTAS – review of Environmental Health training
- Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee meeting – Launceston City Council, Multicultural Council of Tasmania

#### Operational

- LGAT telecommunications upgrade (new phones) - installation started. Existing LGAT numbers transferred to new provider, LGAT infrastructure checked by phone company ready for phone installation