

Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes - October 2010

Policy Activity

- Key Performance Indicators/Sustainability Objectives & Indicators Workshop (assisted with facilitation when Local Government Division faced staffing issues).
- Representation to the Planning Commission on Planning Directive No.1 (the Common Key Elements Template).
- Drafted a submission to the Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government, in response to the parameters identified in the discussion paper "Local Government Learning". Requested councils respond to the associated survey.
- Continued recording council job vacancies advertised in Tasmanian major newspapers, to help quantify skills shortages.
- Completed second workforce report for a small southern council, assessing and recommending actions on staff retention, retirement and training.
- Varied advice/discussions with Councillors re Code of Conduct issues and procedures
- Electronic Development Assessment project continues with consultants engaged to develop 2-3 business cases for medium to large councils. Todd Wellard from the Local Government Association of Queensland (eDA Project Manager) to support through participation in a workshop.
- Distributed survey on Long Term Financial and Strategic Asset Management to councils ahead of Local Government Reform funding being received. Sought officer nominations for the Steering Committee.
- Developed and distributed papers for November General Meeting.
- Agenda/Registration forms for Mayors Workshop distributed.
- Revised LGAT Parental Leave Policy.
- Further feedback on proposed review of the Land Titles Act.
- Obtained Local Government input in relation to proposed amendments to the Building Act 2000 and provided feedback to the Building Control Branch
- Distributed a scoping paper in relation to the State Government's proposed Freight Strategy, asking for feedback and comment from Local Government
- Participated on Steering Committee finalising Rating and Valuation report for consultations

Meetings and Communication

- Special General Meeting and follow up.
- Premiers Local Government Council including presentation on careers project.
- Anglicare Launch – 'There are People Living Here: Exploring Urban Renewal and Public Housing Estates
- Opening of Integrity Commission
- Forest Practices Advisory Committee
- Building Control Permit Authority Workshop
- Water Safety Industry Breakfast
- CEO Royal Life Saving Australia
- Tasmanian Fire Service (re Levy)
- Valuation and Local Government Rating Review Steering Committee
- Contribution to the ALGA Climate Change Policy
- Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre Climate Change Summit

- Convened EPA Air Quality forums/Smoke Management Initiative with council EHOs
- Litter Working Group
- National Packaging Covenant Annual Report 2009-10
- Tas Training Consortium – Committee meeting
- Advised councils on qualifications choices, availability, delivery modes of training, for EBPPP training funding grant and other training choices.
- Council careers email bulletin to advise of opportunities for funding, training and workforce data collection actions.
- Extended EOI's for councils to 1 December 2010, to try and obtain sufficient interest in UTAS HECS free scholarships in environmental health, engineering and science.
- LGMA Annual General Meeting.
- Standards Panels.
- Road Safety Advisory Council.
- Australasian Housing and Urban Research Institute Seminar on Homelessness and Affordable Housing.
- Award Modernisation.
- Met with key DIER representatives regarding the issue of bus stop infrastructure in urban and urban fringe areas
- Attended Building Control Permit Authority Workshop training day for Permit Authorities held at Brighton Council
- Department of Health and Human Services regarding Environmental Health survey and annual report.
- Australian Centre of Excellence of Local Government (general catch up).
- Nomenclature Board
- ALGA Board meeting and National Roads Congress

Media

- Constitutional Recognition (Advocate, ABC Radio, Press Release)
- Valuation and Local Government Rating (Examiner)
- PLGC (Examiner)
- Code of Conduct (Advocate/ABC Radio)
- Role of Local Government in Forest Industry Restructure (ABC)

Key Outputs

- EBPPP (Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program) training funding contracts were signed by Tasmanian Polytechnic, The Skills Institute, Australian Employment Services, MEGT, Government Skills Australia and LGAT. Funding for 79 qualifications in 11 councils will be available from 2010 to 2014 and beyond.