

## Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes - September 2010

### Policy Activity

- Melanie Brown commenced work as a Policy Officer.
- The Association provided some preliminary feedback on the Local Government Reform Discussion Paper and process to go to the Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC).
- As a member of the Steering Committee, provided comment on draft Access Economics report on Valuation and Local Government Rating
- Feedback on the Code of Conduct Regulations has been collated and is in the process of being summarised in a paper.
- 11 Standards Panel Complaints were heard.
- Submission on DHHS Tobacco Laws discussion paper
- Comment on Rail Regulations
- Information provided to Road Route Code Review
- Liaison with Break O Day Council re training for elected members and senior staff
- Submission to Fair Work Australia regarding Award Modernisation.
- Provision of information to General Managers on Digital Television Transmission Services
- EBPPP (Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program) contracts are being signed.
- Recording council job vacancies advertised in Tasmanian major newspapers, to help quantify skills shortages.
- Developed course structures for *Certificate III and IV Local Government* qualifications, and assisted with selection of content writers.
- Preparation for Special General Meeting.
- Response to the DHHS Flu Clinic Review: *"Ways Forward - Planning and implementing responsive clinical services to address Pandemic Influenza in Tasmania"*.
- Input into ALGA Climate Change Policy.

### Meetings and Communication

- Special General Meeting
- General Management Committee
- Premiers Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- CEO Integrity Commission
- The Australian Local Government Association's Roads and Transport Advisory Committee
- Christine Mucha (OnStream)
- Matt Stevenson (Local Government Adviser to Will Hodgman)

- Community Achievement Awards (expert Judge)
- PPAC Local Government SubCommittee
- DIER (range of issues over a number of meetings)
- Valuation and Local Government Rating Steering Committee
- General Managers Workshop 15-16 September
- UTAS Planning Advisory Committee
- Sustainability Indicators and Objectives Steering Committee and Workshops
- Property Council Summit
- UTAS Planning Advisory Committee
- UTAS Bushfire Research Forum
- National Associations Communications Meeting
- Building Industry Reference Group
- Climate Change Partnership Committee
- OTTER Meeting and Public Hearing
- Social Housing and Homelessness Advisory Forum
- Tasmanian Fire Service re Tasmanian Community Fire Protection Planning Project
- September *LGAT News* magazine and newsletters
- Advertised local government careers at the UTAS Careers Event
- Tasmanian Training Consortium – Executive meeting
- Local Leadership Group – Committee meeting
- Ionata Web Designs regarding improvements to [www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au](http://www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au)
- Red Jelly regarding television advertising scheduling, and booth and banner concepts for advertising council careers to schools
- Skills Tasmania regarding Productivity Places Program (PPP) funding for VET training.
- The Skills Institute regarding PPP funding applications.
- Investigating the use of distance training/funding from outside of Tasmania, with OTEN (TAFE NSW).
- Advised councils on specific training enquiries
- Liaised with Local Government Division regarding their workforce survey questionnaire. .

### Media

- ABC re Code of Conduct Regulations
- Examiner (Letter to editor) re Code of Conduct Regulations
- ABC regarding Bushfire Prone Areas

### Key Outputs

- Planet Footprint has identified that Aurora Energy may have been charging councils for the energy costs associated with water and sewerage assets post the June 2009 hand over. If this issue was identified by Planet Footprint they have provided this information to councils in their anomaly reports and councils are encouraged to follow this up with Aurora Energy. Councils such as Huon Valley have now been reimbursed for these costs.
- On 17 August 2010 the LGAT declared an intention to become a signatory National Packaging Covenant for a second 5 year period. As a consequence of LGAT being a signatory, regional waste management groups are able to secure grants for projects such as litter reduction kerbside recycling and education.
- The electronic development assessment Project has been extended with the Commonwealth allowing for unspent funds to be used for development of a business case for expansion of eDA beyond the two pilot councils, further independent evaluation once the projects are further progressed, implementation of communication strategies and support for improved data collection.
- Move Well Eat Well Grants were awarded for the second year following provision of funding by the Department of Health and Human Services. The successful applicants were:
  - Burnie City Council: Kommunity Kids Cycleway – further development and promotion.
  - Brighton Council: A community walking event targeting health eating and activity for primary aged children and their families in the Bridgewater/Gagebrook communities.
  - Launceston City Council: Invermay Bicycle Lending program and signage development to promote the track to children and families.