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### **LGAT Year in Review 2017-2018**

Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) President Mayor Dog Chipman today released LGAT's Year in Review 2017-2018.

"I am proud to release the Year in Review 2017-2018 for the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT). As the peak body for Local Government in Tasmania, we strive to advocate and support our members, the 29 Tasmanian councils, to enable healthy and vibrant communities"

"2017-18 was busier than ever, leading into to Tasmania's recent Local Government Elections. The significant community engagement with Local Government elections shows that Tasmanians really care about who represents them locally. Councils are about so much more than roads, rates and rubbish. They deliver a huge variety of services, infrastructure and activities are working hard every day to have a positive impact on their communities"

"Our Year in Review highlights LGAT's achievements during 2017-18. LGAT worked hard to advocate for members on many challenging issues over the year, whilst maintaining strong working relationships with key stakeholders including the State and Australian Governments" Mayor Chipman said.

LGAT's Year in Review 2017-2018 highlights significant achievements in land use planning, housing supply, emergency management and a positive result to the campaign around Taswater ownership was roundly welcomed.

As well as advocacy, LGAT offers a number of services to help councils operate efficiently and effectively for their communities. In 2017-18 this was highlighted by LGAT procurement services, that saved our members over \$1.9 million. LGAT's training and professional development continued to grow in 2017-18 and the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference featuring ABC TV's Craig Reucassel was a real highlight.

"I hope you find our Year in Review an enjoyable and interesting read and that it gives you an idea of the many ways Tasmanian councils are working for their communities every day" said Mayor Chipman.

LGAT's Year in Review 2017-2018 and financial statements are available [here](#)

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