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## Highlights 2007–08

### Water and Sewerage Reform

State Government takeover of water and sewerage operations thwarted and agreement reached on continuing Local Government ownership, the establishment of regional structures with dividends and tax equivalent being paid to owner councils.

### Financial Sustainability

Momentum for recommendations sustained with major elements of review report to be progressed under the auspices of the Premier's Local Government Council with financial support for key recommendations relating to asset management and financial planning.

### Natural Resource Management

Local Government undertakes a wide range of natural resource management (NRM) activities as part of its core business. To help integrate local activities with regional NRM activities, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Australian Government entered into a partnership to establish the Local Government NRM Facilitator Project.

### Climate Change

A hands-on resource was developed for newly elected members to provide access to necessary information and practical tips on being a councillor.

### Waste Management

Finalised the framework for a household hazardous waste collection system and facilitated significant progress with regional waste bodies in the development of regional strategies, improvement of data collection and progressing the controlled waste management strategy for the state.



Mike Gaffney

## President's Report

In what has been a tough year for Local Government, it has been a challenging one as the President of the Association. The ferocity of the debate on water and sewerage and the reluctance of the State Government to even engage with councils as the owners of water and sewerage assets and employers of the people delivering these services did not auger well for an outcome that would benefit Local Government or the communities they serve.

However, the solidarity of councils in adopting a unified position on taking the water and sewerage debate forward at the November General Meeting of the Association was a catalyst for the commencement of a dialogue with the State Government that resulted in agreement on a structure that would see ongoing Local Government ownership of water and sewerage operations, the establishment of regional water corporations, the protection of conditions and rights of employees of councils transferring to the corporations and the payment of dividends, tax equivalents and guarantee funds by the corporations to owner councils. While not supportive of the reform itself, member councils agree that the negotiated outcomes far outweighed the proposal for a single State Government owned corporation running these operations.

The financial sustainability of councils remains a significant priority for the Association and it was pleasing to be able to secure commitment through the PLGC to expand on the work completed by Access Economics.

At the national level, the constitutional recognition journey commenced with vigour with LGAT providing inputs to the developing agenda and strategy and distributing and disseminating information to members on the issues and way forward. The agenda item remains the single biggest issue facing Local Government and the resources required to effect an outcome are being assigned to ensure that every effort is made to succeed.

I was pleased again this year with the rallying of councils, elected members and officers on the issues impacting on the sector and the proactive inputs that allowed the Association to take those matters on and negotiate improved arrangements. The support that I continue to receive and that provided to the Association overall is very pleasing and is the thing that allows us to take up the battles for change and improvement on behalf of councils.

I would take this opportunity to thank all in the sector that have assisted with the work of the Association this year and to convey my warm gratitude to the General Management Committee and staff of the Association who have again worked diligently to deliver on the matters that the sector has identified as priorities.





## Organisational Structure

### General Management Committee

The General Management Committee (GMC) is elected by member council representatives of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) every two years. The GMC comprises the popularly elected President, the Lord Mayor and six other members elected by regional groupings of councils. The Vice President is elected by the GMC. The GMC oversees the administration of Local Government policy, provides strategic direction to the LGAT in accordance with policies resolved by member councils, appoints Local Government representatives to boards, committees and working groups and oversees the financial management of the Association.

**Mayor Mike Gaffney**  
President

**Mayor Barry Easter**  
Vice President



#### Members

Lord Mayor Rob Valentine  
Mayor Graham Bury  
Mayor Kevin Hyland  
Mayor Mike Downie  
Mayor Deirdre Flint  
Mayor Lynn Laycock  
Mayor Robert Legge



### Staff (as at 30 June 2008)

- Executive
- Policy
- Communications, Learning and Development
- Administration
- Natural Resource Management Facilitator Project

<b>Allan Garcia</b> Chief Executive Officer	Dr Katrena Stephenson Policy Manager	<b>Christine Agostinelli</b> Executive Assistant	
	Liz Gillam Senior Policy Officer	<b>Janet Storan</b> LGATASSIST Administrator	
	Maxine Lowry Policy Officer	Michelle Freeman Administrative Officer	Christine Materia NRM Coordinator
	<b>Stephanie Watson</b> Communications Manager		



Allan Garcia

## Chief Executive Officer's Report

In what has been another big year for Local Government, the Local Government Association of Tasmania has mobilised resources to address the biggest reform since the 1993 amalgamations in terms of water and sewerage reform. The reform has progressed at a frenetic pace with significant demands being placed on councils for data and information. The broad outcomes are favourable to Local Government but the reform remains unpopular.

Work has continued on progressing the Access Economic recommendations regarding financial sustainability although significant effort was diverted away from this activity as a consequence of the water and sewerage reform process.

Legislation impacting on Local Government continued to flow throughout the year with the Association being called upon to develop and coordinate inputs to meeting regulations, the review of the Local Government Board, litter, environmental management and pollution control, air quality, dog control and monetary penalties.

Rating, climate change, pandemics, waste management and ageing issues were again major issues handled by the Association throughout the year. Staff participated in Steering Committees, Standing Committees, Working Groups, Review Groups and Action Teams throughout the year to ensure that the lot of Local Government was understood and appropriate requirements taken into account in the policy development and implementation processes.

The change of conference venue to Launceston was met with a good reaction from delegates and sponsors, with most attendees enjoying the change of scenery. Good feedback on many of the initiatives at the event will result in these activities being incorporated into future conferences, particularly the stretching and exercise breaks between plenary sessions.

Successful Elected Member, Mayor and General Manager workshops were conducted throughout the year with outstanding attendances and quality participation. The communication and development opportunities these forums provide is invaluable to participants and the Association.

I would like to thank staff for their commitment and endeavours again this year and those stakeholders with whom we have had dealings with throughout the year. A special thanks to the President and General Management Committee for their ongoing support and contribution to the betterment of Local Government in this state.





## Year in Review

LGAT develops and advocates policy positions on behalf of its member councils. Policy priorities and decisions are made through the General Meetings of Local Government. Many issues also arise from state and national government proposals and priorities.

### Governance

#### Local Government Financial Sustainability

Following the Access Economics report into the Financial Sustainability of Tasmanian Councils in early 2007, LGAT established a Steering Committee, comprising representatives from the Association's General Management Committee and Local Government Managers Australia, to consider the 26 separate recommendations. Working groups were formed and a series of background papers developed. Additionally, working groups supported a survey on current resource sharing practices; a survey to map current strategic, financial and asset planning practices across councils; preparation of a discussion paper on Audit Committees; development of Debt Funding Guidelines for councils; and circulation of a long-term Financial Plan Summary Template for comment on its efficacy as a framework for Tasmania.

In parallel, in December 2007, the Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC) approved a new project for 2008, with State and Local Government working together to identify and address, in an integrated way, a number of issues that were impacting on the broad sustainability of services and outcomes for local communities. The LGAT Financial Sustainability Project then merged with the PLGC Stronger Councils, Better Services Project.

#### Review of Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations

In July 2007, following consultation with councils, LGAT forwarded to the State Government a request for amendment or clarification to a number of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations. Work has been continuing with the Local Government Division to address the issues raised.

#### Premier's Local Government Council

Three normal meetings of the Council were held this year with one special meeting convened to resolve the regional ownership of water and sewerage services by Local Government.

A project to assist Local Government with its endeavours with financial sustainability was considered by the PLGC, together with a review of the operations and functions of the Local Government Board and a review of the Statewide Partnership Agreement on Communication and Consultation between State and Local Governments. A framework for the Stronger Councils, Better Services project was agreed to on the basis that it would seek to promote the financial sustainability and good governance of councils, as well as looking at innovative service delivery models, including resource sharing among councils.

A commitment to work jointly on climate change initiatives was achieved with an agreement to develop a Partnership Agreement to detail the actions and initiatives which could be worked upon.

#### Standards Panel

The Association has continued to provide executive support to the Standards Panel, to assist in the determination of a number of referred Code of Conduct complaints.

#### Review of Rating Provisions

At the August 2007 LGAT General Meeting, the following motion was carried:

'That Local Government establishes a high level working group to investigate all other alternate options in relation to this matter and, in the event a change is supported, the LGAT then make representation to the State Government.'

A Working Group, chaired by LGAT, and with representatives with extensive experience in rating from a number of councils, has been working on a number of proposals for consideration by councils prior to raising this matter with the State Government.

#### Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act

*The Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act (MPEA)* commenced on 28 April 2008. Councils identified a number of implementation issues such as there had been limited consultation with and participation of councils until a late point, despite urging by the LGAT. Subsequently, LGAT worked with the MPEA project team to identify mechanisms to support councils to make the required changes to practice and policy. LGAT aided in the coordination of regional workshops, convened a working group to consider required amendments to by-laws and develop a model process, distributed resource materials and acted as an interface between councils and the MPEA.

#### Constitutional Recognition

Throughout the year, the LGAT worked to support the Australian Local Government Association's Constitutional Recognition agenda. This included distributing and promoting discussion materials, ALGA presenting to a General Meeting, a commitment to support attendance at a National Experts Forum, and planning for a state workshop on the issue.





## Planning and Development

### Water and Sewerage

Facing significant barriers initially to being involved in the discussions relating to the reform process, the Association achieved a breakthrough following discussions with the Premier and Treasurer and was able to negotiate a reform program that met the fundamental requirements of Local Government in terms of governance and structure of the entities going forward.

Faced with the possibility that water and sewerage would become a State Government responsibility within a single state-owned corporation, the Association negotiated a set of arrangements that will see the regional delivery of water and sewerage services under the regional ownership of councils.

Councils will select the Boards of the new entities, will receive the dividends from their operations and will receive tax equivalents. Employees will also be transferred without loss of entitlements on a no detriment basis. The transfer of assets and employees is to be subject to a comprehensive due diligence process to be undertaken by an independent party. Equity arrangements and priority dividend yields will be informed by the due diligence.

The Association has further negotiated strong Local Government participation in an oversight group, the Implementation Joint Steering Committee, which has responsibility for coordination of the reform implementation process. Chaired by the President, the IJSC membership includes the CEO of the Association, seven General Managers and several representatives from the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The Association was also able to negotiate funding of \$5 million to assist councils with the Implementation of the reform process and favourable arrangements for the equitable and timely disbursement of those funds.

### Emergency Management

LGAT participated in the review of the Tasmanian Emergency Management Plan (TEMP). The Association's main focus was on the representation of Local Government in the TEMP in relation to preparedness/prevention and mitigation.

LGAT was involved in a review of Tasmanian disaster relief arrangements including natural disaster relief funding arrangements for Local Government. Following a joint submission with Department of Health and Human Services under Emergency Management Australia's Local Grants Scheme (see Learning and Development), LGAT also participated in a successful Community Recovery Project.

## Environment

### Natural Resource Management Facilitator Project

The NRM program continued to 30 June 2008. LGAT facilitated regular meetings of NRM officers within councils to discuss approaches to advancing NRM activities and building capacity within councils. In addition, collective project proposals were developed for funding and NRM policy, program and projects were promoted widely including via electronic newsletter and LGAT News.

LGAT represented councils on various national and state project steering groups as well as attending regular national and Tasmanian Local Government NRM Facilitator meetings and regional NRM team meetings, and presenting conferences, technical workshops and information sessions.

### Climate Change

During the year, the Association facilitated a state-wide Local Government climate change forum and established regional Local Government climate change groups. Councils were represented by LGAT on several national, state and regional climate change project committees. LGAT also made a submission to the Senate inquiry into the impacts of climate change on coastal communities. Several papers on climate change were produced by the Association.

### Waste Management

LGAT convened the Local Government Waste Management Reference Group, with representation from LGAT, each of the three regions and the State Government. This group considered waste management issues of common interest, with a primary focus on strengthening regional waste strategies in the North and North-West; improving waste data collection; and advancing a household hazardous waste collection pilot project.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection System

During the year, the Association continued to work closely with the State Government to implement a household hazardous waste collection (HHW) system for Tasmania. Establishing a HHW system was identified as a priority for funding under the State Government's Living Environment Program. The State Government allocated an amount of up to \$500,000 towards the project, and this is to be matched by Local Government through the Regional Waste Authorities/Bodies.

The proportions agreed to, and stated in the Grant Deed are 49% (Southern Waste Strategy Authority), 28% (Northern Tasmania Development) and 23% (Cradle Coast Authority). The Grant Deed was signed by all parties and the State Government contribution has been released to LGAT. The project is to be overseen by the Local Government Waste Management Reference Group (LGWMRG).





## Tasmanian Waste Management Strategy

The strategic planning process in relation to a Tasmanian Waste Management Strategy aims to provide a strategic direction for waste management activities in the state to complement the regional strategies. LGAT has provided a Local Government response to the draft strategy. Stakeholder workshops were conducted by the consultant, Blue Environment. The original timeframe for the completion of the project was extended to allow for further consultations prior to the release of the final report.

## Controlled Waste Management Strategy for Tasmania

The State Government also pursued a project to develop a management strategy for controlled waste in Tasmania. The focus of the project is promoting the development of 'best practice' controlled management practices and facilities in Tasmania. As a key stakeholder, LGAT was represented on the project steering committee and working group which was established to provide guidance on the strategy's development.

## National Packaging Covenant (NPC)

Since becoming a signatory to the NPC in September 2005, LGAT has, in partnership with councils, made considerable progress in meeting key performance indicators outlined in the 3-year action plan (2006-2009). Efforts this year again focused on strengthening regional waste strategies; improvements in waste data collection and council performance measurement; supporting education and public awareness programs; improvements in litter behaviour; and lobbying for and supporting policy instruments aimed at improving and extending product stewardship schemes.

## New Litter Legislation

The new *Litter Act* was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament in September 2007 and substantially commenced in December 2007. The *Act* provides for improved litter control and the setting up of a public litter reporting system. Specific training materials were developed to assist authorised officers in administering the new legislation. Familiarisation workshops for authorised officers were held in November 2007 and were well attended. A number of queries raised at these workshops are to be addressed by the Department at a later date.

## Review of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act (2004)*

The Amendment Bill, dealing with general amendments to the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act (EMPCA)*, passed through Parliament in October 2007 and came into effect on 29 November 2007. These amendments arose from two reviews of the *Act* which were conducted in recent years. Explanatory forums were held in March 2008 and fact sheets were prepared by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment to assist stakeholders, including councils, with implementation.

## Distributed Atmospheric Emissions Regulations

The *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Distributed Atmospheric Emissions) Regulations 2007* came into effect in August 2007. The regulations deal with a number of matters, with visible smoke emissions from heaters and backyard burning being of particular relevance to councils. Because of concerns expressed by Local Government about the implementation of these regulations, the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment agreed that it would conduct an evaluation after twelve months of operation.

## Public Health

### Tasmanian Pandemic Influenza Plan

LGAT played a key role in pandemic planning and preparedness. The Association continued to work with the State Government on completing the Tasmanian Pandemic Influenza Project (TPIP), a whole-of-community approach to pandemic influenza planning within Tasmania. As part of this project, a series of working groups was established to examine a broad range of issues concerned with providing an integrated approach to preparing for and responding to an influenza pandemic in Tasmania. LGAT was represented on several of these groups and, through its involvement on the Business Continuity Working Group, LGAT prepared Business Continuity Guidelines for Local Government which were distributed to all councils.

LGAT also initiated and distributed a Pandemic Matters newsletter to all councils and other interested parties in April and June 2008 respectively. The initiative enables leading government departments/agencies – including DHHS, DPAC and the SES to communicate their pandemic preparedness activities through the Association.

### Review of the Dog Control Act

In September 2007, the State Government announced a package of reforms to the *Dog Control Act 2000*. LGAT and other stakeholders have been working with the Local Government Division on a number of issues relating to implementation, prior to an amendment Bill being introduced into Parliament.





## Community and Social Development

### Demographic Change Advisory Council

Throughout the year, the President of the Local Government Association represented Local Government on the Demographic Change Advisory Council, while the CEO participated on the Steering Committee. LGAT coordinated responses from councils to the Local Government profiles and population projections.

### Affordable Housing

LGAT made submissions to both the State Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Affordable Housing in Tasmania and the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry into Housing Affordability, as well as the development of the Housing Affordability Fund Criteria and Guidelines.

The Association has provided support to the Council of Australian Government's affordable housing agenda, promoting the initiatives to councils (particularly the National Rental Affordability Scheme and Housing Affordability fund), passing on advice from relevant Commonwealth and State Agencies and working with the State Government to identify opportunities. The Premier's Local Government Council agreed to include affordable housing in its work program in April 2008.

### Healthy and Active Communities

During the year, the Association worked with the Premier's Physical Activity Council (PPAC) in redeveloping the terms of reference and focus of the Local Government Sub Committee so that individual roles in relation to information sharing were more clearly defined, identifying the need for broader regional forums and establishing a communiqué for disseminating sub-committee meeting outcomes. The first regional forum is scheduled to be held in Ulverstone late in 2008.

The Association promoted PPAC initiatives such as the *Find 30* campaign and *Get Walking Tasmania Week*. PPAC sponsored 'Moving Moments' for the Annual Local Government Conference. These short physical activity items were interspersed between plenary presentations were well received by delegates and will feature in future conferences.

LGAT continued to be involved in the Heart Foundation's Healthy by Design project through membership on the working group. The Association also provided support in the early stages to the *Move Well, Eat Well Project*, a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services.

### Rural Health Week 2007

Through its membership on the State Planning Committee, LGAT provided significant input into the planning processes associated with the inaugural Rural Health Week, held in September 2007, and was represented on the judging panel of the Rural Health Week Awards. This event, which promoted and celebrated rural health activities, was collaboration between the University of Tasmania and the three spheres of government. A number of councils, worked with other stakeholders, as part of regional planning groups developing activities and events that were showcased during the week. Following an evaluation of the 2007 event by the University, a similar event is being developed for 2009, once again with LGAT involvement.

### Tripartite Partnership Agreement for Population Ageing in Tasmania

Local Government continues to work with the Australian and Tasmanian Governments on implementation of the Tripartite Partnership Agreement for Population Ageing in Tasmania that was signed in August 2006. Allan Garcia represents LGAT on the steering committee. Six working groups were established to assist with the implementation of the agreement. LGAT assists the working groups by coordinating responses from councils where necessary.

### Policy Guidelines for Management of Recreational Vehicles

LGAT convened a Working Group comprising State and Local Representation with the objective of developing a consistent approach to facilities and management arrangements for recreational vehicles in Tasmania. The group developed draft policy guidelines following a survey of councils. These guidelines were endorsed at the March 2008 General Meeting and are available from the LGAT website. The guidelines addressed issues such as the definition of a self-contained recreational vehicle, waste management and provision of dump stations, and consistency of experience for the traveller. Sample by-laws were developed as a tool for councils.

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## Learning and Development

### Local Government Skills Shortages and Workforce Issues

The Association's efforts in this area have included: a review of the Local Government Skills and Training Working Group, with a refocus on strategic policy development; working in partnership with Skills Tasmania and TAFE to deliver affordable training for new and existing Local Government workers; the delivery of high-level vocational qualifications eg. Diploma of Health and Environment; the development, in partnership with Skills Tasmania, of a cadetship program for Local Government; and attendance at the National Skills and Employment Expo, held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre in July 2007. Following a review, LGAT opted not to participate in the 2008 Employment Expo.

### Careers Development Officer

With the assistance of the Skills Working Group, LGAT developed a proposal for a Careers Development Officer to work in a part-time capacity, in supporting councils with recruitment and retention issues. At the March 2008 General Meeting, councils agreed to fund the position for two years. Key activities will include developing and implementing a Strategic Training and Careers Development Framework and operational delivery plan, provide advice, support and assistance on a range of learning and development issues; and developing sustainable careers marketing practices.

### Community Recovery Workshops

LGAT coordinated a series of two-day residential workshops on community recovery, which were held in March 2008 in the three regions around the state. Local Government staff joined with presenters skilled in community recovery to further develop their understanding of how to assist a community with long-term recovery after a disaster.

A direct outcome of the workshops was the Community Recovery Coordinator's Resource Kit which has been distributed to each council in Tasmania. The kit brings together material covered in the workshops along with a large amount of material, case studies, templates and proformas, and contact lists for use by coordinators as they work through the recovery process within their local community. It is intended for use as a planning tool to prepare and store in one folder, all the practical information that is required by councils in the event of a disaster.

### 2007 National Local Government Human Resources Conference

The national network of Local Government Associations hosted the 2nd National Local Government Human Resources Conference at the Gold Coast in November 2007. This biennial event is a collaboration between the Associations, with LGAT represented on the national organising committee. The conference program covered a broad range of contemporary HR matters including rural skills shortages, future threats to industrial relations and workplace wellness. Delegates from across Australia attended the conference and Tasmania was well represented.

### Local Government Annual Conference

For the first time in 13 years, the 2008 Local Government Annual Conference returned to the Country Club in Prospect, near Launceston. Themed *Waves of Change*, the conference focused on promoting council preparedness in dealing with the ever-changing undercurrents and external forces which impact on the roles and responsibilities of councils. Key topics covered through the plenary and workshop sessions included climate change, the water and sewerage reforms, organisational change, innovation and future planning. Twenty-eight trade exhibitors provided product and service information during meal breaks, and delegates were transported to the Albert Hall for the conference dinner and awards presentation.

### Councillor Workshops

A series of regional workshops was conducted for aspiring candidates this year in Hobart, Burnie, Launceston, King Island and Flinders Island. The sessions were well attended and positive feedback was received on the benefits of these sessions.

A post-election workshop was held in the Tamar Valley for successful (and incumbent) councillors in March 2008, covering a range of essential issues and providing practical guidance. Topics covered over the course of the weekend included finances, asset management, rates, intergovernmental relations, land use planning, the rights and responsibilities of councillors, and effective interactions.

### Mayors' Workshops

The Mayors' Workshop is an annual forum dedicated to issues of particular interest to Mayors. The workshop, held in Launceston in November 2007, enabled the sharing of experiences at council level and encouraged discussion on a range of operational and strategic issues.

### Development of Councillor Resource Kit

The Association developed a Councillor Resource Kit that contains practical information to assist new councillors to become familiar with their roles and responsibilities in Local Government. It is also a useful resource for existing councillors. The kit presented information and guidance on a broad range of issues in an accessible format. A copy of the kit is also available on the LGAT website.







## Local Government Awards for Excellence

LGAT is committed to fostering the expertise of councils and each year runs the Local Government Awards for Excellence, which recognise excellence in Local Government for the benefit of Tasmanians. Twenty-four nominations were received for the 2008 Local Government Awards for Excellence from sixteen councils across the state. King Island Council was announced the winner of the 2008 Gold Award for its innovative Currie Waste Management Facility. King Island Council was also winner of the Sustainable Community Assets category and Invigorating Communities Category. Glenorchy City Council won the Building Better Futures Through Governance Award, and Launceston City Council received the Innovation & Creativity Award.

## Communications and Marketing Services

### LGAT News Magazine

The quarterly LGAT News magazine is a key information service provided through the Association at no cost to members. Readership continues to grow and the magazine is widely recognised as a leading publication in the sector.

### Newsletter and Community Development Bulletin

The Association continued to produce a fortnightly newsletter, distributed to councils and community organisations statewide, to keep readers up-to-date with the latest news and developments. It also continued to provide a monthly email bulletin to council community, youth, economic development and recreation officers, providing details of upcoming conferences, training, grants, and awards.

### General Managers' Workshops

Two General Managers Workshops were held this year - in September 2007 and March 2008. The workshops provide General Managers with updates on a range of policy matters and allow for roundtable discussion on matters raised by the General Managers themselves. Matters discussed this year included: transition and implementation processes associated with water and sewerage, Local Government sustainability and asset management, the Association's Budget Submission and terms of reference for the rating working group. The workshops provide the opportunity for new General Managers to introduce themselves and meet their peers. Guest speakers are a feature. For example, in September 2007, Don Challen presented on his life as Secretary of Treasury.

## LGAT Assist

The 2007-2008 LGAT ASSIST Board comprised Kaye Reeves (Chairman), Allan Garcia (LGAT), Ian James (Glenorchy City Council/ Australian Services Union), Tony Wolfe (Kingborough Council/ Australian Services Union) and Geoff Dodge (Local Government Managers Australia, Tasmania).

The fund continues to offer assistance to eligible Local Government employees by way of low interest loans, grants and access to financial advice. In addition to these services, three University of Tasmania bursaries, to the value of \$1,500 a year for two years, are awarded each year for eligible Local Government employees or their dependents. This year, a total of 82 loans to the value of \$440,000 were approved and non-refundable grants to the value of \$23,436 were provided.

LGAT supplies administration services to the fund and the board wishes to record its appreciation for this support.







# Financials

## Abridged LGAT Income and Expenditure Statement

	2008	2007
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government Grants	164,230	719,732
Fees & Commissions	75,633	63,207
Interest – General Account	145,498	76,425
Interest – Building Proceeds	54,457	49,380
Surplus on Sale of Plant & Equipment	(1,216)	1,384
Sponsorship, Conferences/Seminars	239,385	230,719
Subscriptions	881,372	835,425
Other	384	–
	<b>1,559,743</b>	<b>1,976,272</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising	7,017	1,181
General Accommodation Expenses	3,707	1,887
General Accounts Administration	12,416	8,928
ALGA	87,906	82,921
Amortisation – Computer Software	2,016	1,280
Auditor's Remuneration	12,454	14,713
Catering	3,607	4,742
Cleaning	10,198	10,884
Consultancy Fees - General Account	27,711	61,506
Conferences/Seminars	176,234	188,552
Cost Recovery – Welfare Administration	(22,800)	(22,800)
Cost Recovery – Grant Administration	(21,109)	(9,939)
Depreciation - Computers	8,008	8,868
Depreciation - Motor Vehicles	17,539	16,124
Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	256	934
Employee Benefits - Other	24,437	7,719
Equipment Hire	435	–
Fringe Benefits Tax	22,971	26,899
Insurance	22,318	26,895
Members Emoluments	49,393	48,690
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	9,674	9,674
Motor Vehicle - Repairs & Maintenance	544	1,729
Network & Internet	10,651	8,704
Other Expenses - General Account	12,985	16,428
Postage	8,026	7,901



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## Abridged LGAT Income and Expenditure Statement

	2008	2007
<b>Expenditure continued</b>		
Power	6,047	5,655
General Printing & Publications	13,741	12,517
Rates & Taxes	8,625	9,063
Rentals	54,323	56,334
Salaries & Wages (incl. Grant Staff)	545,925	572,869
Software	988	733
Sponsorship	2,864	3,500
Stationery	5,670	2,896
Subscriptions - General Account	3,632	4,693
Superannuation Contributions (incl. Grant Staff)	65,016	69,339
Telephone	17,649	14,713
Travelling Expenses	28,156	24,383
Travel, Admin & Consultancy - Govt Grants	114,242	67,659
	<b>1,353,332</b>	<b>1,368,774</b>
<b>Operating Profit/(Loss) – General Account</b>	<b>206,411</b>	<b>607,498</b>

## Abridged Statement of LGAT Assist Account Revenue and Expenditure

<b>Revenue</b>		
Interest on Loans	33,458	36,865
Other Interest Revenue	47,251	38,443
Other LGAT Assist Income	2,050	1,900
	<b>82,759</b>	<b>77,208</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
LGAT Assist Accounts Administration	24,779	26,762
Auditors Remuneration	4,151	4,905
Bad Debts Written Off	4,240	451
Donations & Research Projects	11,750	9,750
Grants to Members – Welfare	26,263	9,843
Other Expenses – Welfare	412	148
Printing & Publications	933	–
	<b>72,528</b>	<b>51,859</b>
<b>Operating Profit/(Loss) – LGAT Assist Account</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>25,349</b>





# Financials

## Abridged Statement of Financial Position

		2008		2007	
		Assist	General	Assist	General
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash Assets	2	697,960	1,180,215	677,659	2,448,866
Receivables	3	4,124	125,383	3,331	83,272
Financial Assets	4	264,900	–	299,753	–
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>966,984</b>	<b>1,305,598</b>	<b>980,743</b>	<b>2,532,138</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>					
Cash Assets	2	–	2,000,000	–	–
Financial Assets	4	162,087	–	140,673	–
Plant and Equipment	5	–	91,476	–	88,515
Intangibles	6	–	8,079	–	1,299
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>162,087</b>	<b>2,099,555</b>	<b>140,673</b>	<b>89,814</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,129,071</b>	<b>3,405,153</b>	<b>1,121,416</b>	<b>2,621,952</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Payables	7	4,606	265,393	7,182	135,097
Unexpended Grants	8	–	530,612	–	108,555
Provisions	9	–	110,461	–	63,635
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>4,606</b>	<b>906,466</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>307,287</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>					
Provisions	9	–	24,833	–	47,222
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>24,833</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>47,222</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>4,606</b>	<b>931,299</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>354,509</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,124,465</b>	<b>2,473,854</b>	<b>1,114,234</b>	<b>2,267,443</b>
<b>Equity</b>					
Retained profits – General		–	2,473,854	–	2,267,443
Retained profits – LGAT Assist		1,124,465	–	1,114,234	–
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>1,124,465</b>	<b>2,473,854</b>	<b>1,114,234</b>	<b>2,267,443</b>

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## Local Government Representatives

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Mrs Kym Curran	Launceston City Council
Assessment Committee for Dam Construction (ACDC)	Mr Bruce Cole	
Building Appeals Board	Mayor Deirdre Flint	Central Highlands Council
Community Review Committee – Threatened Species	Mr Jay Wilson	Dorset Council
Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council	Ald Sandra French	Burnie City Council
Environmental Management Pollution Control Board	Mr David Masters	Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Forest Practices Advisory Council	Mr Tony Walker	Break O'Day Council
LGAT Assist	Mr Allan Garcia	
Local Government Board	Mrs Mary Binks	
Premier's Physical Activity Council	Ald Frank Nott	Launceston City Council
Rural Workforce Committee	Mayor Deirdre Flint	Central Highlands Council
State Fire Commission	Clr John Lefevre Clr Richard Bowden	Break O'Day Council Central Highlands
State Fire Management Council	Mr Rod Sweetnam	Launceston City Council
State Grants Commission	Mr Barrie Southorn Mr Hugh Denny	
Tasmanian Cultural Heritage Council	Ald Sandra French Mr Roger Howlett	Burnie City Council,
Tasmanian Library Advisory Board	Clr Julian Bush Ald Sandra French Ms Lorraine Green Ald Doug Chipman	Kingborough Council Burnie City Council Northern Midlands Councils Clarence City Council
Tasmanian Spatial Information Council	Mr Mark Wise	Hobart City Council
Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee	Mr Mark Joseph	Hobart City Council

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