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Three Tasmanian Councils Recognised in 2013 Local Government Awards for Excellence

Three Tasmanian councils have been recognised for their dedication to making a positive difference in their local communities on the final day of the Local Government Conference at Wrest Point today.

Launceston City, Kentish and Kingborough Councils emerged as the three category winners of the 2013 Local Government Awards for Excellence, announced today by Tasmanian Local Government Minister, the Hon Bryan Green.

LGAT President, Mayor Barry Easter said the Awards aimed to promote and reward outstanding achievement in Local Government, recognising initiatives that have, or are, delivering a positive result for Tasmanian communities.

“Kentish Council won the *Delivering Excellence for our Communities* Award for the new Kentish Health Care Centre, which provides a range of health services for the community within one central location,” Mayor Easter said.

“These facilities reduce the need for Kentish residents to travel long distances to access essential health care services, provide enhanced services for patients, as well as better health outcomes for residents of the Kentish community,” he said.

“Kingborough Council won the *Delivering Excellence in Natural and Built Environments* award for bringing together a range of stakeholders to develop a plan to sustainably manage the D’Entrecasteaux Channel and lower Huon estuary waterways.

“The project provides a blueprint for future activity and sets a framework within which a multitude of users can engage and be responsible,” Mayor Easter said.

The *General Excellence* Award was presented to Launceston City Council for its state-of-the-art visitor centre which features a blend of traditional and digital technology to provide services for all types of travellers.

“In implementing a new model, Council has responded to a changing demographic, with learnings that would benefit other Tasmanian councils.

The annual Local Government Awards for Excellence aim to promote outstanding achievement and inspire leading management practice and continuous improvement within the sector.

** Award winner summaries attached*

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