**President’s Message**

Agendas for the LGAT Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meeting have been circulated to councils this week. It is therefore an appropriate time for me to encourage your attendance at both these meetings on Wednesday, 23 July, and the annual Local Government Conference which will follow from 24-25 July.

The AGM essentially deals with those necessary statutory requirements of the Association. This year, we are required to consider a change to the rules brought about as a result of the twelve-month postponement of council elections and the move to all in, all out, four-year term elections.

I note that the General Meeting, which will immediately follow the AGM, contains some interesting motions for our consideration and I trust that some vigorous discussion will occur.

Our conference program initially provided for the Minister for Planning and Local Government, The Hon Peter Gutwein to attend on the Friday. However, the Minister has advised that he is no longer able to attend at that time as it coincides with the first meeting of the Joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council. I’m sure you would all agree that this meeting is a very high priority for the Minister and of course Tasmania, so we do excuse him from attending the conference.

The good news is that the Minister will instead be addressing us at the General Meeting and will have more time available for us to interact with the comments and questions that we will most certainly have on matters pertaining to his planning and Local Government portfolios. I know the Minister, being the person that he is, will be prepared to answer any questions that may be raised at that time.

So, the important message for this edition of the newsletter is don’t miss the AGM and General Meeting on 23 July, and be sure to register for the Local Government Conference where we can prepare to Build Stronger Councils and Communities.

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**Multicultural Arts & Festivals Grants**

Applications are invited for Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants, aimed at building socially cohesive Australian communities by providing opportunities for Australians of all backgrounds to come together and experience different cultural traditions, including through multicultural arts and festival projects. Up to $5,000 is available for individual projects for events that will be held between 1 November 2014 and 30 June 2015. Applications close on 23 July. Find out more at [www.dss.gov.au/grants/multicultural-arts-and-festivals](http://www.dss.gov.au/grants/multicultural-arts-and-festivals).

**Service Delivery Review Manual for Local Government**

Councils in Australia have a new resource to comprehensively assess the services they provide for local communities. Service Delivery Review: A How to Manual for Local Government, published by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government at UTS, brings together advice, toolkits and templates to help councils, regardless of size, with this critical task. The centrepiece of the manual is a ‘framework for a service delivery review’. The manual is intended for council staff, elected members and general managers, and can be downloaded from [www.acelg.org.au](http://www.acelg.org.au).

**Farmers’ Market Study Shows Benefits for Consumers, Producers and Community**

A study into Australia’s farmers’ markets has revealed that they provide a number of benefits to farmers, consumers and their local communities. Funded and released by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), Understanding the Characteristics of Australian Farmers’ Markets identified a range of strengths and weaknesses. The study has shown that farmers’ markets not only provide an economically viable distribution option but also a platform for farmers and value added food businesses to grow their business, test their products with consumers, and improve other aspects of their business. The report is available for free from [https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/14-040](https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/14-040).
Youth Mental Health Report
Mission Australia's newest publication, the Youth Mental Health Report, has been launched. The report, prepared in collaboration with the Black Dog Institute, delivers unique insights from almost 15,000 young Australians aged 15 to 19, and presents data on rates of psychological distress, the concerns that are related to high levels of psychological distress, and the help seeking behaviour of young people. Based on the key findings, the report reveals that Australian youth need more support, not less, at this critical point in their transition into adulthood, and provides key policy recommendations. To download the report, visit www.missionaustralia.com.au.

Young People Solutions to Youth Unemployment
Young people aged 12 to 25 are being asked what they think could help young people gain and maintain employment, ahead of the upcoming Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) Youth Employment Statewide Forum. An online survey asks young people what issues they have experienced when trying to find employment and what they have found useful to help them gain employment. The survey can be found at http://fluidsurveys.com/s/youthemployment.

Addressing Violence against Women and their Children
The Federal Government has launched the Second Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, allocating more than $100 million over the next four years with the support of all states and territories across Australia. Around $200 million has been committed to address violence against women and their children under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2017. The Commonwealth Government will continue to work with states and territories, with the business and community sectors, and across society to build on the success of the First Action Plan and achieve better outcomes for women.

Sustainable House Day 2014
Local councils across Australia are invited to participate in Sustainable House Day, to be held on 7 and 14 September, to open their communities up to creating more sustainable homes and lifestyles. This unique event will see more than 220 environmentally progressive homes showcase the possibilities and benefits of renewable energy, recycling and other sustainable practices in the home. We invite local councils to get behind this unique event to encourage and promote the growth of sustainable practices and the health of our communities. To find out how your Municipal Area can participate, visit www.sustainablehouseday.com, or contact Jodie North on 043 070 5958.

New Quit Tasmania Project
Quit Tasmania’s Targeting Tobacco Project is offering free, one-hour briefings to organisations keen to update staff on ways to support staff interested in quitting. Sessions can be targeted to particular skills for workers and the relevant population groups. Briefings will be held from August to December. For more information, contact Carolyn Baker on 62428109, or email cbaker@quittas.org.au.

LGMA gets Social on Twitter and Facebook
Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Tasmania is now on Twitter@LGMATas! and Facebook at www.facebook.com/LGMATAS. These are two great ways for members and the wider Local Government community to stay up-to-date with LGMA activities and to actively engage on issues of importance. For more information on LGMA’s social media activities, contact Pamela Crawford at LGMA Tasmania on 0409 284 063.

History of Brighton Revisited
Brighton Council has commissioned Dr Alison Alexander to undertake another publishing of the Brighton’s history, Brighton and Surrounds. The book is a history of Bagdad, Bridgewater, Brighton, Broadmarsh, Dromedary, Elderslie, Mangalore, Old Beach, Pontville and Tea Tree. A magnificent coffee table book, it was finalised and printed in 2006, however Council has decided that it now needs to be updated. Dr Alexander would like to hear from anybody in the Brighton community involved with a community or business interest that was active during this period. To contribute, phone (03) 6223 7762, or email Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au.

Stories Reveal Challenges Faced by Migrant Women
The Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA) recently undertook a project through its Women's Advisory Committee to explore and share the amazing stories of Australian women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Prepared in inter-generational pairs, the stories provide an insight into the experiences of different immigrant women since their arrival in Australia, discussing their life experiences and journeys to Australia. The stories also recount personal struggles and challenges faced by migrant woman, as well as lessons learned, resilience and success stories. To read the stories, visit http://fecca.org.au/resources/womens-stories-project.
Awards

Crime and Violence Prevention Awards
Nominations are open for the annual Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards which recognise programs that reduce crime and violence. In 2013, awards from $1,000 to $15,000 supported 15 projects nation-wide. This year, the focus is on projects that use technology and social media to prevent crime; firearm-related crime prevention (policing); and innovative partnership (cross-cultural partnerships and multiculturalism). Nominations close on 1 August. For more information, visit www.aic.gov.au, or call (02) 6260 9216.

2014 Medibank Active Tasmania Awards
Nominations for the 2014 Medibank Active Tasmania Awards are now open, with $30,000 in prize money available to acknowledge active schools and communities. Local Government, schools and not-for-profit community organisations from around the State are invited to enter their physical activity initiatives in this year’s awards program. The awards are an initiative of the Premier’s Physical Activity Council together with Medibank. They acknowledge the important role these organisations play in promoting and facilitating physical activity across Tasmania. Nominations close on 8 August. For further information, phone 1800 252 476, visit www.getmoving.tas.gov.au, or email ppac@getmoving.tas.gov.au.

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

2014 Local Government Conference
Time is running out to register for the 102nd Local Government Conference, themed Building Stronger Councils and Communities, to be held at Wrest Point in Hobart, from 23-25 July. Keynote Speakers include: Craig James – Chief Economist of Commonwealth Securities, who will focus on the opportunities and challenges facing Tasmania in lifting economic growth rates; leadership expert - Tarran Deane; innovation specialist - Roger La Salle; and international body language expert - Tony Morris. A series of workshops will cover topics including: managing council debt; developing a thriving shopping precinct; avoiding community outrage and emotion through good community engagement; building resilient local food economies; and managing public risks from natural hazards. To register your attendance, please visit www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=209, or phone (03) 6233 5966.

Southern Region Project Planning and Grant-writing Workshops
The Department of Premier and Cabinet’s Community Development Division will deliver a series of free Project Planning and Grant Writing Workshops across the southern region from August through to October. These workshops are designed to assist community groups to plan successful projects, identify a range of potential grant funding sources, and prepare grant submissions. The workshops will be held in Triabunna (6 August), Oatlands (17 September), Cygnet (23 September), Geeveston (25 September), Dunalley (8 October), and Nubeena (8 October). RSVPs are required a week before each event. For further information, contact Vlasta Collins on (03) 6232 7050, or email vlasta.collins@dpac.tas.gov.au.

Good Health, Good Business Conference: Actions, Ideas and Evidence
The themes of leading healthier, safer and high-performing workplaces will be explored in a conference to be hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services and WorkSafe Tasmania, from 21-22 August, in Hobart. The conference will feature international guest speakers and focus on leadership, culture and research. To register, contact Anita.Whittle@dhhs.tas.gov.au, or Michelle.Kilpatrick@utas.edu.au.
State Budget Briefings
Treasurer Peter Gutwein MP will provide briefings on the 2014/2015 State Budget at a breakfast, lunch and dinner being held on 29 August in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie. The briefings are being coordinated by the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, and the Devonport Chamber of Commerce with support from Tasplan Super and Southern Cross Television. To find out more, or to register your attendance, visit www.tccci.com.au (Hobart), www.lcc.asn.au (Launceston), or www.dcci.org.au (Burnie).

Create Successful Sponsorship Opportunities
Sponsorship means more than just money spent; it is all about engagement, activation and above all else, co-creation from both sponsors and rights owners to leverage a successful partnership. It is now the time to be different, innovative and start thinking outside the box to stand out from the competition, and realise that in order to pull off exceptional results, sponsors and rights owners need to work together and engage in a win-win partnership. A two-day course, being held from 16-17 October, in Sydney, will provide an opportunity to discover future trends on partnerships. For more information, visit www.marcusevansassets.com/doc/pdfs/Ep_21338.pdf?MEC_Title=SY-MMK3884_Sponsorship_(PL)&MEC_ID=357590124.

4th Annual GOV 3.0 – Investigating the Future of Social Media
The 4th annual GOV 3.0 – Investigating the Future of Social Media: Public Sector 2014 Congress will be held in Canberra, from 30 September to 1 October. This is a timely landmark event designed to uncover the best approaches and share global insights on future social media development across the public sector. This two-day investigation of social innovation and 3.0 strategy will assist in creating pioneering social strategy throughout Government and the Public Sector and with emerging social technologies organisations can become more able to succeed through their social innovations. Find out more at www.ibrc.com.au/newsletter_images/P-GOV3.0-Future%20of%20Social%20Media%20for%20Public%20Sector%202014%20Canberra.pdf.

GovInnovate Summit
Evolving from the well-established Gov2.0, GovInnovate will bring together many senior public servants from Australia and overseas from 25 - 27 November, in Canberra. It will once again provide a mission critical arena for the public sector to align government business needs with excellence in service design and delivery. Themes include the future for the digital citizen, digital technology in service delivery, big data, cyber security and special roundtable discussions. For more information, visit the website at www.cebit.com.au/govinnovate.

Australian Women’s Leadership Symposium comes to Tasmania
As part of Women and Leadership Australia WLA’s Ten Year Celebration, the 2014 Australian Women’s Leadership Symposium will be coming to Tasmania for the first time. The symposium is Australia’s most highly attended women’s leadership event and features insights and powerful stories from Australia’s most influential and successful women. The 2014 Symposium will formally acknowledge The Hon. Julia Gillard as the inaugural recipient of the Australian Award for Excellence in Women’s Leadership. Ms Gillard’s acceptance speech will be shown during the program. The Tasmanian State Award will also be awarded during the event. For details, visit www.wla.com.au/events/14/symposium/super-saver/symposium-hobart-super-saver.pdf.

Applications Open for the 2015 Tasmanian Leaders Program
The Tasmanian Leaders Program identifies, promotes and develops aspiring business and community leaders, creating significant future benefits for both them and Tasmania. Each year, a diverse group of participants with high leadership potential is selected, to come together regularly over a ten-month period to learn and cultivate a range of specific competencies crucial to leaders. Participants meet at regular intervals to explore critical issues facing Tasmania through seminars, panels, field trips, case studies and retreats, exposing participants to hundreds of community leaders, experts and critical thinkers. Applications are encouraged from across Tasmania. For more information, go to www.tasmanianleaders.org.au.

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