



Local Government Association Tasmania

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

The

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH SESSION
OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Will be held on
25 July 2018**

**Commencing
11.00am**

**Wrest Point Casino
Hobart**

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* Denotes Attachment

Electronic Voting Results have been attached at the end of this document.

FORMAL NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

**The Annual Conference of
Local Government in Tasmania
will be held
commencing
Wednesday 25 July, 2018**

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT
One Hundred and Sixth Annual General Meeting
of the Association
will be held at
Wrest Point
Hobart
Commencing at
11.00am
on
Wednesday 25 July, 2018**

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT THE
Association's General Meeting
will be held at
Wrest Point
Hobart
commencing immediately following
the conclusion of the
AGM
on Wednesday 25 July, 2018**

**To consider
Local Government Policy and Motions
from Member Councils**

**Katrena Stephenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

2018 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018

11.00am	AGM	
	General Meeting	Commences immediately following the conclusion of AGM
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Meetings continue	
5.00 6.00pm	Welcome Reception	With thanks to Page Seager

THURSDAY 26 JULY 2018

8.00am	Conference Registration	
8.45am	Welcome and Opening	
9.00am	Scott Rankin	
9.40am	Sally Curtain	
10.20am	Corporate Wellness - Dr Matt Constable	
10.35am	Morning Tea	With thanks to Dial Before You Dig
11.10am	Brook Dixon	
11.40	Mayor David O'Loughlin – ALGA President	
12.10	Speed Networking	
12.30pm	Lunch	With thanks to Dial Before You Dig
1.30pm	Workshop Program	
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	With thanks to Commonwealth Bank
3.30pm	Craig Reucassel	
4.30 – 5.30pm	Happy Hour	With thanks to Commonwealth Bank
7.15pm	MAV Conference Dinner	

FRIDAY 27 JULY 2018

8.30am	The Rewind Walking Tour – Tasmanian Heritage Council	
9.00am	Workshop Program	
10.30am	Morning Tea	With thanks to Jardine Lloyd Thompson
11.15am	2018 Local Government Awards for Excellence	
11.55am	Genevieve Lilley	
12.50pm	Conference wrap up	
1.00pm	Lunch	With thanks to Jardine Lloyd Thompson

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President, Mayor Doug Chipman, will welcome Members, declare the Annual General Meeting open at 11.00am.

Apologies were accepted from -

Mr Ron Sanderson	Brighton Council
Mr Nick Heath	City of Hobart
Mayor Albert van Zetten	Launceston City Council
Mr Michael Stretton	Launceston City Council
Mr Andrew Paul	Clarence City Council
Mr Paul West	Devonport City Council
Mr Bill Boehm	Flinders Island Council
Ms Justine Brooks-Bedelph	George Town Council
Mayor Michael Kent	Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Mr David Metcalf	Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Mr Des Jennings	Northern Midlands Council
Mayor Carol Cox	Flinders Island
Lord Mayor Ron Christie	City of Hobart
Mayor Alwyn Boyd	Burnie City Council

1 MINUTES OF 105TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *

Clarence City Council/Central Coast Council

That the Minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting, held 26 July, 2017 be confirmed.

Carried

The Minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, held in Hobart on 26 July, 2017 as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

The Minutes are at **Attachment to Item 1.**

Circular Head Council/West Tamar Council

That the President's report be received.

Carried

I am pleased to be able to present my Annual Report on the activities and achievements of LGAT over the last twelve months.

It has again been a very busy year and I have been grateful for the support of the General Management Committee and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge them:

- Vice President Mayor Daryl Quilliam from Circular Head Council;
- The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey and since March Alderman Ron Christie;
- Mayor Tony Bisdee, Southern Midlands Council;
- Mayor Christina Holmdahl, West Tamar Council;
- Mayor Steve Martin, Devonport City Council and since March, Mayor Jan Bonde from Central Coast Council;
- Mayor Mick Tucker, Break O Day Council, and
- Alderman Heather Chong from Clarence.

This time last year we were very much in the thick of our campaign against the State Government's takeover of TasWater and so, it is with great pleasure and some relief that I note the new and positive relationship with the State Government on this issue since the March State elections.

Over the next few months councils will be provided detailed advice on how it is proposed the MOU with the State Government can be implemented and will be asked to provide feedback on legislation and vote as owners on changes to the constitution.

I can only say that as your President, along with your dedicated and hardworking Chief Owner Representative Mayor David Downie and the Chair and CEO of TasWater, Miles Hampton and Mike Brewster respectively, I truly believe the changes outlined in the MOU represent a real win. A win for councils, a win for Government and ultimately a win for our communities.

Not only will there continue to be \$20 million a year available for councils to spend on local services and infrastructure but we will also continue to see significant improvements in water quality and sewerage treatment right across Tasmania.

While LGAT has invested considerable effort and resources on TasWater advocacy, this does not mean other important issues have gone untreated.

Under the highly capable leadership of the CEO Katrena Stephenson and LGAT's Policy Director, Dion Lester, the policy team have prosecuted strong agendas around issues like waste management, planning, housing affordability, heavy vehicles, electricity pricing, emergency management and much more.

I could go on for quite some time, but in the interests of our full meeting agenda, I decided on a few highlights.

Take Land Use Planning, LGAT's advocacy has resulted in a change in reform focus, with Major Projects legislation shelved and significant changes made to the recent Housing Supply Bill. \$100,000 per region was secured to facilitate the development of the Local Provision Schedules and facilitate the statewide priority vegetation mapping. We continue to advocate for a sensible approach to short stay visitor accommodation and joined with other peaks to call for data to support sensible policy conversations.

When it comes to the changing waste management environment, we continue to press the Government for action and about a week ago, co-facilitated in an industry roundtable convened by Environment Minister. In the South, Dion Lester led regional negotiations for recycling contracts, and with the assistance of participating councils, secured a strong outcome despite the unstable environment. And we are not waiting for State Government to lead a more strategic response to waste issues. In the General Meeting, following this AGM, you will consider a proposal for a sector led feasibility study into a state-wide approach to waste.

Significant activity has occurred in the Emergency Management policy area this year. Of note the State Government has agreed to a contribution model of 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 as part of the flood studies grant program to be run through the Tasmanian Flood project. LGAT undertook consultation and made submissions in relation the *Local Government Relief and Recovery Policy, Emergency Management Bill, Evacuation Framework and State Special Plan on Recovery*. The Department of Premier and Cabinet has now agreed to engage with Crown land to address the current gap in roles and responsibilities around the clean-up of crown land post emergencies and just last month, LGAT secured funding to update the Municipal Emergency Management Guidelines to better support councils in understanding the plethora of changes to the arrangements in recent years.

Through Georgia Palmer's hard work, LGAT continues to actively engage in the Southern Lights LED Project with councils and TasNetworks. It is fair to say that this project has not been as smooth as the northern lights project but issues are being worked through and project role out is likely to begin in the coming months. LGAT has also engaged in a partnership with the Municipal Association of Victoria to tender for energy efficient street lighting and installation.

Further, LGAT has also been active in its advocacy role around TasNetworks network and distribution pricing reset, particularly in relation to street lighting. The work and liaison with the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and the Consumer Advocacy Panel has resulted in some reduction in pricing from TasNetworks. It is hoped that the Australian Energy Regulator will recommend a further review of the pricing when it hands down its draft determination in September.

Thanks to Deborah Leisser, LGAT continues to provide a wide range of procurement offerings. The amount of contract and panel arrangements and activity since 2017/18 have grown considerably with new opportunities around fuel, mobile garbage bins, telecommunications and corporate wardrobe. Councils have spent around \$6.5 million on LGAT/National Procurement Network contracts or panels over 12 months and we estimate savings to the sector of \$1.08 million. When electricity savings from the whole of sector approach to street lighting are also considered, the sectoral savings are around \$1.9m.

When LGAT/NPN direct and indirect estimated savings are added to estimated electricity savings negotiated through LGAT, fifteen councils make enough savings in a 12 month period to cover their LGAT subscriptions for a 12 month period.

In matters directly targeted at the sector, LGAT led a review of the Code of Conduct (there is a report on that in the General Meeting Agenda), advocated strongly in relation to the review of Councillor Allowances and provided feedback on a range of regulatory issues, including most recently, electoral advertising.

Michael Edrich has worked with a number of councils and key State Government stakeholders to develop a model Credit Card policy for councils, which meets the recommendations of the Auditor General as well as working practically for councils.

And a range of new policies and procedures were added to the IR Toolkit.

This year we have continued to build strong relationships, with politicians, senior officers and other stakeholders. This led to a joint principles document, candidate forums and a leader's forum for the State election; participation at the Premier's Housing Summit and Kelly Madden's roll out of our Health and Wellbeing Project to name but a few examples. We also entered into two new MOUs thanks to the initial ground work undertaken by Penny Finlay, one with the EPA and one with the Local Government Youth Conference.

And you will have seen we continue to push opportunities to promote the good work of Local Government, with our new look Annual Report, regular opinion pieces and Local Government focused publications. Our new communications and events team, Kate Hiscock and Miriam Rule, continue to incrementally modernize our approach and you will see a number of examples of this over the conference period.

Collectively the Association has continued efforts to deliver a varied program of professional development opportunities for elected members and staff including our annual conference, elected member weekend, regional breakfasts and mayors' workshops, preventative health, strata titles, and priority vegetation forums and more. With a focus on Local Government elections, LGAT has delivered several regional and remote sessions for prospective candidates and thanks to Scott Blacklow loaded the website with new tools and information and used our TVC as a call to action "Stand for Council".

The GMC are currently reviewing priorities for the next twelve months but some priorities are already clear, Federal Elections, induction and support for new councillors, the review of the Local Government Act and securing a strategic approach to waste management for a start. Certainly, plenty to keep the small LGAT team busy.

I would like to conclude with some thankyou's.

Firstly, I would like to thank and acknowledge the hard work and strong outcomes delivered by every single staff member at LGAT. They really do work tirelessly for our Sector. I have mentioned a number of staff during this address but I would be remiss if I did not thank in particular, the engine room of LGAT, Christine Agostinelli, Michelle Freeman and Melissa Alomes.

I also want to thank Vice President Daryl Quilliam and the other members of your GMC. Both individually and collectively they have been strong and sensible voices during a tumultuous year and I have very much valued their advice.

Finally, to you as members and stakeholders, thank you for your passion and commitment to the cause of Local Government in Tasmania. For those of you running again, I wish you the very best for the upcoming elections and for those of you who have decided to step back, thank you for collective contribution to a strong Local Government sector.

Central Highlands Council/Tasman Council

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.

Carried

The General Management Committee recommends consideration and adoption of the Association's Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, an abridged version of which are included at **Attachment to Item 3**.

A full version is available from the Association's offices on request.

A copy of the Association's Profit and Loss report for the period 1 July 2017 to 22 June 2018 is also included at **Attachment to Item 3** to provide members with an indication of the current financial position of the Association.

At the time of preparation of this report one week remained to the end of the financial year with year-end adjustments also pending. It is anticipated that there will be a surplus (approx. \$60,000) with items below being of note –

- With the decision to revamp the Community Satisfaction Survey, the survey will not be undertaken until the 2018/19 financial year, resulting in an underspend of \$30,000 this financial year.
- Additional staffing were incorporated into the budget for 2017/18 to accommodate changes to the communications and events role and general staff changes. Consequently, a full year was not been worked in all positions. This resulted in a reduction in overall wages and superannuation costs.
- We were able to secure some excellent speakers for the July 2017 Annual Conference at a low-cost which, combined with some other cost cutting initiatives, resulted in less expense overall to hold the event.

Southern Midlands Council/Burnie City Council

That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.

Carried

Subscriptions

This year we have transitioned to the new subscription formula agreed at the 2017 AGM. That formula comprises a flat fee of 40 per cent and population and revenue fees of 30 per cent each, 8 revenue categories and 8 population categories and a 10 per cent collar and cap.

In this first year, many councils trigger either the collar or cap provisions but, testing on outer years has demonstrated that the formula stabilises and that the number of councils triggering the 10% cap will reduce substantially.

Additionally, to smooth the first year when so many councils triggered caps and collars, a small adjustment against total subs has been made to ensure alignment between the formula and budget.

However, mindful of the impacts of the formula change, LGAT has applied an overall subscription increase (including the survey/advertising components) of 2.42%¹.

Budget

There are no strongly significant areas of variation to the budget this year but some moderate variations as follows:

- Staff outputs and productivity continue to be high and therefore in line with most council EBAs a 2% pay increase has been budgeted for across all second year plus staff. Staff in their first year receive a post probation period increment as per their contracts.
- There has been a change in the way conference registrations and trade and general sponsorship have been reflected in the budget to better reflect our new approach to sponsorship but overall only a modest increase in this income stream (\$10,000) is projected given the competitive conference and sponsorship environment.
- We have continued to focus on generating our own income and while it remains a relatively small component as compared to subscriptions, it is increasing. A further small but steady increase in income is predicted in relation to our events and commissions.

¹ In line

with Council Cost Index.

- Owing to a re-examination of the format of the community satisfaction survey, it was not conducted during the 2017/18 financial year but will be conducted during the 2018 calendar year. It should be noted that LGAT subscriptions allow for a portion of the costs of the four yearly survey to be captured each year so there is not a neat offset between income and expenditure in a single year. This is further exacerbated as we are still in the transition period between a two-yearly survey and a four-yearly survey. The collection of a portion of funds each year reduces the impact for councils in a survey year.
- The allocation to TV advertising has been reduced this year based on the planned program of activity and the use of some unspent advertising funds. This has helped keep the overall subscription increase in line with the Council Cost Index.
- Interest rates remain low and projected interest earnings reflect that this is unlikely to change in this financial year.
- LGAT is shifting providers for telecommunications (mobile and data) and we anticipate significant savings over time, with a smaller offset this first year because of equipment transition costs.
- There is no significant building maintenance work scheduled for this year.
- A new budget line item has been introduced for HR/IR which relates to a new contracted support service to LGAT on these matters. This will be partially offset by a reduction in consultancy costs (related to legal fees).
- Budget for a short-term mentoring project has been established to support the post-election environment.

A copy of the Budget and Subscriptions for the 2018/2019 Financial Year are at **Attachment to Item 4.**

Central Coast Council/Huon Valley Council

That the President's and Vice President's allowance for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.

Carried

The Rules of the Association provide that the Annual General Meeting will grant an annual allowance to the President and Vice President.

In the past an independent review of allowances was undertaken in the same financial year as the review of allowances for Local Government Elected Members, with the last review undertaken in 2009. The result of that review was to retain the basis of the present allowances unchanged for the two positions with movements to be in conjunction with the wages price index. This brought the escalation factor for allowances in line with Elected Member allowances across councils.

The escalation factor used for elected member allowances remains the wages price index and it is deemed appropriate that the President and Vice President Honorariums continue to escalate on the same basis.

A review of Elected Member allowances has been undertaken in the 2017/18 Financial Year but is not yet finalised. If, as anticipated, the review determines that the escalation of Elected Member Allowances will not alter, the Honorariums will not require review.

The resultant application of the wages price index has meant allowances for 2017/18 were:

- President allowance \$47,304 per annum.
- Vice President allowance \$11,826 per annum.

GMC sitting fees will also be adjusted by the wages price index.

Circular Head Council/Waratah Wynyard Council

That Members agree to amend the Rules to reflect electronic voting practices as outlined in Option One.

Carried

Background

LGAT introduced electronic voting for the AGM and General Meeting in July 2017.

At the November 2017 Meeting Members agreed to the practice of publishing the vote record on decision items by the Council in the General Meeting and AGM Minutes. Members also agreed that the electronic vote would be used for all items (with cards only to be used in the case of technology failure).

It is timely then to amend LGAT's rules to reflect this practice, the changes proposed are highlighted in red below.

Option 1**16. VOTING AT MEETINGS**

- (a) Voting at any Meeting of the Association shall be upon the basis of each Voting Representative being provided with, immediately prior to the meeting, **an electronic voting button or** placard which is to be used for the purpose of voting at the meeting. The placard will be coloured according to **voting entitlement and the voting buttons will be coded according to voting entitlement:**

Population of the Council Area	Number of votes entitled to be exercised by the Voting Representative	Colour placard to be raised by the Voting Representative when voting
Under 10,000	1	Red
10,000 – 19,999	2	White
20,000 – 39,999	3	Blue
40,000 and above	4	Green

- (b) **Electronic voting buttons will be the first choice for voting on all decisions, with placards only to be used if the technology fails.**

- (c) Voting buttons allow councils to vote for or against a motion or formally abstain from voting. An abstain is not to be taken as a negative vote.
- (d) The Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to rely upon the electronic vote or the raising of a coloured placard as the recording of the vote for the Member and as evidence of the number of votes being cast.
- (e) Except as provided in sub-rule (d), each question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of the votes for a motion. If there is an equal number of votes upon any question, it shall be declared not carried.
- (f)
 - (i) When a vote is being taken to amend a Policy of the Association, the resolution must be carried by a majority of the votes cast by Members present at the meeting.
 - (ii) When a vote is being taken for the Association to sign a protocol, memorandum of understanding or partnership agreement, the resolution must be carried by a majority of votes capable of being cast by Members and by a majority of Members, whether present at the meeting or not.
 - (iii) When a vote is being taken to amend these Rules of the Association, the resolution must be carried by at least two-thirds of the votes capable of being cast by Members, whether present at the meeting or not.
- (e) A Voting Representative or his or her proxy in the name of the Member is entitled to vote on any matter considered at a Meeting of the Association.
- (f) The electronic record of votes cast for decision items will be provided with the Minutes of the Meeting.

A critical point to understand is that when voting cards were used, it was not possible to know who abstained from voting. On that basis LGAT has simply carried a motion based on a majority of votes. The proposed amendments would continue to work on that basis. That is, to abstain is not considered a vote in the negative. If Members determined that to abstain is considered a vote in the negative, then the following Rule Amendments would apply.

Option 2

16. VOTING AT MEETINGS

- (g) Voting at any Meeting of the Association shall be upon the basis of each Voting Representative being provided with, immediately prior to the meeting, an electronic voting button or placard which is to be used for the purpose of voting at the meeting. The placard will be coloured according to voting entitlement and the voting buttons will be coded according to voting entitlement:

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- (h) **Electronic voting buttons will be the first choice for voting on all decisions, with placards only to be used if the technology fails.**
- (i) **Voting buttons allow councils to vote for or against a motion or formally abstain from voting. An abstain is to be taken as a negative vote.**
- (j) The Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to rely upon **the electronic vote or** the raising of a coloured placard as the recording of the vote for the Member and as evidence of the number of votes being cast.
- (k) Except as provided in sub-rule (d), each question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast, **with an abstain to be counted in the negative.** If there is an equal number of votes upon any question, it shall be declared not carried.
- (l) (i) When a vote is being taken to amend a Policy of the Association, the resolution must be carried by a majority of the votes cast by Members present at the meeting.
- (ii) When a vote is being taken for the Association to sign a protocol, memorandum of understanding or partnership agreement, the resolution must be carried by a majority of votes capable of being cast by Members and by a majority of Members, whether present at the meeting or not.
- (iii) When a vote is being taken to amend these Rules of the Association, the resolution must be carried by at least two-thirds of the votes capable of being cast by Members, whether present at the meeting or not.
- (g) A Voting Representative or his or her proxy in the name of the Member is entitled to vote on any matter considered at a Meeting of the Association.
- (h) **The electronic record of votes cast for decision items will be provided with the Minutes of the Meeting.**

Members should note that as the voting software is not currently set up to count 'abstains' as a negative vote, this rule amendment would not apply until the December General Meeting.

LGAT Policy

Does not apply.

Budget Impact

Does not apply.

7 LGAT/LG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

King Island Council/Clarence City Council

That Members note the intent to undertake scoping work with LG Professionals Tasmanian with respect to combining our conferences in future.

That Members further note, that should conferences combine, it may be prudent to shift the AGM and General Meeting to a separate date.

Carried

Background

During the organization of the LGAT Annual Conference, we have experienced the withdrawal of some of our regular sponsors and trade exhibitors, demonstrating a continued tightening of the market. Some of the withdrawing sponsors are citing a move to sponsoring Local Government Professionals Tasmania (LG Professionals Tas) which is surprising given that over the last two years, the numbers attending the LG Professionals Tas Conference has dropped dramatically. Small attendance numbers might make both sponsorship and trade significantly more difficult for LG Professionals Tas to attract in future.

Both LGAT and LG Professionals Tas are providing increased networking and professional development opportunities and in essence may be cannibalizing our big events with more tailored events. Combined with greater workloads/fewer resources in councils, more alignment with technical/professional roles and training opportunities related to those (eg PIA, IPWEA, EHA), tighter council budgets restricting paid professional development opportunities, low interest rates, tighter market conditions, more focused spend by sponsors, not to mention competition between our two organisations, the pressure on our key revenue raising events will continue.

In 2017, while LGAT and LG Professionals Tas shared a resource, LGAT undertook and funded, a sponsorship workshop with an independent consultant which highlighted the potential benefits of a joint approach to sponsorship and conference but the timing was not quite right to pursue from either a LGAT or LG Professionals Tas perspective. However, both the GMC and the LG Professionals Tas Board have agreed that if we continue to delay these discussions there is a significant risk to the viability of both events.

Both organisations have agreed to work together to develop a proposed model for a joint 2019 conference as well as a proposed model for a joint sponsorship prospectus, that is in tune with the principles of our MOU.

Before a decision can be made on whether to combine events, both organisations require some independent advice, particularly as relates to assessing historical income generation and resourcing and determining a fair methodology for distributing income and an understanding of who/how sponsorship and conference would be managed ongoing. There are implications for both organisations financially and in terms of human resource that would need to be considered. This preliminary investigative and modelling work will be funded by both organisations equally. A consultant has been engaged and a workshop will be held with representatives of both organisations in late September as part of that process.

At the November 2017 General Meeting, the CEO informally canvassed views about separating the AGM from the LGAT Annual Conference. The rationale was two-fold, it could reduce the cost of attendance of the AGM significantly and it could free up the conference to include other streams and partners as outlined above. Members indicated the viability of this should be explored. As it currently stands, there is a risk to the conference viability generally in separating the AGM and General Meeting because of the additional resourcing costs internally to LGAT (related to two separate events), the potential loss of registered participants and the subsequent loss in trade and sponsorship. Consideration of the timing of the AGM will be part of LGAT's overall considerations when modelling a partnership approach to the conference.

Budget Implications

Up to \$5000 for the initial scoping study.

Current Policy

Focus Area: Developing capacity and capability to deliver

Priority Area 9: Host an excellent Annual Conference, AGM & General Meetings

There is nothing in the rules which prevents separation of the AGM and General Meeting from the Annual Conference.

Huon Valley Council/City of Launceston

That Members note the following report.

Carried

Background Comment:

LGAT has made significant progress on the strategic priorities identified in the Strategic Plan for 2017-18, thanks to a small but high functioning team. There were 10 priorities:

1. Influence the State Government agenda for TasWater.
2. Shape the Code of Conduct Review.
3. Drive the planning reform agenda.
4. Build upon the resources available for Elected Members and staff.
5. Prepare communities and Councils for Local Government Elections in 2018.
6. Position the Local Government agenda in the State Government election.
7. Promote the good work of Local Government to the broader community.
8. Ensure LGAT systems and IT are fit for purpose.
9. Host an excellent Annual Conference, AGM and General Meetings.
10. Continue to expand the Procurement Program.

In particular, it should be noted that work was successfully completed in relation to TasWater advocacy, the Code of Conduct review, preparing for Local Government elections and State Government election advocacy.

In addition, internally LGAT completed significant IT upgrades and transitioned to a new staffing structure.

The GMC will soon agree the key strategic priorities for the year ahead and a new annual plan will be developed around those.

It is anticipated that training of new councillors, Federal elections, future Local Government reform and Waste Management will feature as new priorities but that planning, building resources and training and sector promotion will remain as priorities.

A report against the progress of the LGAT Annual Plan and a copy of the LGAT Strategic Plan are at **Attachment to Item 8.**

Central Coast Council/Central Highlands Council

- (a) That the reports from representatives on various bodies be received and noted.
- (b) That Conference acknowledges the time and effort put in by all Association representatives on boards, working parties, advisory groups and committees etc.

Carried

Listed below are the bodies on which the Association had statutory representation in the 2017/2018 financial year.

Representatives on Bodies are requested to provide a report for Conference and are also requested to provide regular reports back to the Association during the year.

- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**
Clr David Moser
- **Community Review Committee - Threatened Species Protection Act 1995**
Ms Liz Quinn, Kingborough Council
- **Family Violence Consultative Committee**
Clr Mary Knowles OAM, Northern Midlands Council
- **LGAT Assist**
Mrs Jill Taylor
- **Local Government Board**
Mr Greg Preece
- **State Fire Commission**
Clr Hannah Rubenach, Break O'Day Council
- **State Fire Management Council**
Ms Melanie Kelly, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
- **State Grants Commission**
Mr Grant Atkins and Mr Rodney Fraser
- **State Marine Pollution Committee**
Mr Andrew Brown, Clarence City Council
- **Tasmanian Heritage Council**
Ms Danielle Gray, Kingborough Council; Ald Robin McKendrick, City of Launceston
- **Tasmanian Library Advisory Board**
Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council, Clr Dick Adams, Northern Midlands Council; Ald James Walker, Clarence City Council; Ms Amanda Davison, Waratah Wynyard Council
- **Tasmanian Planning Commission**
Mr Michael Stretton, Launceston City Council
- **Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Committee**
Acting Mayor Annette Rockliff, Devonport City Council

The reports received for presentation are at **Attachment to Item 9.**

10 CLOSURE

There being no further business the President declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Draft

Annual General Meeting

25 July 2018

Item 1

Total Responses: 57

1 Confirmation of Minutes

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL / CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July, 2017, as circulated, be confirmed.

1. For 57
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



1 Confirmation of Minutes

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL / CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July, 2017, as circulated, be confirmed.

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 3. No Vote

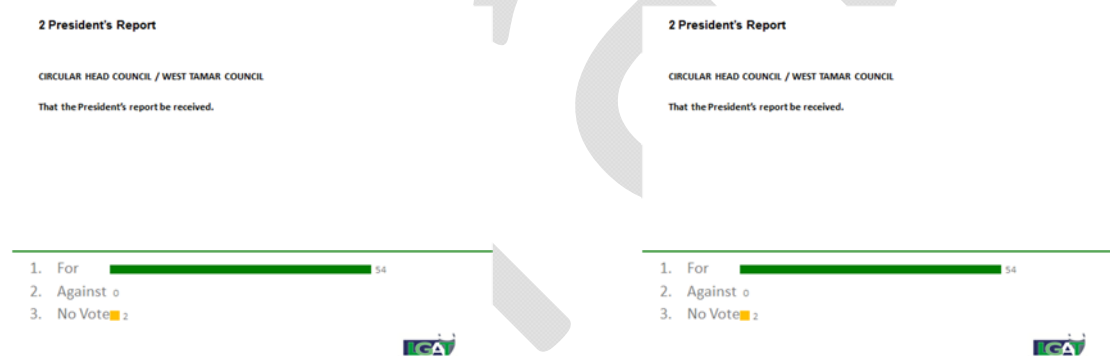


Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1

Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 2

Total Responses: 56



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	No Vote	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1

Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	[No Response]	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 3

Total Responses: 57

3 Financial Statements to 30 June 2017

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL / TASMAN COUNCIL

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.

1. For 57
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



3 Financial Statements to 30 June 2017

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL / TASMAN COUNCIL

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.

1. For 57
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2

Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 4

Total Responses: 57

4 LGAT Budget and Subscriptions 2018/2019

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL / BURNIE CITY COUNCIL

That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.

4 LGAT Budget and Subscriptions 2018/2019

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL / BURNIE CITY COUNCIL

That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.

1. For 57
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



1. For 57
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2

Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 5

Total Responses: 57

5 Presidents and Vice President Honorariums

CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL / HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

That the President and Vice President allowances for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.



5 Presidents and Vice President Honorariums

CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL / HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

That the President and Vice President allowances for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.

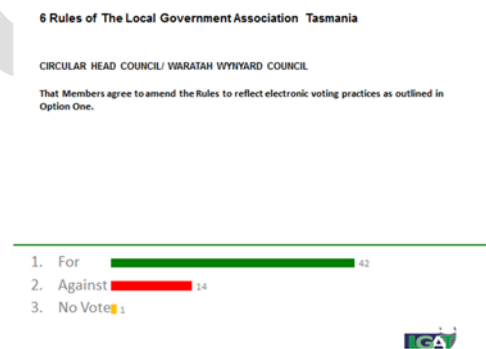
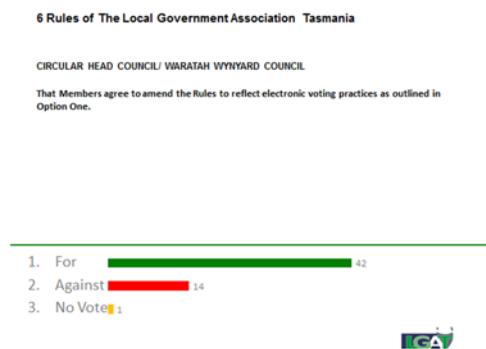


Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4

Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	Against	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 6

Total Responses: 57



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	Against	1
Brighton Council 2	Against	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	Against	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	Against	2

Devonport City Council 9	Against	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	Against	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	Against	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	No Vote	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 7

Total Responses: 57

7 LGAT/LG Professionals Conference

KING ISLAND COUNCIL / CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL

That Members note the intent to undertake scoping work with LG Professionals Tasmanian with respect to combining our conferences in future.

That Members further note, that should conferences combine, it may be prudent to shift the AGM and General Meeting to a separate date.

1. For 56
2. Against 1
3. No Vote 0



7 LGAT/LG Professionals Conference

KING ISLAND COUNCIL / CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL

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That Members further note, that should conferences combine, it may be prudent to shift the AGM and General Meeting to a separate date.

1. For 56
2. Against 1
3. No Vote 0



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	Against	1

Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 8

Total Responses: 53

8 LGAT Annual Plan

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL / CITY OF LAUNCESTON

That Members note the following report.

1. For 53
 2. Against
 3. No Vote



8 LGAT Annual Plan

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL / CITY OF LAUNCESTON

That Members note the following report.

1. For 53
 2. Against
 3. No Vote

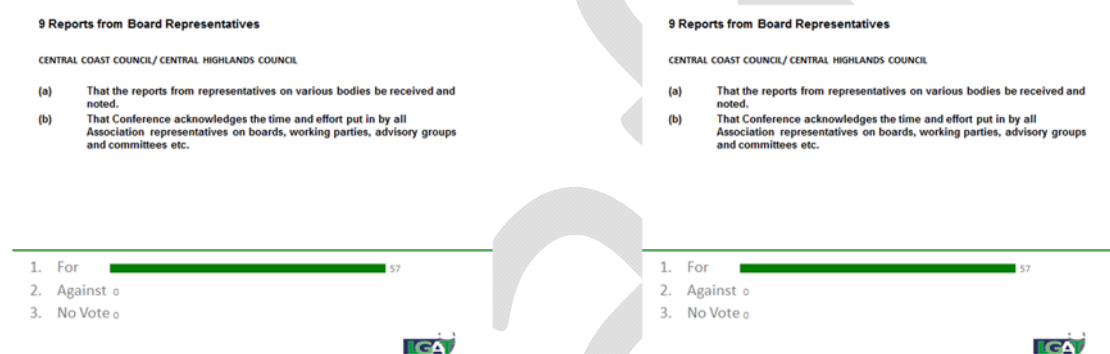


Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	[No Response]	4
Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2

Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3

Item 9

Total Responses: 57



Participant	Response	Weight
Break O'Day Council 1	For	1
Brighton Council 2	For	2
Burnie City Council 3	For	2
Central Coast Council 4	For	3
Central Highlands Council 5	For	1
Circular Head Council 6	For	1
Clarence City Council 7	For	4
Derwent Valley Council 8	For	2
Devonport City Council 9	For	3
Dorset Council 10	For	1
Flinders Council 11	[No Response]	1
George Town Council 12	For	1
Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council 13	For	1
Glenorchy City Council 14	For	4
Hobart City Council 15	For	4

Huon Valley Council 16	For	2
Kentish Council 17	For	1
Kingborough Council 18	For	3
King Island Council 19	For	1
Latrobe Council 20	For	2
Launceston City Council 21	For	4
Meander Valley Council 22	For	2
Northern Midlands Council 23	For	2
Sorell Council 24	For	2
Southern Midlands Council 25	For	1
Tasman Council 26	For	1
Waratah - Wynyard Council 27	For	2
West Coast Council 28	For	1
West Tamar Council 29	For	3