



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**NINETY THIRD SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION
Held from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th June 2005
at Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart.**

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The President, Clr Lynn Mason, welcomed Members and declared the Annual General Meeting open at 11.05am.

The Traditional Owners of the land, the Mouheneenner People, were acknowledged.

Apologies were received from

Ald Frank Nott	Launceston City Council
Mr John Vucic	Flinders Council
Mayor Terry Martin	Glenorchy City Council
Deputy Mayor Glenda Stebbings	West Coast Council
Ald Ivan Dean	Launceston City Council

A copy of the Rules of the Association are available on the Association's website at http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/aboutus/pdf/associationrules_may2004.pdf

1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President presented her report to the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

President Lynn Mason/Central Coast Council

That the President's report be received.

Carried

Good morning, and welcome to the 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

The Annual report outlining the achievements of the Association for 2004-5 has been circulated. I am not going to read it in detail. Instead I am going to talk briefly about some of the highlights and the lowlights of 2005.

Highlights:

- We have worked successfully to provide local government advice on a plethora of legislation which has come before Parliament. Much of this work has been done by the Legislation Committee, and I thank them for their unstinting efforts.
- The Local Government Act amendments are through Parliament after 2 years
- The Association has provided significant input into key legislation such as the review of the Valuation Act

- The Association has lobbied successfully to bring about changes to the portability of Long Service Leave. This should assist our staff members and provide greater security, as well as making local government a more attractive career option.

Lowlights, or at least, where the lights are dimmer:

- Planning: this year we have responded to the State Government's Better Planning Outcomes paper. We have worked through the DAF proposals through the Australian Local Government Association. And the Sullivan's Cove Waterfront Authority was established by the State Government to be the Planning Authority for that area, thus removing that authority from the Hobart City Council.
- If our role as a Planning Authority is under threat, we have to ask ourselves if we have done everything we can to ensure that local government maintains its credibility and authority, and we have to keep doing it.
- The Intergovernmental Agreement: there is still no response from the Australian Government. This time last year I reported to you on the contents of the Hawker Report, but the pace is extremely slow and not much obvious progress has been made.
- Local Government has the opportunity to change its status for ever, but it must meet the challenge of proving its responsibility and reliability to both State and Federal governments.

Nothing happens in a vacuum. My thanks to the members of the General Management Committee, in particular, Vice President Robert Legge, who accompanies me to Canberra to attend ALGA Board meetings, and whose support and advice are invaluable. Thanks to all the representatives of Councils who work outside of their own Council areas to make sure that the voice of local government is heard in a range of forums. The candidate for the federal seat of Werriwa who declared that if elected would do no more than represent the electorate, and not take on any other roles – what a disgrace! Every level of government needs people who are prepared to take on additional responsibilities in leadership and representation. Thanks to all those who do so in Tasmania.

Thanks to the staff of the Association, a small but very effective band led by Allan Garcia. Our staff numbers are very small compared with other Associations, but the Association is held in high regard, and boxes well above its weight. And what's more, the work is done within budget. The Association is in a sound financial position, thanks to good management and judicious use of funds.

Finally, it is great to see members of local government recognised for the outstanding service they provide. Congratulations to Margot Smart, Margaret Osborne, Lawrie Dillon, Gerald Hugo, and Tony Foster, all of whom were named in the Honours awarded this year on Australia Day or the recent Queen's Birthday.

I commend to you the work of the Association on behalf of Tasmanian Local Government for 2005.



2 MINUTES OF 92ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *

The Minutes of the 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, held in Hobart on 12 May 2004, were circulated and submitted for confirmation.

The Minutes are at **Appendix to Item 2.**

West Coast Council/Central Coast Council

That the Minutes of the 92nd Annual General Meeting, held 12 May 2004, as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30 JUNE 2004

The General Management Committee recommends consideration and adoption of the Association's Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, an abridged version of which is included in the 2004/2005 Annual Report, a full version is available from the Association's offices or at -

http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/reports/annualreport/lgat_annualreport_2005.pdf

Break O' Day Council/Burnie City Council

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 be received and adopted.

Carried

4 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT HONORARIUMS

The emoluments for the President and Vice President of the Association were last reviewed in 2001. CPI increases have been applied to the base figure in subsequent years.

The present emolument levels for the President and Vice President are as follows:

- President \$24,324.26
- Vice-President \$6081.14

The Association recently approached the TCCI to conduct an independent review of the current emoluments. Information was provided on the current level of activity as well as data in relation to similar positions in other states. The latter detail was largely ignored as the nature of the duties, responsibilities and size of organisation and councils tend to be quite individual in nature, particularly for various demographic reasons, making it difficult and inappropriate to draw too many comparisons from a direct benchmarking process.

The review found that the responsibilities had increased from the 2001 position, and the time commitment had increased significantly. The recommended increase is based largely upon the increase in hours required to undertake the position utilising an hourly rate multiplier to achieve the new level. In summary, this equates to an increase in commitment from 97 days (8 hrs per day) to 125 days (8 hrs per day) with the current hourly rate of \$33.25 being applied.

The Vice President emolument has traditionally been set at 25% of the President figure and it was determined that this should remain.

On the basis of the evidence presented, the TCCI recommended an increase in the emoluments to the following:

- President \$33,250.00
- Vice-President \$8312.50

In the event that these increases are accepted by the meeting, there will be a need to make an adjustment to the budget to reflect these increases as it was unclear at the time of framing the budget as to how significant any

The President vacated the chair and both the President and Vice President left the room to allow discussion for Item 4.

Lord Mayor Rob Valentine took the Chair for Item 4.

Central Coast Council/Launceston City Council

That the Meeting endorse an increase in emoluments in accordance with the report commissioned by the TCCI and that they be indexed annually until the next four yearly review.

That the Committee also note the need to make an adjustment to the Budget to take account of the increases in emoluments.

Carried

The President resumed the Chair.

5 COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR *

The subscription table for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, as included at **Appendix to Item 5**, is submitted to the Annual General Meeting for adoption.

Subscriptions are determined in accordance with Rule 44 that provides that subscriptions are apportioned between Councils by a range of adjusted assessed annual value categories. There are seven ranges.

The General Management Committee has discretion to round upwards or downwards the percentage contributions by Councils to achieve a final calculation.

A decision was taken in 2003/04 to increase subscriptions by 13.5% per annum for a period of five years to ensure the financial security of the Association. Implicit within this decision was the need to review the financial circumstances of the organisation to assess the appropriateness of the subscription levels.

An analysis of the organisations' financial position reveals that this year it is possible to increase levels by only 10% rather than the agreed 13.5% increase.

The schedule, at **Appendix to Item 5**, is submitted for adoption and provides the total subscriptions of \$791,872 (plus GST), which is an increase of \$71,988, or 10%, above last year.

Two councils have moved up a category in the payment structure due to recent revaluations. The increases by these councils equate to notional marginal decreases for other councils across the board.

West Tamar Council/Dorset Council

That the subscription schedule for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, as circulated, be adopted.

Carried

6 BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS 1 JULY 2005 TO 30 JUNE 2006 *

The March 2003 General Meeting of the Association acknowledged that subscription levels needed to be raised to remove, over time, the subscription subsidy that had been provided for the previous six years. The Meeting resolved that the GMC formulate a subscription strategy that would allow consistent increases over four years to achieve a modest surplus. GMC recommended a 13.5% increase for each year over a four year period, on the basis that an annual review be undertaken to assess the impact of the strategy.

Following an analysis of the Association's finances, the operational performance and the proposed budget for 2005/06, the General Management Committee has determined that the subscription level for the upcoming financial year should be reduced from the previously agreed 13.5% increase to a 10% increase.

The 2005/2006 Budget is at **Appendix to Item 6**.

Central Coast Council/King Island Council

That the proposed budget for the 2005/2006 financial year, as circulated, be adopted.

Carried

All representatives on statutory bodies are requested to provide a report for Conference and are also requested to provide regular reports back to the Association during the year. The Association had representation on the following bodies in the 2004/2005 financial year:

- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**
Mr David Sales, Devonport City Council
- **Assessment Committee for Dam Construction (ACDC)**
Mr Bruce Cole
- **Building Appeals Board**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
- **Child Care State Planning Committee**
Tracey Bradley
- **Community Review Committee**
Mr Jay Wilson, Dorset Council
- **Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council**
- Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council
- **Crown Land Assessment and Classification Reference Group**
Dr Christine Standish, LGAT
- **Environmental Management Pollution Control Board**
Mr Stephen Ashton, Hobart City Council
- **Forest Practices Board**
Mayor Roger Chalk, Waratah/Wynyard Council
- **Forest & Forest Industry Council**
Mayor Robert Armstrong, Huon Valley Council
- **Health & Well Being Sub-Group**
Catherine McFaul
- **Institute of Tafe Tasmania Business Advisory Committee**
Allan Garcia, LGAT
- **Interagency Working Group on Drugs**
Dr Christine Standish, LGAT
- **Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Committee**
Paul West, Waratah/Wynyard Council
- **LGAT Assist**
Mr Kay Reeves
- **Local Government Board**
Mrs Mary Binks and Mr Roger Howlett
- **Marine Farming Review Panel**
Deputy Mayor Jock Campbell, Clarence City Council
- **National Black Spot Funding Programme Panel**
Ald Ray Shipp, Launceston City Council, Mayor Ian Braid, Kentish Council and Mayor Colin Howlett, Southern Midlands Council
- **National Disaster Relief and Mitigation Reform Interagency Working Group**
Dr Christine Standish, LGAT
- **Needle and Syringe Availability Working Party**
Mr Ron Vanderwal, Clarence City Council

- **Nuclear Powered Warships Visits Committee**
Mr Ron Vanderwal, Clarence City Council
- **Plumbers and Gasfitters Registration Board**
Mr John Palmer
- **Premier's Physical Activity Council**
Mayor Kim Polley, Northern Midlands Council
- **Regional Flood Mitigation Program State Assessment Panel**
Andrew Lawrence
- **Regional Health Services Advisory Committee and Working Party**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
- **Resource Planning and Development Commission**
Mr Geoffrey Davis, Consultant
- **Rural Social research Reference Group-Tas Institute of Of Agricultural Research**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
- **Rural Workforce Committee**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
- **State Bicycle Advisory Committee**
Mr Mark Broadby, Hobart City Council
- **State Community Recovery Committee**
Dr Christine Standish, LGAT
- **State Fire Commission**
Clr Marie Gill, Devonport City Council and Clr Richard Bowden, Central Highlands Council,
Mr Barrie Southorn
- **State Fire Management Council**
Mr Rod Sweetnam, Launceston City Council
- **State Government partnership Agreement - Education Sub-Group**
Simon Duffy
- **State Grants Commission**
Mr Barry Southorn and Mr Hugh Denny
- **State Marine Pollution Committee**
Mr Frank Henderson, Clarence City Council
- **State Salinity Strategy Committee**
Mr Harry Galea, Northern Midlands Council
- **State Skating Committee**
Ald Stuart Slade, Glenorchy City Council
- **State Wide Agreement for Young Tasmanians Community Safety Sub Group**
Ross Park, Danielle Walker
- **Steering Committee of Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994**
Greg French
- **Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy Project Team**
Greg Little, Clarence City Council
- **Tasmanian Communities Online Advisory Board**
Cr Alwyn Friedersdorff
- **Tasmanian Hazardous Materials Management Committee**
Dr Christine Standish, LGAT
- **Tasmanian Cultural Heritage Council**
Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council, Mr Roger Howlett, Clarence City Council

- **Tasmanian Heritage Council**
Roger Howlett
- **Tasmanian Library Advisory Board**
Ald. Eva Ruzicka, Hobart City Council, Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council, Clr Jack Rheinberger, Sorell Council and Clr Roger McLennan, Dorset Council
- **Tasmanian Medical Emergency Service Plan for Rural and Remote Areas**
Clr Patricia Thompson, Dorset Council

The reports received for presentation are at **Appendix to Item 7.**

Clarence City Council/Dorset 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

8 CLOSURE

The President declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 11.25am.