

## Key LGAT Activity– August 2012

### Policy/Project Activity

- Advice to ALGA regarding the national settlement framework for migrants.
- Advice to LGA SA regarding Tasmanian Local Government Relief Arrangements.
- Assistance to local Code of Conduct Panel.
- Commenced Annual Report.
- Commenced drafting the protocol for inter-council resource sharing in emergencies.
- Contributed to Melbourne University study on social procurement.
- Discussion with DPIPW re coastal oil spill training for councils.
- Discussion with State Government Invasive Species Unit Manager regarding weeds.
- Feedback on the Review of Councillor Numbers report by the Local Government Board.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Steering Committee wrote to Regional Waste Management Groups seeking feedback on HHW activities for the remaining 6 months, agreed to develop a Working Group and terms of reference for program coordinator to conduct a review, and future directions report on HHW Program in Tasmania.
- Information to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Elections following request.
- Institute for Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Tasmania, Public Sector Excellence Awards Judging.
- Research on a model social media policy for councils.
- Standards Panel - two new complaints received.
- Section51 engaged to conduct Independent Evaluation of Local Government Financial and Asset Management Project
- Water and Sewerage activity included:
  - Engagement of Page Seager to assist with legal work
  - Meeting of Working Group and Steering Committee
  - Regional forums on Water and Sewerage Corporation legislation

### Training and Workforce Development

- Completion of four videos promoting council job roles.
- Presentation to Australian Independent Schools teachers and careers advisors, on Think Big Work Local and local government careers.
- Commenced analysis of LGAT 2012 Workforce Survey.

### Meetings and Communication

- Anne Hardy (UTAS) re RV Camping & Market Classification Study
- Alcohol Advisory Group Meeting regarding Legislative Scoping Study

- Asbestos Management Strategy preliminary consultation
- Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government regarding the utility of their Minimum Dataset
- CEO meeting with Graeme Lemmer regarding Jardine Lloyd Thompson decision to enter Local Government insurance market in Tasmania.
- Chemsal regarding Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Council of the Aging Tasmania Policy Committee meeting
- Crane Industry Reference Group Meeting
- DEDTA steering committee meeting Retirement Living
- DIER regarding Safer Non Urban Roads
- Donovan Burton (Climate Planning) re TCAP Project Evaluation Report
- DPIPWE re Aboriginal Heritage
- EPA regarding Environmental Dispute Mediation service trial
- IPWEA Technical Forum AGM regarding Crane Access on Local Roads
- Launch of the Inclusive Ageing Strategy (LGAT participated on working group)
- LGMA regarding crossover projects
- Local Government Division Monthly meeting
- Local Government HR Forum
- Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project Steering Committee
- Meeting regarding Cultural and Historic Heritage legislation with Heritage Tasmanian and the Tasmanian Planning Commission
- Metropolitan Councils Meeting
- Nomenclature Board Meeting
- Planning Schemes Online Project
- Polytechnic regarding restructure of VET in Tasmania.
- Premier's Local Government Council
- President and CEO meeting with Minister for Local Government, Bryan Green
- Professor Jan MacDonald (UTAS) re supporting evidence based adaptation
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- SES meeting regarding new planning officer
- Social Media Webinar
- Street lighting forum with Aurora Energy and follow up meeting
- Teleconference with Local Government Associations on ACELG Minimum Dataset
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Decision Pathways Project Partners Forum – Campbell Town
- Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council Meeting
- Water and Sewerage Working Group meetings
- Water and Sewerage Implementation Steering Committee

### **Media and Marketing**

- Container Deposit Levy (corrections to mainland reporting)
- Developing the September *LGAT News* magazine
- Fortnightly Newsletter
- Launch of Local Government media campaign - included media launch and letters to all Parliamentarians outlining Local Government's position on amalgamations.
- Preparation of a survey for feedback on *LGAT News*

### **Key Outputs and Outcomes**

- Issues Paper provided to councils – re Crane Access on Local Government Roads
- Launch of Local Government media campaign
- Organised Page Seager to present at HR Forum on Award Modernisation and developed action plan going forward.
- Prepared thought piece on Local Government and volunteering for Volunteering Tasmania's State of Volunteering 2012 Project.
- Response to final draft of State Special Plan - State Recovery Plan.
- Submission on proposed draft Standards for Single Dwellings and Multiple Dwellings (Villa Units and Townhouses) in the General Residential Zone
- Submission on Residential Property Transactions Bill 2012.
- Submission to the Local Government Board on the Review of Councillor Numbers.
- Water and Sewerage Road Shows