

Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes

August 2010

Policy Activity

- Through the Valuation and Local Government Ratings Steering Committee provided input on the discussion paper produced by Access Economics and participated in the Southern workshop.
- Undertook consultation in relation to a review of the Land Titles Act and provided feedback to the Recorder of Titles.
- Commenced consultation in relation to Division 81 determinations.
- Developed and circulated draft Terms of Reference for a Metropolitan Councils Group.
- Contributed to the Sustainability Indicators and Objectives Project through participation on the Steering Group and more detailed input in relation to workforce data.
- Prepared a draft paper on Population Issues for Tasmanian Councils.
- Further progressed the review of the Climate Change partnership agreement and development of adaptation schedule. Provided input into the evaluation of the Partnership Agreement on Climate Change with the State Government
- Finalised Local Government input into the Road Route Review.
- Obtained Local Government input for the national Inter Governmental Committee on Drugs Annual Report
- Assessed the Move Well Eat Well Local Government grants applications.
- Acted as expert judge for the Community of the Year awards (stage 1 – shortlisting).
- LGAT Assist Board meeting.
- Identified speakers and developed an agenda for the General Managers workshop in September.
- Progression of the implementation plan for the strategic asset management and long-term financial planning to be funded through the Commonwealth's Local Government Reform Fund.
- Consulted councils in relation to the National Disaster Resilience Strategy for input to the State Government's response to the Strategy.
- Consulted councils on the Draft Flu Clinic Review report "Ways forward: Planning and implementing responsive clinical services to address Pandemic Influenza in Tasmania".
- Preparing draft discussion paper on Plastic Bags

- Refining and coordinating DPAC Local Government Division's proposed new HR data and KPI survey, with LGAT's and other national projects and processes.
- Consultation with Local Government Human Resources Forum regarding development of a workforce issues survey for all councils.
- Reviewed 1st draft of the EBPPP funding agreements between LGAT, DEEWR and partner RTOs. DEEWR to redraft the deeds to clarify relationships.
- EOI conducted for LGAT HECS free scholarships for engineering, environmental health and other science degrees returned insufficient interest to proceed at this stage.
- Commenced state wide monitoring of local government job advertisements.

Meetings and Communication

- The President and Policy Director met with the Mayor and General Manager of Glenorchy City Council regarding future relations.
- Participated in the Southern Planning (CKET) workshop.
- Key Performance Indicator Review Committee (Local Government Division)
- Capital City Strategy Workshop – resolved governance, responsibilities and process going forward.
- ALGA Policy Directors meeting regarding Constitutional Recognition.
- Valuation and Local Government Ratings Steering Committee.
- Climate Change Partnership Committee meeting.
- *LGAT News* magazine
- LGAT Newsletter
- Community Development News
- Appointed a consultant to develop Tasmanian Council Climate Change case studies for publication.
- National Teleconference on energy efficient street lighting.
- Meeting with EPA to identify appropriate consultation from council's in updating the Environmental Assessment Manual.
- Meeting with Hobart City Council to progress the development of the template climate change action plan.

- Meeting with the Housing Industry Association regarding some collaborative work regarding change of use applications (development of guidelines).
- Attended National Environment Protection Council public consultation on discussion paper on Air Quality Standards for the Ambient Air Quality NEPM
- Meeting with EPA to identify air quality projects
- Meeting with ALGA to discuss future of national drumMuster program
- Presentation to Institute of Public Works Engineers regarding LGAT response to skills shortages in engineering.
- Presentation to UTAS students regarding career opportunities in local government.
- Meeting of the Tasmanian Training Consortium Executive

Media

- Joint press release with State Government in relation to the Sustainability Objectives and Indicators Project.
- Tourist accommodation.
- Response to the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission.
- Code of conduct procedures.
- Unpaid rates/selling of properties.
- Plastic Bags.

Key Outputs

- Prepared an extensive submission on the draft 2010 Common Key Elements Template in consultation with councils. A copy has been emailed to General Managers.
- Negotiated a variation to the funding agreement for the Tasmanian eDA project in relation to the use of unexpended funds.
- Determined a range of Units that will be available for the distance mode Certificates III and IV Local Government.