

## Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes

July 2010

### Policy Activity

- Contributed to consultation on new Road Safety Governance for Tasmania.
- Letter to the Minister for Local Government and Planning (and the Minister for Housing) opposing extension of the *Jobs Facilitation Act*
- Valuations and Rating Review - Appointment of consultants and development of project timeline including consultation workshops for councils
- Submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee on Violence in the Community
- Submission to the Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment on the Review of the *Drains Act 1954*.
- Consultation with councils (through HR forum) on a workforce survey.
- Commenced research on population issues for Local Government.
- Commenced review of Climate Change partnership agreement and development of adaptation schedule
- Feedback on draft State Government Tobacco Action Plan following consultation with members.
- Response to issues raised by Hobart City Council as presented at the General Meeting.

### Meetings and Communication

- General Meeting
- Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC)
- PLGC Officials
- General Management Committee
- Presentations to councils on Code of Conduct Issues Paper as required.
- Nomenclature Board
- State Community Recovery Meeting
- Key Performance Indicator Review Committee (Local Government Division)
- National Disability Framework Meeting (Local Government Division)

- Skills Tasmania Strategy meeting
- Civic Mutual Plus meeting (Public Liability Insurance)
- OPTUS – Business development
- Capital City Strategy Workshop – resolved governance, responsibilities and process going forward.
- Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy Steering Committee
- Royal Life Saving (re Pool Safety)
- Premier's Physical Activity Council, Local Government Subcommittee, Regional Forum
- Local Government HR Forum
- E-waste Product Stewardship Reference Group
- ALGA Climate Change Policy officers meeting
- Meeting with State Government and Aurora to discuss commissioning a business case into energy efficient street lighting.
- Participated in the State Disaster Mitigation Assessment Panel
- State Community Recovery Committee
- Red Cross meeting re potential MOU template for community recovery arrangements with Local Councils
- National Broadband Development Group
- Meeting with Climate Change office to progress local government climate change portal through the Office of Climate Change website.
- HAZMAT CBRN Steering Committee Meeting
- Longford regional high schools careers event
- Rosny careers event
- Government Skills Australia Industry Advisory Council meeting
- Local Government HR Forum
- *LGAT News* magazine
- LGAT Newsletter
- Community Development News

- Board appointment – Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Steering Committee
- Meeting with Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources on Development Approval and permit processes for major infrastructure projects.
- National teleconference on Digital Television Switch Over
- Member of selection panel for applications to the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources seed funding program for Learner Driver Mentor Programs
- Meeting with Infomaster regarding progress of electronic development assessment (eDA) project.
- Meeting with Advisor to Cassie O'Connor regarding Local Government's position on the *Jobs Facilitation Act*

## Media

- Climate change and coastal erosion
- Rating policies and resolution of councils
- Metropolitan Councils proposal
- Glenorchy and Hobart Council membership
- Role and functions of Onstream

## Outcomes

- \$870,000 commitment from Commonwealth Government's Local Government reform fund to assist improvements in strategic asset management and long-term financial planning. To be delivered through LGAT.
- Two further projects will be funded through the Reform Fund and will have LGAT input through the Steering Committees. These projects will be delivered through the Southern Tasmanian Council's Authority and focus on climate change adaptation and a review of governance structures and service delivery in the Southern region.
- Development of course structure and delivery method for a distance based *Certificate III Local Government*, and *Certificate IV Local Government* from The Skills Institute through the EBPPP training funding grant.