



## Key LGAT Activity – February 2018

### Issues in Focus

Throughout February the State Election was a significant focus, with a number of new initiatives developed by LGAT in collaboration with other peak bodies.

Over the last few years Tasmania's key peak bodies have been meeting and collaborating in identifying common issues of concern. This year this has culminated in the development of a Shared Statement of Aspirations which the coalition of peak bodies is seeking to be adopted by the State Government, following the March elections.

This document (available on LGAT Website in [latest news](#)) is co-signed by the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS), the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI), the Heart Foundation, the Tasmanian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance (TCDPA), the Master Builders Tasmania (MBT), the Housing Industry Association, Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tasmania, Aged and Community Services Australia and the Council of the Ageing Tasmania (COTA) as well as the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

Further, we are partnering to deliver a series of electorate based sessions designed to provide our Members the chance to hear directly from Candidates - what they stand for and what they hope to achieve if elected. The very successful events were an opportunity for members to speak directly to key partners in delivering a prosperous Tasmania.

### Policy/Project Activity

- Written and verbal submissions to the Industrial Commission's review of councillor allowances
- Provided information on total council revenue to assist the Australian Local Government Association to argue for a better deal on Financial Assistance Grants with Canberra
- Continued support of the Great Southern Lights project
- National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Resilience grant assessments
- Liaison with IPWEA regarding emergency management technical briefing
- Review and consultation on TasNetworks pricing reset submission to the Australian Energy Regulator
- Development of LGAT Performance and Improvement Survey
- Development of Model Credit Card Policy
- Review of the updated Audit Panel Guideline
- Update the Guidelines for the LGAT Awards for Excellence
- LGAT Procurement workplan development
- Establishment of the bulk fuels and oils contract for LGAT Procurement
- Development of Strata Titles and Natural Asset Code workshops for Planners
- Scope support material for EHOs in regulating Level 1s
- Input into Reserve Activity Assessment Review
- Input to ALGA advocacy on China Recycling import changes

- Advice to council on sharing economy / tourist accommodation policy changes
- Scope council engagement for Planning and Building Portal
- Research on other jurisdictions Council Cost Index
- Review of LGAT Community Satisfaction Survey
- Council support on web accessibility

**Communications and Media**

- The Pulse E-newsletter with special feature on 2018 State Election, including an article from each major Political Party Leader
- LG Noticeboard
- Campaign Against the Tasmanian Liberals’ revised plans for TasWater:
  - Investigated, planned and costed options for a media campaign to support TasWater owners leading in to the state election
  - Implemented an agreed media campaign comprising:
    - An open letter in the Mercury, Examiner and Advocate Tasmanian newspapers (published Sat 17 Feb 2018);
    - A letter to the Editor from the Chief Owner Representative (published in the Mercury 20.2.18);
    - Optional social media messaging provided to all supportive Councils
    - Radio talk back: LGAT President and Chief Owner Rep – Leon Compton.
- Launch of the Peak Body Coalition Shared Aspirations Statement with TasCOSS (6.2.2018)

LGAT Media	Date	Published	Tone
MR -LGAT Priorities	31.1.2018	Advocate, Examiner: 1.2.2018	Neutral
Response to media enquiry – China recycling import changes	1.2.2018	Mercury, ABC	Neutral
Opinion Editorial – Working Collaboratively	6.2.2018	Incorporated into Article on Peak Body Collaboration: Th eMercury 7.2.18	Positive
MR- Shared Peak Body Coalition Statement Pre-Election	6.2.2018	Advocate, Examiner, Mercury 7.2.18	Positive
MR - Response to Tas Liberals revised position on TasWater	6.2.2018	Advocate, Examiner, 6.2.18	Neutral
Open Letter TasWater Owner Rep	20.2.2018	Advocate, Examiner, Mercury	As provided (advertorial)
Letter to the Editor: Tas Water Owner Rep	Feb 2018	The Mercury 20.2.18	As provided

<b>Other Reported Media/Media Queries</b> (list may not be exhaustive)			
LGAT Party Leaders Forum	24.2.18	The Advocate	Positive
Party leader positions on amalgamations	24.2.2018	The Examiner	Positive

### Events

- LGAT Stakeholder and Sponsor Event
- 2018 State Election Candidate Forums held in all Electorates during February 2018 as part of LGAT led Peak Bodies' Collaboration
- 2018 State Election Leaders Forum 23.2.2018, as part of LGAT led Peak Bodies' Collaboration
- Elected Members Professional Development Weekend 24-25 Feb, Pepper Seaport

### Training and Development

- CEO presentation to Glenorchy City Council as part of their induction weekend
- Completed web page design, content, and videos to support councils implementing workforce behaviours policies and procedures.
- Developed support material for council procurement

### Meetings

- Ag Safe & Drum Muster CEO – Product Stewardship schemes
- ALGA and other Associations - Relief and Recovery Reform
- ALP - Election priorities
- Australian Battery Recycling Initiative CEO
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board and Strategic Planning (President)
- Australian Tyre Recyclers Association – Product Stewardship Scheme review
- CEDA Treasurer/Shadow Treasurer Lunch'
- City of Hobart – Expert Reference Group for City visioning
- City of Hobart – Single use takeaway container ban discussion
- Clarence City, Hobart City, conference organisers - Coast to Coast Conference planning
- Clarence City, Kingborough, Hobart City and Glenorchy Councils - Universal Access Forum planning
- Collaborative Leadership Working Group - Natural Disaster Resilience Grant Assessment discussion
- Department of State Growth – Safe System Training (road safety) meeting
- DPAC- Relief and Recovery reform and Recovery policy
- Environmental Health Australia (Tas) - quarterly meeting to discuss environmental incident management
- EPA – Development of the 2018/9 workplan to support the MoU on environmental regulation
- Great Southern Lights Working Group - Project meeting
- Institute of Internal Auditors – Training support
- Kingborough Council - Cats Forum

- Launceston City Council - CEO Presentation on LGAT activity to
- LG Professionals – HRhub seminar on Recruitment and Organisational Development with Human Resources Special Interest Group
- Local Government Division – Code of Conduct Review
- Local Government Economic Development Officers Group – Inaugural meeting
- Mark Redmon CEO and Bill Lawson Co-Chair of Reconciliation Tasmania - LG engagement
- Marsden Jacobs – Container Deposit Scheme investigation
- Meander Valley Council and the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia – “Freedom of Choice” Camping seminar
- Planning and Building Portal Steering Committee – Regular meeting
- RDA Tas – Strategic Planning
- Recovery and Resilience Working Group - quarterly meeting
- RTAC (Roads and Transport Advisory Committee) strategic workshop with other state local government association members – development of ALGA’s national roads and transport policy agenda
- Southern Statutory Planners Reference Group – Inaugural meeting
- Sustainable Living Tasmania – Climate Solutions meeting
- Tasmania Community Fund - Grant Round for Councils on community health projects
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office – Climate Resilient Councils
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office – Electric Vehicle Working Group
- Tasmanian Training Consortium - Introduction of new TTC Business Manager
- TasNetworks- Pricing Reform submission to AER
- TasWater/ Campaign Steering Committee - Liberal policy announcements
- UTAS - Natural Disaster Resilience Grant proposal
- Vision Super – Regional Breakfast Series