

Key LGAT Activity– August 2013

Policy/Project Activity

- Referendum campaign activity was intense for LGAT staff and council coordinators so the news of an early election date that did not comply with the legislative requirements for a referendum, was received with dismay. Regional forums on the referendum were held at the beginning of August.
- Completed draft LGAT Annual Report.
- Consultation with councils on amendments to the Local Government Act including financial and asset management provisions, amendments to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act,
- Code of Conduct Discussion paper released to councils for comment.
- Reviewed RFQ and finalised contract for a study on the impact of the introduction of a container deposit scheme on Tasmanian councils.
- Standards Panel activity.
- Submissions on planning proposals.
- Discussions with SES regarding a change in structure of the Natural Disaster Resilience Program
- First progress report against the LGAT Annual Operational Plan 2013-14 to GMC.
- Advice to ALGA re Local Government activity in and concerns in relation to the provision of primary public health.
- Reviewed ACELG paper “Reliance on and Management of Debt by Local Governments”

Training and Workforce Development

- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Developed survey for councils on e-learning, the results of which will be used to help produce an e-learning strategy for local government.
- Promoted council jobs to 1300 people at the Commonwealth Government's Kingborough Government Jobs.
- Reported latest data to HR Forum group: on number of council jobs advertisements placed weekly since June 2012; and the growth in the average monthly visits to www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au from 1000 per month 1200 per month.

Meetings and Communication

- 26TEN partnership meeting.
- 50:50 Gender Equity Steering Committee teleconference.
- ALGA social policy teleconference
- Aurora regarding private power pole inspection.
- Bushfire Ready Communities Advisory Group meeting.

- Coastal Hazards mapping and policy matrix workshop
- Coastal Protection and Planning Framework Interdepartmental Committee Meeting
- Constitutional Recognition Referendum teleconferences regarding wind up.
- General Management Committee Meeting
- HR Forum
- Interact re LGAT extranet development
- Judged 2013 Resilient Australia Awards- Tasmania
- LGAT Assist meeting - 3 Loans and 2 Funeral grants approved.
- LGAT Newsletter.
- Liquor Licensing Branch Manager re overlap with planning and Government's intended discussion paper.
- Local Government Division monthly meeting.
- Ministerial offices (O'Byrne & Polley) and Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources regarding local crane access network issues
- Municipal Standards Working Group (Local Government & TasGas)
- Office of the Economic Regulator's Customer Consultative Committee Meeting
- Planning Commission/ Advisor to Minister for Planning regarding proposed legislation.
- Premier's Local Government Council Meeting.
- Road Safety Advisory Committee.
- Secure E-Host re LGAT extranet development
- TasTAFE about proposed changes to VET Engineering and Building Surveying training, seeking to preserve/enhance the existing level of service for councils.
- Teleconference on evaluation of the Roads to Recovery Program.
- Update on Regional Sustainability Planning – Federal Government.
- Retirement Living Steering Committee.

Media and Marketing

- 'Think Big' TV commercial screened in July and August to coincide with seasonal peak in vacancies and assist with possible need to promote Constitutional Recognition.
- Completed shooting of three careers videos.
- Added new job roles to www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au
- Enabled careers flyers to be downloaded by visitors to www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au
- Presentation on the Financial and Asset Reform Project at IPWEA International Public Works conference.
- Forestry
- Referendum