

Key LGAT Activity– December 2012 and January 2013

Happy New Year!

Policy/Project Activity

- Advice to ALGA re National Emergency Management Project All hazards and Planning.
- Advice to Councils re the Aged Care Industry and Emergency Management.
- Advice to the Interagency Working Group on Drugs regarding the legislative scoping study process.
- Assistance to Tasman Council with sourcing assistance from other Councils for bushfire cleanup activities.
- Bushfire Recovery communication, consultation and participation.
- Final Report on Household Hazardous Waste Project including future options.
- Ongoing work on street lighting issues.
- Protocol for Resource Sharing in Emergencies finalised and available on the LGAT website and Councils starting to provide letters of commitment.
- Report to NRM South on LGAT Natural Resource Management Activity.
- Social Media Policy and Guidelines completed and distributed to all councils.
- Standards Panel referrals and hearings.
- Submission on Aboriginal Heritage Bill.
- Submission on Draft Planning Directive.
- Submission on State Special Emergency Management Plan - Dam Safety Emergencies.

Training and Workforce Development

- Conducted a survey of engineers to supply input to the TAFE on what Units councils would like to be taught in the new Diploma of Civil Construction Design, which is replacing the Diploma of Engineering.
- Distributed Tasmanian 'Local Government Workforce Report' to council general managers and human resources staff, along with twenty two individual reports for participating councils.
- Made a written submission to the Department of Education, in response to their discussion paper 'Future Provision of Years 11 and 12 in Regional Tasmania' addressing the role of isolation and access to appropriate training and council's roles as employer and in regional economic development.
- Planning and registrations for Elected Member Workshop and Planning Workshop completed.
- Screened the Think Big Work Local TV commercial for a short period during the summer holidays to assist councils with the New Year's peak in vacancies and to help keep Local Government in students' minds as they make subject and career choices for 2013.

Meetings and Communication

- Asbestos Steering Committee Meetings
- Australian Local Government Association Regional Development Group
- Black Spot Program Panel
- Bushfire Recovery Meetings
- Business Tasmanian Online Meeting.
- Coastal protection and planning framework interdepartmental committee.
- Department of Economic Development – business compliance
- Department of Economic Development regarding Compliance Framework Project
- Derwent Valley Council water and sewerage briefing
- DPIPWE regarding road signage issues
- DPIPWE regarding Aboriginal Heritage Bill
- Enterprise Award Councils regarding Award Modernisation
- Forest Practices Advisory Board
- General Management Committee
- Hobart City Council re Arts and Cultural Policy
- Hobart City Council re Local Government drugs and alcohol reference group.
- Household Hazardous Waste Working Group
- Igor Grattan, Australian Services Union regarding Award Modernisation
- Integrity Commission update
- Legislative Council Committee on Forestry Legislation
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- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- Local Government Division Monthly Meetings
- Local Government Financial and Asset Management Project Steering Committee
- Municipal Association of Victoria Climate Change meeting
- Nomenclature Board
- Northern Asset Management Group Meeting
- Office of Security and Emergency Management re coastal planning
- Office of the Tasmanian Energy Regulator (OTTER) Consultative Committee
- Page Seager re model general manager contract project
- Planning Schemes Online Steering Committee
- Premier's Local Government Council
- Rating and Valuation Steering Committee Meeting
- Regional Councils Climate Adaptation Project meeting
- Social Inclusion Unit re review of strategy
- Southern Asset Management Group Meeting

Meetings and Communication (cont.)

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Regional Climate Change Initiative Meeting
- State Government Budget Community Consultation
- State Recovery Committee Meetings
- Strategic Planning Day – Tasmanian Regional Arts Council
- TasCOSS re passenger transport
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office regarding Coastal Framework
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office Round Table
- Tobacco Coalition Meeting
- University of Tasmania Project Workshop – Supporting Evidence Based Adaptation Decision-Making in Tasmania
- Water and Sewerage Owners Representatives Meeting

Media and Marketing

- *LGAT News* December edition
- Fortnightly electronic newsletter
- Media responses on:
 - Fire hazards/enforcement
 - Constitutional Recognition
 - Water and Sewerage
 - Amalgamations
 - Popular election of Mayors
 - Forestry activities and impact on Communities