

Key LGAT Activity– December 2013

Happy 2014. We hope you had a wonderful festive season.

Policy/Project Activity

- Consultation on some implementation details related to new Heritage Legislation.
- Contracted Simmons Wolfhagen to prepare delegations and compliance registers for 16 key pieces of legislation for use by member councils.
- Engaged Section 51 to progress final evaluation of the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project and provided feedback on first draft.
- Feedback on draft reports from Red Tape Working Groups for Hospitality and Agriculture (being driven by the Department of Economic Development).
- Feedback on Guidelines for dilapidated building legislation.
- Finalised consultant's report on the potential impacts of a Container Deposit Scheme on kerbside recycling.
- Input into National Disability Strategy report to Council of Australian Governments (COAG)
- Negotiations with unions regarding Award Modernisation and associated activity.
- Standards Panel Activity.
- Submission into Review of Liquor Licensing Act.
- Submission on Draft Orders for Financial and Asset Management.
- Wrapped up formal part of Financial and Asset Reform Project.

Training and Workforce Development

- After consulting HR officers, regarding the Tasmanian Local Government Workforce 2014, conducted follow up sessions to assist two additional councils to potentially participate in the 2014 survey.
- Developing a method to combine the 2012 and 2014 data to analyse the impacts of resignation as well as retirement on member councils.
- Mayors Workshop
- Met TasTAFE, and via telemeeting all LGAs, to discuss proposed national changes to Building Surveying training and how to reduce those impacts on councils.
- Monitored Tasmanian council job vacancies, noting the down turn in number of job advertisements that occurs around the Christmas New Year period.
- Reviewed progress of videos of in demand career role, made to be shown on www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au. Investigating the most cost effective methods to load videos onto www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au.

Meetings and Communication

- 26TEN Plain English Workshop
- Auditor-General's Office regarding Local Government Report.
- Aurora regarding electricity and representative handover
- Australian Local Government Association Emergency Management Teleconference
- Community Telco
- Container Deposit Scheme Research Steering Committee.
- Department of Primary Industries regarding Group Buying Scheme.
- DIER and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator - planning teleconference re January technical workshops
- General Management Committee of LGAT
- General Meeting of LGAT
- Goanna Energy regarding Street Lighting
- Heritage Tasmania re implementation/training new legislation.
- Integrity Commission regarding Local Government Engagement.
- Land Titles Office regarding consolidation of titles.
- Local Government Division Regular Monthly Meeting
- Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project Steering Committee
- Meeting of the Policy Directors from all State/Territory Associations hosted by LGAT.
- National Energy Efficient Building Project Consultation
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Local Government Forums (South and North)
- National Local Government Cultural Forum
- Nomenclature Board.
- Northern Municipal Emergency Management Co-ordinators (animal management)
- Premier's Local Government Council
- Premier's Physical Activity Council Local Government Forum
- Review of Bushfire Control Implementation Advisory Group Meeting.
- Tas Regional Arts State Executive Committee Meeting
- Tasmania Fire Service regarding Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood program.
- Tobacco Coalition Meeting
- Work Health and Safety Sub group meeting.

Media and Marketing

- Fortnightly electronic newsletter.
- December *LGAT News* magazine.



- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Media Release and associated – container deposit scheme report.

Outcomes

- Mayor's Workshop – topics included community leadership in Education and template General Management Contract. Mayors had the opportunity to share and discuss a range of issues facing their councils.
- LGAT hosted an inaugural Christmas BBQ for key stakeholders and sponsors. While the weather was unseasonably chilly, the BBQ was a success.