

Key LGAT Activity – December / January

Issue in Focus

In the November Monthly Report we included a short survey to assist us in targeting our future training and resource development efforts. However, a number of people reported issues with the link, so a new link has been prepared and is below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNKZ7PQ>

The purpose of this short survey is to garner information from newly elected councillors about the type of induction material that would be helpful. This feedback will inform the development of new induction material by LGAT ahead of the 2018 elections. It should only take a few minutes of your time.

Policy/Project Activity

- Provision of council feedback to Parks and Wildlife Services regarding regional infrastructure priorities
- Early scoping of LGAT Strategic Communications project
- Continued advocacy regarding planning reform including meetings of the Technical Reference Group to the Planning Taskforce as well as the Taskforce itself
- Initial review of the draft State Planning Provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Ongoing work with councils and the Department of State Growth on the State funded project assisting councils to assess their critical bridge infrastructure in order to facilitate strategic heavy vehicle access networks.
- Standards Panel Activity including preparation of new templates and tools to support implementation of the new provisions in March.
- Input into the draft State Code of Conduct ahead of consultation this month.
- Draft Project Brief for an EAP for elected members and Council officers developed and forwarded to MAV for consideration re inclusion in a joint LGAT/MAV tender.
- Tender Evaluation Panel for LGAT/MAV renewal of the efficient lighting good/services contract
- Advice to ALGA on Council approaches to food safety regulation in Tasmania and feedback on a "Scores on Doors" model.
- Review of MAV Provision of Permanent Recruitment Services Tender documentation to determine relevance for Tasmania
- Feedback on ALGA Budget and Election submissions
- Preparation of General Meeting and GMC Papers
- Consultation for ALGA on digital strategies
- Research on allowances
- Review of Local Government Recognition Awards
- Progression of a joint LG Professionals/LGAT position including development of Position Description, advertisement, secondment agreement and contract.

- Preliminary review of the LGAT Rules
- Continuing progress on a MOU with Volunteering Tasmania about Spontaneous Volunteers during an emergency.
- Feedback to DPIPWE re draft Approved Management Methods for the storage and reuse of waste tyres.
- Input to DPIPWE Good Neighbour Charter
- Feedback to DPAC re Tasmanian Guidelines for Managing Donated Goods during an emergency
- Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into Tasmanian Fire Commission
- Commenced scoping new LG TV advertising campaign
- Reviewed Human Resources section of the Consolidated Data Collection spreadsheet and provided feedback to the Local Government Division on improvements
- Provided input into the transition from the previous Commonwealth VET admin structure to the new Service Skills organisation at a national level
- Input into the iplan Business Case preparation
- Input into the Waste Tyre Working Groups report to Minister Groom
- Review of tenders for Municipal Valuations
- Commenced review of other jurisdiction planning frameworks to inform discussion regarding reform priorities for Local Government

Training and Workforce Development

- Training Consortium Member Forum
- Planning with Engineers Australia for a joint forum
- Planning for LGAT Regional Breakfast Forums and Elected Member Weekend
- Planning for General Manager's workshop.
- Planning for Elected Members workshop on Governance
- Planning for National Stronger Regions Fund & Grants Workshop
- Workforce training grant application with ACELG (successful)

Communication

- LGAT News magazine (December)
- The Pulse e-newsletter (3 December)
- The Pulse e-newsletter (29 January)
- Finalised appointment of Rod Sweetnam (Launceston) & Hannah Rubenach-Quinn (Break O'Day) to State Fire Commission
- Finalised appointment of Ald Sandra French (Burnie), Clr Dick Adams (Northern Midlands), Ald James Walker (Clarence) & Ald Suzanne Cooper (Hobart) to the Tasmanian Library Advisory Board.
- Finalised appointment of Susie Bower (Dorset) to the Community Support Levy Grants Advisory Group.
- Coordinated nomination process for an appointment to the State Fire Management Council (awaiting Minister's decision)

- Coordinated nomination process for an appointment to the Premier's Physical Activity Council (awaiting Minister's decision)
- Coordinated nomination process for an appointment to the Family Violence Consultative Group (awaiting Minister's decision)
- Submitted an opinion piece to the Mercury: Being a Councillor – a Privilege and Hard Work
- Opinion piece on Planning in Tasmanian Planner

Media

- Interview featured in Business View Australia (December edition)
- Radio interview with ABC Radio regarding *Cat Management Act* (7 December)
- Print, radio and television on TasWater, Emergencies and Reform

Meetings

- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee teleconference
- Regional Road Manager Meetings - South, North and North West
- SAI Global re prospective sectoral contract for Australian Standards provision
- Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Meeting
- State Growth Heavy Vehicle Access Steering Committee Meeting
- ALGA National Local Government Cultural Forum Executive Teleconference
- KPMG and State Growth re State Road Funding Arrangements
- VicRoads and Municipal Association of Victoria re Tasmanian Heavy Vehicle Access (teleconference)
- Roadways re local and state road works contracting
- City of Launceston and Northern Councils LED replacement project meetings (x 3)
- TasNetworks briefing on pricing proposal for upcoming regulatory period.
- Briefing with Michael Small (Consultant) on the implementation of the Disability (Access to Premises - building) Standards 2010 (Premises Standards)
- Disability Working Group - (focus on building/planning/Access to Premises Standard)
- Healthy Food Access Working group
- TasNetworks Revenue Reset briefing
- Telstra briefing on activity reporting for the NPN Telecommunications Contract
- President/CEO Visits to Dorset, George Town, Kentish/Latrobe, Clarence Council, Derwent Valley Council, Waratah Wynyard Council, King Island Council
- Minister regarding Budget Submission
- Dale Webster regarding Building Act Review
- Teleconference with MAV regarding LGAT/MAV Partnership and partnering on the renewal of the efficient street lighting good/services contract
- Planning Reform Taskforce Meetings
- LGMA Tasmania Board Meeting/Meeting with Minister

- Premier's Local Government Council Meeting
- General Management Committee Meeting.
- Tasmanian Bushfire Mitigation Grants Program Selection panel
- Cat Management Reference Group Workshop
- Biosecurity Tasmania Meeting re Biosecurity legislation
- Public Health Emergency Sub Committee
- Tasmania Fire Service re SES funding project
- Tasmania Police re WebEOC in emergencies
- Iplan business case (x 2)
- Presentation to Environmental Health Australia (Tasmania) division on planning reform
- Continuous Improvement Framework Working Group
- Waste Tyre Working Group (x 3)
- Municipal Valuations Tender Committee meetings (x 2)
- TafeTas regarding workforce training needs
- Asbestos Free Tasmania
- Tasmanian Spatial Information Council re data needs
- EPA Policy Branch re future opportunities for collaboration
- Planning Policy Unit re future policy priorities and work program
- SkillsTas re future grant opportunities