

Key LGAT Activity – June 2017

Issue in Focus

The State Government released its Cat Management Plan on the 29th June 2017. LGAT and a number of council officers have been heavily involved in a working group on the Management Plan over the past 12 months, resulting in some significant wins for the sector. The Government is providing \$1.44 million over the next four years to assist in the implementation of the Plan.

An important element of the plan is the establishment of three regional officers, to be hosted by councils in the North-west, North and South, to work across the regions in supporting implementation of the plan. Over the next six months, DPIPWEE will also prepare the necessary legislative. Local Government is recognised as a key partner and will have input into this process.

LGAT will keep you fully informed of how things are progressing – watch the LG News on the LGAT website.

Policy/Project Activity

- Advice to Bushfire Mitigation Program coordinator regarding project variation of approved projects
- Compiled a whole of sector submission on the proposed Air (Smoke) Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement
- Consultation on the Biosecurity Bill
- Consultation on the use of expiry dates on planning permits
- Development of a discussion paper on the Code of Conduct Review
- Development of a Guide to Taking Minutes for Local Government – available now on the LGAT website under Reports and submissions
- Development of a new LGAT events registration form
- Development of a whole of sector job ad advertising package with SEEK.com – details to be released soon
- Development of new Strategic and Annual Plans for LGAT
- Development of research and information papers on Lean, value capture and participatory budgeting – all shortly available on the LGAT website under Reports and submissions
- Discussion with SES regarding Municipal Emergency Management Risk Project
- Discussion with Tasmania Fire Service and Kingborough Council regarding prescribed burning training for council officers
- Federal funding application for preventative health project
- Input into the Consolidated Data Collection worksheet
- Input into the format of The State of Tasmania’s Public Health Report
- Input into the Sharing Economy Accommodation documentation
- Liaison with councils regarding GIS app for emergency management

- Liaison with Goanna Energy and councils re shared procurement for energy for public lighting
- Liaison with TasNetworks regarding LED replacement program
- Liaison with Treasury regarding guidelines for Accelerated Local Government Infrastructure Program
- Participated in the UTAS, TasTAFE and Department of Education 'Creating My Career' events. Attendance exceeded 800 high school students from the north-west region (May) and 1100 from the northern region this month.
- Preparation of a partnership plan with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program
- Research paper on the use of drones - shortly available on the LGAT website under Reports and submissions
- Review and input to State Government Planning and Building Portal RFI
- Review and input into the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* amendments to the Transitional Arrangements (for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme)
- Support of ALGA's State of the Assets Report
- Survey regarding use of Employee Assistance Programs in councils
- Update of the LGAT Delegations Register
- Working with DHHS and Glenorchy City Council on the Prevention Tracker, a national support project to identify barriers and opportunities to address preventative health issues in Glenorchy.

Media and Communications

- Better Councils Better Communities - web articles
- Letter to The Mercury – Amalgamations (30 June)
- Media release – Treasurer Challenged to Release Legal Advice (6 June)
- Media Release – National State of the Regions Report Launched (19 June)
- Media release – LGAT Annual Conference (20 June)
- Media Release – Cat Management Plan (29 June)
- Opinion piece – Rate Capping - The Advocate / The Examiner / The Mercury (19 June)

Training and Development

- Advancing preparations for LGAT Annual Conference
- Judging the Awards for Excellence and Meritorious Service Award

Meetings

- Air bnb / sharing economy forum
- ALGA National General Assembly

- Australian Smart Communities Association- Embracing the internet of things, Future Ready Series
- Australian Smart Communities Association - Community Engagement and citizen centric design
- Building Reform Reference Group Teleconferences – Feedback on the implementation of the Building Act
- Cities Leadership Institute - Discussion around smart lighting
- City of Hobart - Review of Public Lighting Contracts
- Coast to Coast Conference Steering Committee – 2018 conference planning
- Department of Premier and Cabinet – Recovery reform update
- DPIPWE - Biosecurity Legislation briefing
- DPIPWE - Partnership to implement the Cat Management Plan
- DPIPWE - Primary Industry Activities Protection Act Information
- Eat Well Tasmania – Agritourism Discussion Paper
- Environment Protection Authority – Roles and responsibilities & State Waste Strategy
- Future Housing Taskforce – Housing Affordability
- Inter Agency Working Group on Drugs – Inter sectoral Taskforce meeting about drugs and alcohol
- Integrity Commission – Audit Panel Code of Conduct
- Ironbark Sustainability, Meander Valley Council and City of Launceston- Tasmanian Smart Lighting Audit and opportunities
- LGAT General Management Committee
- Local Provision Schedule Steering Committee Meetings
- MAV Insurance
- Macquarie Point Development Corporation – Project update
- National Communication Managers Meeting
- Other Association’s Waste Officers Teleconference
- Page Seager – HR Behaviour Toolkit stage 3
- Premiers Local Government Council
- Premiers Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Property Council – Tasmanian Planning Scheme, water and sewerage and council amalgamations
- Royal Flying Doctors – Projects update
- Shared Accommodation Working Group
- State Emergency Management Committee

- State Emergency Management Service – Discussion with Dr Paul Barnes, Head: Risk & Resilience Program, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- State Emergency Management Service - Emergency Management Reforms Project Output Steering Committee
- Tasmanian Archives Office – Updating the Archive Office Guidelines
- TasNetworks- pricing reform and public lighting
- TasPlan – Partnership discussions
- TasWater – Trade waste agreements
- Waste Management Association, Tasmania – State Waste Strategy
- Water and Sewerage Steering Committee – Preparation of information for councils