

Key LGAT Activity– May 2012

Policy/Project Activity

- Advice to ALGA re AEMI training and plan to reduce funding for Local Government officer attendance.
- Completion of draft Strategic Plan for consideration by the General Management Committee before going to the LGAT General Meeting in July.
- Consultation with councils and feedback to the Tasmanian Planning Commission regarding proposed changes to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act. Follow up letter to the Minister re short timeframes.
- Continued input into Award Modernisation issues.
- Contribution to Infrastructure Australia, Australian Cities Report on bushfire and planning in Tasmania
- National Disaster Resilience Program Grants Assessment (Panel Member).
- Released highlights for Local Government from Federal and State Budgets.
- Significant level of Standards Panel activity.
- Submission on Division 81 regulations.
- Submission on Police Offences Act- Motor Races on Private Land Discussion Paper
- Training and workshops as part of the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project (see outputs).

Training and Workforce Development

- Think Big Work Local advertisement continues to screen until June 2012.
- Continue to monitor council job advertisements, noting a seasonal decline in vacancies as we approach end of financial year.
- Commenced analysis of workforce data collected from 23 councils.

Meetings and Communication

- Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs Council Conference Panel presentation
- ALGA Constitutional Recognition CEO Teleconference
- Associations Planning Policy Officers . teleconference
- Australian National University: Leading Adaptation Practice and Web-based Tools Project - teleconference with ALGA and other state Associations
- Caravan Industry Association Tasmania - re Statewide Directions Paper on Overnight RV Camping
- CEO RSPCA Tasmania
- Department of Economic Development Forum on Retirement Living
- Department of Premier and Cabinet workshop on the draft overarching principles and the draft guide for the consideration of natural hazards in the planning system.
- Director of Local Government re national minimum datasets.
- DPIWE re implementation of the Cat Management Act
- Economic Development Australia
- Food Security inaugural networking meeting.\
- Fortnightly electronic newsletters

- Health and Wellbeing Planning . meeting with project consultants
- Heritage Tasmania re Heritage Bill
- Integrity Commission CEO Interview Panel
- Invasive Species Unit Community Engagement Meeting
- Liaison Consumer Affairs re draft Vendor Disclosure Bill
- Liaison with DIER regarding road asset ownership policy
- Liaison with Director Liquor and Gaming regarding liquor licence process
- Local Government Divisions State of the Sector Forum
- Local Government HR Forum
- Local Government Workforce Development Group Meeting
- Medial Liaison officer training- national counter training
- Meeting with Aurora Energy re Street Lighting and Energy Reform
- Meeting with Derwent Estuary Program re Soil and Water Management Plans
- Planning Schemes Online Steering Committee
- Premier's Physical Activity Committee Local Government Forum
- Productivity Commission . Barriers to Climate Change Adaptation
- Public Health Emergency Exercise
- Regional Councils Climate Change Adaptation Project Workshops (West Tamar Council, Dorset Council).
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- Service Tasmania re new services.
- Southern Asset Management Group meeting
- State Government Budget Lock Up
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Decision Project - Steering Committee
- Tasmanian Planning Commission re amendments to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act
- Tasmanian Regional Arts Council
- The Australian Climate Change Adaptation Research Network for Settlements and Infrastructure (ACCARNSI) Roadshow
- Tim Morris re unsightly vehicles.
- Unity Training (Website Management)

Media

- State and Federal Government Budgets.
- Amalgamations
- Water and Sewerage

Outputs

- LG Financial and Asset Reform Project's schedule of training conducted by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) have included:
 - Regional Elected Member workshops 'Towards Sustainable Services' in Brighton, Launceston and Burnie;
 - Senior staff workshops 'Talking Each Other's Language' in the above regional centres;
 - NAMS.PLUS asset management training Session 1 in Brighton and Launceston (planned session for Burnie was amalgamated with Launceston);
 - NAMS refresher training, including introduction to new software version in Launceston; and
 - A customised Level of Service/ Risk Management workshop conducted in both Westbury and Brighton.
- Commonwealth Clean Energy Regulator - Carbon Pricing Mechanism Workshops for Local Government
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Access Issues Meetings (North and South)

The Association is moving premises. Our postal address, emails and telephone numbers will remain the same but from 25 June we will be located at 326 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Please bear with us during the moving period. We will be without telephones and emails from the afternoon of Thursday 21st June to Monday 25th June.