

Key LGAT Activity– May 2013

Policy/Project Activity

- Applications released as part of the Financial and Asset Reform Project for funding regional groups.
- Briefings to legislative council on electoral bill.
- Completed interviews for state-wide community satisfaction survey.
- Environmental Dispute Mediation project – evaluation survey to councils.
- Internal LGAT Annual Operational Plan planning and reporting session scheduled
- Papers developed for Code of Conduct Working Group.
- Planning and communication regarding Constitutional Recognition referendum.
- Standards Panel activity.
- State Government Budget Highlights provided to councils.

Training and Workforce Development

- Discussed boosting student and school engagement through a modified bus tour/work experience product, with a private school in the south to be set with a council in the south.
- Meeting with Department of Education, Big Picture school Invermay, and agreed to work on a project teaching Local Government skills to a small group of post year 10 students, using a Tasmania RTO and a northern council.
- Met Tasmanian Polytechnic regarding changes to engineering training for 2014.
- Monitored weekly council job advertisements.
- Seminar on Work Inspirations program in Launceston to investigate improved work experience models for council, which included a national case study of a Northern Midlands Council initiative.
- Using LGATs 2012 workforce database, determined number/type of job roles in engineering in councils, to support a case for post 2013 TAFE training in engineering to be offered in locations beyond Hobart.

Meetings and Communication

- Alcohol advisory group meeting.
- ALGA Board Subcommittee on Constitutional Recognition – teleconferences.
- ALGA Planning Officers Teleconference.
- Association Finance Officers re Financial Assistance Grants review.
- Attended 26 TEN forum re role out of literacy initiatives in Australia and other countries.
- Attended LGMA Conference.
- Briefing on the Queensland flood reconstruction authority (flood mapping innovations).
- Budget Lock Up.
- Campaign Coordinators Meetings Constitutional Recognition – teleconferences.

- Communications Special Interest Group.
- Consultation roundtable – emissions reduction strategies.
- Crane Industry Reference Group meeting.
- Crane Network Meeting.
- Disability Care Australia.
- EMRS regarding Community Satisfaction Survey.
- Final Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee meeting.
- General Management Committee.
- Government Skills Australia, Industry Advisory Council meeting.
- Governor's Environmental Scholarship Awards.
- HR Forum.
- Local Government (Highways) Regulations – meeting with DPAC and TasGas.
- Local Government Division re planning and workforce data collection.
- Local Government Division regarding Code of Conduct working group.
- Local Government Managers Australia National Congress (Hobart).
- Meeting with Education Department to discuss development of a LGAT plan for the role out of the 26 TEN literacy initiative.
- Page Seager regarding Award Modernisation.
- Premier's Local Government Council.
- Regular monthly meeting with the Local Government Division.
- Response to STCA re issue raised regarding campfires.
- SES - Southern municipal emergency management committee.
- State Emergency Services regarding flood resilience project.
- State Fire Management Council Manager re Fire Management Area Committee boundaries and consultation with Local Government.
- Tas Regional Arts (TRA) Strategic Planning Workshop & meeting re MoU between TRA and LGAT.
- Tas Regional Arts State Executive Teleconference.
- Tasmanian Fire Service regarding community protection planning.
- TasMedicare Local regarding health and wellbeing projects.
- Water and Sewerage Owners Representatives Meeting.
- Wrest Point regarding 2013 conference.

Media and Marketing

- Local Government (Electoral) Amendment Bill.
- Hobart leaving LGAT.
- Planning.
- Role of Local Government Project.
- Referendum/Constitutional Recognition.

- Container Deposit Levy.
- Waste Levy.
- Reduction of speed limits.
- Participation on ABC Radio panel.
- State Budget.
- Federal Budget.

Key Outputs

- Coastal Management Workshops conducted in all three regions under the Tasmanian Shoreline Monitoring and Archiving Project
- Submission on Land Use Planning and Approvals (Private Certification) Amendment Bill.
- Negotiated with Government Skills Australia that Tasmanian councils be offered a free Government Skills Australia workforce planning seminar like some other states, to be run in Campbell Town in June.
- Bushfire/building code implications on new and upgraded building works - assessment of present stringent requirements of accreditation system. Meeting with DPaC, Workplace Standards, HIA, Tas Fire Service, building surveyors and representative councils.