

## Key LGAT Activity– May 2014

### Policy/Project Activity

- Award modernisation activity – Municipal Managers Award.
- Cleaned data from the Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Survey 2014 ready for analysis. Assisted a small number of councils with late surveys, aiming to achieve a completion rate of 75%.
- Consultation and feedback on the draft Guide to Audit Panels being developed by the Local Government Division.
- Consultation and submission on proposed amendments to Planning Regulations.
- Consultation and submission on proposed changes to the Building Regulations.
- Development of a Networks and Special Interests Group List
- Information on the Federal Budget condensed and circulated to Councils.
- Processed Request for Quotation for production of Financial and Asset Management Practice Summaries and contracted work.
- Standards Panel Activity.
- Submission to State Government (Local Government Division) on the proposed Local Road Hierarchy
- Submission to State Special Plan - Tsunami
- Working with DIER to convene regional workshops for development of local road access networks for heavy vehicles

### Training and Workforce Development

- Monitored weekly council job advertisements, observing a general rise in vacancies post Easter.
- Promoted local government careers and statistics in a presentation to careers advisors in Campbell Town.
- Promoted local government careers at a presentation to a group of students at Hobart College's careers event.
- State assessment of 2nd round of Skills Fund grant applications delayed by new State Government process until 27 May; LGAT made an application with a number of councils for this funding. LGAT successfully obtained funding for councils in the 1st round of this grant.

### Meetings and Communication

- 26TEN Coalition
- 50:50 Vision Steering Committee Teleconference
- Australian Early Development Index Coordinating Committee
- Alcohol Advisory Group meeting
- Black Spot Funding Panel
- Budget Breakfast (Commonwealth Bank)
- Chair of the Planning Reform Taskforce
- Cycling Safety Steering Committee

- DIER regarding heavy vehicle access permits
- DIER regarding rectification works following an emergency
- Environment Division re new Local Government Liaison Officer.
- Evacuation Working Group Meeting
- Green Building Council of Australia
- Healthy Food Access Reference Meeting
- Illicit Drugs Advisory Group
- Interview with ACIL/Allen: Third Social and Economic Impact Study on Gambling in Tasmania
- Invasive Species Network Meeting
- Learner Driver Mentor Program Funding Assessment Panel
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
- LGAT Fortnightly e-newsletter
- National Energy Efficiency Network
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator/Australian Road Research Board workshop re heavy vehicle Route Assessment Tool development progress
- Office of the Tasmanian Energy Regulator (OTTER) Consultative Committee Meeting
- Planning Reform Taskforce (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)
- Premier's Physical Activity Council Local Government Forum
- Presented to the MAV Local Government Risk Forum at St Helens on implications of the introduction of the Bushfire Code.
- Productivity Commission re Natural Disaster Funding
- Recovery and Resilience sub committee
- Regional Development Tasmania
- Regional Infrastructure Director/Road Manager workshops regarding National Heavy Vehicle Regulator heavy vehicle classifications and pre-consent network development.
- Retirement Living Project Meeting
- Road Safety Advisory Committee
- Tasmanian Association of Community Houses
- Tasmanian Training Consortium Executive Meeting
- Think South Regional Climate Change Initiative Group Meeting

#### **Media**

- Radio/Newspaper on Federal Budget, Financial Assistance Grants, Elections

#### **Key Outputs**

- Launch of the LGAT Extranet for council use. Current material on the site include training and WH&S resources; further material is currently being collated and developed and will be uploaded onto the site over time.
- Significant savings achieved for most councils by commissioning the production of Delegations and Compliance Registers through LGAT instead of on an individual council basis. These are now on the extranet.

- The LGAT professional development calendar was launched providing member councils with professional development opportunities for councillors, staff in strategic areas and general professional development. Many of the offerings are Local Government specific.
- A number of the sessions will also be available on-line. In addition, LGAT will deliver a brokering service which will assist councils in sourcing professional development opportunities. The brokerage service will include liaising with other councils so that critical numbers can be secured to make sessions cost effective whilst also meeting council specific learning and development needs.
- Engagement of Page Seager to deliver range of tools, guides and training on behavioural requirements under work health and safety legislation. Will be available on the extranet from 1 July for all Member Councils - aiding in compliance.
- During May a new Telecommunications contract was negotiated through the National Procurement Network. This means that Tasmanian Councils are now able to directly access two companies that have been through a rigorous and independently analysed tender process. Goods and services that are available include telecommunications equipment and phone and data packages. The companies that have qualified under the NPN to deliver to Tasmanian Councils are Community Telco and Telstra. Both offer standards are pricing that will be attractive to Tasmanian Councils. Requests for Quotations for the various goods and services under the contract can be accessed through Vendor Panel, the web based system that Councils currently use to purchase fleet items through the NPN.
- Conducted a very successful careers event with Kingborough and Huon Valley councils, Colony 47 and St James Catholic College. Students were given site visits, demonstrations and talked to staff in small groups about their work and how they go their jobs.