

## Key LGAT Activity – May 2016

### Issue in Focus

In early May, LGAT released the advocacy document *Partnering for Prosperity* for the 2016 Federal Election. The document seeks commitments from an incoming Australian Government under a range of key areas including: Financial Assistance Grants; roads, bridges and other community infrastructure; improved freight movement; climate change and human services. Key state and regional projects are identified such as the Bridgewater Bridge, water and sewerage infrastructure, the Cradle Mountain Masterplan and investment in the University of Tasmania's north and north-west campuses. The LGAT President, CEO and GMC have been actively advocating its key priorities to candidates and parties.

During May LGAT was also pleased to welcome Alyce Jordan to the team in the joint role of Executive Officer for LG Professionals Tasmania and LGAT. Previously, Alyce was the Business Excellence Manager for Oak Tasmania and she has a strong community services background.

### Policy/Project Activity

- Commenced amendments to the LGAT Rules for consideration at the AGM
- Review of the Annual Plan and commenced drafting the 2016 – 17 Plan
- Preparation of LGAT Budget
- Updated Governance Framework for LGAT
- Updated model Delegations and Compliance Registers
- RFQ for IT upgrade at LGAT completed
- Preparation of GMC and PLGC Papers
- Development of a background paper on the Sharing Economy – particularly as it relates to accommodation options like Airbnb
- Contract management of energy purchasing for councils with contacts ending 30 June 2016
- Biosecurity Legislation Review position paper submission
- Advice to councils and provision of example motion regarding dissolving local code of conduct panels
- Distributed LGAT Annual Conference Program and Registration Form
- Announced 2016 Awards for Excellence Awards and distributed Guidelines
- Released Tranche 2 of the Personal Behaviours Toolkit, including an online training session for Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy and Procedure
- Collated sectoral feedback on the Toolkit process, and preferences for future policy development and support
- Secured speakers for the pre-Conference Planning Workshop
- Provided whole of sector advice on the key Federal and State Government Budget announcements, including a general overview and any local government specific policies or initiatives
- Provided feedback to ALGA on National General Assembly motions business papers
- Review of the Productivity Commission Inquiry's Issues Paper into Data Availability and Use

- Letter to DPAC on housing for itinerant workers
- Further input into the DPIPWE Good Neighbour Charter
- Whole of sector submission on the State Planning Provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Continued follow up with the EPA and Minister Groom's office on waste tyres

### Training and Workforce Development

- LGAT was unsuccessful in obtaining a 'Tasmanian Workforce Development Fund' grant from the Tasmanian Government due to the Fund's "industry" focus. However, Skills Tasmania noted that the work outlined in our proposal was of particular value and was likely to be enabled in some way in the future.
- Preliminary investigations and discussions on availability of on-line learning/training modules for industry
- Delivered the '2IC' Full day workshop for aspiring General Managers

### Media and Communications

- The Pulse e-newsletter - 5th & 23rd May
- Abstract for the International Cities Conference accepted.
- Media regarding election signage, the Federal Election, the State Government Budget, Federal Budget. George Town casual vacancy.  
3 May - Launched the LGAT Federal Election Advocacy Document: *Partnering for Prosperity*.  
9 May - Media release announcing 2016 Meritorious Service Awards  
26 May - Media Release welcoming State Government funding for iPlan
- Created a draft 'shot script' for the 'Better Councils Better Communities' television commercial. The commercial will put forward a simple positive message about a range of common council services, including: roads/paths; parks/sports; galleries/museums; markets; recycling. The commercial will be very similar to the Local Government Association Queensland's commercial of the same name, which can be viewed on YouTube. The script will be finalised in early June and be shot in late June.

### Meetings

- Local Government Professionals National Congress
- Regular meetings with the Local Government Division
- General Management Committee Meeting
- Premier's Local Government Council Meeting
- Volunteering Tasmania Awards (as executive judge)
- Update from Minister's Office on energy issues
- Meeting with the Governance Institute regarding training for Audit Panel Members
- General Managers Technical Reference Group – Review of the Local Government Act
- President and CEO Meeting with Julie Collins regarding election advocacy
- President and CEO Meeting with Federal Liberal members and candidates regarding election advocacy
- DPIPWE re cat management plan
- Tasmanian Planning Commission re process for hearings on TPS

- Page Seager re procurement capacity building
- Institute of Internal Auditors re training and capacity building opportunities
- Integrity Commission re Gifts and Benefits and expenses
- State Budget Breakfast
- Tasmanian Training Consortium executive meeting
- Office of the Economic Regulator Customer Consultative Committee Meeting
- Reforming Emergency Management Arrangements- Outputs Steering Committee meeting
- LG Pro Human Resources Special
- Breaking news! The revolution in modern print journalism - PRIA seminar
- Tasmanian Planning Commission on the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
- Skills Tasmania re Economic Development skills and capacity in local government.
- Inception meeting for the “Mapping the Tasmanian Agricultural Estate” Project
- ALGA and the Regional Institute Full Day workshop on regional development
- State Government Budget lock up
- Minister Groom’s office regarding economic development and local government.
- North West Councils Regional Road Managers Meeting - heavy vehicles project work
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- Southern Regional Road Managers Meeting - heavy vehicles project work
- State Growth and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator re over size over mass vehicles project
- National Local Government Cultural Forum Executive (teleconference)