

Key LGAT Activity – November & December 2016

Issue in Focus

LGAT has been working with councils and the Department of Justice's Consumer, Building and Occupational Licencing Division (CBOS) in order to address the transitional process for the introduction of the new Building Act 2016, which commences on January 1 2017. This work resulted in expedition of the release of the guidelines for councils and the establishment of a dedicated helpline and resource in CBOS for councils during the first three months of 2017.

LGAT Member Survey

The LGAT Member Survey has been distributed to elected members and staff recently, the survey deadline is 30 Jan, and can be completed by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VWNXRFN>.

This is an important feedback process for LGAT and will also help us in our next phase of strategic planning, so please respond.

Policy/Project Activity

- Developed the 2017-18 State Budget Submission
- Workshop to look at LGAT Sponsorship arrangements and opportunities
- GMC Elections
- Preparation of papers for General Management Committee and Premier's Local Government Council meetings in December
- Submission to Legislative Council Scrutiny Committee, TasWater
- Review of the LGAT Assist Rules
- Introduction of electronic voting at General Meetings
- Submission to Joint Select Committee on Gaming
- Submission into Flood Review
- EOI for LED streetlighting project closed, agreement from five councils in the south and six councils in the North West to progress to business case stage
- Funding application to Energy Consumers Australia for the provision of expert advice in relation to energy
- Developed the Terms of Reference and facilitated the initial meeting of the LGAT Waste Reference Group
- Developed a brief, requested quotations, received and assessed quotes and selected a consultant for the preparation of a Waste Management Strategy for the LGAT Waste Reference Group
- Analysis of demand for a LGAT Employee Assistance Program for Councils
- Preferred Suppliers Deeds signed for NPN Workwear and Personal Protective Apparel Tender, the contract is now available for Tasmanian Councils to use
- In partnership with MAV, finalised the contracts with suppliers for the provision of park and playground equipment, open space and recreational infrastructure, outdoor furniture, signage and related products & services (PP4924-2016) for use by Tasmanian Councils
- NPN Industrial Hardware Tender advertised in Tasmanian papers
- In partnership with Local Buy in Qld, the Civil Works: Road, Bridges and Road Resurfacing Tender was advertised in Tasmanian papers and closed on 10 November. The registered tenderers are currently being evaluated. Contractors will be appointed for use by Tasmanian Councils in early 2017

- NPN Officer appointed
- Sat as a member of the Tasmanian Public Sector Awards Judging Panel
- Working with councils and Consumer, Building and Occupational Licensing towards transition of Building Act 2016
- Working on submission to Federal Senate review of Financial Assistance Grants and local government performance
- Successfully transitioned all councils to a new national notice for heavy vehicle access for all 'General Purpose' heavy vehicles under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (culmination of many months' work undertaken in conjunction with councils, State Growth and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator)
- Supported a Trade / investment briefing by Austrade on Smart Cities
- Supported the workshops for the Agricultural Mapping Project by the Department of Justice
- Submission on the LG Reg on changes to the 337 certificate questions
- Input into the Machinery Operation Guidelines prepared by the TFS
- Preparation of a Container Deposit Scheme history in Tasmania

Training and Workforce Development

- Mayors Professional Development Day
- LGAT Regional Breakfast Series (Emergency Management Focus)
- Crucial Conversations Regional workshops
- Workforce Planning Regional workshops

Media and Communications

- Review of LGAT publications and commencement of changes for 2018
- Preparation of web text and video content, to support the Better Councils Better Communities TV advert and campaign
- Commencement of contract for web design to support the Better Councils Better Communities TV advert and campaign
- Called for quotes from designers to undertake re-design of the LGAT News for 2017.
- Re-designed the Pulse Newsletter for 2017
- Established new Google Analytics tracking on existing webpages, to better tailor services to member's needs
- Called for a list of contact officers from councils, to build a contacts database to facilitate rapid or specialist consultation on areas of policy likely to be busy in 2017
- Planning Op Ed picked up by the Advocate and the Mercury
- Letter to Editor, TasWater Dividends
- Media release ALGA Vice Presidency
- Media on Huon Valley Council, TasWater, Air BnB, Council Rates, State Planning Provisions
- *The Pulse*, electronic newsletter

- Presentation at the International Cities Conference

Meetings

- Department of Justice regarding Major Projects
- Department of Justice regarding the Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Tasmanian Planning Commission
- LGAT General Meeting
- Natural Hazards and Land Use Decision Support System workshop
- LGAT Waste Reference Group
- State Growth regarding the Wood Encouragement Policy
- Expedia regarding Short term accommodation and land use planning
- Regional CEOs
- Cradle Coast Authority to scope a Regional Development Forum for 2017
- Department of Justice regarding Neighbourhood Disputes (Problem Trees) Bill
- Will Joscelyne, Chief of Staff, Minister Rene Hidding
- State Growth regarding the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and visitor economy
- Meeting with Regional Local Government Authorities regarding State Budget'
- Meeting with range of peak bodies regarding State Budget
- Launceston Council Visit
- Tony McCall, Advisor, Minister Gutwein
- Electoral Commission – general catch up
- Road Safety Advisory Council Meeting
- Premier's Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Monthly Meeting with the Local Government Division
- Commonwealth Bank regarding LGAT investments
- Public Relations working group meeting
- Hobart City Council visit
- Huon Valley Council visit
- Two potential training providers
- AustCham Shanghai teleconference regarding potential support for China delegations
- Kingborough, Hobart and Glenorchy Council Community Service officers
- Alcohol Advisory Group
- Interagency Working group on Drugs and Alcohol
- Clarence Health and Wellbeing forum
- Prevention Tracker for Health and Wellbeing, Glenorchy Council

- DHHS regarding the RIAMS web platform
- Local Government Division and the Audit Office re Audit Panels
- Bicycling Tasmania
- Live Well Tasmania
- UTAS regarding Food Security
- Southern Councils Ethical Reference Group Meeting of the Integrity Commission
- National project on Local Government and Disability Working Group
- DPAC and Hobart, Glenorchy, Break O’Day and Clarence Councils re Action on Disability
- Meeting with Jobsability
- Hobart City Council procurement re the NPN Industrial Hardware Tender and the evaluation of registered tenderers
- United Petroleum – a supplier under the NPN re how to best provide access to cheaper fuel prices for Tasmanian Councils
- Electric Vehicle Association – Tasmania re Councils access to cost effective, clean energy fleet.
- Outputs steering committee- implementation of Justice Review recommendations
- LED replacement program briefing with North West Councils
- LED replacement program briefing with southern councils
- SES re Municipal Emergency Management Risk Project
- TasNetworks re pricing reform
- Goanna Energy re Energy Consumers Australia funding
- Red Cross re MOU in emergencies
- Telstra re mobile blackspots, digital literacy and other policy issues
- Collaborative leadership subcommittee SEMC
- Consultative committee on severe weather
- Northern Lights Teleconference
- DHHS preseason emergency briefing
- UTAS re training in emergency management
- Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator Consultative Committee
- State Emergency Management Committee
- DPAC, Office of Security and Emergency Management re landslips
- ALGA National Local Roads Congress 2016, Toowoomba, QLD
- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee
- Vehicle Operations Notice Transitional Steering Committee
- National Local Government Cultural Forum Executive Committee
- Southern Regional Councils Climate Change Initiative

- Nomenclature Board
- Institute for Public Administration (IPAA) (Tas) State Council
- Public Sector Excellence Awards Sub-committee and Judging Panel
- Southern Councils re Building Act transition
- Consumer, Building and Occupational Licencing re Building Act transition
- City of Hobart re Public Sector Management Program participation
- State Local Government Associations re HR conference
- State Growth re National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and transition to national notice
- Culture Counts regarding data collection and management for Local Government arts and cultural practices
- ALGA Board Meeting (Toowoomba)
- European Union Climate and Energy Consul
- Climate Change Network Tasmania
- Infrastructure Tasmania re road management and audit activities
- City of Hobart re Climate Change projects