

Key LGAT Activity– February 2013

Policy/Project Activity

- ARRB Route Assessment Tool training workshop
- Commenced a project developing options in relation to Local Government Procurement
- Continued Standards Panel Activity
- Feedback on proposed Local Government Electoral Changes
- Feedback on proposed prioritised removal of asbestos policy
- Feedback on the proposed feral cat strategy
- Further planning in relation to Award Modernisation for Local Government
- Preparation of General Meeting papers
- Retirement Living Project contract signed with the University of Tasmania
- Submission on Local Government Miscellaneous Amendments Bill
- Submission on the proposed plastic bag ban
- Three regional workshops were held with Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators in relation to the review of the *Emergency Management Act 2006*
- Draft project plan for the next phase of the Local Government Asset and Financial Reform: Continuing Improvement
- Feedback (workshop with Local Government Division, representatives from councils and Workplace Standards) on the Local Government Miscellaneous Amendments Bill – Dilapidated Buildings
- Completed a survey of council engineers, making suggestions to TAFE for the new Diploma of Civil Construction Design
- Speakers for the Local Government Conference secured

Training and Workforce Development

- Social Media Video completed and available on the LGAT website.
- Elected Members' weekend workshop.
- Promotion of new Local Government Webinars.
- Australian Road Research Board – Route Assessment Tool Pilot Project Training Session
- Met with Hobart City and Kingborough councils agreeing in principle to host a European intern in June and July who may perform workforce planning related research.
- Promoted council jobs using the Think Big Work Local booth and touch screen computer with internet access at the Government Jobs and Skills Expo in Glenorchy. A newspaper advertisement and editorial were also created, promoting the booth, the website www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au and the job seeker's competition.
- Developed additional one page flyers describing more job roles in councils for use in promotions.
- Screened the Think Big TV commercial at a moderate level through January and early February, to promote council jobs and the role of councils in the community.

Meetings and Communication

- 50:50 Vision Steering Committee meeting
- ALGA Board Strategic Planning Day
- Asbestos Steering Committee Meetings
- Australian Early Development Index meeting
- Bushfire Recovery Meetings
- Cycling for Active Transport Grant Assessment Panel
- Constitutional Recognition Subcommittee of ALGA Board
- Department of Education meeting regarding development opportunities for elected members.
- Discussions with workshop and conference speakers.
- Financial and Asset Reform Project Steering Committee meeting.
- Forest Practices Advisory Committee Meeting
- Heritage Tasmania re progression of Heritage Bill and related training.
- Integrity Commission meeting
- Meeting with Climate Planning Pty Ltd re Kingborough Climate Change Project
- Local Government Division Meeting
- Meeting with Aurora re street lighting
- Meeting with the Productivity Commission re small business regulation
- Social Inclusion Unit re review and expansion of the Local Government Children and Youth Services Survey report
- Southern Asset Management Group meeting
- Southern Midlands Council and Tasmanian Regional Arts re Arts and Cultural Policy Plan
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office Meeting re Climate Connect Grant and TCAP Phase 2 Project
- Tasmanian Shoreline Monitoring and Archiving Project meeting
- Urban Draining Bill Briefing
- Workshop with Local Government Division and representative council officers on derelict building provisions in proposed legislation

Media and Marketing

- Fortnightly electronic newsletter
- Media responses on proposed electoral reform.

Key outputs

- Completed the first 'Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Report 2012', which estimates retirement impacts by occupation in councils and contains other important workforce planning information for councils.

A copy of the public version of the report is available for download from the LGAT website at <http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=666>.

- Presented findings from the report to some council, State and Commonwealth stakeholders, as well as representatives of the superannuation industry.
- Distributed confidential individual workforce plans to the 22 councils that participated in the report process.
- The Association held a successful two-day Elected Members' Workshop from 23-24 February in Hobart, attended by 27 elected members from 16 councils.