

Key LGAT Activity and Outcomes – June 2011

Policy Activity

- Natural Disaster Resilience Program Funding Assessment Panel
- Completion of state-wide satisfaction survey (results to be presented at July General Meeting)
- Hobart City Council launched electronic development assessment (part of the Tasmanian eDA project managed by LGAT).

Training and Development

- Competitive Neutrality (Caravan Parks) Workshop
- Pre-election workshops (3 regions)
- Professor Mildred Warner workshop
- Finalised a data entry tool for Hobart City and Launceston City to make manual entry of their job vacancies easier for staff. Vacancies from all other member councils are automatically entered through a function of their Unity based websites.
- Provided resources to support Clarence City Council and Huon Valley Council to run careers events with schools and colleges.

Consultation/Submissions

- Initial feedback on Tobacco Action implementation Plan 2011-15, Drug Action Week Poster and Heart Foundation Review of Local Government Health Promotion.
- Division 81, coordination between the Australian Taxation Office and councils.

Meetings and Communication

- ALGA Board Meeting
- ALGA National General Assembly
- Federal Minister Tony Burke (Forestry Issues)
- Bill Kelty (Forestry Issues)
- Local Government Division and Government Pricing Oversight Commission regarding competitive neutrality (caravan parks).
- Hosted breakfast for Housing Industry Association (HIA), Master Builders Association (MBA), Property Council and Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to discuss issues of mutual interest.
- Environmental Protection Authority re waste levy.
- Food security council workshop
- *LGAT News Magazine*
- LGAT fortnightly electronic newsletters
- Chair of the Tasmanian Spatial Information Council (TASSIC), Gary Nairn
- Department of Economic Development regarding Business Online Services
- Service Tasmania regarding partnership opportunities
- Speed limits around child care centres – Working Group
- ALGA Board Subcommittee on Constitutional Recognition (teleconference)
- ALGA emergency management policy teleconference
- Standards Panel Hearing
- Tasmanian Oil Price Vulnerability Study

- DPIWE regarding soil and water management on construction sites
- DIER regarding local cycling infrastructure funding
- Local Government Division – monthly meeting
- Long-Term Financial Plan Working Group
- Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project Steering Committee
- Climate Change Partnership Committee Meeting
- State Government Budget lock-up
- Women Can Steering Committee
- Aurora regarding tranche 5a contestability
- Social media index launch.
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs steering committee.
- Environmental Dispute Mediation Project working group

Media

- State Government Budget (Water and Sewerage)
- Climate Change- Commonwealth Funding
- Forestry – Legislative Council Inquiry
- Forestry – Bill Kelty Meeting

Key Outputs

- Draft Long Term Financial Planning Framework developed as part of the Local Government Financial and Asset Reform Project.
- Used remaining Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program (EBPPP) funding, from the Commonwealth's 2010-11 allocation, to obtain distance training in accounting from NSW Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) for King Island, Flinders Island and Huon Valley Councils. The funds also stimulated the development of a new distance Diploma of Business from the Skills Institute, which can be undertaken part-time while working. The Commonwealth will run its EBPPP program again this financial year and individual councils are encouraged to apply.
- \$400,000 in Federal Funding contributed to the Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Pathways Project (TCAP), a project that will be run in partnership between LGAT, the Tasmanian Climate Change Office and the Tasmanian Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Break O'Day, Clarence, Kingborough and Latrobe Councils. Input will be provided by the three regional planning projects and UTAs. The project will develop flexible coastal adaptation pathways for local communities and provide a methodology (including templates and resources) that can be applied elsewhere.