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## **A Focus on Performance**

It is a dynamic time in Local Government with over one third of councillors being newly elected and nearly fifty per cent of mayors new to the job.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania is helping them approach their new roles with confidence and professionalism through a raft of training opportunities.

This week, the Association held two highly successful workshops with mayors. *Donning the Robes* provided some key advice on the role and procedures for brand new mayors, and *Leading Performance* provided both inspiration and tools for mayors to lead high performing councils.

LGAT President, Mayor Barry Jarvis said the sessions were extremely well attended, the mayors were highly engaged and all said they found it valuable, both in terms of learning and building a strong collegial network.

“It is great that the newer and younger mayors are able to meet those who are more experienced and identify mentors, and the enthusiasm in the room has brushed off on all of us, even if we have been mayor for a while,” Mayor Jarvis said.

On Saturday, 22 November, the Local Government Association of Tasmania is running a course for new councillors. *Local Government 101* has nearly 60 councillors attending and will cover roles and responsibilities, strategic planning, pecuniary interests, meeting procedures and more. This early training will be built upon with an elected member professional development weekend, scheduled for 28 February - 1 March 2015.

“It is fantastic to have so many new councillors attending training this early in their term,” said Mayor Jarvis. “I think it shows the passion and commitment in Local Government, and the drive to deliver the best outcomes for communities”.

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