



# Media Release

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## **Devonport General Manager Honoured with Life Membership**

A stalwart of Local Government, particularly in North West Tasmania, has been honoured with Life Membership of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

Paul West, the General Manager of Devonport City Council since 2014, was presented with his award tonight at the gala dinner of the LGAT Annual Conference, at Wrest Point, Hobart.

Paul's fine service to Local Government was highlighted, having been employed in the sector in Tasmania for a total of 32 years and a General Manager for a combined total of 17 years.

Paul started his career in 1980 at Burnie City Council and has held positions right along the Coast including Waratah-Wynyard, King Island, George Town, Circular Head and West Coast. He also served as General Manager with Kingborough Council in the State's South.

Paul is a current member of LG Professionals Tasmania and has been an active member for 23 years. He was inducted as a Fellow of the organisation in 2004. As a former State President, he participated in a number of statewide issues, including State and Local Government financial reforms and the review of the *Local Government Act*. Paul represented Tasmania on the National Board from 2006-2011 and was National President in 2010.

During his term as President, he focused on delivering initiatives including: the professional development of women in the Year of Women in Local Government; environmental awareness programs in regional communities; training and development opportunities; and continuing support of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government.

Mr West is currently a member of the committee investigating the shared services review for the Cradle Coast region. He is also one of Devonport City Council's representatives on the Cradle Coast Authority.

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