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Local Government Honours One of Its Own

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has tonight presented its highest honour to former President, Mayor Barry Jarvis, who died suddenly in early June this year.

The Councillor Exemplary Service Award was accepted by Barry's wife, Terri, at the Conference Dinner held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston, where representatives from Local Government are meeting for the 103rd LGAT Annual Conference. The award was presented by the Acting President of LGAT, Mayor Daryl Quilliam on behalf of the General Management Committee of LGAT.

The award recognises distinguished service to the whole of Local Government.

Barry Jarvis was elected to Dorset Council in 2007 and became Mayor in 2009. He joined the General Management Committee in 2011 and commenced his Presidency in October 2014. Barry was the spokesperson for the Regional Council Group from 2012.

"Having been involved in a small, rural council that represents an area which has taken many economic hits over the last decade, Barry had become increasingly aware of the importance of councils in advocating and representing community," Acting President Quilliam said.

"I know that Barry was enjoying the challenges of working with Association members, the State Government and other stakeholders to further progress Local Government in Tasmania," he said.

Mayor Quilliam said that as President, Barry worked collaboratively, engaging positively with the many varied stakeholders and advocating strongly for the best outcomes for the Local Government sector and local communities.

His ability to relate with everyone probably stemmed from having been in small business for 30 years. This probably also led to a keen awareness of the need for councils to respond to changes and live within financial means.

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