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New President Elect for Local Government Association

Mayor Barry Jarvis of Dorset Council today became the President elect to the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

With the departure of present incumbent, Mayor Barry Easter from the position in the coming week, Mayor Jarvis will officially take the role at the declaration of the election writs on, or around 30 October 2014.

As one of five people contesting the position, Mayor Jarvis praised those who had nominated for the role, highlighting the regard in which the position is held and the importance the sector places upon it. He is humbled and honoured to receive the vote of support from his Local Government peers.

Mayor Jarvis paid tribute to the current President, Barry Easter for leading the sector affably and capably over the past five years.

“Barry’s recent Life Membership Award from the Local Government Association of Tasmania was a fitting tribute to someone who had selflessly and capably led his community and steered the sector through the consolidation of the regional water and sewerage corporations into a single entity,” Mayor Jarvis said.

Barry Jarvis was elected to Dorset Council in 2007 and became Mayor in 2009. He is currently running unopposed as Mayor in the 2014 Local Government Election. Barry has been a representative of the Association’s General Management Committee since 2011, Spokesperson for the Regional Council Group since 2012 and has also served as Vice President of the National Timber Councils Association since 2012.

Mayor Jarvis is excited at the prospect of leading the sector and looks forward to the challenges of working with Association members, the State Government and other stakeholders to further progress Local Government in the State to ensure that it remains responsive and committed to the communities it represents.

He highlighted that his focus for the moment is to ensure that he is elected as a councillor for the Dorset Council so that he can continue to serve his own local community and then he can contemplate the Presidency.

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Due to the Local Government Elections, Mayor Jarvis has requested not to conduct media interviews. Media enquiries can be directed instead to LGAT CEO, Allan Garcia on 0419 123 201.