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### **New President for Local Government Association**

Mayor Doug Chipman of the City of Clarence today became President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

As one of four people contesting the position, Mayor Chipman 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 honoured and excited to receive the vote of support from his Local Government peers.

Mayor Chipman paid tribute to Acting President, Mayor Daryl Quilliam who has capably led the organisation since the sudden death of former President, Barry Jarvis. Mayor Quilliam will continue in the role of Vice President.

Mayor Chipman says, "This is a time of significant proposed reform to the sector and I intend to ensure the voice of Local Government is heard clearly by those in power."

"I would like to see LGAT on the front foot in regard to issues such as planning reform, amalgamations, shared services and financial reform."

Mayor Chipman was elected as Alderman to Clarence City Council in 2000, as Deputy Mayor in 2007 and as Mayor in 2011.

Mayor Chipman is a 7th generation Tasmanian who returned to the State after 36 years full-time service of his country in the Royal Australian Air Force, reaching the rank of Air Commodore. He has been married to Jo for 47 years and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

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**Mayor Chipman is currently overseas. Media enquiries can be directed to LGAT CEO, Dr Katrena Stephenson on 0488 610 341.**