

## Media Release

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### Thank you for a Successful 2018 LGAT Annual Conference

The Local Government Association of Tasmania President Mayor Doug Chipman would like to thank all delegates, sponsors and trade exhibitors for making the 106<sup>th</sup> LGAT Annual Conference such a successful event for Members.

“The theme Reinventing the Three Rs was certainly embodied by all attending our Conference, with refreshing new ideas, energy and enthusiasm in abundance over the three days.

The plenary presenters were engaging, informative and motivating and the workshops provided delegates with many takeaway skills and insights”

Noting current advocacy by LGAT in relation to a statewide waste strategy, LGAT CEO Dr Katrena Stephenson highlighted the focus of the conference in drawing attention to reducing waste.

“Our Key Note speaker Craig Reucassel, known for his series on ABC Tv the War on Waste, certainly drew a focus on the need to reduce the waste we create, as well as finding ways to recycle it”

This year the 106<sup>th</sup> LGAT Annual Conference, with the support of delegates and the trade exhibitors, achieved a number of waste savings including:

- Replacing disposable coffee cups with washable cups saving over 460 cups from landfill
- Replacing disposable water cups with glasses saving over 450 plastic cups from landfill
- Recycled card delegate name cards saved over 200 plastic sleeves
- Delegates were supplied reusable calico bags suitable for grocery shopping as grocery bags
- Fantastic support from trade exhibitors saw plastic minimised in displays and no balloons.

Noting the key role Local Government plays in health and wellbeing, LGAT collaborated with Eat Well Tasmania and Wrest Point to walk the talk with a healthy conference menu, focusing on locally sourced produce. The menus featured increased salad and fruit choices, smaller portions of sweet choices and Tasmanian grown products as a feature.

Mayor Doug Chipman said “the LGAT Annual Conference is a key learning, professional development and networking opportunity for Elected Members. LGAT aims to keep costs as

low as possible for members and this would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors”.

“Thank you to our major sponsors MAV Insurance, Tasplan, Commonwealth Bank, JLT, Dial Before You Dig, Page Seager Lawyers, Asset Edge, Tender Search E-Procure, Kernow Environmental Services, Vendor Panel, Australian Institute of Company Directors and all our valued contributors. Without your valued support our Conference would not be possible, and we hope to see you all again next year”

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