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## **New Award Launched to Recognise Exceptional Service to Tasmanian Local Government**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Life Members of the Association have launched a new award to enable Tasmanian communities to recognise exceptional, individual service to Local Government in the State by elected members.

The inaugural *Life Members Award for Meritorious Service* will allow councils and communities to recognise significant achievements by elected members within the most recent electoral term.

Life Members Spokesperson, Lynn Mason, said while other awards for excellence recognised outstanding achievements by councils, no opportunity had been previously provided to recognise specific councillors or aldermen.

“It’s worthwhile to highlight and celebrate the positive contributions made day-to-day, week after week, by individual elected members, working within their own communities or across the regions and the State,” Mrs Mason said.

“Nominees may have made a valuable contribution to Local Government by introducing a significant new or amended policy, providing new and improved services in their council area, improving structural or operational outcomes, or demonstrating innovation or entrepreneurship.”

“It is important to recognise and reward excellence in all areas of Tasmanian Local Government, including those councillors or aldermen who by their efforts add significant value to the sector,” she said.

The award is now open to communities to nominate, with nominations closing on Monday, 27 June. Guidelines and entry forms can be downloaded from the LGAT website at [www.lgat.tas.gov.au](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au).

The award will be judged by the Association Life Members and the winner will be announced at the Local Government Conference Dinner, to be held at the Hobart Function Centre in Hobart on Thursday, 21 July.

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