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## **Will the Census centenary reveal a Tasmanian 'man drought'?**

As the Census marks its centenary this year, delegates at LGAT's Annual Conference have been given an insight into Tasmanian trends over the past 100 years, including those areas most affected by the State's 'man drought'.

In 2006 Tasmanian women outnumbered men with an average of 96 males to every 100 females, with the most pronounced 'man droughts' in Glenorchy and Devonport, each with just 92 males per 100 females.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Regional Director for Tasmania Jacky Hodges said this year's centenary celebrations provided an opportunity to look at how much Tasmania has changed since the last Census.

"2011 marks 100 years since the first national census was conducted in Australia and today the Census of Population and Housing continues to be the nation's best source of local level data," Ms Hodges said.

"The 2006 Census revealed a turnaround in Tasmanian gender demographics, with women outnumbering men 100 to 96, which wasn't the case when the first Census was held in 1911, with men outnumbering women overall 104 to 100.

"As well as Glenorchy and Devonport, women also outnumbered men in Launceston (93), Burnie (93) Kingborough (94) and Hobart (94)."

Ms Hodges said it was great to be sharing the Census' centenary with the Local Government Association of Tasmania, which through its council members had provided ongoing support to the Census over the years.

"Tasmanian Local Government has assisted us greatly, particularly in the lead up to the Population Census to be held on August 9 this year," she said.

"The ABS has held meetings with the majority of Tasmanian councils over the last 12 months, particularly in relation to the recruitment of 900 collectors around the State, enabling us to provide valuable insights into our society today."

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