

## Key LGAT Activity – March 2019

### Issue in Focus

March saw the conclusion of the first phase of the State Government's consultation for the Review of the Local Government Act. The Local Government Division received three hundred and eighty-two submissions from interested stakeholders. This included 14 from individual councils and a submission from LGAT. A copy of each submission and a summary of the submission can be found on the following page:

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local\\_government/local\\_government\\_legislation\\_review/phase\\_one\\_submissions](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/local_government_legislation_review/phase_one_submissions)

The Project Team within the Local Government Division is now in the process of developing draft policy positions that will be workshopped with the Project Reference Group, prior to being released in a Directions Paper, in the middle of this year for consultation.

LGAT will continue to actively engage with the Project via our membership on the Steering Committee and also via the Elected Representatives and staff on the Project Reference Group.

### Policy / Project Activity

- Advertisement of two new contracts - Business Management Services and ICT solutions and services
- ALGA Grant Funding Expression of Interest – Empowering Local Government to grow the Australian Arts and Creative Industries
- Analysis of Tasmanian Council Digital Readiness Survey results
- Charitable rating exemptions
- Community Health and Wellbeing Project stakeholder consultation on 2019 plan
- Competitive neutrality policy for public camping policy clarification for councils
- Completed and acquitted Liveability Grant – Walkability project, with material now available on the LGAT website
- Completion of the statewide community satisfaction survey
- Councillor advice on immunisation programs
- Development of RFQ for shared procurement for street lighting energy for councils
- EHO workforce development project scoping
- LGAT enterprise created on Vendor Panel
- Sector consultation and submission to the review of the Local Government Act
- Sector update on Section 9 of the Building Act issues
- Workshop with Red Cross, councils and Police to discuss registration process in evacuation centres and options moving forward

### Media

- 6/3 Media query: Cat Management
- 8/3 WIN, Sth Cross Coverage of International Womens' Day Awards Luncheon
- 11/3 Letter to the Editor of The Advocate "Understanding Rates" (correcting Sean Ford article)
- 13/3 Media release: Council Cost Index
- 13/3 Media query: "Grey Nomad Times" – Free Camping

- 14/3 Media query: The Mercury – Council Coast index

### Communication & Publications

- Better Councils Better Communities: City of Launceston – [Building a More Resilient Community](#) (Flood Markers Project)
- Community Health and Wellbeing Project – resources uploaded to LGAT webpage.
- Liveable Communities Grants Program – reports and resources uploaded to LGAT webpage
- [Pulse](#) March 2019

### Training and Events

- Audit Panel Regional Workshops, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Tasman Council Visit: Workshop on Council's Role as a Planning Authority, 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Planning for GM's workshop, Mayor's workshop and regional breakfasts
- Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women Awards (CEO was a judge) International Women's Day Shared Sector Awards Luncheon, 8 March Hobart
- Elected Members Professional Development Weekend, 23/24 March, Launceston
- LGAT General Meeting, 29 March, Devonport

### Meetings

- Advisors to Minister Jaensch – Affordable Housing Action Plan and related planning matters
- Anita Dow MP new shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning
- Associations Policy Directors - Canberra
- Australian Local Government Association Board Meeting - Canberra
- Australian Taxation officer - Australian Business Register workshop
- CEO, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation
- Clarence City Council Officers – Access & Inclusion Toolkit
- Cradle Coast Authority catch up
- Department of State Growth - Heavy Vehicle Access Meeting
- Department of State Growth – Tourist Road Safety Strategy
- Department of State Growth, Hobart and Clarence City Councils – Ancillary dwelling project
- DPAC – State of the State/Regional Economic Growth
- Dr Rachel Bacon, Federal Deputy Secretary with responsibility for Regional Development and Local Government.
- Emma Riley – Regulatory Reform Project briefing
- General Meeting
- Great Southern Lights Project
- Institute of Public Works Engineers Australasia (IPWEA) – Introduction to the Strategic Asset Management Plan template and NAMS.PLUS website functionality
- Jessica Robbins – Tasmania Way discussion
- LG Workforce Development Group – 2019 National Local Government Workforce Summit
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting

- LGTas Communications Forum
- Local Buy QLD (Procurement Business) – regular teleconferences on shared tendering and panel arrangements
- Local Government Cultural Forum Executive Meeting
- Local Government Legislation Review Steering Committee
- Marine and Safety Tasmania – marine infrastructure funding and planning
- Menzies Institute – Active Transport Project update
- Minister Jaensch – transfer of public housing/impact on rates (teleconference)
- Minister for Planning’s Advisor – regular catch up
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – Heavy Vehicle Freight Access Strategy, Local Government Working Group Inception Meeting
- National Procurement Network
  - Tyres, Tubes and Batteries
  - General Hardware
  - Plant Machinery and Equipment
- Nomenclature Board Meeting
- Office of Security and Emergency Management (OSEM) - Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy
- Planning and Building Portal Steering Committee
- Public Health Services – Healthy Tasmania update
- Public Health Services – quarterly meeting and report on Community Health and Wellbeing Project
- Quarterly National Procurement Network – Adelaide
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)
- Royal Flying Doctors Service – discussion on collaboration
- SES, OSEM and TFS – Workshop on ‘UnHARMED’ Natural Hazards Planning and Assessment Tool
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) – Coastal Hazards Tender Evaluation
- State Regional Emergency Management Committee debrief on summer fires
- STCA RCCI – Regional Climate Strategy and Action Plan Template Project
- Tasmanian Audit office - LGAT procurement
- Tasmanian Greens and Labour Party – LGAT Budget Submission
- Tasnetworks – Local Provision Schedule discussion
- UTAS – engagement on future direction in the South
- UTAS - LEAP Program
- UTAS, EPA and Department of Health – EHO workforce development project scoping
- Wendy Kennedy EO Men’s Sheds

## Operational

- Completed draft Workplace Behaviours policies and template contracts for LGAT staff
- Recruitment of new Policy and Project Officers