

Key LGAT Activity – November 2018

Issue in Focus

On 17 November LGAT held a professional development day for new councillors in Launceston. We partnered with a range of other stakeholders to deliver a lot of information which will hopefully support council based induction programs. With only of couple of weeks between the finalisation of elections and our session it was fantastic that we had nearly 60 councillors attend.

While I realise new councillors did not have much time to contemplate whether they could attend the training or not, our goal was to provide an opportunity prior to most 'first' council meetings. It is a tricky juggling act time wise as if we leave it too late, you miss the basics that are useful before meetings commence. We have traditionally found that a central location, close to the end of election date, works well for the most people and the task at hand. Because of the number of partners involved, and the limited time available at this end of the year, we can only manage that one session but this year nearly all of the materials are being replicated and/or expanded upon in the Councillor resources section of our website. I encourage you to take a look.

You might also be interested to know that we have some other opportunities in the New Year, including:

- Audit Panel Training in the north and south.
- Regionally based weekend training on Land Use Planning for Elected Members;
- The annual Elected Member weekend in Launceston in March;

Please refer to our events calendar for the full details.

We also have available this year, Peer Advisors for Elected Members to help provide guidance on the political and relationship aspects of the role. If you don't have that information available to you, please ask your GM or contact directly.

Finally, if there are matters your council would like to address in more detail in a workshop we can look to finding shorter focussed opportunities either as a provider or through linking council to an appropriate alternative.

Policy / Project Activity

- Advice and support as required for new councillors/council transitions
- Advocacy for changes to Section 337 certificates
- Contract negotiation with TasNetworks for Southern Lights Street Lighting project
- Contract signed for Municipal Emergency Management guidelines project
- Council advice on Code for Tenders

- Council advice on Public Interest Disclosures
- Development of submission to the 2019/20 State Budget consultation
- Documentation preparation for Energy Efficient Project Management refresh tender
- Evaluation of Energy Efficient Project Management Refresh tender
- Finalisation of LGAT state-wide Community Satisfaction Survey Instrument with Metropolis Research Pty Ltd
- Further feedback/clarification Burials and Cremation Amendment Bill
- Input into communication plan for MAV/LGAT street lighting hardware and installation contract
- Input into Local Government Legislation Review discussion paper and governance processes
- Liaison with TasNetworks on support for councils around emergency management risk assessment
- Local Government Domestic and Family Violence Toolkit development with Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health
- Preparation and delivery of Tasmanian Council Digital Readiness Survey 2018
- Preparation of General Meeting Papers and General Management Committee Meeting Papers
- Prepare request for tender documentation for the investigation into statewide waste arrangements
- Review and input in to the draft State Waste Action Plan being prepared by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
- Scope Planning Authority training workshop for councillors
- Submission on proposed amendments to the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act*
- Submission to the Legislative Council on the amendments to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* to facilitate the development of Tasmanian Planning Policies

Media

- CEO TV interviews: Rating Independent Living Units, Southern Cross News, Win News and the Mercury
- Letter to Editor Mercury: Thank you for support promoting LG Elections (published Mercury 8/11)
- Media Queries: (Advocate) Free camping, ALGA Board Meeting and Roads Congress
- Media Queries: Federal Election 1% campaign – Advocate 21 November
- Media Release: Auditor General's Report on Local Government (Advocate & Examiner 30/11)
- Media Release: LGAT Year in Review 2017-2018 (Advocate 15/11)
- Policy Director radio interview: role of the planning authority, ABC Mornings

Communication

- LGAT's Year in Review 2018-2019 was released in November, accompanied by our approved Financial Statements. Our Year in Review features annual highlights from all Members as well as feature articles on significant Member activities. A pdf copy of our 2017-2018 Year in Review has been attached with this report and is available on our website and by clicking [here](#).
- New Elected members are encouraged to sign up for LGAT's e-newsletter The Pulse. The Pulse highlights key sector news, activities, events and opportunities and is released the second week of each month. To sign up and read current and past edition of the Pulse click [here](#).

Training and Events

For Members

- Development of resources for councillors to go on website
- Facilitated Fire Abatement training with Tasmania Fire Service for council officers
- LG 101 Professional Development Day for new councillors
- Organisation of Mayor's Workshop
- Planning for International Women's Day Event in partnership with TasCOSS and Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Session 1 of the Engagement Champions course

Participation by LGAT Staff

- Collaboration in organising, and presentation at the Active Living Forum with Heart Foundation and Department of Health.
- Community Health and Wellbeing Project Officer presentation to Tasmanian Healthy Kids Coalition

Meetings

- Active Living Workshop
- Alcohol Advisory Group – Quarterly Meeting
- ALGA Roads and Transport Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting
- Andrea Heath - Municipal Emergency Management Guidelines
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) - Emergency Management Policy Officers
- Australian Local Government Association Board Meeting
- Break O Day Council

- Cat Management Advisory Committee - Authorised Officer Workshop
- Chair – Road Safety Advisory Council 1:1
- Communities Tasmania – Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Local Government Forum
- Department of Education - Australian Early Development Census Steering Committee
- Department of Health- Heatwave and Other Emergency Management Issues
- Department of State Growth – Manager Network Access
- Department of State Growth – Planning Policy
- Deputy Secretary of Department of Justice – Planning Reform
- EPA Litter Advisory Committee Meeting
- Fae Robinson Futures – Huon Valley Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Federal Population Roundtable with Minister Tudge (Hobart)
- Fifty Acres - Federal Election Advocacy Campaign Meeting
- Health by Stealth Research Advisory Committee
- Implementing recordkeeping recommendations from the Royal Commission on Child Sexual Abuse - Statewide Forum
- Interim CEO Housing Industry Association Tasmania
- LGAT Assist Board Meeting
- Local Government Legislation Review Steering Committee
- Minister for Planning’s Office – Local Provision Schedule discussion
- National Competition Policy Stakeholder Reference Group – draft report discussion
- National Local Government Communications Meeting
- National Local Government Cultural Forum
- National Local Government Cultural Forum All States Local Government Associations
- National Local Government Cultural Forum Executive
- National Local Government Roads & Transport Congress 2018
- National Procurement Network - Tender Planning
- New CEO Tasmanian Health Consumer Organisations
- Office of Security and Emergency Management- Emergency Management updates
- Parks Tasmanian – Reserve Activity Assessment and Land Use Planning
- Premier’s Health and Wellbeing Advisory Council
- Premier’s Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Public Health Tasmania - Extreme Heat Events
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- Shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning
- Southern Planners – Local Provision Schedule Issues
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Regional Climate Change Initiative
- Statewide Planners – Local Provisions Schedule workshop
- TasCOSS – Transport and Land Use Planning Advocacy
- Tasmanian Audit Office - report on Local Government
- Tasmanian Logistics Committee – Heavy Vehicle Network Access
- TasNetworks - Contract negotiation Great Southern Lights Project



- Tasnetworks - Pricing reset 2019-24
- UTAS – Planning for Environmental Health Officer training
- Vendor Panel – Council survey discussion
- West Coast Council – Community Health and Wellbeing Project