



Clarence... a brighter place

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Mayor Carol Cox
c/- Flinders Council
PO Box 40
WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Carol,
Dear Mayor Cox

I am a candidate for the position of President, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT). Your Council, as a member of LGAT, is entitled to vote in this optional preferential election, and I am writing to ask for your Council's vote.

Local Councils in Tasmania make a major contribution to the State economy through the employment opportunities they provide, their capital works programs, and through the services they provide to their respective communities

In recent times we have had to deal with major planning, financial and governance reforms, many of which require disciplines that the State Government does not apply to itself.

Local Government has risen to all of those challenges whilst continuing to serve with dedication the communities we represent.

Nevertheless, we often seem to find ourselves the subject of criticism from vested interest groups, or reacting to proposals for further reform by the State Government and other agenda-driven bodies.

If elected as President I will ensure that LGAT continues as a powerful advocate for Local Government throughout the State. In particular, I would like to see LGAT "on the front foot" in regard to issues such as planning reform, amalgamations and financial reform. We need to do our homework within the Local Government community, so that we can take the initiative in these areas.

I would also work as a priority to ensure that LGAT is the preferred representative body for all Councils in Tasmania.

I will serve with enthusiasm, strength and commitment to represent your interests, and strive to achieve the agreed objectives for our vitally important sector.

Accordingly, I ask for your vote in the forthcoming election, if not your first vote, then your second preference.

If you would like to discuss any issues or matters regarding my candidacy please do not hesitate to call me on 0409 704 835 or contact me at doug.chipman@bigpond.com

Attached for your information is a brief CV in relation to my working life and involvement in Local Government.

Yours sincerely,



Alderman Doug Chipman
MAYOR

Doug Chipman



Doug Chipman is a 7th generation Tasmanian, who returned to the State after 36 years full-time service in the Royal Australian Air Force. His education started at Cambridge Primary School and he attended both Hobart and Launceston High Schools before joining the Air Force as a cadet in 1964.

A pilot and flying instructor, Doug flew Caribou, Hercules and Boeing 707 aircraft; and held a number of senior command appointments, culminating with command of Air Force Training Command from 1998 to 2000. Other postings involved Doug in policy development, project management and commercial support.

His overseas service included postings to the United States and Pakistan, and attachments to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Kuwait.

Reaching the rank of Air Commodore, Doug transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 2000 and retired from the Service in 2011.

Doug was elected as an alderman to Clarence City Council in 2000, Deputy Mayor in 2007, and Mayor in 2011.

Clarence is a multi-faceted municipality which includes the historic town of Richmond in the fertile Coal River Valley, numerous coastal villages, several disadvantaged ex-housing commission suburbs, as well as large urban areas such as Bellerive and Lindisfarne.

As a councillor, Doug has focussed especially on the economic and community development challenges confronting the municipality, along with managing the impacts of Climate change.

Doug married Jo Donnelly over 46 years ago and they now have three adult children and seven grandchildren.