

Item D5: **LATE AGENDA ITEM - Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Raoul Harper, General manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0303
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 12: LGAT General Meeting 13 February 2014 - Agenda</i> <i>Annexure 13: LGAT General Meeting 13 February - Attachments</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

The LGAT General Meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The meeting Agenda and attachments are provided for elected members as Annexures 12 & 13.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

A number of motions are included in the LGAT General Meeting Agenda. Council provides direction to the Mayor in relation to voting. The agenda can be accessed at the LGAT website through the following link:  
<http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=725>

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

5.4 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No known budget implications at this time.

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Minimal

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Council notes the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting Agenda and provides the Mayor with direction in relation to the items listed for a decision.

Items for Decision		
2.1	TIMING OF GENERAL MEETING PAPERS	That the Meeting agree that, with the exception of the July (conference) General Meeting, papers be provided to LGAT members two weeks in advance of the meeting and that for the July meeting, papers be provided four weeks in advance.
2.2	COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Meeting note that it is intended to undertake the biennial State-wide Community Satisfaction Survey around May this year;</li> <li>2. That Members discuss whether they would like LGAT to explore expanding the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey to allow for individual council level;</li> <li>3. That Members advise LGAT if they are considering commissioning an add-on to the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey (that is additional questions or bigger sample); and</li> <li>4. That Members determine what, if any, new issues should be covered in the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey, particularly in relation to the future conversations on voluntary amalgamation.</li> </ol>
2.3	FOLLOW UP OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS REPORT	That the Meeting endorse the changed format for Follow-Up Of Outstanding Motions report and note the process will be used in relation to monitoring legacy motions.
2.4	ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Meeting note that in relation to the Role of Local Government Project, there will need to be a significant resource commitment by LGAT if key actions are to be progressed; and</li> <li>2. That the Meeting endorse this as a priority area for the Association.</li> </ol>
2.5	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Meeting note the preliminary findings of the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey;</li> <li>2. That the Meeting note that in relation to a sectoral report, each council which participated in the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey will receive a report and recommendations relevant to them;</li> <li>3. That the Meeting agree that participating councils will review the workforce development reports and provide feedback on the usefulness of the data and recommendations; and</li> <li>4. That Members encourage a greater level of participation for the 2016 survey.</li> </ol>
2.6	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION/EXTENSION OF TERM	That the Members approve the extension of tenure of the incumbent LGAT President for a further two years.

2.7	FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON GMC	That the Members note the action taken in respect of filling the vacancy on the General Management Committee from Northern Region Councils with populations of less than 20,000 people and endorse the proposal to seek to have the successful candidate extended for a further two year period.
2.8	VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS	That the Meeting consider the matters raised in this item and discuss issues of concern, possible strategies and/or tactics in relation to taking this process forward.
2.9	STATE BUDGET CONSULTATIONS	That the Meeting discuss the key priorities for the sector that should be included in the State Budget considerations.
3.1	ELECTED MEMBER CENSUS	That the Meeting note the LGAT elected member census is to be undertaken shortly and agree to actively encourage the participation by all elected members.
3.2	LEGISLATION UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current legislative activity and in particular: 1. There will be a continued strong focus on changes to planning legislation during 2014; and 2. That it is anticipated the new Code of Conduct provisions will be tabled during the Autumn 2015 session of Parliament.
3.3	POLICY UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current policy activity and in particular: 1. The process for finalising the unmetered public lighting contract; and 2. The growth in guides, tools and templates available through the LGAT extranet.
	3.4 GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS	That the Meeting note the arrangements and timetable associated with the election of members of the General Management Committee.
	3.5 BASS STRAIT SHIPPING UPDATE	That the Meeting review the information contained in documentation received from the State Government and note the recent developments in relation to International shipping.
	3.6 STATE OWNED PUBLIC LAND	That the Meeting note the advice received from the relevant Minister.
<b>Items for Discussion</b>		
4.1	ONE VOTE PER COUNCIL - Derwent Valley Council	
4.2	MINUTING OF COUNCIL VOTES - Derwent Valley Council	