

Aldermanic Representation on External Bodies

In accordance with Council Policy No. 5-02-03 reports from representatives on external bodies are to be made to the Governance Committee each year.

Cycling South Inc

There continues to be strong aldermanic representation on this external committee with Alderman Burnet (Chair), Alderman Thomas and Alderman Harvey.

While I have not met with Cycling South's CEO in 2016, my support in the form of attendance at Cycling South's major events and activities and meeting with Emma when necessary, continues.

Hobart Emergency Management Committee

The Hobart Municipal Emergency Management Committee met in June 2016 and I Chaired that meeting. Matters discussed included: the appointment of a Deputy Recovery Coordinator, the distribution of the newly developed Municipal Emergency Management Plan and Municipal Recovery Plan, alternative electricity supplies and the development of emergency information for visitors. Reports were received from Tasmania Police; Tasmania Fire Service; Ambulance Tasmania; SES and Tasmanian Health Organisation. An overview of the City's activities in relation to fire management was also received.

During 2016, the Council also appointed a new Deputy Municipal Coordinator.

Mayors for Peace

To date, there has been no approach for assistance or contribution from the City of Hobart.

Sister Cities Australia

The Office of the Lord Mayor has not entered into any correspondence with this organisation during 2016.

Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Owner's Representative

The Owners' Representatives' Group (ORG) comprises one representative from each member (Tasmania's 29 councils) of the corporation.

ORG met on six occasions during 2016 and I attend one meeting. At the five other meetings a proxy for the City of Hobart attended. One of the more significant issues raised during this year was the announcement by TasWater to freeze the total distribution pool to councils at \$20M from July 2018.

LGAT – General Management Committee (GMC)

The General Management Committee of LGAT met four times in 2016 and I attended all four meetings. The Committee is comprised the President of LGAT, the Lord Mayor (by virtue of its capital city status) and seven positions elected from the State's three regions (North, West/North-West and South)

The GMC is chaired by the President of LGAT.

There were four meetings in 2016 and I attended all four. Some of the key items of discussion were: Local Government reform; planning reform; Federal government advocacy leading in the Federal election; TasWater's decision to cap distributions; the 2016 Local Government Conference was held in July 2016 in Hobart.

This year, the GMC farewelled retiring Mayor, Deirdre Flint and welcomed Mayor Tony Bisdee.

Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC)

The Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC) is a high-level forum for discussions between the State Government and local government on issues of statewide significance.

The PLGC comprises the Premier (Chair), the Minister for Planning and Local Government, the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and seven elected local government representatives from various Tasmanian councils. Local government representation on the PLGC is drawn from the General Management Committee of the LGAT.

The Council is supported by an Officials Committee made up of State Government and local government officers.

Thus far, the PLGC have met twice in 2016 and I have attended both meetings. The first meeting, held on 19 May discussed the following matters:

- The commencement of two studies examining the feasibility of voluntary amalgamations and strategic shared services in the south of the State. It was also noted that a Memoranda of Understanding has been signed with councils in the North-West and North to underpin studies into the feasibility of improved strategic shared services.
- Waste management and the disposal of used tyres was discussed with acknowledgment that there are complexities surrounding this issue both locally and nationally but it was agreed that the State Government and local government should continue to collaborate in order to identify a resolution.

There was strong support from both the State Government and local government to work together on a new statewide waste management strategy. A new statewide strategy would be able to deal with issues that are beyond the capacity of regional waste authorities with responsibilities to be shared across the three tiers of government, the community and the private sector. The State Government confirmed that it did not support a State waste levy.

- The PLGC voiced its support for the proposed process to enable road trades between the State Government and local government to ensure a rational approach to the management of roads. This process will ensure better management of road maintenance and adherence to appropriate standards.
- It was noted that the new code of conduct framework for local government was in place.
- The review of the *Local Government Act 1993* was discussed.
- The PLGC accepted changes to the Terms of Reference of the Disability Action Strategy Working Group due to the expanding scope of the implementation phase. The implementation involves collaboration with the LGAT, local government representatives, the Local Government Division and the Building Control Unit to organise forums with councils, building designers and surveyors; develop and share resources; facilitate training and investigate options for networking.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, the Good Governance Guide was launched.

The second PLGC meeting of the year was held on 19 October in Launceston, where the following matters were discussed:

- The PLGC noted that progress had been made in relation to the disposal of used tyres with the Minister noting that a development application has been lodged with the Northern Midlands Council for a tyre processing development. The Minister noted that the development would see the existing stockpile reduced by 2020.
- The Minister advised the PLGC that the State Government was considering a container deposit scheme similar to schemes recently adopted by South Australia and the Northern Territory. It was noted that the State and councils were working together to develop a new state waste strategy.
- The PLGC noted that the Government is considering a proposal to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to allow councils to continue to levy rates against commercial operations on Crown land in line with current practices. It was

further noted that should they proceed, legislative changes would be expected to be in place in time for councils to develop 2017/18 budgets.

- It was noted that the first of the completed studies investigating the feasibility of amalgamations between south-east councils had been delivered to participating councils and the State Government. The PLGC agreed that there would need to be a significant level of community consultation related to the findings of the feasibility study.
- The Minister reported that he was considering recommendations provided to him by the Steering Committee overseeing the review of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- There was some discussion about the new code of conduct framework. Local government representatives raised concerns relating to some elements of the new framework. It was noted that the framework would be evaluated at the conclusion of the first year of implementation.
- The PLGC agreed to evaluate its three-year Strategic Action Plan. The objective of the evaluation will be to ensure that the Plan includes initiatives that are driving innovation and change. It was agreed that there was an opportunity to refresh the Plan and re-frame it in the context of the feasibility studies and the review of the Act.
- The PLGC noted that the LGAT, local government representatives, the Local Government Division and the Building Control Unit had delivered a forum for councils, building designers and surveyors on 29 September to promote universal design access. The forum was part of the PLGCs Disability Action Strategy which is on schedule to be fully implemented by the end of this year.

Local government representatives raised a number of other items including the role and function of local government in relation to economic development; collaboration with the Parks and Wildlife Service; the Flood Recovery Taskforce; frontline workers legislation and maintenance of forestry roads.

Southern Tasmanian Councils' Authority

The Southern Tasmanian Councils' Authority (STCA) is a regional organisation of Councils created by the twelve Southern Councils to facilitate cooperative working partnerships and to improve the ability of Councils to take joint action to address regional development issues and progress sustainable economic, environmental and social outcomes for Southern Tasmania, its local communities and the State.

The STCA Board comprises the Mayors of the 12 Councils and is chaired by the Lord Mayor. The 12 Council General Managers also attend Board meetings.

The Authority continued its strong presence in developing its public profile and corporate brand by successfully highlighting key priorities and projects from across the region as part of a campaign to increase the government's focus on Southern Tasmania.

With the 2016 Federal Election taking place, the Authority focussed on key infrastructure and regional development needs as part of its advocacy campaign. Members of parliament and candidates from all sides of the political spectrum were lobbied with the Authority conducting media events to draw the focus on the needs of southern Tasmania. A number of key regional priorities were funded as part of this campaign including the final stage of sealing of the Highland Lakes Road and a major upgrade of the Hobart Airport Roundabout.

The Authority continued to work with the State Government on its planning reform agenda and is looking forward to this continuing with the update of the regional land use strategy. The Authority also provided a submission to the review of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as well as appearing at a Senate Inquiry into infrastructure funding and development.

A number of elected and departmental staff attended the Authority's board meetings. The outgoing STCA Chief Executive Officer commenced regular meetings with the LGAT and the other regional organisations.

In addition to the above, the 2015 - 19 Strategic Plan identifies a number of core areas that are priorities in respect to regional development. These areas fall broadly into a range of strategic themes which are listed below with a snapshot of some of the actions which have been achieved this year:

Improved physical infrastructure

- Undertook media events promoting road funding opportunities as part of the STCAs Federal Election advocacy campaign
- Facilitated the STCA Infrastructure Committee

Enhanced economic development

- Actively participated on the Hobart International Airport Coordination Forum as well as arranged for direct engagement between the airport and the STCA Board
- The former CEO and Mayor Johnston actively participated as members of the Destination Southern Tasmania Board advocating the interests of local government in regards to the regional tourism industry
- Developed a key economic development priority document for use in advocacy efforts in the lead up to the Federal Election

Improved environmental performance

- The Regional Climate Change Initiative continued to meet and deliver productive outcomes
- Completed the transition of the regional waste group SWSA into the STCA under a Committee Structure titled *Waste Strategy South*

Enhanced social well-being

- Started working on a process to undertake a review of the Regional Land Use Strategy once the implementation of the Single Statewide Planning Scheme is complete

Improved inter-regional cooperation and local government cooperation

- Participated in formal quarterly meetings with the LGAT and the other regional bodies to begin working on joint projects and ensure strong cooperation

Good organisational governance

- Quarterly reports were completed and circulated to member councils
- A number of portfolio policies were developed by the Board and appropriate spokespersons allocated to speak on behalf of the Authority on these issues.

Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)

Three Council of Capital City Lord Mayors meetings were held during 2016 and I attended all three:

- 28 April 2016 (Melbourne)
- 13 and 14 October (Darwin)
- 9 and 10 November (Canberra)

Of significant note was the release in April 2016, of the Federal Government's *Smart Cities Plan* which provides a blueprint for a way forward for a holistic approach to city development, including:

- Economic transition (jobs, housing, transport infrastructure financing and funding, planning).
- Building the cities of tomorrow (investment in public transport and infrastructure financing and planning) via value capture and city deals mechanisms

- Policy changes including regulatory reform to provide certainty and long term planning
- Environment (long term environmental planning outcomes, air quality, fuel efficient fleet vehicles, rating systems for buildings, facilitation of carbon neutral precincts)

The CCCLM has been seeking much of what is being proposed in the *Smart Cities Plan* for more than 10 years, and the recent focus on Cities is considered to be a great leap towards seeing greater involvement of the Federal Government in city development.

The CCCLM advocacy activities to date stand the CCCLM in a strong position to continue to partner with Federal and State governments and the opportunity of contributing to early development of policy for cities during 2016-17.

Other major achievements for the CCCLM membership included the following:

Political meetings were held on 9 and 10 November 2016 with:

- Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull MP
- Minister for Infrastructure, Darren Chester MP
- Minister for Urban Infrastructure, Paul Fletcher MP
- Shadow Treasurer, Chris Bowen MP
- Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, Angus Taylor MP
- Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, Shadow Minister for Cities, Anthony Albanese MP
- Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Stephen Jones MP
- Shadow Minister for the Environment, Mark Butler MP
- Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator Fiona Nash

The CCCLM has engaged with a number of important **stakeholders** this year, including:

January/April 2016	Local Government Professionals Association
February 2016	Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
March 2016	Green Building Council of Australia

March 2016	Cycling Promotion Fund
March 2016	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
March 2016	Australian Computing Society
March 2016	Cultural Development Network
May 2016	Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education
May 2016	Parliamentary Friendship Group for Better Cities
June 2016	City of Boston and Microsoft
June 2016	Alcohol Beverages Association
March/June/November 2016	Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council
Several meetings	Bus Industry Confederation

In addition to the above, the CCCLM Secretariat also engaged with:

- Mark Butler and his staff on Labor's emission reduction target
- Major Cities Unit
- Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Minister for Urban Infrastructure
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on Federation Reform
- Advisers to the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, Shadow Minister for Cities
- European Union's Climate Environmental Councillor

Submissions were prepared and lodged for the following inquiries of direct relevance to the Lord Mayors' themes of economic growth, infrastructure development and climate change resilience:

January 2016	Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities inquiry into transport connectivity
March 2016	Commercial Building Disclosure program review
March 2016	Affordable Housing

March 2016 The need for a nationally consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence

June 2016 Smart Cities Plan submission

The CCCLM participated in the ACT Government-hosted **Climate Action Roundtable** which Alderman Harvey attended as the Lord Mayor's representative.

A number of **media releases** were issued, including:

19 January 2016 Capital city councils – greening Australian cities

19 February 2016 Lord Mayors welcome solutions identified in Infrastructure Plan

2 May 2016 Cities Summit demonstrates cities matter

19 May 2016 Measuring Australia's after dark activities

15 June 2016 Cities Matter this Federal election

20 June 2016 Clean energy matters for cities

4 July 2016 Lord Mayors welcome continued support for Cities

31 August 2016 Cities critical to implementing climate action

13 October 2016 Capital Cities must be smart cities

9 November 2016 Urban resilience the key to smart cities

Social media

- Twitter accounts for CCCLM and the National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Committee continue to be active with followers of 582 (up from 440 at 30 June 2015) and 213 (up from 179) followers respectively
- The CCCLM LinkedIn page has 88 (up from 21) followers
- NLGDAAC has a private LinkedIn group to facilitate exchange of information with 14 Members



Lord Mayor
Alderman Sue Hickey