

## President's Report



LGMA members have been particularly busy in recent months through involvement in the LGMA Management Challenge, Topical

Issues Forum and the LGMA National Congress Sponsorship Program.

Five Councils participated in the Management Challenge - Circular Head/Waratah-Wynyard, Devonport City, Kingborough, Meander Valley and Launceston City. Congratulations to all of those Councils and their officers' commitment and participation. The winner was Kingborough Council who will represent Tasmania in the national final in Sydney on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The Topical Interests Forum held in Launceston on 15<sup>th</sup> April was also a successful professional development opportunity with approximately 40 participants attending from 15 Councils. Presentations were made by Rod Collinson, Page Seager; Warrick Coverdale, Valuer General; Wayne Davy and Graeme Sundstrom, Quadrant and Shaun McElwaine, Shaun McElwaine and Associates. Topics covered included:

- Industrial Relations – enterprise bargaining, adverse action, award modernisation, rights of entry and various other HR/legal matters;
- Valuation update on recent Tasmanian Council valuations and trends of valuation in Tasmania, valuation/rating reviews, adjustment factors, valuation technology, legislative amendments;
- Superannuation, retirement planning/transition to retirement, employers of choice/flexible working arrangements, technology/on-line changes;
- Regional planning schemes (legislative changes, cost-shifting, complexity), interim planning schemes, recent planning tribunal decisions and Supreme Court judgments, general Local Government legal issues

Feedback received from participants was extremely positive for all speakers on very topical issues for Tasmanian Local Government.

LGMA Tasmania acknowledges and appreciates the professional contribution made by all presenters for their voluntary contribution to this forum and the sponsorship provided by Quadrant for lunch and competition prizes.

Appreciation is also extended to LGMA's Executive Officer Pam Crawford for organising the preceding in conjunction with other LGMA members.

Pam has also been active with branches and Board Members in various other activities including the Tasmanian LGMA Conference being organised by the Southern Branch to be held at Freycinet from 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Matters discussed by the Board at our recent February/April Board Meetings included:

- Professional development, mentoring and Emerging Leaders programs and criteria;
- Financial Statements for 2010/11 and budget for 2011/12;
- Sponsorship programs and prospectus;
- National LGMA and Tasmanian branch activities and membership opportunities and various other administrative operational activities of the LGMA.

Various discussions have also occurred with the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Local Government Office on the many issues affecting Tasmanian Local Government, particularly from a practitioner/member perspective. LGMA Tasmania will continue to actively work constructively with peak Tasmanian Local Government organisations to deliver improvements to Local Government service delivery.

LGMA Tasmania continues to be well represented at a National Board level by members Karen Hampton, Tracey Bradley, Andrew Wardlaw and our National President Paul West. Paul's term as National President comes to an end at the National Congress in May and his role on the State Board ends in October. On behalf of all LGMA members I wish to congratulate Paul on the work he has undertaken, not only as National and State President, but as an LGMA member and Board member over many years. Although 'retiring' from these roles, we look forward to Paul continuing his active involvement, mentoring and sage advice in the years ahead.

**John Martin**  
**STATE PRESIDENT**

## Branch Reports

### Northern Branch Report

The Northern Branch's last Meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 at Longford. A presentation was made by Duncan Payton, Planning and Development Manager of Northern Midlands Council who addressed members on the recent supermarket/shopping complex development in Longford and the difficulties experienced by Council in the control and development of the project including planning, community consultation and various representations.

The Northern Branch also supported the recent Topical Issues Forum held at West Tamar Council.

The next branch meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 at 3.30pm, West Tamar Council which will include a tour of the new Windsor Park Multi-Purpose Community Leisure & Well Being Centre.

Refreshments and nibbles will be provided afterwards for all current and prospective new members. Please bring a friend!

**John Martin**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Peter Groves**  
**SECRETARY**

### North West Branch Report



The North West Branch held its first meeting at Sheffield on 9 March 2011 with nine members in attendance. At this meeting the Branch welcomed new member, Doug Doherty from Cradle Mountain Water.

The Kentish municipality experienced some extensive flooding in January at Railton and as our meeting was scheduled at Sheffield key SES and local Government employees were invited to give a presentation of the effects of the flood on Railton along with areas in the hinterland behind Ulverstone.

The Regional SES Coordinator, Wayne Richards and the DHHS Regional Community Recovery Coordinator, Toni Brown gave a very interesting presentation with the assistance of Darrin Cunningham from Kentish and Bevan Eberhardt from Central Coast Council. The presentation provided a broad overview of the January

'flash' floods with Wayne Richards outlining the SES's involvement followed by Darrin and Bevin who outlined the extent and impact of the flooding in the Kentish and Central Coast Municipal areas while Toni Brown concluded the presentation with some discussion on the recovery role following the flood event.

The next branch meeting is to be held at Circular Head on 13 July 2011. In light of the travelling involved for members to the east it has been decided to commence this meeting at 12 noon with a light lunch.

**Andrew Wardlaw**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Michael Stretton**  
**SECRETARY**

### Southern Branch Report



Our last meeting was held on Thursday 7th April at Brighton Council. We had a guest speaker Russ Carrick the State Manager of Bendigo Bank. Russ spoke on the opportunities for Councils that get involved with a Community Bank

and what the bank can then give back to the community through funding opportunities. Glenn Doyle discussed how Huon Valley Council had worked with the bank and how over the past few years over \$500,000 has been returned back to the community. We had a lengthy discussion on current topical issues raised from members and also discussed the LGMA management challenge.

A conference committee is working together on the organisation of the State Conference to be held at Coles Bay on Wednesday 26th October - Friday 28th October. Put these dates in your diary and if you want to stay at the lodge best to book early so that you don't miss out. A flyer with a brief outline of the conference will be out in the coming weeks for those members that may wish to pay out of this financial year's budget.

Glenorchy Council is to host the office of the Executive Officer of LGMA for an initial period of two years. Pam will have access to the meeting rooms of the Council and we are looking forward to having her close to some of the organising committee during the preparation period.

**Sue Buckland**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Anna Holland**  
**SECRETARY**

## Tasmanian News

### National Congress Sponsorship

Eight excellent applications were received for the LGMA (TAS) National Congress Sponsorships program which includes two sponsorships of registration, airfares and accommodation for two young Tasmanian Local Government employees to the LGMA National Congress in Cairns from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. The applications were all of a very high standard with successful applicants being Shane Crawford, Executive Officer - Corporate Support, Devonport City Council and Jacqui Viney, Development Services/Environmental Health Officer, Flinders Island Council.

### Topical Issues Forum

On 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011, LGMA hosted the 2011 Topical Issues Forum at the West Tamar Council Chambers at Riverside. Speakers included Rod Collinson from Page Seager Lawyers who spoke on a range of IR issues, Tasmania's Valuer General Warrick Coverdale and lawyer Shaun McElwaine who spoke on legal issues associated with the draft Regional Planning Schemes.

Thanks to Quadrant Superannuation for sponsoring lunch and providing a number of prizes on the day and also to the West Tamar Council Chambers for the provision of the venue.

### Management Challenge

Five teams participated in the 2011 Tasmanian Challenge: **Devonport City, Kingborough, Launceston City, Meander Valley** and **Waratah Wynyard/Circular Head**.

Congratulations to the team from Kingborough Council who were the winning team for 2011. The winning team will participate in the National Final in Melbourne in June. We all wish them well!



## Qantas Club Membership

Members of LGMA can now join the LGMA Qantas Club corporate scheme. LGMA members wishing to join the Qantas Club LGMA National Corporate scheme can do so by a simple telephone call to 13 11 31 but will need to quote the LGMA corporate scheme number which is 0110882. Qantas Club will invoice members directly on their anniversary date. Please note that Qantas Club will not deal with members if they do not quote the corporate scheme number.

For interest the current joining fee for the corporate scheme is \$230 with an additional \$355 for one year or \$625 for two year membership.

## Annual Conference

26 – 28 October 2011

LGMA is pleased to advise that the 2011 Annual Conference will be held at Freycinet Lodge at Coles Bay.

A great range of speakers and some fantastic social events are being planned for members. We hope that you will join us for this great event.

## Management Awards

Nominations for the 2011 LGMA Management Awards will soon be available. Nominations are called for two categories – the Open Category and the Aspiring Manager. This year LGMA has agreed to remove the age limit for the Aspiring Manager Category.

I would encourage you to nominate or to encourage your staff to submit a nomination form for this year's Awards. Winners of the Award are announced at the Annual Conference and will each receive \$1,000 towards professional development expenses. Nomination forms will be circulated in June 2011.

## Membership News

### New Members

The following new members are welcomed to LGMA Tasmania – Douglass Doherty, Executive Manager Regulation and Supply, Cradle Mountain Water; Louise Maconachie, Risk and Governance Manager, Cradle Mountain Water; and Andrew Barron, Chief Financial Officer, Kingborough Council. We also welcome Marcia Waller, Manager Community Services, Huon Valley Council. Marcia has recently transferred to Tasmania from LGMA NSW.

## Membership Fee Discounts

LGMA Tasmania is pleased to announce a new strategy to increase membership. From 2011/12, LGMA Tasmania will offer a 50% discount on full membership fees (members and fellows) for those who are working a 60% fraction or less and for members aged 30 years or less. We hope this will encourage new members to join – particularly younger members and women members working part time.

So please, encourage your colleagues to join LGMA. Application forms are available on our website at [http://tas.lgma.org.au/category/membership\\_application\\_1](http://tas.lgma.org.au/category/membership_application_1) or please contact Pam Crawford on [pamela.crawford@lgmatas.org.au](mailto:pamela.crawford@lgmatas.org.au) if you would like further information on this exciting initiative.

## Events Calendar

May	
Thursday 19	Northern Branch Meeting
Sunday 22	National Board Meeting
June	
Friday 17	Board Meeting
Friday 24	National Executive Committee
July	
Wednesday 13	North West Branch meeting
Thursday 14	National Executive Committee
Wednesday 20	AGM/General Meeting (LGAT)
Thursday 21 – Friday 22	LGAT Conference
Thursday 28	Southern Branch Meeting
August	
Thursday 25	Board Meeting
Friday 26	National Board Meeting
September	
Wednesday 14 – Thursday 15	General Manager's Workshop (LGAT)
Thursday 15	National Executive Committee
October	
Wednesday 5	North West Branch meeting
Thursday 6	Southern Branch meeting
Thursday 20	National Executive Committee
Wednesday 26	Board Meeting
Wednesday 26 – Friday 28	AGM/Annual Conference – Freycinet Lodge, Coles Bay
November	
Saturday 19	National Board Meeting
December	
Friday 2	Board Meeting
Thursday 15	National Executive Committee

## LGMA Tasmania Board

The 2010/2011 LGMA Tasmania Board members are:

<b>President</b>	John Martin Dorset Council
Tracey Bradley	Waratah Wynyard Council
Susie Bower	Dorset Council
Karen Hampton	Devonport City Council
Sue Buckland	Glenorchy City Council
Tim Watson	Meander Valley Council
Paul West	Kingborough Council
Andrew Wardlaw	Burnie City Council
Glenn Doyle	Huon Valley Council

### Pam Crawford (Executive Officer)

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### Northern Branch

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### North West Branch

President	Andrew Wardlaw Burnie City Council
Secretary	Michael Stretton Central Coast Council
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From June 2011  
LGMA (Tas) has a new address:  
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## National News

To find out what is happening nationally visit

<http://www.lgma.org.au/>

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## Management Challenge 2011

Well done to all the teams who competed in this year's management challenge!



Kingborough Council



Meander Valley Council



Devonport City Council



Waratah Wynyard/Circular Head Council



Launceston City Council