

## Media Release

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### Tasmanian Local Government Awards to be Announced

Local Government Professionals Tasmania will announce the state winners of the Annual Awards, Raymond West Scholarships and the Australasian Management Challenge on Thursday 3 June. The Awards Ceremony and Lunch is being held at the Launceston Golf Club, Kings Meadows from 12 noon – 2:00 pm.

The annual **Local Government Professionals Awards** celebrate the achievements of both individuals and councils advancing their communities by showcasing innovative solutions that demonstrate leading practice, deliver quality services and generate better outcomes for communities.

The **Raymond West Scholarships** are awarded annually to two young Tasmanian emerging leaders working in local government. The scholarships enable the recipients to attend the LG Professionals National Congress, being held this year in Canberra on 24-25 August.

The **Australasian Management Challenge** has been at the forefront of professional development in local government in Australia and New Zealand for more than 25 years. Four participating teams from Kingborough Council, Derwent Valley Council, Waratah-Wynyard Council and the City of Launceston competed for the regional title.

The Challenge is a simulation-based team building, learning and networking program using real local government themes. The four teams were challenged to a series of tasks in a unique one day, fast-paced ‘pressure cooker’ environment earlier in May.

Local Government Professionals Tasmania President, Mr Gary Arnold said, the Annual Awards, Scholarships and Australasian Management Challenge are excellent examples of programs offered by Local Government Professionals locally and across Australia.

“We aim to support the sector with practical and relevant professional development opportunities, for example, our scholarship program and the Australasian Management Challenge to help attract and retain the best and brightest in the sector.”

“Through the Annual Awards program local government can acknowledge the outstanding achievements, initiatives and innovation in addition to encouraging the adoption of best practice in Tasmanian councils,” Mr Arnold said.

Local Government Professionals Tasmania will announce the winners in the following categories during the ceremony:

- Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award
- Innovative Management Initiative Award
- Excellence in Community and Service Award



- Partnerships and Collaboration Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Recipients of the Raymond West Scholarship
- Australasian Management Challenge winners

The winners of the awards are now eligible to compete at the National Awards and Management Challenge Finals being held in August.

Local Government Professionals Tasmania is the leading professional association representing managers and aspiring managers working in the local government sector in Tasmania. Local Government Professionals aims to ensure that local government management continues to develop and improve; that the highest professional and ethical standards are maintained and that our members are at the forefront of change and innovation.

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