



Tasmanian Councils win 2021 National Federation Award

30 November 2021

A consortium of Tasmanian local Councils sharing legal services has been presented the 2021 National Federation Award for Partnerships and Collaboration.

Hosted by Local Government Professionals Australia, The National Federation Awards showcase innovative solutions, and the delivery of quality services and better outcomes among Australia's 537 local Councils.

The celebration of excellence was presented during a livestreamed event on the Local Government Professionals Australia YouTube channel on 30 November.

Local Government Professionals Australia Chief Executive Officer Catherine Carter congratulated Northern Midlands Council, Break O'Day Council, Dorset Council, George Town Council, City of Launceston, Meander Valley Council and West Tamar Council.

"Sharing legal services reduces duplication of legal advice and costs, borne indirectly by rate payers, said Ms Carter.

"The shared legal service database is managed by the provider, Simmons Wolfhagen, and headed up by Director, David Morris.

"To date, the consortium has saved \$120,000 in expenses.

"The objective of the project was to utilise the power of a joint procurement approach from northern region Councils to realise savings and other benefits for participating Councils.

The project supports long-term Tasmanian Council goals of financial sustainability and securing greater rate payer value for money," said Ms. Carter

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FULL WINNERS LIST

Community Service Award, sponsored by AECOM

Western Downs Regional Council – Winner

City of Bayswater – Highly Commended

Environmental Leadership and Sustainability, sponsored by GHD

Bayside City Council – Winner

Bulloo Shire Council – Highly Commended

Innovative Management Initiative

Ipswich City Council – Winner

Devonport City Council – High Commended

Partnerships and Collaboration Award, sponsored by KONE

Northern Midlands Council, Break O'Day Council, Dorset Council, George Town Council,

City of Launceston, Meander Valley Council and West Tamar Council – Winner

Shared Legal Service collaboration between the Councils that led to significant cost savings and other benefits.

City of Unley, City of Burnside, City of Prospect, and Town of Walkerville for Cohousing For Ageing Well project

– Highly Commended

Emerging Leader, sponsored by Capital Region Planning

Nicole O'Neill – Winner

Kailah Williams – Highly Commended

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