Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

Quarterly Report to Members

December 2019

Each Joint Authority is required under Section 36B of the *Local Government Act 1993* to provide to its members a quarterly report that includes a statement of general performance and a statement of its financial performance

This report covers the three month period ending 30 December 2019. This report with all previous quarterly reports is published on the Authorities website: www.stca.tas.gov.au

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority commenced on 1 July 2006

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 14 OCTOBER 2019

PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The STCA Board held a special meeting on 14 October 2019 to develop a list of regional projects of significance.

The Board requested that a draft document be developed for consideration at its November meeting.

DESTINATION SOUTHERN TASMANIA

The Board was advised that two nominations had been received for the vacant positions on the Destination Southern Tasmania Board. Mr Tim Short, City of Hobart's Director Community Life renominated for his current position on the Board and Councillor Bec Enders, Mayor of Huon Valley Council nominated for the other vacant position. Destination Southern Tasmania is the peak tourism body for Tasmania's southern region, stretching across the municipalities of Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence, Brighton, Sorell, Kingborough, Huon Valley, Derwent Valley, Tasman, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands. The STCA has two positions on the DST Board.

ORDINARY BOARD MEETING – 25 NOVEMBER 2019

The Board held its ordinary Board Meeting at Sorell Council on 25 November 2019. It received three presentations at the meeting in relation to the Tasmanian Cat Management Project, PlanBuild Tasmania and Destination Southern Tasmania.

Tasmanian Cat Management Project
The Tasmanian Cat Management Project was created in June 2018 with the aim to work with key partners to support and promote cat management.

The Board were advised that there are a suite of actions councils can undertake, including promoting responsible ownership on Council websites; using the FAQ guide for handling cat-related public enquiries; introducing a Cat Management Policy and supporting the development of a Southern Regional Cat Management Plan.

PlanBuild Tasmania
PlanBuild Tasmania is a State Government Project which will provide a customer focus web service for the lodgement and assessment of development applications (planning, building and plumbing) and the management of post permit processes across Tasmania.

Destination Southern Tasmania
Destination Southern Tasmania (DST) initiates marketing activities focused on the on-ground and intrastate markets, they provide opportunities for members to improve their business and

profitability with networking functions, research and educational forums, training programs and speakers which provides opportunities for DST members to engage.

Visitation to Southern Tasmania remains steady with strong growth in visitor spend with regional dispersal underpinning DSTs marketing activities with a focus on creative digital marketing channels and strategic partnerships. DST continues to work with individual councils to advocate for regional priorities.

PROPOSED NEW STCA WEBSITE

The Board discussed a proposed new website to be hosted and maintained by the Huon Valley Council. It was agreed that an MOU between the Huon Valley Council and the STCA be put in place to confirm arrangements.

30 SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board considered the financial report for the period ending 30 September 2019 and noted that with 25 per cent of the financial year having elapsed, $17,935 has been spent and $523,871 in income has been received. A copy of the September 2019 financial report is included in this quarterly report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 25 NOVEMBER 2019

The Authority held its Annual General Meeting on 25 November 2019 and considered the following matters, the STCA Annual Report, including the audited financial statements; Report of the Comptroller and Appointment of the Auditor.

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The STCA Annual Report including the audited annual financial statements was adopted by the Board.

The Annual Report provided a range of highlights for the year, including:

- Welcoming seven new Mayors to the STCA Board as a result of the October 2018 Local Government elections
- The completion of the Regional Community Carbon Emissions Profile project
- Quarterly meetings and workshops to discuss key regional priorities

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER

The Board adopted the report of the Comptroller.

APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

The STCA Board was in agreement with the proposal that the Auditor General be appointed as the Auditor of the Authority's General Purpose Financial Statements and that any annual adjustment of the fee be negotiated.

STCA - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 2019	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VARIANCE %	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Administration					
Expenses					
Licences - ICT	1,200	2,199	999	45.4%	8,800
Catering	27	2,000	1,973	98.6%	2,000
Consultancy - Business Management	-	-	-	-	13,700
Contractors - Auditors	-	-	-	-	5,500
Subtotal EXPENSES	1,227	4,199	2,972	70.8%	30,000
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(344,542)	(344,542)	-	-	(344,542)
Subtotal REVENUE	(344,542)	(344,542)	-	-	(344,542)
Subtotal Administration	(343,315)	(340,343)	2,972	(0.9 %)	(314,542)
Climate Change Adaptation Project					
Expenses					
Grants - Benefits	-	-	-	-	127,805
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	127,805
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(127,805)	(127,805)	-	-	(127,805)
Other Contributions	(4,000)	(4,000)	-	-	(4,000)
Subtotal REVENUE	(131,805)	(131,805)	-	-	(131,805)
Subtotal Climate Change Adaptation Project	(131,805)	(131,805)	-	-	(4,000)
Climate Change Communication Project					
Expenses					
Contractor Services - General	-	-	-	-	23,090
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	23,090
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(23,090)	(23,090)	-	-	(23,090)
Subtotal REVENUE	(23,090)	(23,090)	-	-	(23,090)
Subtotal Climate Change Communication Project	(23,090)	(23,090)	-	-	-
Waste Strategy South					
Expenses					
Promotions	12,800	12,800	-	-	12,800
Catering	185	-	(185)	-	-
Communications	3,723	-	(3,723)	-	30,000
Subtotal EXPENSES	16,708	12,800	(3,908)	-30.5%	42,800
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Waste Strategy South	16,708	12,800	(3,908)	-30.5%	42,800
Regional Planning Initiative					
Expenses					
Contractor Services - General	-	-	-	-	24,434
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	24,434
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(24,434)	(24,434)	-	-	(24,434)
Subtotal REVENUE	(24,434)	(24,434)	-	-	(24,434)
Subtotal Regional Planning Initiative	(24,434)	(24,434)	-	-	-
Total Operating					
Expenditure	17,935	16,999	(936)	-5.5%	248,129
Income	(523,871)	(523,871)	-	-	(523,871)
Net Operating	(505,936)	(506,872)	(936)	0.2 %	(275,742)

Note: This report is for management reporting purposes only. YTD actual and budget income include carry forward unspent grant funds which have been received and were unspent in prior reporting periods.