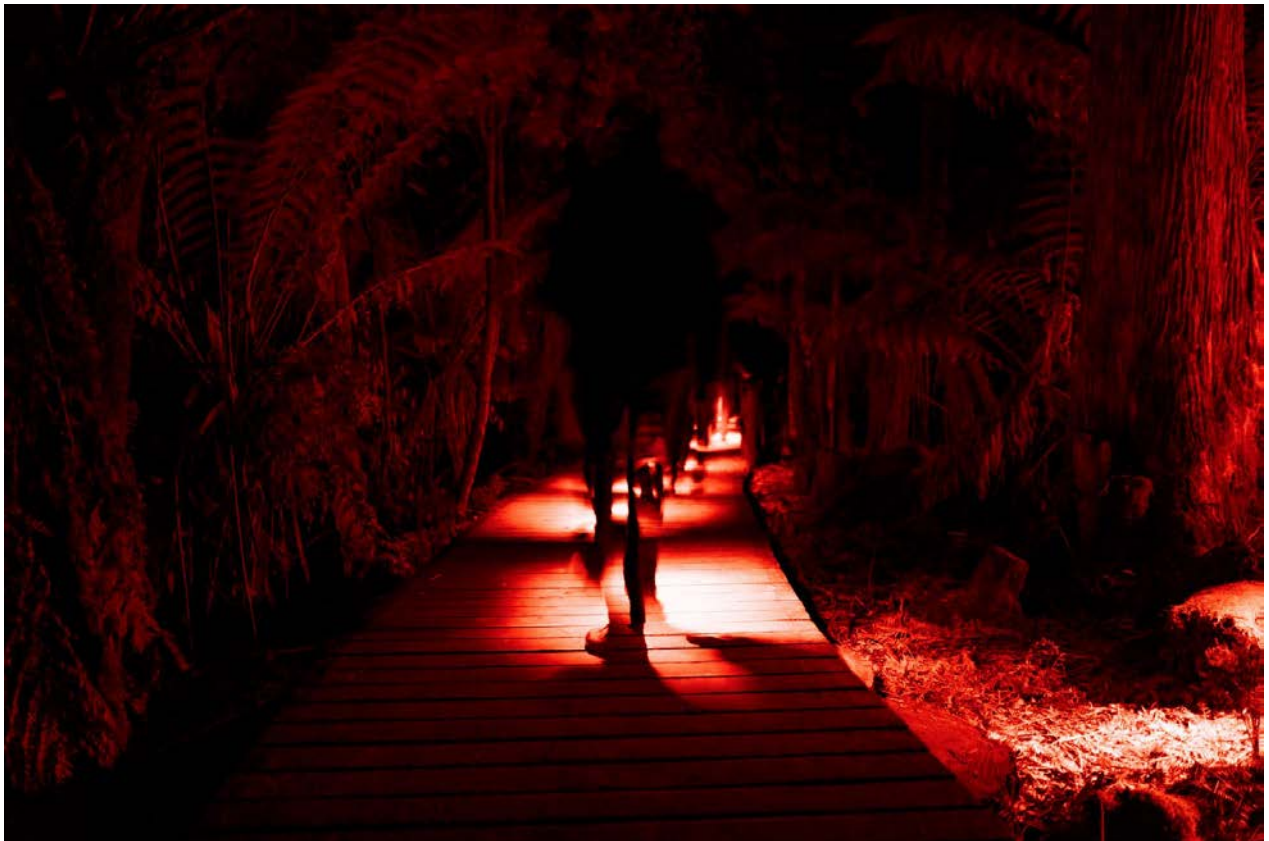




# **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority**

## **Quarterly Report to Members**

### **December 2020**



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 31 December 2020. This report with all previous quarterly reports is published on the Authority's website: [www.stca.tas.gov.au](http://www.stca.tas.gov.au)

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority commenced on 1 July 2006

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## ORDINARY BOARD MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2020

A meeting of the STCA Board took place on 23 November 2020, the following matters were discussed:

### **Regional Climate Change**

Dr Jason Byrne, Professor of Human Geography and Planning at UTAS and Katrina Graham, Environmental and Climate Change Projects Officer at the City of Hobart, provided an update on a grant application which has been made to the Australian Research Council (ARC). The grant application has seen the STCA partner with UTAS and the Tasmanian Government to identify the barriers and enablers to local government climate action. The project builds on an earlier STCA project that developed a regional climate change strategy and climate change adaptation plans to increase the capacity of councils to manage climate risks and hazards. ARC Linkage Grants are very competitive, however, if the application is successful the project will undertake innovative research with a practical, outcomes-focus that will help position Tasmania as a global leader in climate change adaptation.

The STCA Board supported the review of the *Climate Change Adaptation Strategies 2012-2019* for each council. The review will be supported by the expertise of UTAS and the City of Hobart's Environmental and Climate Change Projects Officer.

### **Regional Economic Development Strategy Workshop**

The STCA agreed to convene a workshop of council officers to explore the development of a regional economic development strategy. Regional Development Australia Tasmania will assist with the facilitation of the workshop which is scheduled to take place in the first part of 2021.

### **Southern Tasmania Cat Management Strategy**

The Board received an update on the development of a Southern Tasmania Cat Management Strategy. The draft Strategy currently being developed will include low cost, quick win actions that can be delivered by individual councils and other stakeholders. A draft Strategy will be presented to General Managers in early 2021.

### **Other updates**

Updates were also provided on waste management; the activities of Destination Southern Tasmania; the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the South Eastern Regional Development Authority.

### **Financial Report**

The Board noted the 30 September 2020 draft Financial Report. A copy is included with this Quarterly Report.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be hosted by Derwent Valley Council and will be held on 22 February 2021.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2020

The STCA held their Annual General Meeting on 23 November 2020 whereat the Board adopted the 2019/20 Annual Report including the audited financial statements, the report of the Comptroller and resolved to appoint the Auditor General as the auditor of the STCA's General Purpose Financial Statements.



STCA - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 2020	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VARIANCE %	FULL YEAR BUDGET
<b>Administration</b>					
Expenses					
Licences - ICT	-	1,200	1,200	100.0%	4,800
Catering	-	-	-	0.0%	1,500
Contractor Services - General	-	-	-	0.0%	3,700
Consultancy - Business Management	-	2,500	2,500	100.0%	10,000
Contractors - Auditors	-	-	-	0.0%	6,075
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	3,700	3,700	100.0%	26,075
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(271,293)	(271,293)	-	0.0%	(271,293)
Subtotal REVENUE	(271,293)	(271,293)	-	0.0%	(271,293)
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>	(271,293)	(267,593)	3,700	(1.4 %)	(245,218)
<b>Climate Change Communication Project</b>					
Expenses					
Contractor Services - General	-	5,773	5,773	100.0%	23,090
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	5,773	5,773	100.0%	23,090
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(23,090)	(23,090)	-	0.0%	(23,090)
Subtotal REVENUE	(23,090)	(23,090)	-	0.0%	(23,090)
<b>Subtotal Climate Change Communication Project</b>	(23,090)	(17,317)	5,773	(33.3 %)	-
<b>Waste Strategy South</b>					
Expenses					
Promotions	-	-	-	0.0%	30,000
Subtotal EXPENSES	-	-	-	0.0%	30,000
<b>Subtotal Waste Strategy South</b>	-	-	-	0.0%	30,000
<b>Regional Planning Initiative</b>					
Expenses					
Contractor Services - General	1,427	-	(1,427)	0.0%	24,435
Subtotal EXPENSES	1,427	-	(1,427)	0.0%	24,435
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(24,434)	(24,434)	-	-	(24,434)
Subtotal REVENUE	(24,434)	(24,434)	-	0.0%	(24,434)
<b>Subtotal Regional Planning Initiative</b>	(23,007)	(24,434)	(1,427)	5.8%	1
<b>Total Operating</b>					
Expenditure	1,427	9,473	8,046	84.9%	103,600
Income	(318,817)	(318,817)	-	-	(318,817)
<b>Net Operating</b>	(317,390)	(309,344)	8,046	(2.6 %)	(215,217)

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.

#### STCA September Financial Statement Summary

##### Expenditure:

- With 25% of the financial year elapsed, \$1,427 has been spent, this represents 1.38% of the annual budget.

##### Income:

- With 25% of the financial year elapsed, \$318,817 has been carried forward from unspent funds in prior periods, this represents 100% of the annual budget.