

Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

Annual Plan 2018/19



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STCA Board Composition, Role and Approach

The Board of the STCA comprises the Mayors of the 12 Councils and is currently chaired by the Mayor of Southern Midlands Council, Tony Bisdee. Council General Managers also attend Board meetings.

The STCA operates as a regional organisation of councils. Its role is to create cooperative working partnerships and facilitate joint action to address regional development issues and progress sustainable economic, environmental and social outcomes for Southern Tasmania, its local communities and the State.

In addition it will actively lobby State and Federal Governments on issues that promote the combined interests of its member Councils that make up the Southern Region, increase the profile of the organisation and use that profile to promote the interests of Southern Tasmania.

It will also position itself to be responsive to emerging issues that arise from time to time.

STCA Strategic Direction

Following the October 2014 local government elections, the new Board began work on the development of the new STCA 2015 – 19 Strategic Plan.

The STCA 2015 – 19 Strategic Plan was endorsed by the STCA Board at its meeting in April 2015.

This Strategic Plan was the key document guiding the development of the 2018/19 Annual Plan.

Strategic Plan Theme	Outcome desired by STCA	Strategies to make progress towards the outcome	Actions to be implemented in 2018/19
Inter-Regional Cooperation and Local Government Sustainability	Appropriate recognition of the needs and interests of the Southern Councils.	Engage with major parties to promote the key issues identified by the STCA in the lead up to the State Election. Hobart City Deal	Continue to engage with major parties by offering member councils opportunities to participate in briefings and information sessions. Continue to engage with the State Government on matters included in the Hobart City Deal which affect Southern Councils.
Governance	A well-managed, viable organisation that delivers value to member councils and the region.	Work closely with member councils to ensure that the Authority is delivering outcomes that benefit member councils.	Deliver 4 STCA Board meetings in 2018/19 and an Annual General Meeting. Continue to conduct the Mayors Roundtable sessions. Continue to provide opportunities for member councils to engage with key stakeholders through briefings and information sessions. Continue to receive regular updates from members on topical matters.
Governance	Ensure the organisation remains relevant to its member councils and is appropriately structured to meet their needs.	Engage with member councils and monitor the performance and direction of the organisation to ensure that it is responding to issues from member councils.	Undertake a review of the operations of the STCA following the October Local Government elections.
Environment	Improved waste management practices across the region.	Work closely with member councils, private business, landfill operators and the community to improve waste management practices in Southern Tasmania.	Deliver the Waste Strategy South Action Plan, including the development of a Regional Waste Strategy and explore the conduct of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

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Environment	Promote and improve awareness of the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events across the region.	Maintain the Regional Climate Change Initiative between the southern councils and work with other key stakeholders on projects that inform the community on the challenges of the changing climate and how they can be prepared.	<p>Prepare a Southern Regional Coastal Hazards Strategy and associated Action Plan.</p> <p>Develop a Southern Regional Climate Change Strategy and Associated Action Plan.</p> <p>Prepare a Council Climate Change Strategy template.</p>
Social	Contemporary land use planning	Work closely with the State Government on new Single Statewide Planning Scheme to deliver modern and contemporary planning outcomes for the community,	<p>Assist councils as necessary with the progression of their Local Provisions Schedules through the assessment, exhibition and hearing process.</p> <p>Encourage the State Government to commence a review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy particularly in relation to the projected supply and demand for housing in the region.</p>