



Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

Quarterly Report to Members

March 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 March 2020. 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

Image Credit: Ocean Beach, Maria Island – Stuart Gibson

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Tasman Arch – Luke Tscharke (bottom)

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TASWATER HEADWORKS CHARGES

In response to correspondence from the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority supported Brighton Council tabling a motion at the next LGAT meeting in relation to headworks charges. The motion, 'that the LGAT advocate to government and TasWater for the ceasing of the 'headworks holiday' for sewer and water infrastructure' is to be considered at the 27 March LGAT meeting.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL UPDATE

Brighton Council's Chief Operating Officer provided the Board with an update on a range of matters occurring in the municipal area, including:

- A snapshot of the area which is increasing in population and Gross Regional Product
- The growth in local employment and workforce, increasing urbanisation and changing expectations of residents
- Development of Brighton Council's Climate Change and Resilience Strategy
- Development of a Reconciliation Action Plan and new website
- Completion of stage 1 of the Bridgewater Parkland with stage 2 currently being planned
- Increase in the number of affordable housing dwellings

REPRESENTATION UPDATES

The Board noted updates from members as a result of their participation in the following meetings and groups:

- Business Growth Roundtable
- Destination Southern Tasmania

REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

An update on the activities of the Regional Climate Change Initiative was provided. The Board heard about two projects which are currently being undertaken:

- The *Regional Coastal Hazards Strategy* project aims to support southern Tasmanian councils in managing and responding to coastal hazards through a consistent and coordinated framework that supports decision making now and into the future.
- The *Climate Profiles* project aims to support southern councils in managing and responding to local climate hazards through the provision of best available climate information to enable relevant adaptation strategies/action plans to be developed and implemented; increase the capacity of councils to prepare for and respond to climate hazards; and mitigate potential liability associated with corporate decision making.

30 NOVEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board considered the financial report for the period ending 30 November 2019 and noted that with 42 per cent of the financial year elapsed, \$124,786 has been spent and \$523,871 in income has been received. A copy of the November 2019 financial report is included in this quarterly report.

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY WEBSITE

The Board endorsed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the STCA and the Huon Valley Council for the management and hosting of the STCA website with the Board requesting a review of this arrangement in 12 months' time.

2020/21 OPERATIONS

In considering its 2020/21 operations, the Board affirmed the importance of having a collective voice for the southern region. The Board also requested that a letter be sent to the Tasmanian Government seeking opportunities to engage with them as part of the Hobart City Deal process.



Image Credit: Travelling on the Lyell Highway towards Tarraleah – Stuart Gibson

STCA - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER 2019	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VARIANCE %	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Administration					
Expenses					
Licences - ICT	2,000	3,665	1,665	45.4%	8,800
Catering	368	2,000	1,632	81.6%	2,000
Consultancy - Business Management	-	6,200	6,200	100.0%	13,700
Contractors - Auditors	5,710	5,500	(210)	(3.8 %)	5,500
Subtotal EXPENSES	8,078	17,365	9,287	53.5%	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	(336,464)	(327,177)	9,287	(2.8 %)	(314,542)
Climate Change Adaptation Project					
Expenses					
Grants - Benefits	100,000	106,180	6,180	5.8%	127,805
Subtotal EXPENSES	100,000	106,180	6,180	5.8%	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	(31,805)	(25,625)	6,180	(24.1 %)	(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	7,500	3,777	50.4%	30,000
Subtotal EXPENSES	16,708	20,300	3,592	17.7%	42,800
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Waste Strategy South	16,708	20,300	3,592	17.7%	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	124,786	143,845	19,059	13.2%	248,129
Income	(523,871)	(523,871)	-	-	(523,871)
Net Operating	(399,085)	(380,026)	19,059	(5.0 %)	(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.