



# **Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority**

## **Quarterly Report to Members**

### **June 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 30 June 2020. This report with all previous quarterly reports is published on the Authorities 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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## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD**

Due to gathering restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority was unable to meet in person.

However, there were a number of items which were circulated to Board members 'out-of-session' for their consideration.

These matters were:

### **29 February 2020 Financial Report**

The 29 February 2020 financial report documented that with 67 per cent of the financial year elapsed, \$163,562 had been spent which represented 66 per cent of the annual budget. As at 29 February 2020, all income had been received.

A copy of the 29 February 2020 financial report is included in this report.

### **2020/21 Budget Proposal and Operating Plan**

The Board discussed proposed activities for 2020/21 and supported the following initiatives:

- Waste Communications Memorandum of Understanding with the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group and the Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group
- Completion of Regional Climate Change projects
- Participation in the Garage Sale Trail

### **Hobart City Deal/Greater Hobart Act – mechanism for engagement with the STCA**

In response to correspondence from the Chair of the STCA, the Minister for State Growth, the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, invited the STCA to nominate a representative to enable engagement between the Board and the Tasmanian Government as they develop, consult and deliver the Work Program associated with the Greater Hobart Act.

The Minister also advised that the Tasmanian Government is in the early stages of commencing a review of the mechanisms which support regional land use planning and strategies in the state. There will be opportunities for the STCA to participate in whole-of-region land use planning matters.

Other matters of note include:

### **Brighton Council Representative**

The STCA acknowledged many years of service from the Mayor of Brighton Council, Councillor Tony Foster AM OAM. Tony provided a calm, balanced and perceptive view on a wide range of matters affecting the community and always placed the community at the centre of any discussion and decision making. The STCA welcomed Deputy Mayor Barbara Curran as the Brighton Council representative.

### **Tasmanian Climate Change Office Grant Application**

A joint application was made to the Climate Research Grants Program seeking support for the development of a shared and common climate language across Tasmanian councils and their communities. If successful, the project will prepare technical municipal climate profiles based on those developed for southern councils – this will enable consistency in climate indices across the local government sector to enable greater opportunity for collaboration, benchmarking and scaling of climate action.



**Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council**

The STCA provided a submission to the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC). PESRAC has been established to provide the Premier with advice on how best to support Tasmania's short, medium and longer-term recovery from COVID-19. In its submission, the STCA welcomed the various stimulus packages made available by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments acknowledging that they will help communities as they progress through the recovery phase of the pandemic. The STCA advised that it would provide a more detailed submission to the Stage Two phase as PESRAC examines more specific impacts of COVID-19.



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STCA - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY 2020	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	YTD VARIANCE %	FULL YEAR BUDGET
<b>Administration</b>					
Expenses					
Licences - ICT	3,200	5,864	2,664	45.4%	8,800
Website Development	-	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-	-
Catering	368	2,000	1,632	81.6%	2,000
Consultancy - Business Management	-	8,700	8,700	100.0%	13,700
Contractors - Auditors	5,710	5,500	(210)	(3.8 %)	5,500
Subtotal EXPENSES	9,278	22,064	12,786	57.9%	30,000
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	(344,542)	(344,542)	0	-	(344,542)
Other Fees and Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal REVENUE	(344,542)	(344,542)	-	-	(344,542)
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>	<b>(335,264)</b>	<b>(322,478)</b>	<b>12,786</b>	<b>(4.0 %)</b>	<b>(314,542)</b>
<b>Climate Change Adaptation Project</b>					
Expenses					
Catering	48	-	(48)	-	-
Contractor Services - Regional Energy Use	-	-	-	-	-
Contractor Services - Regional Climate Change Strategy	-	-	-	-	-
Contractor Services - Regional Climate Council Template	-	-	-	-	-
Contractor Services - Regional Coastal Strategy	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Benefits	113,500	115,450	1,950	1.7%	127,805
Consultancy Environmental	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal EXPENSES	113,548	115,450	1,902	1.7%	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)
<b>Subtotal Climate Change Adaptation Project</b>	<b>(18,257)</b>	<b>(16,355)</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>(11.6 %)</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>
<b>Climate Change Communication Project</b>					
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)
<b>Subtotal Climate Change Communication Project</b>	<b>(23,090)</b>	<b>(23,090)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Waste Strategy South</b>					
Expenses					
Promotions	36,762	12,800	23,962	(187.2 %)	12,800
Catering	251	-	(251)	0.0 %	-
Communications	3,723	15,000	11,277	75.2 %	30,000
Subtotal EXPENSES	40,736	27,800	(12,936)	(46.5 %)	42,800
Revenue					
Unspent Grants/Opening Funds B/F	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Waste Strategy South</b>	<b>40,736</b>	<b>27,800</b>	<b>(12,936)</b>	<b>(46.5 %)</b>	<b>42,800</b>
<b>Regional Planning Initiative</b>					
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)
<b>Subtotal Regional Planning Initiative</b>	<b>(24,434)</b>	<b>(24,434)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Operating</b>					
Expenditure	163,562	165,314	1,752	1.1%	248,129
Income	(523,871)	(523,871)	-	-	(523,871)
<b>Net Operating</b>	<b>(360,309)</b>	<b>(358,557)</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>(0.5 %)</b>	<b>(275,742)</b>

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.