



Tasmania *Together* 2020



“Together we will make Tasmania an icon for the rest of the world by creating a proud and confident society where our people live in harmony and prosperity.”

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Chairman's Message

Tasmania *Together* is a plan developed by Tasmanians to shape their future. It outlines what Tasmanians want for themselves and their children in 2020, and specifies the goals and benchmark performance necessary to get there. Tasmania *Together* enables us to measure the level of progress being made towards these community goals. The longer we measure, the better we will be able to answer the question: "How is Tasmania going?"

In 2004-05 the Board addressed this question with the release of its third Tasmania *Together* Progress Report in August 2004. The report showed some improvement in the Community benchmarks and a slight easing in the strength of performances in the Economy chapter. Highlights included a number of positive education outcomes, improved indicators of public safety and evidence that young Tasmanians are more involved in education, employment and decision-making.

The 2004 Progress Report showed tourism, exports and business confidence all pointing to a strong economy, supported by population growth. The Progress Board remained concerned over the negative trends evident in the data for family violence and children on care and protection orders.

Following the release of the 2004 Progress Report, the Progress Board took the decision to schedule the first Five Year Review of Tasmania *Together* from August 2005 to August 2006.

In addition to it being a legislative requirement under the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001*, the purpose of the Five Year Review is to:

- Update the plan;
- Re-engage the community; and
- Make Tasmania *Together* more understandable and useful for a range of users.

Planning and preparation for the first Five Year Review absorbed much of the Board's work in the remainder of the 2004-05 year. The Review will be a major exercise in communication and community consultation and the Board is keen to ensure that all Tasmanians are given the opportunity to take part in it.

2004-05 saw Tasmanians continuing to work together to realise the vision and goals of Tasmania *Together*. The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board has been impressed by the commitment of many Tasmanians actively focussed on achieving specific Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks, and by the enthusiasm of its partners.

The Partnership Program is one of the most significant areas of work undertaken by the Board to engage directly with community and business organisations. Over the last 12 months 17 organisations have signed Partnership Agreements with the Board, agreeing to work towards implementing specific Tasmania *Together* benchmarks. This takes the total number of Tasmania *Together* Partners to 28.

The Progress Board manages its work through three major projects:

- managing the benchmarks;
- monitoring and reporting; and,
- promotions and communications.

The Progress Board continued to work towards increasing the number of benchmarks it reports on. The Board received recommendations from reference groups in relation to environment benchmarks and education benchmarks during 2004-05. Public comment was sought on the recommendations and following this, the Board endorsed 5 completed environment benchmarks and 8 completed education benchmarks.

Work by the Affordable Housing Strategy's cross-sectoral reference group was also completed and recommendations for 2 new housing affordability benchmarks made to the Board. These were put out for public comment and duly endorsed by the Board for inclusion in future Tasmania *Together* reporting.

The Board has continued to work with the State Government sector and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to identify measures and set targets for a range of social, economic and environment benchmarks.

The Progress Board continues to meet regularly with key organisations including the ABS, University of Tasmania, Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TASCOSS) and the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI). The Board also meets periodically with Members of the Legislative Council and Party Leaders.

The Progress Board's membership continued to evolve during 2004-05. Ian Kennett and Louise Sullivan commenced in June 2004. Two youth observers, Hayley Bester and Kevin Midson, were appointed to the Board for 2005. Inaugural Deputy-Chair, and University of Tasmania representative, Professor Judith Walker, resigned from the Board at the end of 2004 and was replaced by Dr Kate Crowley. Michael Lynch was appointed Deputy-Chair.

2005-06 will be dominated by the Five Year Review of Tasmania *Together*. Board members and staff will travel around the State seeking input from the community for much of the second half of 2005. Input will then be sorted and analysed so that the Board can make decisions about what needs to change to keep the Tasmania *Together* Goals and Benchmarks up to date.

Where necessary, benchmarks will be developed or amended during the first half of 2006, with a final set of recommendations being put to Parliament in mid-2006. Once changes have been approved by Parliament, a revised Tasmania *Together* document will be released in the second half of 2006.

The Progress Board will also commence work on the 2006 Progress Report and continue to work with its Partner and Supporter organisations to promote the goals of Tasmania *Together* and report on targeted actions by organisations to achieve them.

What is the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board?

Legislation and Functions

The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board is an independent statutory authority responsible for monitoring and promoting Tasmania *Together*.

According to the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001*, “Tasmania *Together* is:

- a long-term social, environmental and economic plan for the State’s development for a period of 20 years; and
- an overarching framework for planning, budgeting and policy priorities for the government and non-government sectors.”

The Act describes the Progress Board’s functions as:

- (a) to monitor regularly and report publicly on progress towards achieving Tasmania *Together*’s goals and benchmarks;
- (b) to carry out research and the collection of data in respect of the goals and benchmarks;
- (c) to promote the goals and benchmarks in the broader community;
- (d) to develop coalitions of interest within and between various sectors of the community with respect to Tasmania *Together*; and
- (e) to coordinate the process of further developing, refining and revising the goals and benchmarks.

Values and Principles

Consistent with the Tasmania *Together* vision and process, the Progress Board is committed to a set of values and principles. These are to:

- vigorously promote the adoption of Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks State-wide.
- honestly, independently, and accurately report on progress towards the goals and benchmarks.
- champion and further develop Tasmania *Together*.
- act to encourage a consultative, collaborative and cross-sectoral way of working.
- be inclusive, consultative and transparent in reviewing, revising and refining the benchmarks.
- provide regular and publicly accessible reporting of Board activity to all Tasmanians.
- be accountable to the community through the Parliament.

What the Board did in 2004-05

- Tabled the 3rd Progress Report in Parliament and held regional forums to promote and discuss the Progress Report.
- Collected and compiled benchmark data for public release in conjunction with the Five Year Review.
- Expanded the Partners Program.
- Supported the Partnership to Jobs Coalition of Interest to help address long-term unemployment.
- Revised the logo and corporate image, newsletter format and distribution in electronic and hard copy versions.
- Redeveloped the website to improve navigation, increase interactivity and include special material for young people and teachers.
- Conducted a series of presentations and discussions with peak bodies and interested community groups.
- Maintained strong working relationships with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the University of Tasmania, the State Government's Inter Agency Policy Coordination Committee (IAPCC) and Local Government.
- Reviewed and corrected data collection for several benchmarks and maintained its data collection process.
- Established a reference group to develop targets for a number of environment benchmarks.
- Contributed to the development of 2 new housing benchmarks through the Affordable Housing Strategy's cross-sectoral reference group.
- Worked to complete other underdeveloped benchmarks.
- Supported the Old Growth Forest Reference Group's work to:
 - develop an interim target for measuring progress towards the ending of clear felling in old growth forests by 2010, and
 - develop an additional indicator to measure sustainable management of Tasmania's old growth forests.

What the Board plans for in 2005-06

The major issues to be addressed in 2005-06 include:

- Conducting the first Five Year Review of Tasmania *Together*;
 - Preparing the 2006 Tasmania *Together* Progress Report and tabling it in Parliament;
 - Promoting Tasmania *Together* to increase levels of awareness and adoption of the goals and benchmarks by the community;
 - Extending the Tasmania *Together* Partners Program with community, business and government organisations to include Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks in their plans;
 - Increasing levels of cooperative and collaborative activity in the community aimed at achieving the goals and benchmarks, including coalitions of interest;
 - Engaging young people in the Tasmania *Together* process.
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The Tasmania *Together* Goals

Our Community

1. Ensure all Tasmanians have a reasonable standard of living with regard to food, shelter, transport, justice, education, communication, health and community services.
2. To have a community where people feel safe and are safe in all aspects of their lives.
3. Recognise and value the many contributions that volunteers and unpaid workers can – and do – make to their community.
4. Create a culture that encourages people to learn and develop new skills, including life skills, throughout their lives.
5. Develop an approach to health and well-being that focuses on preventing poor health and encouraging healthy lifestyles.
6. Develop an approach to the health and well-being of the Tasmanian community through the delivery of coordinated services.
7. Foster and value vibrant and diverse rural, regional and remote communities that are connected to each other and the rest of the world.
8. Provide a valued role in community life for Tasmania's young people now and in the future.
9. Foster an inclusive society that acknowledges and respects our multicultural heritage, values diversity and treats everyone with compassion and respect.

Our Culture

10. Acknowledge and respect the contribution that the Aboriginal community and its culture have made and continue to make to Tasmania and its identity.
11. Have Tasmania recognised nationally and internationally for its innovation, pursuit of excellence and creativity in arts and culture.

Our Democracy

12. Provide all Tasmanians with the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
13. Have a system of government that is open, seeks and listens to people's views and ideas, and uses them in decision making at all levels.
14. Ensure there is greater co-operation at all levels of government and among political parties to improve the lives of Tasmanians.
15. Have a system of government that is accountable to the people and plans for the future at all levels.

Our Economy

16. Increase job and meaningful work opportunities in Tasmania.
17. Maximise the opportunities available through information and other technologies.
18. Ensure education and training provides our workforce with the skills to support our business and industry.
19. Have an internationally focused business culture that creates business investment and growth and encourages enterprise, innovation and excellence.
20. Promote our island advantages including our 'clean-green' image, natural resources, location and people.

Our Environment

21. Value, protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage.
 22. Value, protect and maintain our natural diversity.
 23. Ensure there is a balance between environmental protection and economic and social development.
 24. Ensure our natural resources are managed in a sustainable way now and for future generations.
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Current 2005 Board Members and youth observers

Bob Campbell – Chairman
Michael Lynch – Deputy Chairman
Michael Kent
Linda Hornsey
Catherine Fernon
Kem Perkins
Louise Sullivan
Kate Crowley
(1 vacancy to be filled by 31 October 2005)

Hayley Bester
Kevin Midson

Tasmania *Together* Partners

*There are now 28 Partner organisations in place.
The following were signed from July 2004 to June 30 2005:*

Ultra 106five
Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project
Carers Association of Tasmania Inc
Tasmanian Association of Community Houses Inc
Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc
Tasmanian Science and Technology Council
Lead On-Hobart
Salvation Army Employment Plus
Scouts Australia
Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT)
Tasmanian Regional Arts
Tasmanian Communities Online
Australia Post
Forests and Forest Industry Council of Tasmania
Local Government Association of Tasmania
Careers Fast Track (Victoria)
Small Business Council

Financial Statement for year ending 30 June 2005

The financial details for the Tasmania Together Progress Board for the financial year ending 30 June 2005 are included in the 2004-05 Financial Statements for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

In 2004-05 receipts and expenditure were accounted for under the Department's Output Group 5: Tasmania Together Progress Board, Output 5.1: Support for the Tasmania Together Progress Board.

The accounts of the Department of Premier and Cabinet for the year ending 30 June 2005 were certified by the Tasmanian Auditor General on 7 October 2005. The Department received an unqualified audit report.

Details of receipts and expenditure for the Tasmanian Together Progress Board for the years ended 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2005 are as follows:

	2004	2005		
	Total	Consolidated	Other	Total
		Fund	Sources	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Receipts:</u>				
Revenue from Government	625	626	-	626
Departmental Revenue not paid into Consolidated Fund	<u>64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>113</u>
	<u>689</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>739</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>				
Salaries and Wages	292	233	76	309
Board Members' Fees	129	127	-	127
Other Employee Related Expenses	86	76	13	89
Rent	45	37	-	37
Other Accommodation Related Outgoings	7	5	-	5
Communications	12	13	-	13
Travel and Transport	22	14	1	15
Advertising and Promotion	7	14	-	14
Consultants	-	-	-	-
Information Technology	14	11	-	11
Other Administration Expenses	<u>98</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>97</u>
	<u>712</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>717</u>