



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.

Current 2004 Board Members and new youth observers



Left to Right: Hayley Bester (Youth Observer), Bob Campbell - Chairman. Catherine Fernon, Michael Kent, Kem Perkins, Linda Hornsey, Ian Kennett, Judi Walker - Deputy Chairman, Dee Parsell (Youth Observer), Michael Lynch, Louise Sullivan.

Tasmania Together Partners 2003 -2004

Volunteering Tasmania Inc
 Working It Out, Inc
 Multicultural Council of Tasmania Inc
 Project Hahn
 State Bicentenary Advisory Committee
 Colony 47
 Council on the Ageing
 Aurora Energy
 Rural Youth
 Telstra Country Wide
 Tasmanian Council of Social Service

Since 30 June 2004

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 Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Program
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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 charts the goals and benchmarks necessary to get there. Tasmania *Together* also enables us to measure what progress is being made in Tasmania. The longer we measure, the better we will understand the question: "How is Tasmania going?"

In the last 12 months Tasmanians have continued to work together to realise the vision and goals of Tasmania *Together*. The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board has been inspired by the commitment of many Tasmanians actively focussed on achieving specific Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks, and by the enthusiasm of its partners.

The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board manages its work through three major projects:

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

In 2003-04 the Board released the 2nd Tasmania *Together* Progress Report in August 2003 with an interim data release in February 2004. The reports highlighted notable improvements in the State's economic wellbeing with strong performances in investment, research and development expenditure, participation in vocational education and training, tertiary education and university, overseas migration to the State, manufacturing and business confidence. Other achievements occurred in the health, education, community safety, air quality, tourism and cultural heritage areas.

Tasmania *Together* benchmarks showing a negative result in 2003-04 included the level of family violence reported, a significant increase in the number of children on care and protection orders, a decrease in the proportion of 15 to 39 year olds in Tasmania and an increase in the number of deaths due to external causes for people aged 0 to 29 years.

The Progress Board is working to increase the number of benchmarks it reports on and on the targets yet to be set. The Board has established two reference groups in relation to the environment and old-growth forest both due to report at the end of 2004.

The Board also launched the Tasmania *Together* Partnerships to Jobs Coalition which, among other roles, considers initiatives to provide jobs for long-term unemployed people.

The Partnership Program is one of the most significant areas of work undertaken. Over the last financial year 11 organisations have signed Partnership Agreements with the Board, agreeing to work towards achieving specific Tasmania *Together* benchmarks.

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

The past 12 months has seen changes to Board membership. I would like to thank Jim McAlpine for his contribution as the inaugural Chairman, serving the Board from November 2001 until April 2004. The Board also thanks Jane Bennett and Lynne Ferencz for their time and work on the Board. We also honour the work of Cris Fitzpatrick who died in early 2004. Her contribution and dedication to community work lives on through the Bridgewater-Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project.

2004-05 will be another busy 12 months for the Board as we focus on getting young people more involved in our partners program, and raising awareness of Tasmania *Together*. We will also be refocusing our work in the north and north west of the State. In addition to these ongoing activities, the Board will start work on the 5-year review of Tasmania *Together*, due in Parliament in mid-2007.

The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board also places on record its gratitude to the late Premier, Jim Bacon for his inspiration, leadership and commitment to Tasmania *Together*. The Board looks forward to working with the Tasmanian Community to realise our vision:

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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:

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

What the Board did in 2003-04

- Tabled the 2nd Progress Report in Parliament and held regional forums to promote and discuss the Progress Report.
- Released an interim progress report.
- Established the Partners Program.

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.

Bob Campbell took over as Chairman of the Board in April 2004 after the resignation of Jim McAlpine. Jane Bennett's and Lynne Ferencz's terms finished in October 2003, Catherine Fernon and Kem Perkins commenced in November 2003 and Ian Kennett and Louise Sullivan commenced in June 2004. Cris Fitzpatrick sadly passed away in January 2004. Two youth observers, Hayley Bester and Dee Parsell, were appointed to the Board in June 2004.

- Established the Partnership to Jobs Coalition of Interest to help address long-term unemployment.
- Redeveloped the website to improve navigation, increase interactivity and develop special material for young people and teachers.

What the Board did in 2003-04 (cont'd)

- Conducted a series of presentations and discussions with peak bodies and interested community groups.
- Held Board meetings and community forums in St Helens, Nubeena and Deloraine to discuss issues affecting local communities.
- Organised a small business forum in Hobart in October 2003 with follow up forums organised in the north and north west of the State in 2004.
- Contributed to local government strategic planning and future search conferences in Meander Valley, Central Coast, Tasman and King Island Councils.
- Provided input into strategic plans at Wynyard-Waratah and Flinders Island Councils.
- Developed and 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.
- Developed a data collection process. Reviewed and corrected data collection for several benchmarks.
- Established a reference group to develop targets for a number of environment benchmarks.
- Worked to complete other underdeveloped benchmarks.
- Established the Old Growth Forest Reference Group in October 2003 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 2004-05

The major issues to be addressed in 2004-05 include:

- Preparing the 3rd 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;
- Developing a methodology for the first 5 Year Review;
- Engaging young people in the Tasmania *Together* process;
- Developing benchmarks requiring targets and reviewing benchmarks as requested by community and business organisations; and
- Developing a database to facilitate data collection and reporting and the management of the benchmarks.