



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.”

Annual Report 2005-06

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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. Put simply, the longer we measure, the better we will be able to answer the question: "How is Tasmania going, and are we going to achieve the community's vision?"

2005-06 proved to be one of the busiest years since the inception of the Board in 2001. Under the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001*, the Board is required to review Tasmania *Together* every five years and to consult with the community as part of the review. The first Five Year Review occupied much of the Board's time and resources throughout 2005-06, particularly during the public consultation phase from August to December 2005.

In addition to it being a legislative requirement under the Act, 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.

The public response to the review was enormous. Thousands of Tasmanians got 'on board' the Tasmania *Together* bus as it visited 90 places in 80 days, thousands more filled out questionnaires or sent in individual submissions. Over 90 formal submissions were received from organisations from around the State. All the information from the community consultations was collated and analysed and a summary published in *What We Heard*.

But the review wasn't all that the Board achieved. The Partnership Program is one of the most significant areas of work undertaken by the Board to engage directly with community and business organisations. Another four 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 29.

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

The Board met with key organisations including the ABS, the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS), the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI). The Board continued to provide briefings for Members of the Legislative Council, and Leaders of the Tasmanian Liberals and Tasmanian Greens.

The Board's membership evolved during 2005-06. The term of appointment for three members of the Board - Michael Lynch, Louise Sullivan and Dr Kate Crowley - expired on 31 October 2005. An additional vacancy occurred with the resignation of Ian Kennett.

Following a public nomination process, Michael Lynch and Louise Sullivan were re-appointed to the Board and the University of Tasmania confirmed its support for the reappointment of Dr Kate Crowley. A full list of nominees was circulated for comment to the Members of Parliament stipulated in the Act.

The Board welcomed a new member from northern Tasmania. Kirsty Dunphey was the Telstra 2002 National Young Business Woman of the Year and Tasmania's 2004 Young Australian of the Year. She is Managing Director of M&M Harcourts Real Estate in Launceston.

Finally, during the year, long-standing Director, Lee Prince, resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to express the Board's appreciation for the dedication and leadership shown by Lee during her five years with the Board. Lee played a prominent role in integrating Tasmania *Together* into government decision making and establishing stronger links between the Board and community organisations.

Project Manager Simon Boughey also resigned from the Board in 2005-06. Over a four year period Simon was instrumental in not only raising the profile of Tasmania *Together* but also improving communications, particularly with the broader community.

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Board. The enthusiasm for our State's future, shown by thousands of Tasmanians from every walk of life during the public consultations on Tasmania *Together*, strengthens the opportunity to create a shared future in 2020.

Bob Campbell
Chair – Tasmania *Together* Progress Board

October 2006

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 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.

Organisational Structure

The organisational structure of the Board includes the Board itself, any working and reference groups and the Secretariat. While the Board performs the functions established in the Act, the Secretariat provides the administrative support necessary for the Board to fulfil its functions.

The Act provides for the following membership of the Board:

- (a) 7 members who, collectively, are broadly representative of the Tasmanian community to be appointed after seeking nominations from members of the public and taking into account an appropriate gender and regional balance; and
- (b) a person who is to be selected from a list provided by the University of Tasmania; and
- (c) a person who is appointed to an office created under section 29 of the *State Service Act 2000*.

The Act states that members are to be appointed by the Premier, by notice published in the *Gazette*. Before appointing a member to the Board according to (a) and (b) above, the Premier is to consult with:

- (d) the President and each other member of the Legislative Council except the members who are members of the political party represented by the Leader of the Government; and
- (e) the Leader of the Opposition; and
- (f) the leader of each other political party represented in Parliament; and
- (g) each independent member of the House of Assembly.

The Act also says that the Premier is to appoint:

- (h) a member as Chairperson of the Progress Board; and
- (i) a member as Deputy Chairperson of the Progress Board.

Values and Principles

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

- vigorously promote the adoption of Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks statewide;
- 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; and
- be accountable to the community through the Parliament.

2005-06 Board Members

Membership

Membership of the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board for 2005-06:



Robert George (Bob) Campbell, Chair
Director - groupwork



Michael Lynch, Deputy Chair
Chair, Tasmanian Heritage Council



Dr Kate Crowley
Senior lecturer and the Graduate Coordinator of Public Policy in the School of Government, Deputy Dean of Graduate Research, University of Tasmania



Kirsty Dunphey
Managing Director, M&M Harcourts
(Appointed 1 November 2005)



Catherine Fernon
Manager of Community Development, Burnie City Council



Linda Hornsey
Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet



Michael Kent
Consultant Woolworths Ltd



Kem Perkins
Farmer/Stock Stud Breeder



Louise Sullivan
Director, Pharmacy Guild



Ian Kennett
Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL)
Resigned (25 July 2005)

Detailed profiles of current Board members are available at: www.tasmaniatgether.tas.gov.au.

Youth Observers

Hayley Bester, who was appointed by the Premier in 2004, resigned in November 2005.

Staff

Phillip Hoysted, Director (commenced – April 2006)

Lee Prince, Director (resigned – April 2006)

Hayden Jones, Project Manager

Simon Boughey, Project Manager (resigned – May 2006)

Paul Sayer, Project Officer (commenced – May 2006)

Dianne Jacobs, Office Manager

Rosemary Epps, Project Officer

Judy Fletcher, Administrative Assistant

What the Board did in 2005-06

Under the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001*, the Board is required to review *Tasmania Together* every five years and to consult with the community as part of the Review. The Five Year Review occupied much of the Board's time and resources throughout 2005-06. Details of the Five Year Review are outlined in the next section of the Annual Report.

The Partners Program continued to attract interest from a number of organisations throughout Tasmania. There are now over 29 partners committed to achieving the benchmarks and goals contained in *Tasmania Together*. The Board signed new agreements with the following partners: Careers Fast Track, the Small Business Council, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Country Women's Association in Tasmania Inc. A further 20 organisations have indicated an interest in becoming partners.

The Board continued to meet on a two-monthly basis, with members participating in community forums, presentations and working groups between meetings. A number of presentations and discussions were held with peak bodies and interested community groups.

Promotions and marketing continued to be a priority for the Board. Two full colour newsletters were produced with extended electronic and hard copy circulation. Following the community consultations as part of the Five Year Review, the Board also published *What We Heard* – a summary of community consultations undertaken by the Board. Work also began on the fourth Progress Report to Parliament.

The Board continued to maintain a strong working relationship with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The ABS provided invaluable statistical advice and support to the Board in the development and reporting on benchmarks in *Tasmania Together*.

Close collaboration was also maintained with the University of Tasmania, the State Government's *Tasmania Together* Interdepartmental Committee and Local Government.

Tasmania Together – Five Year Review

Tasmania Together needs to remain a living document that responds to changing circumstances and changes in community attitudes.

The first Five Year Review of *Tasmania Together* provided an opportunity to look at what has changed over the last five years and to have another look at where we want to be in 15 years time.

The objectives for the community consultation phase of the first Five Year Review of *Tasmania Together* were:

- to provide all Tasmanians with the opportunity to have their say; and,
- to make sure that the views of all sectors of the community were heard.

In keeping with project management principles, the Board established a Steering Committee to oversee the Five Year Review of *Tasmania Together*.

The Board asked the community four broad questions:

1. What are the most important issues for you over the next 10 to 15 years?
2. What has changed for you in Tasmania over the past five years?
3. What other changes would you like to see?
4. What are the most important things for *Tasmania Together* to report on?

To ensure that the views of all sectors of the community were heard, the Board:

- sought responses face to face (on the *Tasmania Together* bus and through forums), over the phone, in writing (with a reply-paid questionnaire or formal submission) and over the internet (by email, online questionnaire or online discussion);
- enlisted the assistance of its partners, as well as State and Local Government, in reaching new networks;
- advertised the review widely through print, radio and TV paid advertisements and community service announcements on commercial TV;
- contacted specific target groups;
- invited submissions from key organisations with interests in the social, economic and environmental future of Tasmania;
- redeveloped the website to improve navigation and increase interactivity; and
- ran a series of forums around the State to cover key stakeholders and locations.

From August to December 2005 the Board conducted 35 community forums throughout Tasmania, visited 90 places in 80 days on the Tasmania *Together* bus, distributed over 100,000 questionnaires, held an on-line forum, established a 1300 number, hosted a website and received formal submissions.

The response from the community was outstanding. Over 10,000 people 'caught' the Tasmania *Together* bus, 1,555 people returned written questionnaires and 740 responded electronically. There were 15,409 visits to the website between September and December 2005 (with over 1 million hits) and 90 formal submissions were received from individuals and key organisations.

All the community feedback was analysed and a summary report – *What We Heard* – released publicly in June 2006. The Board's Benchmarking Committee met eight times during 2005-06 to prepare a new set of benchmarks for consideration by the Steering Committee, the Board and Parliament. *What We Heard* and the community consultations were the basis for the Benchmark Committee deliberations.

It is expected that a revised Tasmania *Together* document will be considered by Parliament during the 2006 Spring session.

What the Board plans for 2006-07

The major issues to be addressed in 2006-07 include:

- Revitalising the Partners Program with community, business and government organisations following Parliamentary approval of the revised Tasmania *Together* document;
- Developing a new five year Project Business Plan for Tasmania *Together*;
- Promoting Tasmania *Together* to increase levels of awareness and adoption of the new goals and benchmarks by the community;
- Increasing levels of cooperative and collaborative activity in the community aimed at achieving the goals and benchmarks, with a particular focus on coalitions of interest; and
- Creating a more efficient and effective data management system.

Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
	Total	Total
	\$'000	\$'000
Receipts:		
Revenue from Government	1,173	626
Departmental Revenue not paid into Consolidated Fund	67	113
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>739</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries and Wages	366	309
Board Members' Fees	145	131
Other Employee Related Expenses	80	60
Rent	49	37
Other Accommodation Related Outgoings	4	5
Communications	17	13
Travel and Transport	35	11
Advertising and Promotion	44	14
Contractors and Consultants	84	30
Information Technology	11	11
Publications	3	19
Administration Expenses	50	45
Other Expenses	37	31
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<u>925</u>	<u>716</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>315</u>	<u>23</u>

Notes:

- Funding of \$325,000 was carried forward from 2005-06 to 2006-07 in accordance with the provisions of section 8A(2) of the *Public Account Act 1986*. The funding will be used for conducting the Tasmania *Together* Community Survey during 2006-07.
- The Tasmania *Together* Progress Board had Creditors of \$1,805 as at 30 June 2006.

CERTIFICATION OF STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

The accompanying statement of receipts and expenditure are in agreement with relevant accounts and records and have been prepared in accordance with the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001* to present fairly the transactions for the year ended 30 June 2006.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars of the statement of receipts and expenditure misleading or inaccurate.

Bob Campbell
Chair
14 August 2006

Phillip Hoysted
Director
14 August 2006

Appendix 1 - 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.

Appendix 2 - Tasmania *Together* Partners

The following new partners were signed from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006:

Careers Fast Track
Tasmanian Small Business Council
Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Country Women's Association in Tasmania Inc

There are now 29 Partner organisations.

Multicultural Council of Tasmania
Working It Out
Volunteering Tasmania
Project Hahn
Colony 47
Aurora Energy
Council on the Ageing (Tasmania)
Telstra Country Wide
Rural Youth Organisations of Tasmania
Tasmanian Council of Social Service
ultra106five
Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project
Carers Association of Tasmania
The Tasmanian Association of Community Houses
Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Tasmanian Science and Technology Council
Lead On-Hobart
Salvation Army Employment Plus
Scouts Australia (Tasmania Branch)
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)
Tasmanian Small Business Council
Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Country Women's Association in Tasmania