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INVESTING IN AND STRENGTHENING
TASMANIAN COMMUNITIES

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Highlights for 2020–21

- awarded **\$6.6 million** to **54 projects**
- held a special round to **support the community recover from COVID-19**
- delivered forums and information sessions **receiving vital feedback** on issues concerning communities and the Fund
- supported **five** large community wellbeing projects
- supported **three** large workforce engagement projects.



The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Minister for Community Services
and Development
Parliament House
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TCF Chairperson
Sally Darke with students from
Waverley Primary School

Dear Minister

I am pleased to provide the annual report of the Tasmanian Community Fund for the year ending 30 June 2021 for presentation to Parliament.

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 11 of the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*.

To reflect the diversity of grants awarded by the Board the annual report focuses on the diversity of projects, locations, and organisations that the Tasmanian Community Fund has supported.

The Board, staff and I look forward to continuing to evolve the Tasmanian Community Fund to meet the needs of the Tasmanian community.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Darke

Sally Darke
Chairperson

16 October 2021



Above: TCF Chairperson Sally Darke at the opening of the refurbished Weymouth Hall
Left: Hillwood Football Club member trying out the new lift
Inside cover: Howrah Men's Shed members
Front cover: Slipstream Circus





Participants in the Foundations to Flourish colour run on King Island.

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Bruny Island Bowls Club and community members with the new community bus.

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Chairperson and Senior Executive Officer's Message

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) is proud of the difference it has made in the Tasmanian community over the last 21 years and is delighted to be able to celebrate this birthday and milestone with the Tasmanian community in 2021.

In this time, more than \$118 million has been provided to more than 3 100 diverse projects across the State. These projects have made a difference for local communities, improved outcomes across the State and influenced policy and practice change in many areas for many people.

We have continued to evolve and change to meet the needs of the Tasmanian community for 21 years and 2020/21 has been no different.

Reflection on COVID-19

We have witnessed and been delighted by the Tasmanian community sector's ability to adapt and maintain flexibility in its response to COVID-19 to ensure that individuals and communities can continue to support the vulnerable, stay connected, make choices about their own future and thrive.

We have also remained agile. With the increasing community need as a result of COVID-19, the TCF decided to dip into its reserves and held a Covid-19 response round in the latter half of 2020. This round focused on supporting the vulnerable, increasing connection, rebuilding social fabric and increasing capacity across the community.

It is fair to say that we were overwhelmed with the response to the round, with 282 applications requesting more than \$34 million. This level of interest with the TCF's available support of \$3.5 million highlighted the need in the community and the willingness of the community organisations to take action to support their communities.

The level of interest in the COVID-19 response round also highlighted the need for the TCF to adapt and change its grant structure to ensure that only applications that were likely to receive funding were being received.

The TCF recognises that it takes time and effort to apply and that it is only fair on community organisations for us to provide realistic expectations about what is likely to receive funding. A comprehensive suite of online videos is under development to support our communities in this change.



TCF Chairperson Sally Darke cutting the TCF's 21st birthday cake with inaugural TCF Chairperson, Gerald Loughran and Flight Lieutenant Paula Chatwood, ADC to the Governor.

Building on the TCF's Greenfield conversation (what would the TCF look like if it was established today) that had taken place in July 2020, the TCF identified community wellbeing and the people of Tasmania as the funding priority for the next three years (2021 to 2023). There are four funding pillars that underpin this priority: improving wellbeing, increasing workforce engagement, increasing leadership capacity and community infrastructure that improves community wellbeing. This is a further evolution of the TCF's funding strategy and will ensure that the TCF plays its part in addressing the complex social issues across the community.

Funding rounds

We provided \$3.5 million to 46 diverse projects from around the State as part of the COVID-19 response round. This support included five larger programs, including support for St Giles that has partnered with other disability support providers to increase the entrepreneurial skills of participants and its workforce. Colony47 has partnered with The Link to deliver youth mental health services to enable participants in Colony47's homelessness and employment programs to access support in an environment where they feel safe. Wide Angle will partner across the community sector to tell the stories of courage and resilience and increase community awareness and acceptance of the barriers of those who have had challenging lives.

This funding round highlighted the importance of collaboration and working across the sectors to bring about change within the community and systems.

*TCF Senior Executive Officer,
Lola Cowle with Miranda Ashby
from The Link Youth Health Service
(The Link) at Colony 47's celebration.*



In 2021 the new funding priorities and grant structure were implemented. The first round of the year was the 2021 Strategic Initiatives – Improving Wellbeing and Increasing Workforce Engagement. This round sought applications for larger program-based projects that would support change across the community. Through the round eight projects were provided with \$3.1 million.

Workforce engagement has been a focus of the TCF for a number of years and we are delighted to see the outcomes that have been occurring across the State from previously funded projects. We were particularly pleased that place-based employment programs developed by the South East Regional Development Association (SERDA) and the Southern Central Sub-Region were highlighted in the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) Report in response to COVID-19 for implementation across the State.

In 2021, the supported projects continue to focus on community driven and owned solutions to employment challenges. Burnie Works will be implementing a post-placement mentoring program to support individuals and their families as they settle into employment. In the south, Friends of Zafira will work with women from the Hazara community to build their skills and to build pathways into employment. The Smith Family will work in a variety of communities across the State to reduce digital exclusion and provide access to technology.

Improving wellbeing has also been a priority for a few years and we are seeing the on-going success of projects throughout the State. We are confident that this success will continue through projects like the first health justice partnership and program in Tasmania – with the Women's Legal Service Tasmania and Legal Aid Tasmania.

The Shepherd Centre will establish the first early intervention service for deaf children in Tasmania. The Future Impact Group will be working with the young people of George Town to empower them to be involved in their own and their community's future.

Applications for the 2021 Community Action Grant round (\$5 000 to \$50 000 projects) closed in June 2021. The outcome of these projects will be known later in the year and will be focused on outcomes for grass roots communities.

Later in 2021 we will hold the 2021 Community Infrastructure grant round.

Leadership

We recognise the need for leadership at all levels and across all communities in Tasmania. The TCF has been supporting leadership development for several years with COVID-19 further highlighting the need for quality leadership throughout the State.

The 2020 Emerging Community Leaders (ECL) cohort returned as the 2021 participant group. The participants had grown significantly through the challenges presented by COVID-19 but settled into the 2021 ECL program with courage, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. We know that they, along with the previous graduates from the program, will continue to grow and lead their communities for the longer-term.

The on-going need for leadership and capacity building has led the TCF to increase its commitment to leadership over the next three years. We will continue to support the ECL program until 2024. In addition, we will partner to deliver grassroots community governance and project management training focused on improving project delivery.

Beyond our grants

We at the TCF know that we cannot create the change that we all want to see in Tasmania on our own and we are committed to working with others to make a difference. Throughout the last year the TCF has been working with other funders (philanthropic, community and corporate) to grow a funding pool to meet a priority area for all involved funders. This has required us, as it requires our applicants, to collaborate with others and to trust that everyone is working towards the same common goal. We look forward to announcing this funding program soon.

Our organisation is made up of knowledgeable and connected individuals. While the priority and core purpose of the TCF is to provide grants to the community, these connections and knowledge can be used to further enhance the outcomes of the projects that the TCF is supporting and to highlight the needs of the community.

It has been pleasing to see several connections that the TCF has made come to fruition and make change for organisations and community. It has also been a pleasure to act as an advocate for organisations, programs, and issues across other sectors and to influencers in Tasmania.

TCF Board

This year has been a time of stability for the TCF Board. With stability comes the opportunity to open possibilities. The TCF Board was delighted to welcome Deb Mainwaring as the inaugural Intern Director. Deb has brought a diverse skillset to the table while being mentored and growing her own skills in governance over the year. We will continue to offer the Intern Director program with each Intern offered the opportunity to be part of the team for 12 months.

Frank Barta, Andrew MacGregor, Alex McKenzie and Michelle Swallow have continued to provide excellent service to the TCF as Directors. The TCF is very fortunate to be able to draw on their collective skills, experience, knowledge and networks.

The Board has assessed more than 9 500 grant applications for funding totalling over \$531 million.

TCF Staff

Fund staff are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, for supporting the Board to meet their strategic goals and for engaging and working with the community to put the best case for funding to the Board.

We welcomed a Client Manager to the team this year, with Anna Dryburgh taking up the role in February. The Client Manager works with large funding recipients to support successful delivery and increase connection across the community.

The staff have continued to support the community with grant writing workshops, information sessions, draft application reviews and referrals to other funding providers as well as developing more online resources.

Community thanks

Celebrating 21 years has provided an opportunity to look back at the innumerable individuals and organisations that the TCF has worked with and supported during that time. We thank them for their enthusiasm, commitment, resilience, and determination as they work towards making Tasmania a better place for all of us. It would not be possible for the TCF to be successful without the work of all these individuals and organisations.

We also thank the former Directors of Trust Bank, ably led by Gerald Loughran, who have left such a legacy for the community through the sale of a community asset and the subsequent establishment of the Tasmanian Community Fund.

We look forward to working for and with the Tasmanian community into the future. A little bit of us also wonders what the TCF will look like in another 21 years.



Sally Darke

Chairperson



Lola Cowle

Senior Executive Officer

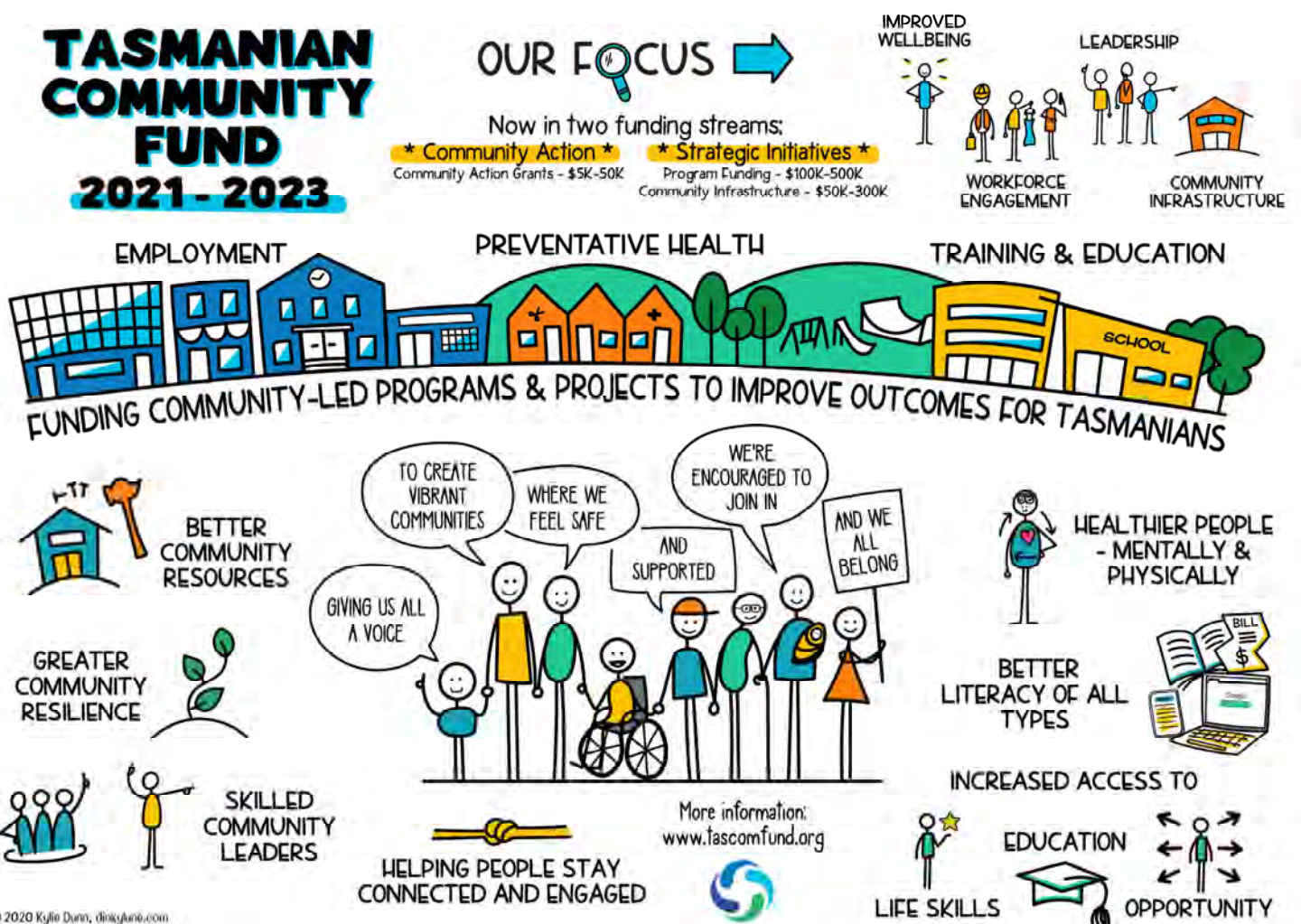
Community Wellbeing

In 2020 the TCF reviewed its funding priorities to ensure that it was continuing to meet the changing needs of the community.

The TCF has identified community wellbeing and the people of Tasmania as their priority for 2021 to 2023.

This priority is underpinned by four funding pillars:

- improving wellbeing
- increasing workforce engagement
- increasing leadership capacity
- providing or improving community infrastructure that leads to increased community wellbeing.





Participants in the Break O'Day wellbeing project.

Improving Wellbeing

The Tasmanian Community Fund has committed to supporting projects that improve the wellbeing of Tasmanians.

In the 2021 Strategic Initiatives grant round the TCF sought applications for collaborative and sustainable projects that improved the wellbeing of Tasmanians in one or more of the following areas:

- improving mental health outcomes
- reducing violence including bullying
- increasing educational engagement and attainment
- enhancing preventable health outcomes
- reducing homelessness
- increasing community connection
- reducing social isolation
- diverting from the justice system
- addressing addictive behaviours.

The TCF provided \$1.9 million to five large projects focused on improving wellbeing in the grant round. Projects funded were:

Australian Schools Plus – \$269 662

To support a minimum of four Tasmanian schools to implement a significant project that improves family and community engagement and lifts students' learning outcomes.

Future Impact Group – \$491 758

Increasing the visibility of young people, building their capacity and skills and increasing their opportunities to engage in meaningful decision-making across the George Town Municipality.

Huon Valley Council – \$166 200

To provide a community-led mental health and resilience project to build community capacity and raise the awareness of mental health and suicide prevention strategies in the Huon Valley Council area.

The Shepherd Centre For Deaf Children – \$500 000

To establish a permanent clinical intervention service for deaf children and young people in Tasmania.

Women's Legal Service Tasmania – \$500 000

To deliver a health justice partnership that reduces the impact of family violence on Tasmanians by improving the accessibility of appropriate, person-centred legal assistance at health and social services partner sites.

These projects build on the TCF's commitment to community wellbeing that commenced in 2018 through a targeted funding round that provided \$2.25 million to seven projects and a further \$1.4 million provided to five projects in 2020. The outcomes of these projects are being felt across the community.

In the south, Kickstart Arts is providing an arts-based diversion program for people who are on court mandated orders; Bethlehem House is improving the skills of men who are seeking support through the House to better enable them to return to community living; One Community Together is building on the collective impact backbone support that the TCF is providing to support a safer and better-connected Clarence Plains.

In the north-west, Launceston City Mission is expanding their Inside Out for Kids program to the north-west and Youth Family and Community Connections is increasing life-skills for young people through their Fit for Life project.

Projects are taking diverse approaches to the statewide delivery of their programs. Hobart Women's Shelter is providing Mentors in Violence training to increase bystander awareness and action; Relationships Australia Tasmania is improving awareness of mental health issues at sporting clubs and teams through the delivery of the Stay ChatTY Sports Program and increasing support for people experiencing elder abuse through an older-person-centred mediation and support service; Australian Red Cross is delivering the Peaceful Pathways program to increase skills in conflict resolution and trauma management for migrants and refugees; and the Drug Education Network is developing a community peer support program for those who are impacted by alcohol and drug mis-use.

Drug Education Network



A locally developed program has helped provide work training and professional development for people who have experienced substance mis-use so they can assist other Tasmanians seeking help for their own addictions.

The peer workforce project is being delivered by the Drug Education Network (DEN) in partnership with Holyoake, Salvation Army, and Youth, Family and Community Connections (YFCC), and received funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF), Primary Health Tasmania (PHT) and is also supported by the Tasmanian Government.

The program began in November 2020, with the peer trainers having already made significant progress in their own recovery journey, as well as having shared their knowledge and skills to support people in their own treatment and recovery.

A significant milestone for the project was in late March 2021 with the first group of peer trainees completing their peer workforce training program.

'The trainees have delved into a range of topics including peer work values, active listening, understanding and establishing boundaries, how to work within a multi-disciplinary team, working with diverse client groups, self-care and understanding the importance of trauma-informed practice,' DEN Educator Maria Duggan said.

'The group have benefited from the expertise of a range of guest speakers from Working It Out, Kutalayna Health, TasCAHRD, the Kentish Regional Clinic, Holyoake, Salvation Army, YFCC, and Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tasmania.'

In the second phase of the project, pioneer graduates will undertake a range of roles with their sponsoring organisations, including co-facilitating group work, community education about services' programs and supporting client engagement with services.

'It is well recognised that stigma and discrimination are barriers for people affected by substance use in terms of accessing treatment, support and information,' DEN Chief Executive Officer Shirleyann Varney said.

'Research shows that people seeking alcohol and other drug treatment, who engage with peer workers as part of that process, report positive experiences such as feeling understood, experiencing hope and feeling able to be more open and ask questions without being judged.'

'We also know people who access peer support have reduced substance use and improved recovery capital, such as housing stability, self-care, independence and improved management of their health.'

Thirteen peers are now halfway through the second training round of the alcohol and other drug peer workforce project, with peers expected to begin working in their volunteer roles with their sponsoring organisations in October 2021.

Above: Volunteer peer workers with their certificates.

Workforce Engagement

The Tasmanian Community Fund has been committed to supporting projects that increase workforce engagement since 2018. This commitment will continue until 2023 and was the result of feedback from the community about the need for increased engagement and capacity to engage with the workforce across Tasmania.

In the 2021 Strategic Initiatives grant round the TCF sought applications for collaborative and sustainable projects that increase Tasmanians' capacity and capability to engage with or continue to engage with the workforce in one or more of the following areas:

- increasing the number of young people in employment, education and training
- improving linkages between employment, education and training
- increasing participation rates in education, training and lifelong learning that lead to increased workforce participation
- increasing life aspirations and attainment
- increasing functional literacy and numeracy (including financial and digital literacy)
- improving language skills for Tasmanians for whom English as a second language is a barrier to participation
- increasing capacity to transition through life stages.

The TCF provided \$1.2 million to three large projects focused on increasing workforce engagement in the round. Projects funded were:

Burnie Works – \$482 000

To increase employment opportunities for young people through supported internships, trauma-informed practice, support for families and greater collaboration across the employment and social services sectors in the Burnie area.

Friends of Zafira – \$259 000

To provide opportunities for participation in employment, education and training for socially isolated members of the Hazara community in Tasmania through the development and delivery of specialised strategies.

The Smith Family – \$500 000

To provide a targeted digital-access program combined with an evidence-based literacy intervention program to increase long-term education and social outcomes for young Tasmanians and their families who are experiencing disadvantage.

These projects build on the TCF's commitment to workforce engagement, with 12 previously funded projects that are or have been delivered around the State.

Three programs, South-East Regional Development Association, RDA Tasmania and the Southern Central Sub-Region are connecting job seekers and employers and appropriate skills-based training to increase local employment outcomes in their respective region.

In the north-west, Youth, Family and Community Connections is working with at risk-young people to provide support, case management and to address the psychosocial barriers that prevent them from successfully engaging in long-term employment; and Big hART is delivering a digital literacy program for young people in the Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head regions.

In the south, Connect42 in partnership with the TCCI are working with people who are exiting the justice system to provide connection to family, education and employment; Dress for Success is supporting women to find employment through the provision of clothing, training and development opportunities; Hamlet is establishing the Hamlet Catering Co to provide work experience and training opportunities for those who face barriers to employment; and Flourish Mental Health is developing a trained peer support workforce to provide support and to improve mental health outcomes.

Launceston City Mission's project in the north engages, mentors, guides and facilitates education and employment outcomes for disengaged young people in Launceston through the delivery of an artisan program; and Save the Children is working in schools across the State to deliver the Hands-On-Learning program to reengage young people in mainstream education and provide lifelong skills and connection.



In September 2020, four southern Tasmanian councils teamed up to help deliver better workforce employment opportunities in their region through the hiring of a workforce development coordinator.

With assistance from a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund, Anthony McConnon was employed in the position for three years to identify workforce development activities that addressed the region's workforce capability and capacity gaps.

The Southern Central Subregion group is made up of the Derwent Valley, Brighton, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands Councils, with the aim of the project being to increase the participation of local people and improve the skills and qualifications across the region's workforce.

Operating from the Southern Central Trade Training Centre in Bridgewater, the coordinator's role has been to speak directly with industry to uncover opportunities for jobseekers within the community and connect the two to get a desired outcome.

'Training initiatives have been established to upskill jobseekers in sectors where there are skill gaps, and provide additional training to existing employees to meet the needs of industry,' Mr McConnon said.

'Connecting industry to high school students has also been a priority to establish pathways into employment as they become ready to enter the workforce.'

Mr McConnon said in the first 11 months, the project had assisted 135 people in the subregion to find work across a range of industries, and delivered more than 20 courses.

'More than 60 local businesses have benefited from engaging with the project and five out of the six high schools in the subregion have taken advantage of training or career awareness programs initiated by the project,' he said.

'Both skill sets and qualifications have been delivered to more than 250 people in areas such as Cert IV in Leadership and Management, RSAs, Cert II in Business, Gaming Attendant, Keno Writer, Cert II in Hospitality, Chainsaw Safety, White Card and Coffee Skills.'

The project has also received additional funding from the State Government to expand its capability and establish a jobs hub at Brighton.

'This will allow us to provide additional services and support to businesses, jobseekers and school students in the Southern Central Subregion,' Mr McConnon said.

Workforce Development Coordinator

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Above: TCF Chairperson, Sally Darke with representatives from each of the Council's collaborating on the Southern Central Sub-Region project.

Community Infrastructure

The Tasmanian Community Fund recognises the community's ongoing need for community infrastructure to provide spaces for programs and activities that create change and support continued functioning and cohesiveness of communities.

To support the TCF community infrastructure strategic priority, the TCF has made a commitment to provide funding every year to support community infrastructure. This commitment was put on hold in 2020 to enable the TCF to hold the Support, Connect and Rebuild – COVID-19 Response Round.

The 2021 Community Infrastructure Grant Round will be held in the latter half of 2021.

Many previously funded, larger community infrastructure projects have come to their conclusion in 2021. For instance, the St Marys Community Space Association opened their skate park, bike track and BBQ area. The space has been welcomed by the community and has generated significant interest and visitation from across the State.

The Grace Christian Church at Rokeby has completed their renovation, and the space, that hosts One Community Together and provides a meeting and event space for the wider Clarence Plains community, is now more accessible and user friendly; while the Volunteer Marine Rescue – Kingborough have launched their new vessel and air berth facility.

The Board has awarded more than \$2.58 million to skate parks, bike tracks and walking tracks around the State.

The Board has awarded more than \$1.98 million to Police and Community Youth Clubs around Tasmania to purchase equipment and undertake a range of programs to support the community.



From left: Friends of Randalls Bay volunteers establishing the walking track; the new sign at Railton; and the upgraded Grace Centre at Rokeby.

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The vessel and launching berth will enable faster response times in emergencies.

A new vessel will help the Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough provide additional services to various communities in their area of operations.

The replacement vessel, 'Kingborough Rescue 1', was funded by a \$137 752 grant from the TCF and was commissioned at the Oyster Cove Marina in Kettering in June 2021.

The group's commander Ben Podolak said the vessel was an 8.8 metre Noosa Cat fitted with twin Suzuki 250-horsepower outboard motors and will be able to operate out to 30 nautical miles from land.

'Our previous marine rescue vessel was built more than 40 years ago and has been in service in this state since 2006,' he said.

'The new vessel has a proven hull design, modern outboard 4-stroke engines and is fitted with current navigation and radio equipment, providing a safer and reliable vessel for our volunteers.'

Mr Podolak said the Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough was one of two Surf Life Saving Tasmania Volunteer Marine Rescue units located in the south of the state and played an important role in providing safety, education and awareness to the boating public, with the aim of reducing preventable drownings.

'Our volunteers play a crucial role in the provision of marine emergency response supporting emergency services within the area of Storm Bay, Frederick Henry Bay, Bruny Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel extending to Recherche Bay area and the Huon River, covering approximately 560 kilometres of coastline,' he said.

'The vessel and launching berth will enable faster response times in emergencies, provide assistance to Tasmania Police in a search and rescue capacity, and provide water safety to a number of community groups.

'It has also expanded our coverage and we now have the ability to go as far as Maria Island and all the way down to Tasman Island.'

TCF Chair Sally Darke said the Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough and its services were essential to improving the wellbeing and health of the community.

'Our communities are evolving, and the Tasmanian Community Fund is committed to enabling projects and programs that meet the changing needs of our communities,' she said.

'We are looking forward to seeing the positive effects Kingborough Rescue 1 will have on the community.'

Above: The upgraded rescue vehicle.



Volunteer Marine Rescue

Community Action Grants

Since its inception the Tasmanian Community Fund has strived to meet the needs of the Tasmanian community and communities. This is in recognition of the Fund's role as a significant source of support for grassroots community activities.

The Fund is committed to continuing to support local community-driven projects across Tasmania.

In April 2021, the TCF called for applications for grassroots community action projects that improved wellbeing, increased workforce engagement, increased leadership capacity and provided new or improved infrastructure that led to increased community wellbeing.

The outcome of this application process will be announced later in 2021.

More than \$2.37 million has been awarded by the Board to organisations or projects focused on improving the lives of or providing services to senior or elderly Tasmanians.



The Board has awarded more than \$6.77 million to organisations focused on improving the lives of Tasmanians living with disabilities.

Wynyard Yacht Club participants with the new rigid inflatable boat.



Tasmanian Youth Orchestra performing.



TCF Board Member, Frank Barta at the Derwent Valley Railway.

Wheels to Waves



A new initiative promoting inclusion and equality is supporting people with disabilities to hit the waves, with a \$10 000 grant provided by the TCF to Surf Life Saving Tasmania helping fund therapeutic beach access wheelchairs.

Wheels to Waves aims to provide people with disabilities with the opportunity to access the beach and ocean through a network of custom-made wheelchairs managed by Surf Life Saving Tasmania and the clubs across the state.

The project launched at Kingston Beach in late March, with Port Sorell, Ulverstone and Bicheno being the other three clubs to host one of four beach access wheelchairs.

The funding will also go towards the construction of infrastructure that will enable 24/7 accessibility for the wheelchairs.

'As soon as we took delivery of the beach wheelchairs back in January, they were pretty much packed up and transported to Sandy Bay to be used by four excited participants at our Starfish Nippers Program,' Surf Life Saving Tasmania training and community programs manager Leanne Johannesen said.

'The chairs' first outing was a huge success, with families expressing their gratitude to the project team for heading up such a great initiative that is Wheels to Waves.

'The most heart-warming moment was hearing of a family who would struggle to all go to the beach together because the daughter was unable to access the sand.

'Now I hear that after using the chair at Starfish Nippers, the whole family now regularly book a chair to go to the beach as a family – it has been lifechanging for them.'

The initiative is part of a Special Needs Inclusion Strategy led by Surf Living Saving Tasmania, which will provide young people with disabilities and their families with the opportunity to participate in a recreational activity that enables children to take part in swimming, catching waves, using lifesaving equipment, beach runs and exercises.

The Wheels to Waves program will contribute to Surf Life Saving Tasmania's ultimate aim of reducing aquatic injury and death, and provides a long-lasting sustainable aquatic inclusion strategy.

'Wheels to Waves was a project that we saw as great value to many people in the Tasmanian community,' TCF Chair Sally Darke said.

'One in five Tasmanians lives with a disability and these chairs are promoting equality, inclusion and accessibility by providing people living with restricted mobility the chance to enjoy themselves at Tasmania's beautiful beaches.'

The beach access wheelchairs are available to hire at no cost and can be booked through www.slst.asn.au/be-safe/beach-safety-top-tips/beach-access-wheelchair.

One in five Tasmanians lives with a disability and these chairs are promoting equality, inclusion and accessibility by providing people living with restricted mobility the chance to enjoy themselves at Tasmania's beautiful beaches.

Above: Celebrating the launch of the beach wheelchair program.

Support, Connect and Rebuild – COVID-19 Response Round

Since its inception the Tasmanian Community Fund has strived to meet the needs of the Tasmanian community and communities. This is in recognition of the Fund's role as a significant source of support for community-led activities and programs.

Community activity and responses continued to evolve through the COVID-19 pandemic, and the TCF adapted to meet the needs. To assist Tasmanians, the TCF held a specific grant round in response to the pandemic. The TCF dipped into its reserves and made \$3.5 million available to assist community groups and organisations to support vulnerable people across the community, rebuild social fabric and realign their work and adapt to the 'new normal'.

Following community feedback, the TCF called for small, medium and large applications across three streams.

The Board has awarded more than \$2.12 million for medical research or infrastructure projects to the Menzies Research Institute and Clifford Craig Medical Research Trust.

TCF Chairperson, Sally Darke and TCF Board Member, Alex McKenzie filming for videos to support applicants with their applications.



Support – supporting and meeting the needs of vulnerable people to ensure they are not left behind as a result of COVID-19

- improving educational outcomes including reconnection with education
- improving mental health outcomes
- improving drug and alcohol mis-use outcomes
- ensuring local access to food
- supporting migrant and refugee communities (including non-permanent residents)
- reducing the level and impact of family violence, including the impact on children and young people
- improving outcomes for people living with disability.

Connect – creating spaces and programs/processes to enable individuals and communities to reconnect and rebuild the social fabric of communities

- increasing community connection
- reducing social isolation
- improving community resilience
- infrastructure and equipment that supports or enables communities to connect, support and rebuild
- rebuilding social fabric.

Rebuild – providing individual and organisational capacity building, including options for realigning work and directions for the 'new normal' and beyond

- increasing individual and organisational capacity
- enabling organisations to take advantage of new opportunities
- enabling organisations to realign their work and ways of work to support community outcomes in a post-COVID-19 Tasmania.

Wide Angle



We know that film making can be a powerful way to tell a story, using emotion to inform and build advocates for a cause.

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Wide Angle Tasmania have helped Tasmanian not-for-profits harness the power of video to tell their stories as part of its 'Films Work' program.

With funding support from the Tasmanian Community Fund, Films Work was a program that supported Tasmanian not-for-profits to use films for social change.

Wide Angle Tasmania's Executive Director Abi Binning said support from the Tasmanian Community Fund meant participants were able to work with them to learn the best strategies to communicate their mission using films.

'We know that film making can be a powerful way to tell a story, using emotion to inform and build advocates for a cause,' she said.

'Social media and websites are a critical communication tool and although we have tight budgets, the not-for-profit sector can benefit from creating good video content.'

Over a two-day workshop, participants learned how to create inhouse videos to document their impact and create more engagement in print, on the web and through social media.

The fast, fun and information-packed workshop covered the basics not-for-profit leaders needed to use film for social change.

Since the workshop, each organisation has been attending mentoring meetings that have been designed to create an action plan and stay on track to implement their film strategy.

These sessions have included hosting a film screening, creating video content and developing a brief to produce a professional short film.

The mentoring is on-going until December 2021.

Connect 42 Chairperson Rikki Mawad has participated in the program and said it was a great overview of film making and screening basics that benefited the organisation.

'The Wide Angle team have been a great support – they provide the right balance between strategy and creativity that has given us the inspiration we need to put ideas into action,' she said.

'The networking with film makers component of the training has been really beneficial for us. We've already engaged one of the film makers that we met through that program to do some work with us and have a hugely ambitious, yet achievable list of other projects we know we can find the partners to bring to life.'



Above: Participants in Films Works.

Funded projects were:

ADOPT CHANGE

MyPacks Tasmania Expansion project

\$70 000

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Give a Smile

\$70 000

BIG HART

Kelp Pollen Rain Soil

\$65 000

BODFM INC

Transmitter Site Upgrade

\$14 030

BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL

The Community Wellbeing Pilot Project for the Break O'Day municipality

\$375 000

CANCER COUNCIL OF TASMANIA INC

Online Community Cancer Connection Project (OCCC)

\$67 401

COLONY 47 INC

Supporting Youth Mental Health

\$500 000

CRADLE COAST INNOVATION INC

Small Business Community Connect Project

\$63 000

DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA LTD

Dementia-Café: family-centred social support program for younger people with dementia

\$63 000

DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Grow for Good

\$61 425

FLINDERS COUNCIL

Stay Connected Flinders Island

\$13 659

FOUNDATIONS TO FLOURISH INC

Foundations to Flourish's Year of Gratitude

\$34 477

GREEN PONDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GPPA Kempton community connect

\$9 800

GREENS BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Beach access wheelchair for Greens Beach

\$8 955

HOBART PLAYBACK THEATRE

Building Youth Resilience

\$20 861

HOBART UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Supporting CALD youth to build jobskills through community sport

\$21 484

HOLYOAKE TASMANIA INC

Perpetrator Intervention (PI) Program

\$70 000

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

Huon Valley Hub

\$54 124

KENTISH COUNCIL

Regional Voices

\$1 000

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Emergency Food Relief – Ensuring Local Access to Food

\$6 818

LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS

Garden to Gate

\$25 703

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE (SOUTHERN TAS) INC

Reconnect: Multicultural Community Learning Centre

\$358 934

PARAKALEO MINISTRIES INC

Relax, Reconnect, Refocus

\$15 638

**PARATTAH JUBILEE
HALL COMMITTEE INC**

Rebirth of a tradition

\$13 980

PETS IN THE PARK INC

Pets in the Park Hobart Mental
Health and Wellbeing Project

\$10 325

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
SUPPORT SERVICE INC**

Circus Arts for Trauma Recovery

\$12 000

**SIDMOUTH COMMUNITY
CENTRE INC**

Sidmouth War Memorial
Hall Toilet Upgrade

\$15 627

ST GILES SOCIETY LTD

Disability Innovator Hub

\$425 000

**SWANSEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Swansea Community Bike
and Scooter Pump Track

\$42 000

**TASMANIAN CENTRE FOR
GLOBAL LEARNING INC**

Virtual Inclusion – Hobart
Human Library goes viral!

\$46 500

**TASMANIAN INCLUSIVE
SPORT ALLIANCE**

COVID-Safe Video for and by
Tasmanians with disability

\$4 200

**TASMANIAN MUSEUM
AND ART GALLERY**

taypani – milaythina-tu:
Returning to Country

\$69 500

**TASMANIAN REFUGEE
LEGAL SERVICE**

Family violence migration legal
clinic for migrant women

\$70 000

**TASMANIAN SAIL
TRAINING ASSOCIATION**

Basic Maritime Training for
unemployed young Tasmanians

\$15 000

**TASMANIAN SCHOOL
CANTEEN ASSOCIATION**

Farm School to School Plate

\$69 250

**TASMANIAN YOUTH
ORCHESTRA COUNCIL INC**

Increasing music participation
and accessibility to support
community resilience

\$25 000

**THE FUNDING
NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

Bringing the Power of Pitch
Coaching to Tasmania

\$22 650

**THE SMALL
STORIES PROJECT**

Small Stories Exchange –
an intergenerational creative
community rebuilding project

\$36 508

THEATRE NORTH INC

Connecting in the new
normal: expanding the
Princess Theatre's capacity

\$46 540

**WAVERLEY PRIMARY
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Kitchen Capers – Cooking in
the Community at Waverley

\$30 040

WEST TAMAR COUNCIL

Building Resilient Youth

\$70 000

**WESTERWAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Westerway Primary Early
Learning Nature Play Space

\$32 266

WIDE ANGLE TASMANIA INC

'Films Work' – using film for
social change

\$17 800

WIDE ANGLE TASMANIA INC

GRIT – showcasing the Tasmanian
spirit on screen

\$350 000

**YEMAYA WOMEN'S
SUPPORT SERVICE INC**

Shark Cage: Reducing Impacts of
Family Violence in West Tamar

\$18 094

**YOUTH COLLECTIVE
NORTH-EAST COAST
TASMANIA**

YCNECT

\$68 328

Leadership

Members of the Tasmanian Community Fund Board recognise the value of and need for leadership at all levels and in all parts of the Tasmanian community. The TCF have committed to supporting leadership initiatives as one of their funding pillars for the next three years.

As part of this commitment, the TCF have appointed the Board's first Intern Director and extended the Emerging Community Leaders program through until 2024. There will be further initiative announcements later in 2021.

There have been 20 community members appointed to the Board since 2000 — twelve women and eight men.

Intern Director

The Intern Director is appointed for a 12-month period. They participate in Board meetings gaining valuable governance experience and experience in providing strategic direction and effective oversight of management. The TCF Chairperson mentors the Intern Director, providing one-on-one guidance throughout the duration of the Internship.

While the Intern Director partakes in Board interactions and is encouraged to contribute towards matters under discussion, they do not have any voting or decision-making power.

Following the conclusion of the Internship there is no possibility of appointment as a Director of the TCF for a period of three years following completion of the Internship.

The 2021 Intern Director is Deb Mainwaring. Deb is the Community Development Manager with Circular Head Council.



A Tasmanian community leader has gained valuable experience in her first 10 months of a year-long development program in the role of inaugural Intern Director of the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) Board.

Deb Mainwaring, from Circular Head, has been mentored by TCF Chair Sally Darke throughout 2021, after being accepted into the program at the start of the year.

Ms Mainwaring currently serves on the Circular Head Council as the Connected Communities Manager. She also volunteers with the Stanley Town Hall Committee and has a long association with hockey and other fundraising in the region.

She has been involved in three TCF Board discussions, observed the grant assessment process and assessed large applications throughout the year in the role of Intern Director.

Ms Mainwaring said that during the experience she had gained an insight into how the TCF operated and implemented strategy guides for grant assessments and decision-making processes.

'I have been at council for 17 years in the Community Services Department and been involved with the TCF over that time by helping organise community grant writing sessions,' she said.

'The TCF's guidance and support to our community has been outstanding. I'm a strong believer in giving communities a hand up and the TCF is vital to the Tasmanian community sector through the funding of programs and infrastructure that help improve wellbeing.'

Ms Darke said that the new role had been developed to build the capacity of Tasmanians to serve on boards and to broaden the diversity of the Tasmanian Community Fund Board.

'We have long recognised the opportunity to develop our community leaders, and this role in particular is excellent for participants wanting to build their governance skills,' she said.

Above: TCF Intern Director, Deb Mainwaring at the Forest Sports Centre.



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Emerging Community Leaders

Background

Members of the Tasmanian Community Fund Board were consistently receiving feedback from the community that there were concerns about where the next generation of leaders was going to come from. This was particularly the case for rural and regional communities.

Recognising this feedback and concern, in 2016 the Tasmanian Community Fund agreed to invest in community leadership development and as a result developed the Emerging Community Leaders targeted grant round and program. The Tasmanian Community Fund recognises the value of developing leadership skills across the community and is particularly keen to see emerging leaders supported to develop skills that will empower and enable them to help their community prosper.

The Program

Emerging Community Leaders brings together the next generation of leaders in Tasmania's community sector, and equips them with the capability to positively contribute as leaders in this sector. The program focuses on leading self, leading others, leading community and leading for lasting impact.

Emerging Community Leaders supports up to 24 participants a year, for five years from 2017, with a focus on increasing their skills in governance, finance, leadership, management, communication, and project management. There is an emphasis on experiential learning and being able to apply skills immediately in the form of projects benefiting participants' workplaces and the community.

The program is open to all Tasmanians, with an emphasis on diversity across the participant group. There is no maximum age requirement for the program but participants must be at least 18 years of age.

The Board has awarded more than \$2.24 million to organisations to improve Tasmania's environment, including projects focused on native birds and animals, weeds, threatened species, erosion control and community engagement.

The Board has awarded more than \$1.19 million to projects supporting the preservation and celebration of Aboriginal heritage and culture.

Partnership

The Tasmanian Community Fund is partnering with the Community Leadership Institute (represented by Tony Chapman and Rikki Mawad) to implement the Emerging Community Leaders program in conjunction with the TCF. The aim of Emerging Community Leaders is to deliver an effective leadership program that benefits participants, their employers or businesses, and the Tasmanian community at large.

2020 and 2021 Program

In February 2020 the 24 participants selected for the 2020 Emerging Community Leaders program came together for their first residential. The first three days of the program, focused on leading self, was an opportunity for participants to gain a greater understanding of themselves, their leadership style and to set some goals for the program and beyond.

With the onset of Covid-19 and gathering restrictions, the Tasmanian Community Fund Board had to make the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Emerging Community Leaders program until 2021.

In February 2021, 19 participants returned for the first residential of 2021. Through the first half of 2021, participants have completed three of their four residencies and the growth in each of the participants is already evident.



*Emerging Community Leaders
Project Team – The Growers.*

*Emerging Community Leaders participant,
Joselle Griffin during a residential.*



Participants

The 2021 Emerging Community Leaders participants are:



GARY BARNES

Gary is currently the Manager of the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, and is passionate about community, sitting on various boards including Medea

Park Residential Care and St Marys District School Association and is also involved with many other groups within the community. Gary previously ran his own IT business for 20 years, working around the east coast of Tasmania and in education.



TARA CLARK

Tara founded Foundations to Flourish on King Island and is a consultant at Positivity with Purpose. Her background is in writing, teaching and training, with particular focus on

wellbeing in schools and communities. Tara's passion lies in empowering people and their communities to flourish in their unique context.



TYLER BIRCH

Tyler is both project officer and gardener for the THRIVE Community Garden initiative under the auspices of St Helens Neighbourhood House. He has a keen focus on

growing the skills and capacity of people, community development and providing Break O'Day with the security and access to organically grown, low cost and nutritious produce.



ALLY FREUDENMANN

Ally is a committed health professional who is motivated to support and enable people to be the best versions of themselves by increasing the health and wellbeing

initiatives in local community, improving health literacy and creating local connections. Ally is a Nutritional Medicine practitioner and Founder of Learn to Nourish. She is also the Wellness 360 Project Coordinator at the West Moonah Community House.



TRISTAN BUNKER

Tristan has diversified her expertise since arriving in Tasmania – working and volunteering in functions and events, community development and education.

Tristan is currently working with the Hagley Farm Visitor Centre, developing authentic, meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities in agriculture for both primary and secondary students. Tristan is passionate about empowering young people and is driven to promote positive change.



DANIEL FROST

Dan is an energetic, action seeking professional with a general love and lust for life. With a history of leadership roles across sectors such as media, building and

construction and more recently the social services sector, his passion is to empower others to reach their potential in both personal and professional life through the provision of tailored professional supervision and strengths-based coaching.



TANYA GREENWOOD

Tanya has worked in the early childhood education and care sector in various roles for the past 20 years. Tanya has a strong interest in support and advocacy for children and families. Tanya is the Hub4Health Coordinator and manages Building Blocks, a mobile early learning and parenting support program.



JOSELLE GRIFFIN

Joselle is passionate about her local community of Bridgewater, and has enjoyed many roles working in the area that allow her to share stories with and of the community, in order to create positive change. She currently works with the Australian Red Cross as a Community Development Project Officer.



SALLY-ANN HERWEYNEN

Sally is passionate about social justice and especially reducing all forms of violence. Sally is motivated by outcomes seen in people's lives, changed as they are encouraged and supported to overcome life barriers. Sally currently manages a women and children's homeless shelter, and is grateful to be learning with, and leading, a team that is also inspired to fight for justice.



GEOFFREY JACKSON

Geoffrey is the Southern Manager of Alpha Electrics. Geoffrey is passionate about his local community and is currently a Councillor with Sorell Council and is involved with many local community organisations. Geoffrey is keen to use his knowledge to support, strengthen and grow the local community, to provide better outcomes for the community and to increase community connection and cohesion.



ALICIA JONES

Alicia currently works in the Housing and Homelessness sector at Colony 47 as the Front Door Coordinator. After completing her Master of Social Work, Alicia worked directly in front line service with people experiencing homelessness. She has taken opportunities to move into leadership roles within the team. Alicia is passionate about housing and security, believing that when people are safe, individuals and communities can thrive.



Emerging Community Leaders Project Team – Everybody Dance Now.



LYNNETTE KERRISON

Lynnette has worked in the community sector for over 25 years in the northern region. She has also been involved on a volunteer basis for local sporting groups and youth organisations during this time. She is passionate about helping others and ensuring that all people have the same opportunities and are treated fairly.



ANITA LONG

Anita is a passionate recreational beekeeper with a focus on engaging youth in beekeeping and building a strong connected youth beekeeping network in Australia. Anita founded the Tasmanian Junior Beekeepers in 2017 as a way of giving children access to beekeeping. In 2019 Anita received the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture's Encouragement Award and in 2020 she received a Churchill Fellowship.



RAJENDER PAL

Rajender (Raj) has a Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology. He works with the Hobart City Council as a culture connector and is an entrepreneur for healthy living. Raj is a recipient of a Rotary Youth Leadership Award, a Lord Mayor's Favourite Award and was nominated for a Tasmanian Young Achiever Award in 2019 for his involvement in and with the community.



AJIT RAMADAS

Ajit is a design engineer by profession who spends his free time volunteering in various Indo-cultural community organisations. He is passionate about harmony, integrity, and the interconnectivity of organisations. Ajit is a student of universal wisdom from Vedic literature. He is the founding President of Deepavali Tasmania and President of the Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania.



HK VERMEULEN

HK is a non-binary, contemporary performance artist based in Hobart, holding a Bachelor of Arts and qualifications in fitness, business, and customer service. They champion DRILL Performance's creative work in schools, heading up programs state-wide. They run their own drag performance company, The Haus of Trash, perform across the nation and run workshops for others to discover and express their individuality.



CHERYL WALKER

Cheryl is the Project and Administration Officer with the Tasmanian Community Fund. Cheryl is passionate about supporting her community to meet their goals through her work with the Tasmanian Community Fund. Cheryl was the Treasurer of the Sorell Football Club for nearly 10 years and has been a Committee Member of the Pittwater Scout Parent Group.

*Emerging
Community Leaders
Project Team –
Stories on a Plate.*



KATIE WHEELER

Katie has worked within the Community Housing Sector for 15 years and is currently employed with Mission Australia Housing. She is passionate about empowering

people to sustain their tenancies, preventing homelessness and strengthening communities. Katie strongly believes that everyone should have access to safe, secure and affordable housing.



ERIN WILKINS

Erin is passionate about her local community and equality. Erin works to build skills, create community connection and develop awareness. Erin is the Assistant Treasurer at

the St Helens Neighbourhood House and is also the Food Program Coordinator at the House. Previously, Erin volunteered at the local online access centre. Erin is currently working towards a Diploma of Community Services.

Community projects

Participants in the Emerging Community Leaders program design, develop and implement a community project as part of their commitment to the Tasmanian community and to put into practice the learnings from the program.

Working in teams they are responsible for all aspects of the project's development and implementation. The focus is on building leadership skills and understanding of self and others while achieving outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

2021 community projects are:

Stories on a Plate

Team Members: Tristan Bunker, Ally Freudenmann, Ajit Ramadas, Dan Frost, Anita Long and Tanya Greenwood

Project Aim: Building human connections from the shared stories of diverse Tasmanian communities through traditional recipes, which will promote intercultural dialogue and understanding.

Everybody Dance Now

Team Members: HK Vermeulen, Tara Clark, Katie Wheeler, Erin Wilkins, Cheryl Walker, Geoffrey Jackson and Rajender Pal

Project Aim: An inclusive, joyful and fun dance event, fostering a sense of community and repairing pain caused by isolation due to COVID-19, through dance in both physical gatherings and online options.

The Growers

Team Members: Lynnette Kerrison, Tyler Birch, Gary Barnes, Sally-Ann Herweynen, Joselle Griffin and Alicia Jones

Project Aim: Facilitating a pilot start-up of a seed library at the THRIVE Community Garden at St Helens to promote community connection, health and wellbeing.

Grant Rounds

In 2020, the TCF dipped into its reserves and allocated \$3.5 million in a Support, Connect and Rebuild – COVID-19 Response Round.

During 2020 the TCF Board reviewed the grant structure to ensure it aligned with its overall priority of community wellbeing. As a result of the review the grant round structure has changed to:

- Strategic Initiatives – Improving Wellbeing and Increasing Workforce Engagement – \$100 000 to \$500 000 initiatives
- Strategic Initiatives – Community Infrastructure – \$50 000 to \$300 000 projects that provide new or improved community infrastructure that improves community wellbeing
- Strategic Initiatives – Leadership – targeted grant rounds in specific areas of focus
- Community Action Grants – \$5 000 to \$50 000 grants that support grassroots community action in improving wellbeing, increasing workforce engagement, increasing leadership capacity and providing community infrastructure that increases community wellbeing.

Grant Round Summary 2020–21

The table below sets out the details for the grant rounds this year:

	Support, Connect and Rebuild – COVID-19 Response Round 2020	Strategic Initiatives – Improving Wellbeing and Increasing Workforce Engagement 2021	Community Action Grants 2021
Grant round opened	11 July	6 February	17 April
Grant round closed	Large Stage 1: 12 August Small: 26 August Medium: 30 September	Stage 1: 10 March	23 June
Number of applications received and accepted for assessment	257	40	67
Funding requested	\$30.5 million	\$13.8 million	\$2.9 million
Grants approved	46 (18% of applications)	8 (20% of applications)	To be determined in 2021/22
Funds approved	\$3.5 million (11% of funding requested)	\$3.1 million (22% of funding requested)	
Notification of assessment decision	9 December	9 June	

The Board has awarded more than \$1.29 million to community bands, orchestras and choirs for the purchase of instruments, uniforms and the upgrading of infrastructure.

New boards at the Burnie Surf Life Saving Club.



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TCF Board and staff members at the 21st Birthday Celebrations at Government House.

The Tasmanian Community Fund was established from the proceeds from the sale of a community asset – the Trust Bank.

Background to the Tasmanian Community Fund

Trust Bank Sale

The Tasmanian Community Fund was established in 1999 to provide grants to not-for-profit organisations.

The Fund arose from the sale of the Trust Bank (a community asset). As part of that sale, a community fund was created.

The legislation associated with the sale provided that the appropriation would be maintained in line with movements in the consumer price index.

Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005

In 2005, Parliament passed stand-alone legislation which governs the Fund's operations. The new legislation preserved the main principles enshrined in the original legislation including:

- The Board has full autonomy to set the Fund's direction and award grants.
- Funds provided to the Board for distribution are guaranteed under legislation and not subject to budget deliberation.

Under the legislation, Board members must act honestly and in the best interests of the Tasmanian community and avoid any conflict of interest.

Vision

Vibrant Tasmanian communities that are capable and resilient in shaping their future.

Purpose

Investing in and strengthening Tasmanian communities.

Funding allocated

Since 2000, the Board has assessed more than 9 500 applications for funding, requesting more than \$531 million.

Following a rigorous assessment of each of those applications received in 50 grant rounds, the Board has approved more than \$118 million in grants to more than 3 100 projects.

The amount of money allocated, and the number and variety of successful projects, make the Fund a significant resource for Tasmanian community organisations.

In 2020–21, total funding of \$6.6 million was awarded to 54 projects.

The Board has awarded more than \$4.04 million to Neighbourhood/Community Houses and the Tasmanian Association of Community Houses for infrastructure upgrades, equipment purchases and programs to help the Houses build inclusive communities across Tasmania.

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TCF Board and staff members with members of the Forest Sports Centre.

Board Members

The members of the Board on 30 June 2021 were:



SALLY DARKE

– Chairperson

Sally is currently a Non-Executive Director of TasWater and TasPorts and past Chairperson of Scotch Oakburn College. She was formerly a

Non-Executive Director, Chairperson and Adviser to the Board of B&E. She is also a panel member for the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct Panel.

Sally was formerly a Director in the advisory practice of KPMG where she has provided state-wide consultancy services for many not-for-profit, government and private organisations. As a human resource consultant, her core business has been strategic planning, executive recruitment, governance training, organisation, board and CEO performance review. Sally is keen to 'make a difference' in the Tasmanian marketplace and is motivated by the opportunity to provide best practice governance for the Tasmanian Community Fund.

Sally was appointed to the Board in January 2016. She was appointed Chairperson in January 2017 and re-appointed in January 2019.



FRANK BARTA

Frank is a Non-Executive Director of Huon Regional Care and Southern Waste Solutions, and is a member of the Hobart City Council Audit and Risk Panel. He was

formerly Corporate Treasurer of Clarence City Council and a Non-Executive Director of both Tasplan and Quadrant Superannuation. He has undertaken a range of voluntary roles including Treasurer of Guilford Young College and St Cuthbert's School and providing hands-on support for an orphanage and school in rural India.

Through his involvement in local government, Frank is experienced in assisting local groups achieve outcomes for the community and seeks to expand this support to the broader Tasmanian community.

Frank was appointed to the Board in January 2017 and re-appointed in 2020.

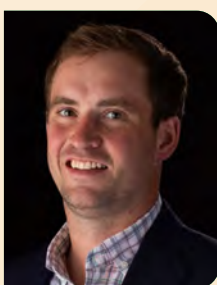


ANDREW MACGREGOR

Andrew has been an active participant in community organisations on the east coast of Tasmania for the past 33 years. He is a past Councillor, and Warden, of the Portland Council and a past Break O'Day Councillor. Andrew is a Life Member of the St Helens and Districts Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc and is the current Chair of Break O'Day Community Financial Services Limited (St Helens/St Marys Community Bank). Andrew was the founding Chair of the Break O'Day Business Enterprise Centre and is a past Chair of Medea Park Residential Care Inc.

Outside of his community activities Andrew has been self-employed as a Registered Land Surveyor, Certified Practising Planner and Project Facilitator practising throughout Tasmania from his base at St Helens. He has also been a Company Director in a number of private development companies and the Chair of a national retail chain.

Andrew was appointed to the Board in 2018 and re-appointed in 2021.



ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

Alex is a civil litigation lawyer in Burnie where he is a Director at McLean McKenzie & Topfer.

He is currently President of the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS). Alex is also the Deputy Chair of Ten Days on the Island and a former Deputy Chair of Wyndarra Health Centre at Smithton and former President of the Burnie Rugby Union Club.

Alex is also involved in a variety of other community organisations in north-west Tasmania. Alex was awarded the prize for being Tasmania's Young Lawyer of the Year for 2017.

Alex was appointed to the Board in 2019.



MICHELLE SWALLOW

Michelle is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a graduate of the Tasmanian Leaders Program, has a Bachelor of Social Work, studied at the London Business School in Negotiating and Influencing, and is currently Director of Leadership and Change Consultants Pty Ltd.

Michelle has experience as a Non-Executive Director across a number of not-for-profit organisations and more recently as a Director of TasTAFE and Chair of their Audit and Risk Management Committee and a committee member of Regional Development Australia Tasmania.

She has held a number of senior executive roles and has a background in leadership, advocacy and policy across health, VET, housing, community and capacity building in community, government and private sectors. As a business consultant Michelle enjoys working with values-based organisations.

Michelle was appointed to the Board in 2020.



DEB MAINWARING

– Intern Director*

Deb has been working in the Community Services Department at the Circular Head Council for the past 17 years and is currently the Manager of Connected Communities. As part of this role Deb leads a team of passionate colleagues who together have developed realistic goals that provide important outcomes for the community. Connecting with the community and building positive relationships is integral to the success of the programs and activities that the Circular Head Council delivers.

Deb has undertaken studies in Community Services, Emergency Management (Social Recovery) and a variety of work-related training opportunities.

With a passion for assisting the community, Deb volunteers with numerous community organisations. Deb is confident that the experience that she will gain from being an Intern Director will provide her with the opportunity to further support community members and organisations.

**Please see the leadership section for more information on the Intern Director role.*

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Board Member Appointments

The Board has a mix of governance, financial and community-based experience. By convention, two members are based in the south, one in the north and one in the north-west, with a chairperson from anywhere in the state.

TCF Board and staff members at a community forum in Smithton.

Table 1 – Appointment details as at 30 June 2021

Board member	Region	First appointed	Number of terms	Expiration of current appointment
Sally Darke, Chairperson	North	January 2016	3	December 2021
Frank Barta	South	January 2017	2	December 2022
Andrew MacGregor	North	January 2018	2	December 2023
Alexander McKenzie	North West	January 2019	1	December 2021
Michelle Swallow	South	January 2020	1	December 2022
Deb Mainwaring, Intern Director	North West	January 2021	1	December 2021

Remuneration

Board members receive remuneration in recognition of their responsible position managing a significant pool of public funding. Board fees are set by Cabinet in line with parameters for similar entities.

Under the terms of their appointment, Board members are also entitled to receive reimbursement for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses while performing their duties.

Member remuneration is provided from the Fund's reserved-by-law appropriation.

Further details of Board fees and on-costs are included in the financial statements to this report.

The Fund's Board is independent and determines the Fund's strategic direction and grant allocation. The Board members must perform their functions in the best interests of the Tasmanian community.

Board meetings

Board meetings are held regularly throughout the year and in various locations around the state.

Table 2 – Board meeting attendance

Board meetings were held in Hobart (2 meetings), Grindelwald, Smithton, Queenstown, Nubeena and Devonport.

Board Member	Position	Meetings attended / number possible
Sally Darke	Chairperson	7/7
Frank Barta	Member	7/7
Andrew MacGregor	Member	7/7
Alexander McKenzie	Member	7/7
Michelle Swallow	Member	7/7
Deb Mainwaring	Intern Director	2/3

Fund staff

At 30 June 2021, TCF staff were:



LOLA COWLE

Senior Executive Officer

Lola joined the Tasmanian Community Fund in 2011.

Before joining the Fund, Lola worked with a variety of community organisations.

Lola volunteers with a broad range of community organisations and has a passion for supporting her community.



ANNA DRYBURGH

Client Manager

Anna joined the TCF in 2021 as the Client Manager responsible for strategic initiatives. Anna's study background is in Law and

Public Policy and her career spans the community, higher education and public sectors in organisations such as The Smith Family and the University of Tasmania. She has been an active volunteer in many organisations both in Tasmania and overseas and has a passion for using her strengths and skills to support positive change and build meaningful connections in and across her community.



CHERYL WALKER

Project and Administrative Officer

Cheryl commenced with the Tasmanian Community Fund in 2017. Cheryl has an extensive background in administration and working with her community.

Community forums

Community forums are an opportunity for the TCF to inform the public about how to apply for funding, and the types of projects supported by the TCF. They are also an opportunity for the community to inform the Fund about local issues.

This year, the Board held forums in Nubeena, Devonport, Queenstown, Beaconsfield, Smithton and Bridgewater.

Grant writing workshops

TCF staff conducted grant writing workshops in Launceston and Smithton.

Board tours and presentations

To enable the Board to gain a greater understanding of communities, the TCF invites the Mayor and a variety of community organisations from the local government area where the Board is meeting to make a presentation on the issues facing the communities of that municipality.

The Board also undertakes a tour of previously completed projects in the municipality to gain a greater understanding of the outcomes of the projects and how they have helped to change the community.

To ensure that the Board stays across issues that affect Tasmanians and Tasmanian communities, they regularly receive information/presentations from experts. This year presentations have been received from the Department of Communities Tasmania on food security, Health Justice Australia, Teach for Australia and Schools Plus on innovation and partnerships to improve education outcomes.

Project presentation

The TCF Board participated in two days of presentations from strategic initiative funding recipients. Organisations that have been supported through the TCF's improving wellbeing and increasing workforce engagement rounds provided the Board and their fellow recipients with an update on project progress, explained their challenges and highlighted some case studies from their program.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Income from continuing operations			
Appropriation (Section 5) receipts	3.1	7 035 000	6 958 000
Grant Refunds (Section 7)	3.2	216 670	146 098
Interest	1.5(a), 3.3	19 530	45 776
Total revenue from continuing operations		7 271 200	7 149 874
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments and statutory receivables/payables	4.1	191	(191)
Total income from continuing operations		7 271 391	7 149 683
Expenses from continuing operations			
Grants and related expenses (Section 7)		6 457 861	6 061 602
Administrative services	1.6(a), 5.1	345 347	341 211
Board fees	1.6(b), 5.2	116 331	116 331
Other Board costs	1.6(c)	23 575	15 019
Supplies and consumables	5.3	188 224	191 754
Depreciation and amortisation	1.8(d), 1.9(b), 5.4	12 472	12 472
Interest on lease liabilities	1.9(b)	391	633
Total expenses from continuing operations		7 144 201	6 739 022
Net result from continuing operations		127 190	410 661
Comprehensive result		127 190	410 661

This Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Assets			
<i>Financial assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1.8(a), 8.1	12 710 307	12 528 515
Receivables	1.8(b)(c), 6.1	46 150	23 199
<i>Non-Financial assets</i>			
Right of use assets	1.8(d), 6.2	13 970	26 442
Total assets		12 770 427	12 578 156
Liabilities			
Payables	1.9(a), 7.1	233 835	181 392
Lease liabilities	1.9(b), 7.2	13 938	26 547
Employee benefit liabilities	1.9(c), 7.3	105 985	89 549
Other liabilities	1.9(d), 7.4	25 536	16 725
Total liabilities		379 294	314 213
Net Assets		12 391 133	12 263 943
Equity			
Accumulated funds		12 391 133	12 263 943
Total equity		12 391 133	12 263 943

This Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash inflows			
Appropriation (Section 5) receipts		7 035 000	6 958 000
Grant Refunds (Section 7)		220 630	177 054
Interest received		14 882	51 647
Total cash inflows		7 270 512	7 186 701
Cash outflows			
Grants and related expenses (Section 7)		(6 457 861)	(6 194 064)
Administrative services		(327 727)	(302 512)
Board fees		(116 331)	(116 331)
Other Board costs		(23 575)	(12 335)
GST payments		(7 627)	....
Supplies and consumables		(142 599)	(113 546)
Interest on lease liabilities		(391)	(633)
Other Expenses		....	( 1 865)
Total cash outflows		(7 076 111)	(6 741 286)
Net cash from (used by) operating activities		194 401	445 415
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash outflows			
Repayment of leases liabilities (excluding interest)		(12 609)	(12 366)
Total cash outflows		(12 609)	(12 366)
Net cash from/(used by) financing activities		(12 609)	(12 366)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held and cash equivalents		181 792	433 048
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		12 528 515	12 095 467
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	8.1	12 710 307	12 528 515

This Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2020	12 263 943	12 263 943
Net result	127 190	127 190
Total comprehensive result	127 190	127 190
Balance as at 30 June 2021	12 391 133	12 391 133

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2019	11 853 282	11 853 282
Net result	410 661	410 661
Total comprehensive result	410 661	410 661
Balance as at 30 June 2020	12 263 943	12 263 943

This Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Certification of Financial Statements

The accompanying Special Purpose Financial Statements of the Tasmanian Community Fund are in agreement with the relevant accounts and records and have been prepared in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*, to the extent described in Note 1.

The Statements present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2021 and the financial position as at 30 June 2021.

At the date of signing, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Sally Darke
Chairperson
Tasmanian Community Fund Board
19 September 2021

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

The Tasmanian Community Fund (the Fund) was established under section 33 of the Trust Bank Sale Act 1999 (repealed) and is continued under section 4 of the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005* (the Act). These Financial Statements cover the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

Under the provisions of the Act, the Tasmanian Community Fund Board (the Board) is required to keep proper accounts and records of its transactions and affairs.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with specific Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (see note 1.2).

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and, except where stated, are in accordance with the historical cost convention. The accounting policies are generally consistent with the previous year.

The Financial Statements have been prepared as a going concern. The continued existence of the Fund in its present form, undertaking its current activities, is dependent on the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005* remaining unchanged and on continuing appropriations by Parliament for the Fund's administration and activities.

The Financial Statements were signed by the Chairperson on 19 September 2021.

1.2 Significant accounting policies

It has been determined that the Fund is not a reporting entity, and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report. Where practical, the reports are prepared in accordance with current Australian Accounting Standards. Specific standards that were complied with include:

- AASB 16 – Leases
- AASB 101 – Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 – Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 110 – Events after the Reporting Period
- AASB 119 – Employee Benefits
- AASB 1048 – Interpretation of Standards

1.3 Purpose

The Fund is used to fund the payment of grants for community purposes. These include grants for community welfare, sport and recreation, culture and the arts, education, religious purposes, youth issues, health, environment, regional development, economic development and employment.

1.4 Functional and Presentation Currency

These Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency.

1.5 Income from transactions

Income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when an increase in future economic benefits related to an increase in an asset or a decrease of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

(a) Interest

Interest is brought to account, where possible, on an accrual basis, otherwise as it is received.

1.6 Expenses from transactions

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

(a) Administrative services

The Board may make arrangements with the Secretary of the Department of Communities Tasmania for persons employed in the Department to be made available to the Board to enable it to perform its functions. The cost of administrative services includes salaries and wages, payroll tax, superannuation and travel costs of staff available to the Board from the Department are costed to the Fund.

The Board's finances are processed by the Department of Communities Tasmania, as instructed by the Board.

(b) Board fees

A member of the Board is to be paid such remuneration, expenses and allowances as the Governor may determine at the time of appointment. The Minister may adjust the amount of the remuneration during the term of the appointment.

(c) Other Board costs

These are costs associated with employer superannuation contributions, payroll tax and travelling expenses attributable to Board members.

1.7 Other economic flows included in net result

Other economic flows measure the change in volume or value of assets or liabilities that do not result from transactions.

(a) Impairment – Financial assets

Financial assets are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that there are any financial assets that are impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

All impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(b) Impairment – Non-financial assets

The Fund's non-financial assets are not subject to impairment.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021 (continued)

1.8 Assets

Assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Fund and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

(a) Cash and deposits

Cash means notes, coins, any deposits held at call with a bank or financial institution, as well as funds held in the Special Deposit and Trust Fund. Deposits are recognised at their nominal amounts.

(b) Receivables

Receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any impairment losses. Due to the short settlement period, receivables are not discounted back to their present value.

(c) Tax asset

A tax asset is the input tax credits receivable from the Australian Tax Office and is recognised at the amount receivable.

(d) Right of use assets

AASB 16 requires the Fund to recognise a right of use asset, where it has control of the underlying asset over the lease term. A right of use asset is measured at the present value of initial lease liability, adjusted by any lease payments made at or before the commencement date and lease incentives, any initial direct costs incurred, and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the asset or restoring the site.

The Fund has elected not to recognise right of use assets and lease liabilities arising from short term leases, rental arrangements for which Finance General has substantive substitution rights over the assets and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value. Substantive substitution rights relate primarily to office accommodation. An asset is considered low value when it is expected to cost less than \$10 000.

Right of use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the assets useful life and the term of the lease. Where the Fund obtains ownership of the underlying leased asset or if the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Fund will exercise a purchase option, the Fund depreciates the right-of-use asset over its useful life.

(e) Prepayments

Prepayments arise when expenses are paid in advance. They are measured at the nominal amount.

1.9 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will result from the settlement of a present obligation and the amount at which the settlement will take place can be measured reliably.

(a) Payables

Payables, including goods received and services incurred but not yet invoiced, are recognised at amortised cost which, due to the short settlement period, equates to face value, when the Fund becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services or the finalisation of a Grant Agreement and all conditions precedent thereto having been met.

(b) Lease liabilities

A lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The discount rate used to calculate the present value of the lease liability is the rate implicit in the lease. Where the implicit rate is not known and cannot be determined the Tascorp indicative lending rate including the relevant administration margin is used.

The Fund has elected not to recognise right of use assets and lease liabilities arising from short term leases, rental arrangements for which Finance General has substantive substitution rights over the assets and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value. Substantive substitution rights relate primarily to office accommodation. An asset is considered low value when it is expected to cost less than \$10 000.

The Fund has entered into the following leasing arrangement:

Class of right of use asset	Details of leasing arrangements
Buildings	The use of the building is for office accommodation. The lease payments vary in accordance with CPI and there is an option for lease extension.

(c) Employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised when an employee becomes entitled to receive a benefit. Those liabilities expected to be realised within 12 months are measured as the amount expected to be paid. Other employee entitlements are measured as the present value of the benefit at 30 June 2021, where the impact of discounting is material, and at the amount expected to be paid if discounting is not material.

A liability for long service leave is recognised and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

(d) Inter entity balance

The Inter entity balance comprises goods and services tax settlement entries at the reporting date arising from interaction between the Department of Communities Tasmania and the Tasmanian Community Fund.

The Fund is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax, Payroll Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office.

1.10 Judgements and Assumptions

In the application of Australian Accounting Standards, the Fund is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised if the revisions affect only that period, or in the period of the revisions and future periods if the revisions affect both current and future periods.

No significant judgements were made by the Board.

The Fund has made no assumptions concerning the future that may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.11 Comparative Figures

Comparative figures are adjusted to reflect any changes in accounting policy or the adoption of new standards. There has not been any change in accounting policy or new standards impacting on the Fund during 2020–21.

1.12 Rounding

All amounts in the Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar, unless otherwise stated.

Note 2: Events Occurring After Balance Date

No events occurred after the balance date that are likely to have a financial impact.

Note 3: Income from continuing operations

3.1 Section 5 receipts

In accordance with section 5 of the Act, the Fund receives an annual appropriation through the State Budget. This funding is provided from the Consolidated Fund and is a Reserved by Law appropriation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Appropriation(Section 5) receipts	7 035 000	6 958 000
Total	7 035 000	6 958 000

3.2 Section 7 receipts

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Grant Refunds (Section 7)	216 670	146 098
Total	216 670	146 098

3.3 Interest

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Interest	19 530	45 776
Total	19 530	45 776

Note 4: Net Gains/(Losses)

4.1 Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments and statutory receivables/payables

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Impairment of loans and receivables	191	(191)
Total net gain/(loss) on financial instruments	191	(191)

Note 5: Expenses from continuing operations

5.1 Administrative services

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Wages and salaries	231 985	213 782
Annual leave	19 955	17 604
Long service leave	8 917	20 087
Superannuation expenses - defined contribution and benefits schemes	33 151	33 830
Other employee expenses - recruitment & staff development	21 704	10 438
Other employee expenses - other staff allowances	1 090	....
Travel and Transport	19 742	35 528
Salary On-Costs	8 803	9 942
Total	345 347	341 211

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021 (continued)

5.2 Board fees

Board members are remunerated on the basis of an annual rate determined by the Governor. During 2020–21 the approved board fees were \$34 219 (2019–20, \$34 219) for the Chairperson and \$20 528 (2019–20, \$20 528) for each other Board member.

Board members during 2020–21 were as follows:

Board member	Appointment date – current term	Cessation date
Sally Darke – Chairperson	01/01/2019	-
Francis Barta	01/01/2020	-
Andrew MacGregor	01/01/2021	-
Alexander McKenzie	01/01/2019	-
Michelle Swallow	01/01/2020	-

5.3 Supplies and consumables

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Audit fees	3 780	3 780
Consultancy – including media and grant audits		
Media and communications	32 257	25 900
Accountancy	60 475	18 700
Other Consultancy	23 626	61 586
Property services and rental payments	5 316	1 808
Communications	8 092	2 940
Information technology	29 760	57 845
Advertising and promotion	7 001	8 292
Community Engagement and Meeting Expenses	1 386	9 273
Other leasing and licencing costs	1 359	....
Administration	9 580	5 218
Other supplies and consumables	5 592	(3 588)
Total	188 224	191 754

The Fund's financial statements are audited by the Tasmanian Audit Office.

5.4 Depreciation and amortisation

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Right-of-use assets	12 472	12 472
Total	12 472	12 472

Note 6: Assets

6.1 Receivables

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Interest receivable	7 198	2 550
Other receivables	....	3 959
Less: Expected credit loss	....	(190)
Tax assets	38 952	16 880
Total	46 150	23 199
Settled within 12 months	46 150	23 199
Total	46 150	23 199

6.2 Right of use assets

(a) Carrying amount

	2020–21 \$	2019–20 \$
Leased land and buildings		
At fair value	38 913	38 913
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(24 943)	(12 471)
Total	13 970	26 442
Total right-of-use assets	13 970	26 442

(b) Reconciliation of movements

2021	Buildings \$	Total \$
Carrying value at 1 July 2020	26 442	26 442
Depreciation and amortisation	(12 472)	(12 472)
Carrying value at 30 June 2021	13 970	13 970
2020	Buildings \$	Total \$
Carrying value at 1 July 2019	38 913	38 913
Depreciation and amortisation	(12 471)	(12 471)
Carrying value at 30 June 2020	26 442	26 442

Note 7 Liabilities

7.1 Payables

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Grants payables	194 977	136 436
Accrued expenses	38 858	44 956
Total	233 835	181 392
Settled within 12 months	233 835	181 392
Total	233 835	181 392

7.2 Lease liabilities

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Current		
Lease liabilities	12 855	12 609
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	1 083	13 938
Total	13 938	26 547

7.3 Employee benefits

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Accrued salaries	10 632	10 157
Annual leave	39 879	31 493
Long service leave	55 330	45 014
Other employee benefits	144	2 885
Total	105 985	89 549
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	44 358	41 840
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	61 627	47 709
Total	105 985	89 549

7.4 Other liabilities

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Employee benefit liabilities - on-costs	4 675	3 491
Inter-entity balance	20 861	13 234
Total	25 536	16 725
Settled within 12 months	22 510	14 548
Settled in more than 12 months	3 026	2 177
Total	25 536	16 725

Note 8 Cash Flow Reconciliation

8.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Specific Purpose Account balances		
DCT Tasmanian Community Fund	12 710 307	12 528 515
Total	12 710 307	12 528 515
Total cash and cash equivalents	12 710 307	12 528 515

8.2 Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash from Operating Activities

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2020-21 \$	2019-20 \$
Net result	127 190	410 661
Depreciation and amortisation	12 472	12 471
Decrease (increase) in Receivable	(22 951)	37 490
Decrease (increase) in Other assets	....	57 317
Increase (decrease) in Employee benefit liabilities	16 436	41 445
Increase (decrease) in Payable	52 443	(49 553)
Increase (decrease) in Other liabilities	8 811	(64 416)
Net cash from (used by) operating activities	194 401	445 415

Note 9 Contingent Liabilities

Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position due to uncertainty regarding the amount or timing of the underlying claim or obligation.

(a) Quantifiable contingencies

Quantifiable contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2021 are the grants approved in principle by the Board but which are awaiting certain conditions to be met by the grant recipient before grant payment or instalments can be made. The maximum exposure of the quantifiable contingent liabilities of the Fund as at 30 June 2021 was \$8 737 967 (30 June 2020 was \$8 316 955). As the grant conditions are met, these grants will be funded from existing cash reserves.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Tasmanian Community Fund

Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Tasmanian Community Fund (the Fund), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement of certification by the Chairperson.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of Section 8 of the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Notes 1.1 and 1.2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Fund to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Members of the Board for the Financial Report

Members of the Fund's Board (the Members) are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005* and for such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Members are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Fund is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament, or the Members intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



David Bond
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Delegate of the Auditor-General

Tasmanian Audit Office

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