



TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND

INVESTING IN AND STRENGTHENING
TASMANIAN COMMUNITIES

ANNUAL
REPORT

2020





Highlights for 2019–20

- awarded **\$7.17 million** to **120 projects** in two general grant rounds
- convened the **Tasmanian Funders Network**
- delivered **forums** and **information sessions** receiving vital feedback on issues concerning communities and the Fund
- supported five large **community wellbeing projects**
- supported four large **workforce engagement projects**

The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Minister for Disability Services and Community Development
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Minister

I am pleased to provide the annual report of the Tasmanian Community Fund for the year ending 30 June 2020 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
Chairperson

12 October 2020

St Helens Soccer Club members with their new trailer.
Left: Upgrading the Mole Creek Swimming Pool for the community.





to call Ross our home.
s have been here for
ave arrived more recently we
So 'dial up a local' and listen
only we locals would know.

DIAL-A-LOCAL

Dial a local—an opportunity to hear the stories of the Ross community.

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One Community Together celebrate the installation of the new artwork welcoming people home to Clarence Plains.

The Board has awarded more than \$111 million to more than 3 000 projects.

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Chairperson and Senior Executive Officer's Message

The Tasmanian Community Fund is proud of the Tasmanian community and community sector's response to Covid19 and how everyone has pulled together to support the vulnerable and isolated across the state, and transitioned services to meet the need.

We know that there are complex social issues across the community, and we are committed to playing our part to help support communities to deal with these issues.

As part of this commitment, the TCF supported four large workforce engagement programs and five large community wellbeing programs. The Tasmanian Community Fund is really excited about the outcomes that will be achieved through projects that have been funded throughout the past year.

In the Increasing Workforce Engagement Round the TCF provided \$400 000 to Connect42 to provide throughcare support to people leaving the Prison Service, to increase their language and communication skills and in turn gain employment. In the Community Wellbeing Round the TCF supported Kickstart Arts to provide an arts-based program for people who are participating in a Court Mandated Diversion program.

The impacts of domestic violence, abuse and trauma continue to be felt across the community. Through the Community Wellbeing Grant Round the TCF has supported the Launceston City Mission to expand their successful trauma program for children, Inside Out 4 Kids, to the north-west. TCF has helped Relationships Australia to provide an older-person-centred mediation and support service for those experiencing elder abuse; and the Women's Shelter has been enabled to work in partnership with other services to deliver workshops to support increased understanding of family violence and support bystander action.

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

To support people to engage with education and employment the TCF provided funding support to the Southern Central Sub-Region (Brighton, Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley and Central Highlands Council areas) and RDA Tasmania (Launceston, West Tamar and George Town Council areas) to employ a workforce development officer to increase the connection between employment, education and training across their regions and to ensure that training is being offered in the skill areas that employers are looking for. The TCF also supported Save the Children to expand their Hands-on Learning program in Tasmania to support young people at risk of disengaging from education to reengage through a hands-on learning experience.

The TCF recognises that infrastructure is required to provide spaces for programs and activities that create change and support continued functioning and cohesiveness of communities. Through the TCF's Community Infrastructure Round, the Board was really pleased to support community infrastructure in Forest, Clarence Plains, St Marys, Ulverstone, Wynyard and on Flinders Island. We know that these infrastructure developments and upgrades will provide valuable spaces for communities for many years to come.

These larger projects, that meet the strategic focus areas of the TCF, are underpinned by a myriad of smaller projects and programs that increase the community's capacity, provide programs to address areas of community need, create spaces for the community to gather, and provide opportunities for community members to participate and learn.

The first funding round was in 2000.

TCF Board member Frank Barta launching the Mentors in Violence Program with the Women's Shelter.





Members of Pipe Clay Coastcare installing the Spit Track at Cremorne.

Reflection on Covid 19

The TCF is delighted with the way community organisations were able to pivot projects and programs to support the needs of their community while staying focused on the outcomes.

The impacts of Covid 19 have been felt across the Tasmanian community and like most other organisations the Tasmanian Community Fund has had to adjust its operations to meet community expectations and the restrictions that were in place.

To support the community the TCF brought forward an announcement about its small grants in Round 40 to allow money to flow to the community earlier than expected.

With the increasing need, the TCF has decided to dip into its reserves and hold a Covid 19 response round in the latter half of 2020. This round is focused on supporting the vulnerable, increasing connection, rebuilding social fabric and increasing capacity across the community.

Unfortunately, Covid 19 saw the postponing of the 2020 Emerging Community Leaders program until 2021. The TCF looks forward to reengaging with the participants and to seeing them grow and succeed through the program in 2021. 2021 will see the conclusion of the TCF's five-year commitment to the Emerging Community Leaders program.

The intense period of restrictions had its challenges for the TCF team, but it also presented an opportunity for the TCF to stop and reflect on what it has been providing to the community for the past 20 years. As part of the process the TCF Board participated in a *Greenfield TCF* discussion (what would the TCF look like if it was established today). This was a positive discussion and showed that the TCF had evolved to meet community needs and that while another evolution was required to meet the needs in a post-Covid19 environment, the TCF was on track.

Looking Forward

The Tasmanian Community Fund is proud of its history and as we lead into our 21st year we look forward to celebrating these achievements with the community.

The TCF recognises the need to continue to evolve to meet the needs of the Tasmanian community. 2020 has been a challenge for all Tasmanians with many issues exacerbated for individuals and communities and new challenges being presented across the state.

For the next three years the TCF's focus is on the people of Tasmania and increasing community wellbeing. The TCF wants to be part of helping to create vibrant Tasmanian communities that are capable and resilient in shaping their future.

The Fund will allocate \$6.5 million in each of the next three years across four strategic focus areas that lead to increased community wellbeing and meet the vision of the TCF. The four strategic focus areas are improving wellbeing, workforce engagement, leadership and community infrastructure. Strategic initiatives of over \$100 000 will be made across these four funding areas. The TCF will also provide Community Action Grants between \$5 000 and \$50 000 in these four areas.

Beyond Our Grants

The TCF Board knows that it cannot create the change that it wants to see in Tasmania on its own and is committed to working with others to make a difference.

The TCF Board is aware that its primary purpose is to provide grants to the Tasmanian community. However, through its Board members and its staff, the TCF has other resources at its disposal, that can support positive outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

Throughout the year the TCF has been increasing its knowledge and understanding of the philanthropic community across Tasmania and nationally. As part of this, the TCF has established the Tasmanian Funders Network to provide a platform for Tasmanian based

fundors and those interested in investing in Tasmania to come together to discuss issues, to network and to support collaboration in funding of projects.

The TCF Board requires organisations to collaborate and partner in order to receive larger amounts of funding. The Board recognised that if it had this requirement then it was incumbent on Board members to understand the process and resources needed to collaborate. All TCF Board members and staff participated in collaboration/partnership training. To maximise the outcomes of this training, in partnership with TasCOSS, the TCF was able to offer this training to community members across the state and was very pleased with the level of interest and participation.

TCF Board

In December 2019, the TCF farewelled Heather Francis. Heather had been on the Board for six years and provided exemplary service to the TCF.

In January 2020, the TCF welcomed Michelle Swallow to the Board. Along with contemporary governance skills, Michelle brings a wealth of experience and understanding of the education, employment and social services sectors.

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



TCF Chairperson Sally Darke and
Administration Officer Cheryl Walker.

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.

The TCF staff team have continued to support the community with grant writing workshops, successful information sessions, draft application reviews and referrals to other funding providers.

At any given time, TCF staff are responsible for managing around 300 active projects and responding to more than 250 project enquiries each grant round.

Community Thanks

As we look back on 20 years of the Tasmanian Community Fund and reflect on a challenging year, it is a reminder that there are countless individuals and community organisations across Tasmania who are contributing time and resources to develop ideas, implement projects and support their community. We thank them all for what they are doing to make Tasmania a better place.

We also thank the former Directors of Trust Bank for their foresight and the legacy that they have left for the community through the sale of a community asset and the subsequent establishment of the Tasmanian Community Fund.

We look forward to celebrating 21 years and the maturing of the Tasmanian Community Fund with the community in 2021.

Sally Darke

Chairperson

Lola Cowle

Senior Executive Officer

Building the new Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society Pavilion that will be used by a variety of organisations.



The opening of the revitalised South Hobart Community Centre.



The Salvation Army Street Team's coffee cart.



The Board has awarded nearly \$1.47 million to surf life saving clubs.

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.

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.



Above: Friends of Randalls Bay Coastcare members installing a new track.

Left: TasDance — Origins.

Community Action

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. Through Grant Round 39 and 40 the TCF provided \$2.62 million to support 104 community action projects (\$1 000 to \$70 000).

Round 39

AVOCA MUSEUM AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Cabinets for the Avoca Museum

\$2 570

BAGEND SKI CLUB

Ski Lodge Repairs

\$8 000

BRUNY ISLAND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Refurbishment of Bruny Online Annexe at Bruny Island District School

\$17 130

CLAREMONT FOOTBALL CLUB

Replacement of carpet in Clubrooms

\$23 245

CRADLE COAST MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB INC

Penguin Mountain Bike Park Upgrade Project

\$20 000

DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL

Don River Rail Trail

\$40 000

DEVONPORT CITY SOCCER CLUB

New storage facility

\$10 645

DEVONPORT LAPIDARY CLUB INC

Replace & provide additional lapidary equipment

\$12 500

DOMAIN TENNIS CENTRE INC

Player, parent, spectator and community seating

\$10 000

DRILL PERFORMANCE COMPANY INC

Hobart Community Dance Hub

\$15 000

FERN TREE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

A child-safe and accessible community centre

\$25 500

FLINDERS ISLAND BUSINESS INC

Experience Flinders Island

\$20 000

FRIENDS OF PENGUIN CRADLE TRAIL: BRANCH OF WILDCARE TASMANIA INC

Bushwalking track maintenance: Leven Canyon Section

\$20 000

GEEVESTON GOLF CLUB INC

New greens mower for Geeveston Golf Club

\$30 000

GEORGE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Grandstands for the George Town Football Club

\$20 000

GLENORCHY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Glenorchy Basketball Association - gym backboard upgrade

\$37 724

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY SERVICES INC

Electric people movers for residents of Korongee

\$28 000

Glenview

This is an opportunity with a brand new site to create something special.

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The Tasmanian Community Fund has helped Glenview Community Services meet the needs of their residents and staff at Korongee Village, situated in Glenorchy, with the funding for two electric people movers.

Korongee, Australia's first village for people living with dementia, opened in July 2020 and the world class facility is based on a small house model design.

The unique design of Korongee, and the way its residents are cared for, is centred on evidence that suggests small house living as well as connections with recognisable sights and natural spaces, can have a huge impact on overall happiness, health and wellbeing.

Glenview CEO Lucy O'Flaherty said Korongee is a game changer in addressing the big social challenges of dementia.

'This is an opportunity with a brand new site to create something special,' she said.

'The entire village has been built with dementia design principles throughout, so a sense of everyday familiarity is much easier to maintain.'

Korongee features 12 houses in four cul-de-sacs, along with the heart of the village which consists of a community centre, gardens, a general store, café and a wellness centre.

A key element to the village is the ability for residents to move freely throughout the grounds and partake in village life.

However, recognising that there will be people living at Korongee who will have limited mobility, the two electric people movers will enable them to get out and experience life.

Valued at approximately \$16,000 each, these vehicles have become a vital part of daily life for both residents and staff.

'Having two electric people movers in the village will empower residents who may otherwise have limited choices, to be driven to appointments in the village, to attend events and participate in community life.

'This is a key component to the goal of ensuring residents living at Korongee retain their sense of dignity, autonomy and wellbeing,' said Ms O'Flaherty.



HAGLEY FARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Hagley Farm School food van modifications

\$12 339

HUON VALLEY CONCERT BAND INC

Music in the Valley

\$14 038

HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

ARTBOX Huon Valley

\$20 000

HUON VALLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC

Refurbishment of long jump run-ups at Huonville Athletics Ground

\$5 129

KING ISLAND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

(withdrawn by recipient)

Museum Restoration

\$20 000

KING ISLAND GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB INC

Powering up for 2020 and beyond

\$34 545

KING ISLAND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION INC

King Island: live, work, play and visit

\$7 005

KINGBOROUGH DOG WALKING ASSOCIATION INC

Dru Point Dog Exercise area enhancement

\$11 650

LATROBE BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

Unisex handicapped / disabled toilet

\$29 867

LAUNCESTON RSL BRASS INC

Double B-flat Bass

\$11 700

LAUNCESTON STUDENT WORKSHOP INC

Renovate kitchen for students' future

\$44 071

LEVEN YACHT CLUB INC

LYC Rescue 1

\$44 524

LIBRARIES TASMANIA

StoryWalk® at Dru Point, Margate

\$8 205

LIONS CLUB OF DELORAINÉ

Lions Catering caravan replacement

\$70 000

MALAHIDE GOLF CLUB

Replacement of ride-on mower

\$16 000

MARGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Resurfacing netball court project

\$10 000

MATES4MATES LTD

Equipment for a new Mates4Mates Hobart Family Recovery Centre

\$50 000

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE (SOUTHERN TASMANIA) INC

Multicultural Youth Tasmania (MYT) Sport and Recreation Connect

\$67 652

MONTROSE COMMUNITY DRAGON BOAT INC

Storage for Dragon Boat and equipment

\$11 400

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

Northern Midlands Free2b Girls program

\$35 888

PENGUIN 7 DAY MAKEOVER GROUP INC

Art-inspired community spaces to improve mental health/wellbeing in Penguin

\$3 115

PIPE CLAY COASTCARE INC

Cremorne Spit Path - The Missing Link

\$20 200

POATINA GOLF CLUB INC

Poatina Golf Club Community Grant

\$22 875

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN TASMANIA INC

REAST Energy cost reduction project

\$5 406

RIANA CRICKET CLUB

Riana Cricket Club practice facility improvements

\$7 000

RINGAROOMA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

Solar matting upgrade

\$38 133

RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB INC

Mobile laundry and bathroom

\$12 000

ROTARY CLUB OF BURNIE INC

Don't Meth With Me

\$10 000

RURAL HEALTH TASMANIA

The Art of Conscious Leadership

\$19 560

SCAMANDER SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

Scamander Surf Life Saving Club amenities block fit-out

\$70 000

SCARLET ALLIANCE - AUSTRALIAN SEX WORKERS ASSOCIATION INC

SPAT and PDAT Training in Tasmania

\$15 000

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICE INC

Providing accessible information to all

\$32 150

SLIPSTREAM CIRCUS INC

Upgrade aerial rigging at Slipstream Circus

\$19 390

SOMERSET AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2019 SABA new equipment & upgrade

\$14 085

ST HELENS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION INC

Equity and access project

\$35 788

ST HELENS SOCCER CLUB INC

Storage trailer

\$3 000

SURF LIFE SAVING TASMANIA

Wheels to Waves

\$10 000

TASDANCE

Kanaplila Ngari

\$69 200

TASMANIAN HUNTINGTON ASSOCIATION

Building organisational capacity and connecting our clients in the regions

\$7 340

TEN DAYS ON THE ISLAND LTD

Shorewell Presents

\$50 000

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SORELL INC

Computer equipment for storage and management of historical records

\$7 569

THE HUMOUR FOUNDATION

The Clown Doctors (expanded northern Tasmania service delivery)

\$25 000

THE TRUSTEE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY (TASMANIA) PROPERTY TRUST

Oakleigh Accommodation Women's Shelter – Playground upgrade

\$45 000

ULVERSTONE ANGLERS CLUB INC

Get Hooked on Fishing for Community Togetherness

\$5 000

UNITING (VIC TAS)

No Bucks Dining Room

\$29 190

WESTBURY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

New animal nursery, storage facility and dog show ring

\$20 000

WYNYARD RSL SUB-BRANCH

Wynyard RSL military collection museum project

\$12 500

Round 40

BICHENO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC

Cartavans

\$32 900

BRUNY BOWLS & COMMUNITY CLUB

Bruny Bowls & Community Club community bus

\$65 300

BURNIE COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Getting of Wisdom a Gold Standard Volunteer Toolkit

\$69 400

CAMPANIA DISTRICT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Refurbishing dilapidated netball courts into a community multi-sports facility

\$45 000

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTRE INC

Camp Clayton upgrade railway crossing

\$25 000

CIRCULAR ECONOMY HUON

PermaBuddy Project

\$4 417

CITIZEN TASMANIA

One A Week

\$20 000

DERWENT VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE INC

Crossroads – Career Starter Project

\$39 250

DERWENT VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE INC

From Little Things Big Things Grow

\$54 060

GLENORCHY RODMAN BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

Rodman Redevelopment

\$20 040

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF LAUNCESTON AND NORTHERN TASMANIA INC

Installation of air conditioner at Greek Hall

\$2 500

KOONYA GARLIC FESTIVAL INC

Marquee and equipment for the KGF and Community events

\$31 370

LENAH VALLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH AND CLUB

Male toilet refurbishment

\$12 000

LILYDALE DISTRICT PONY CLUB

Lilydale Pony Club community recycling trailer

\$5 745

LINDISFARNE MEMORIAL TENNIS CLUB INC

Defibrillator installation

\$2 398

MIDWAY POINT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC

Children's playground upgrade

\$11 200

MOLE CREEK SWIMMING CENTRE ASSOCIATION INC

Mole Creek Swimming Pool repair

\$45 475

MYSTATE AUSTRALIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

Safety equipment for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival

\$17 500

PATHWAYS TASMANIA INC

Velocity Transformations access vehicle

\$23 010

PORT CYGNET SAILING CLUB INC

Port Cygnet Sailing Club slipway environmental upgrade

\$38 861

RIVERSIDE MEN'S SHED

Construction of Riverside Men's Shed

\$35 000

**ROSEBERY COMMUNITY
HOUSE INC**

Feed our Souls

\$53 949

ROSEBERY GOLF CLUB

Golf Club sustainability

\$11 500

**RURAL HEALTH
TASMANIA INC**

Fathering for Tomorrow

\$66 000

SEABROOK GOLF CLUB INC

Installation of a fairway drainage
system at Seabrook Golf Club

\$20 000

**SISTERS BEACH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INC**

Sisters Beach Recreation Park

\$70 000

**SNUG VOLUNTEER FIRE
BRIGADE**

Station upgrade

\$13 000

**SOUTH HOBART LIVING
ARTS CENTRE LTD**

Community hall and meeting room
kitchen upgrades

\$23 400

**SOUTHERN TASMANIA
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**

Badminton for Special Needs

\$5 225

**SOUTHERN TASMANIAN
AXEMENS ASSOCIATION**

Log trimmer

\$30 000

**ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

St Brigid's Community Early
Years Nature Playspace

\$37 290

**TASMANIAN SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

Growing Pains in the Arts
– Session 2

\$12 000

**TASMANIAN TROUT EXPO
(withdrawn by recipient)**

Pavilion and BBQ at Brumbys
Creek

\$18 100

**THE DOVER REGATTA
ASSOCIATION AND
AQUATIC CLUB**

Purchase of two RS Quest
Dinghies for youth sailor training

\$18 000

**THE NORTH HOBART
CRICKET CLUB INC**

TCA Ground Cricket Practice
Facility – Indoor Refurbishment

\$41 000

**TREVALLYN COMMUNITY
HALL TRUST INC**

Entire roof replacement at Max Fry
Hall, Trevallyn

\$57 474

WEST COAST COUNCIL

West Coast Gym Program – Tullah

\$45 865

**WEYMOUTH PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION INC**

Weymouth Hall kitchen upgrade

\$15 000

WYNMATTERS INC

From Little Things,
Big Things Grow

\$4 575

**ZONTA CLUB OF CRADLE
COAST INC**

North-West Tasmania Girls'
Programming Network

\$10 382

The Board has awarded more than \$1.55 million to assist Rotary, Rotaract, Lions, Lioness, Probus, and Apex clubs to undertake projects such as upgrades to public recreation facilities, infrastructure projects and community transport.

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 nearly \$1.5 million to Scout and Girl Guide groups around Tasmania.

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.

The Board has awarded nearly \$880 000 to the National Trust to preserve Tasmania's historic buildings and history.

The Board has awarded more than \$495 000 to community radio projects.

Community Wellbeing

The Tasmanian Community Fund has committed to providing \$1.5 million per year for four years from 2020 to support community wellbeing projects. This commitment was the result of feedback from the community about the need for improved health and wellbeing across Tasmania.

In Grant Round 40 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
- enhancing preventable health outcomes
- reducing homelessness
- increasing community connection
- reducing social isolation
- diverting from the justice system
- addressing addictive behaviours
- supporting those with chronic conditions.

The TCF provided \$1.45 million to five large projects focused on improving community wellbeing in Grant Round 40. Projects funded were:

Kickstart Arts Inc – \$400 000

To provide a creative arts program for drug offenders in a Court Mandated Diversion program to reduce recidivism and improve emotional health and wellbeing.

Launceston City Mission Inc – \$391 000

To deliver Inside Out for Kids in north-west Tasmania to reduce the impact of trauma on children, families and the community.

Relationships Australia Tasmania Inc – \$318 836

To provide an older-person-centred mediation and support service to assist individuals and their families and care supports to resolve conflict, address elder abuse, make decisions and plan for their future.

Women's Shelter Inc – \$235 495

To deliver the Mentors in Violence Prevention program workshops to community members, groups and organisations across Tasmania.

Youth Family and Community Connections Inc – \$106 566

To provide a series of cooking workshops to promote healthy eating and enhance food preparation, planning and budgeting skills of young people and their families.

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 the community. Through the targeted funding round the TCF supported seven projects and the outcomes of these projects are being felt across the community.

In the south, Jireh House are working to increase their crisis support and accommodation options while Bethlehem House are 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 working in partnership with other community organisations to support a safer and better-connected Clarence Plains.

Four projects are taking diverse approaches to the statewide delivery of their programs. Diabetes Tasmania is providing a telephone coaching service to prevent diabetes in women who have experienced gestational diabetes during pregnancy; Relationships Australia Tasmania is improving awareness of mental health issues at sporting clubs and teams through the delivery of the Stay ChatTY Sports Program; 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.

Coach calls keeping mums on track



The coaches work on an individualised basis with participants and know that with young families, not everything goes to plan.

Mums at risk of contracting Type 2 Diabetes around Tasmania are benefiting from help delivered in a unique coaching program by Diabetes Tasmania, funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund.

Specialist phone coaches have regular conversations with mums to provide them with encouragement and resources to help them set and achieve their health goals.

Diabetes Tasmania's Health and Advocacy Manager, Minke Hoekstra said they set up the coaching program because they know that improved diet and partaking in regular exercise decrease the risk of this occurring.

'Gestational diabetes is a short-term condition contracted during pregnancy for around 15 per cent of women, with testing conducted at 24–28 weeks,' Ms Hoekstra said.

'The condition goes away after childbirth, but mums who have had gestational diabetes are 7 times more likely to develop Type 2 Diabetes in the years after giving birth.'

Karen Byrne from Kalangadoo in central Tasmania benefitted from the program because she was not only in a higher risk cohort, but her isolation meant it was harder to get support and keep her diet and lifestyle on track.

'I don't regularly get the opportunity to go to Launceston or Hobart for appointments with healthcare providers,' Mrs Byrne said.

'The program has been invaluable to me, I really needed the support, particularly living in a remote area.'

Diabetes Tasmania's Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wells said Community Wellbeing funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund is the perfect vehicle for their coach program, as it allows them to do something that isn't being done and will improve the lives of Tasmanian women.

'Our coaches work with the mums on improving their diet and increasing exercise as well as being a support in maintaining focus in their busy lives.'

'The coaches work on an individualised basis with participants and know that with young families, not everything goes to plan. The flexibility of the phone coaching is the perfect way to provide assistance in their busy lives.'

Hobart based General Practitioner Dr Samantha Wyton came to the coach program after the birth of her second child.

'I have referred patients to the program previously and I was interested to do it myself and see what it was actually like from a patient's perspective,' Dr Wyton said.

'I thought that I would know everything they were talking about, but my dietitian's personalised support and approachable manner down the phone gave me excellent advice and I learnt things about myself that I have found very valuable.'

'We could work through whatever issues I was up against at the time and they provided excellent advice. I recommend the program to my patients now with extra confidence!'

Diabetes Tasmania coaches and staff.

Workforce Engagement

The Tasmanian Community Fund has committed to providing \$1.5 million per year for five years from 2018 to support projects that increase workforce engagement. This commitment was the result of feedback from the community about the need for increased engagement and capacity to engage with the workforce across Tasmania.

Through Round 40 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 \$1.59 million to four large projects focused on increasing workforce engagement in Grant Round 40. Projects funded were:

Connect42 – \$400 000

To provide a throughcare intervention program that supports connection with family, education and employment for men, women and youth exiting the Tasmanian criminal justice system.

RDA Tasmania – \$452 000

To connect job seekers and employers and appropriate skills-based training to increase employment outcomes in the George Town, West Tamar and Launceston municipalities.

Save the Children Australia – \$350 000

To expand the Hands-On Learning program in Tasmania to improve educational retention, aspiration and attainment for middle-years students (Grade 5 to 10) at risk of leaving school early.

Southern Central Sub-Region – \$395 000

To connect job seekers and employers and appropriate skills-based training to increase local employment outcomes in the Brighton, Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley and Central Highlands municipalities.

These projects build on the TCF's commitment to workforce engagement that commenced in 2017/18. In 2018/19, through the large program round, the Fund supported four projects that continue to deliver outcomes for the Tasmanian community. In southern Tasmania Dress for Success is supporting women to find employment through the provision of clothing, training and development opportunities; Hamlet are establishing the Hamlet Catering Co to provide work experience and training opportunities for those who face barriers to employment; while Flourish Mental Health is developing a trained peer support workforce to provide support and to improve mental health outcomes.

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.

The workforce engagement projects funded by the TCF in 2017/18, through the large program round, continue to deliver outcomes for the Tasmanian community. Launceston City Mission's project engages, mentors, guides and facilitates education and employment outcomes for disengaged young people in Launceston through the delivery of an artisan program; while the South-East Regional Development Association's project enhances linkages between education, training and employment to increase employment opportunities for residents of the area.

In the north-west, Big hART is delivering a digital literacy program for young people in the Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head regions and the Burnie Community House is bringing to a conclusion their Lead Now program which is providing training and workplace skills to increase employment and community participation opportunities for people in the Burnie area.

Dress for Success



...their support for a charity that had just started was such a boost for our confidence.



Above: Dress for Success Hobart CEO Amanda French.

Dress for Success has made a positive impact in the community since it was established in Hobart in 2019, helping empower disadvantaged women to achieve economic independence by providing professional attire and training through a number of workshops.

Operating in 150 locations across the world, Dress for Success received funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund through its Increasing Workforce Engagement targeted funding round in 2019 to set up shop in Hobart to assist women in their job-search and interview process.

Clients are provided with a styling appointment and walk away with a new wardrobe, a network of support, and career development tools for their job interview and to help them thrive in work.

'It is about so much more than just the clothes,' Dress for Success Hobart founder and manager Amanda French said.

'Dress for Success empowers women by building their confidence and self-esteem.

'Having a great outfit that you feel comfortable and confident in helps you put your best foot forward in an interview environment.'

Ms French said the Tasmanian Community Fund had played a significant role in helping them.

'To have their support for a charity that had just started was such a boost for our confidence in knowing that what we were going to do was going to make a real difference in our community,' she said.

Christine Widjaya was one of Dress for Success Hobart's first clients.

Originally coming from Indonesia, Ms Widjaya said she struggled to find a support system and someone to provide her with advice before she found Dress for Success.

'Amanda chatted to me and gave me some advice about how to get ready for the interview and she also gave me some questions that the interviewer would ask – it was really helpful,' she said.

'I left Dress for Success with a set of clothing for the interview, as well as a handbag and matching shoes, and I have never had such a beautiful set of clothing before.

'When I went to the interview itself, I really felt the difference.

'The interview went well and about a week later I got the good news that I was successful.'

Ms Widjaya is now working as a part-time project officer and has been able to provide a safe environment for her children to grow up in.

'I feel like more people need to know about Dress for Success because there are many people who really need the services and help that Amanda and Dress for Success provide,' she said.

Participants at a Dress for Success fundraising event.

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.

As part of Round 39 the TCF sought applications for large infrastructure projects that provided sustainable and long-term outcomes for the Tasmanian community.

The TCF provided \$1.49 million to support seven community infrastructure projects. Projects funded were:

Forest Sports Centre Inc – \$170 000

To upgrade existing facilities at the Forest Sports Centre to create a multi-sports court and install lighting, amenities and security fencing.

Furneaux Islands Community Shed Inc – \$193 500

To construct and fit out a new Community Shed at the Flinders Island Showgrounds to provide opportunities to increase skills, create community connections, improve wellbeing and support young people to reengage with education.

The Board has awarded more than \$3.95 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

Grace Christian Church Inc – \$239 294

To upgrade the facilities at the Grace Centre, Rokeby to include disability parking and entrance and all-abilities toilets to create better opportunities to access support and activities for all members of the community.

St Marys Community Space Association Inc – \$284 400

To establish a multi-purpose outdoor area including a skate park, bike track, BBQ area and picnic area at St Marys.

Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Inc – \$172 167

To upgrade the facilities at the Ulverstone Neighbourhood House to create more functional and useable spaces to better meet the needs of the community.

Volunteer Marine Rescue – Kingborough Inc – \$137 752

To purchase a second-hand replacement vessel and air-berth facility for the Volunteer Marine Rescue Kingborough to increase community safety, support and education.

Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc – \$300 000

To construct a new multi-purpose and all-abilities accessible Industrial Hall at the Wynyard Showground.

The Board has awarded nearly \$2.79 million to the Hobart and Launceston City Missions for infrastructure upgrades and program costs to assist those organisations to provide support to Tasmanians in need.

The Board has awarded more than \$2.54 million to skate parks, bike tracks and walking tracks around the state.

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The St Marys community has guided the project every step of the way.

Activity precinct set to benefit all

Residents and visitors in the East Coast township of St Marys and the Fingal Valley will benefit from an infrastructure project that has deep roots within the local community and will meet the need for more recreational facilities in the town and the wider municipality.

What is transpiring is a facility called the St Marys Community Space, a 'street park' which includes skateboarding obstacles and ramps plus a bike and scooter track. Outdoor gym equipment, picnic areas, a basket swing and BBQ have been included into the design so families will be encouraged to spend time together outdoors.

Construction commenced in March 2020, with specialist contractors Andrew Gill Contracting awarded the work to bring the facility to life.

St Marys Community Space Association member Janet Drummond said the community is excited to see work close to completion after lots of community input into the design and plenty of fundraising.

'The St Marys community has guided the project every step of the way, from the initial concept of a skatepark first raised at a council meeting in mid-2015, then through an in-depth consultation process which resulted in the expansion of the project to include features for all members of the community,' Ms Drummond said.

'St Marys Community Space will provide a much-needed youth-focused facility in the area as well as be a place for the community to play, exercise, and socialise together in a fun, safe, and positive environment.'

The construction of the street park and skate elements were in full swing through the winter of 2020 and some enhancements to the design were implemented to see construction completed by the end of the year.

The St Marys Community Space Association Inc is a grass-roots organisation established for the sole purpose of coordinating efforts towards building the St Marys Community Space project. The groups aim is supported by Break O'Day Council, local health professionals and allied health services, along with local community-based organisations and businesses.

The project is being developed on land owned by the Break O'Day Council and with support from many local businesses and individuals as well as the Tasmanian Community Fund.

*Aerial view of progress at the St Mary Community Space site.
Photo by Bob Oates.*

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.

Partnership

The Tasmanian Community Fund provided a grant to SRA Corporate Change to implement the Emerging Community Leaders program in conjunction with the Fund. 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.

2019 Project Presentations and Graduation

At the conclusion of the 2019 program, project teams presented the outcomes of their projects to the Tasmanian Community Fund Board. Included in their presentations was information about what they had learned about themselves and about team work and project implementation.

To celebrate the 2019 graduates an event was held at Parliament House in Hobart in November 2019.

This event and the associated graduation ceremony and project presentations provided an opportunity to reflect on the participants' journey through the program and to highlight how this will make a positive impact on their communities.

Evaluation

The program is being evaluated by Lirata Consulting who have provided a report on the third year of the program (2019). The evaluation report highlighted the positive outcomes of the program for participants and provided some suggestions for minor improvements to the program.


2020 and 2021 Program

In February 2020 the twenty-four 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.

Participants left the sessions excited about the journey ahead through the Emerging Community Leaders program.

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. The TCF has made a commitment to all the 2020 participants that their spot in the 2021 program is secure.

2021 will conclude the TCF's commitment to Emerging Community Leaders. The TCF is exploring other options for investing in leadership development.



For Sophie Kelly, participating in the Tasmanian Community Fund's (TCF) Emerging Community Leaders program provided her with a number of benefits and new skills that she has taken into her professional workplace and volunteering responsibilities.

The program targets potential leaders in the community who have the capacity, knowledge and desire to grow.

"As a last-minute decision to apply, I did not really know what to expect going into the program, but I was thrilled to have my volunteer organisation and employment supporting me," Ms Kelly said.

"As a volunteer scout leader, I wanted to take part in the program to learn more about getting the best out of other leaders as well as youth or those you are working with."

Ms Kelly said the Emerging Community Leaders program provided a number of opportunities for career growth and change.

"The program really highlighted how to best utilise the Tasmanian community, and how we as a group working in the not-for-profit sector or our volunteering/coaching capacities could harness our skill sets and knowledge of close peers and mentors," she said.

"The program very much encouraged self-reflection and growth which meant many of the participants, including myself, made some very big life changes as the program progressed.

"Overall, I have learnt better ways to communicate and grow leadership skills which I thought I already had nailed."

Her group's project focused on providing opportunities to disadvantaged youth through network connections.

"We facilitated youth in women's shelters to access tourism and cultural activities in southern Tasmania with three offsite events at Mona, Port Arthur Historic Site and the Theatre Royal," Ms Kelly said.

"Our project gave young women who came from vulnerable backgrounds a wonderful opportunity to experience iconic experiences they may not have had the chance to do otherwise.

"The activities provided business owners and operators with a chance to see benefits in offering such activities to this cohort, as well as the further understanding of what the TCF Emerging Community Leaders Program can provide."

Ms Kelly said the skills developed during the program went a long way in helping her become a more confident leader.

"There are so many networking opportunities and experiences, in particular with guest speakers and key facilitators, unlike any other programs.

"The Emerging Community Leaders program provides a great opportunity to extend your personal skills in an environment that is trusted and safe yet challenging, and you come out with an amazing group of peers."

Sophie Kelly with her project team members and at the graduation ceremony.



Grant Rounds

Since its inception, the TCF has held two general grant rounds each year, in February–March and July–August.

From time to time, we also hold targeted funding rounds. These rounds maximise the impact of funding by channelling investment into fewer, larger initiatives that have the capacity to achieve even greater benefits to the community.

Grant Round Summary 2019–20

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

	Grant round 39 2019	Grant round 40 2020
Grant round opened	13 July	25 January
Grant round closed	Large Stage 1: 21 August Small: 11 September Medium: 25 September	Large Stage 1: 4 March Small: 18 March Medium: 8 April
Number of applications received and accepted for assessment	196	153
Funding requested	\$13.04 million	\$11.67 million
Grants approved	71 (36% of applications)	49 (32% of applications)
Funds approved	\$2.97 million (22% of funding requested)	\$4.2 million (36% of funding requested)
Notification of assessment decision	11 December	9 June

The Board has assessed more than 9 250 grant applications for funding totalling over \$487 million.

The Board has awarded more than \$1.51 million to Community/Men's Sheds.

The Board has awarded more than \$1.03 million to support live theatre and ballet productions.



Lenah Valley RSL members preparing for a toilet renovation.

Burnie Surf Life Saving Club nipper boards



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*The Tasmanian
Community Fund
staff team.*

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 9 250 applications for funding, requesting more than \$487 million.

Following a rigorous assessment of each of those applications received in 40 general rounds and eight targeted funding rounds, the Board has approved more than \$111 million in grants to more than 3 000 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 2019–20, total funding of \$7.17 million was awarded to 111 projects.

The Board has awarded a combined \$8.24 million to the Salvation Army, Anglicare, Red Cross, Common Ground, Lifeline, Mission Australia, Smith Family, UnitingCare, St Vincent de Paul, Save the Children, and Colony 47 for infrastructure, equipment and program costs to assist them to support Tasmanians in need.

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Board Members

The members of the Board on 30 June 2020 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 Advisor 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 statewide 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. Sally 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 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.

The Board has awarded more than \$1.7 million to organisations supporting victims of sexual assault or violence.

The Board has awarded more than \$625 000 for community garden projects.



ANDREW MACGREGOR

Andrew has been active participant in community organisations on the east coast of Tasmania for the past thirty 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 Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc and is the current Chair of Break O'Day Community Financial Services Inc (t/a 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, both positions having been held for approximately ten years.

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 for a number of private development companies and the Chair of a national retail chain.

Andrew was appointed to the Board in 2018.



ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

Alex is a civil litigation lawyer in Burnie where he is employed as a Senior Associate 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 currently a Non-Executive Director of TasTAFE and Chair of their Audit and Risk Management Committee and a committee member of Regional Development Australia Tasmania. She 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.

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. Her directorships have included a number of not-for-profit organisations. As a business consultant Michelle enjoys working with values-based organisations.

Michelle was appointed to the Board in 2020.

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.

There have been 20 community members appointed to the Board since 2000 – ten women and ten men.

There have been three Chairpersons – Gerald Loughran from June 2000 to December 2009, Lynn Mason from December 2009 to December 2016 and Sally Darke from January 2017.

The Board has awarded more than \$5.82 million to organisations focused on improving the lives of Tasmanians living with disabilities.

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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.

Board members are appointed for a maximum of three years and may be re-appointed.

More than \$2.31 million has been awarded by the Board to organisations or projects focused on improving the lives or providing services to senior or elderly Tasmanians.

Table 1 – Appointment details as at 30 June 2020

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	1	December 2020
Alexander McKenzie	North-west	January 2019	1	December 2021
Michelle Swallow	South	January 2020	1	December 2022

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 Board has awarded more than \$1.12 million to projects supporting the preservation and celebration of Aboriginal heritage and culture.

Board meetings

Board meetings are held regularly throughout the year and in various locations around the state. With gathering restrictions in place as a result of Covid 19 the Board successfully transitioned to holding their meetings electronically.

Table 2 – Board meeting attendance

Board meetings were held in Hobart (2 meetings), Currie, Cygnet and Longford and three meetings were held electronically.

Board Member	Position	Meetings attended / number possible
Sally Darke	Chairperson	8/8
Frank Barta	Member	8/8
Heather Francis	Member	3/3
Andrew MacGregor	Member	8/8
Alexander McKenzie	Member	8/8
Michelle Swallow	Member	5/5

At 30 June 2020, 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.



TONI ASHLIN

Project and Administrative Officer

Toni joined the Tasmanian Community Fund in 2013 as the Administrative Assistant and was appointed as the Project and Administrative

Officer in September 2017. Before joining the Fund, Toni worked for a variety of non-government organisations and the state government. She brings a broad experience of project management and grant writing to the Fund. Toni has also volunteered for several community organisations in the past and this has contributed to her understanding of the needs of the community.



CHERYL WALKER

Administrative Assistant

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

The Board has awarded more than \$550 000 to child care or playgroups.

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 Currie, Cygnet and Longford. TCF staff conducted two grant workshops in Queenstown.

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 Colony47 on community evaluation and JB Were on the state of the philanthropic sector.

Board members have participated in an evaluation and impact workshop with Think Impact and a vulnerability workshop with Sara Redman.

Collaboration training with the community

The TCF Board recognised that it needed to increase its understanding of collaboration as they require organisations to collaborate and partner in order to receive larger amounts of funding. All TCF Board members and staff participated in collaboration/partnership training.

To maximise the outcomes of this training, in partnership with TasCOSS, the TCF were able to offer this training to community members across the state and were very pleased with the level of interest and participation.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Income from continuing operations			
Appropriation (Section 5) receipts	3.1	6 958 000	6 729 000
Grant Refunds (Section 7)		146 098	166 363
Interest	1.5(a), 3.2	45 776	98 680
Total revenue from continuing operations		7 149 874	6 994 044
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments and statutory receivables/payables		(191)	....
Total income from continuing operations		7 149 683	6 994 044
Expenses from continuing operations			
Grants and related expenses (Section 7)		6 129 680	5 938 290
Administrative services	1.6(a)	344 571	282 613
Advertising		8 485	7 937
Audit fees	4.1	3 780	3 780
Board fees	1.6(b), 4.2	116 331	113 661
Other Board costs	1.6(c)	15 019	16 524
Consultancy	4.3	106 186	74 295
Depreciation and amortisation	1.8(d), 1.9(b)	12 472	....
Interest on lease liabilities	1.9(b)	633	....
Other Expenses		1 866	....
Total expenses from continuing operations		6 739 023	6 437 100
Net result from continuing operations		410 661	556 943
Comprehensive result	7.2	410 661	556 943

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

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 220

	Notes	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Assets			
<i>Financial assets</i>			
Cash	1.8(a), 7.1	12 528 515	12 095 467
Interest receivable	1.8(b)	2 550	8 421
Other receivables	1.8(b)	3 769	35 387
Tax asset	1.8(c)	16 880	71 899
<i>Non-Financial assets</i>			
Right of use assets	1.8(d), 5.1	26 442	....
Prepayments	1.8(e), 5.2	....	2 298
Total assets		12 578 156	12 213 472
Liabilities			
Grants payables	1.9(a)	136 436	219 191
Other payables	1.9(a), 6.1	44 956	11 754
Lease liabilities	1.9(b), 6.2	26 547	....
Employee benefits	1.9(c), 6.3	93 041	51 595
Inter entity balance	1.9(e)	13 234	77 650
Total liabilities		314 213	360 190
Net assets		12 263 943	11 853 282
Equity			
Accumulated funds		12 263 943	11 853 282
Total equity		12 263 943	11 853 282

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

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	2019-20 \$	2018-2019 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash inflows			
Appropriation (Section 5) receipts		6 958 000	6 729 000
Grant Refunds (Section 7)		177 054	157 500
Interest		51 647	97 018
Total cash inflows		7 186 701	6 983 518
Cash outflows			
Grants and related expenses (Section 7)		(6 194 064)	(5 879 516)
Administrative services		(302 512)	(279 770)
Advertising		(8 485)	(7 937)
Audit fees		(3 780)	(3 780)
Board fees		(116 331)	(113 661)
Other Board costs		(12 335)	(16 524)
Consultancy		(101 281)	(63 133)
Finance costs		(633)	....
Other Expenses		(1 866)	....
Total cash outflows		(6 741 287)	(6 364 321)
Net cash from (used by) operating activities	7.2	445 414	619 196
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash outflows			
Repayment of leases liabilities (excluding interest)		(12 366)	....
Total cash outflows		(12 366)	....
Net increase (decrease) in cash held and cash equivalents	7.2	433 048	619 196
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		12 095 467	11 476 270
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	7.1	12 528 515	12 095 467

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 2020

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2019	11 853 282	11 853 282
Total comprehensive result	410 661	410 661
Balance as at 30 June 2020	12 263 943	12 263 943
	Accumulated Funds \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2018	11 296 339	11 296 339
Total comprehensive result	556 943	556 943
Balance as at 30 June 2019	11 853 282	11 853 282

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

Risdon Vale Bike Collective launching Meals and Wheels and the arrival of new bikes.



Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

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 2019 to 30 June 2020.

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 23 September 2020.

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 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 2020 (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

From 1 July 2019, 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. Right of use assets includes assets in respect of leases previously treated as operating leases under AASB 117, and therefore not recognised on the Statement of Financial Position.

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

On 1 July 2019, 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.

The effect of adopting AASB 16 on the Statement of Financial Position as at 1 July 2019 is as follows:

Assets	\$
Right-of-use assets	38 913
Liabilities	
Lease liabilities	38 913
Equity	
Accumulated funds	0

Reconciliation of operating lease commitments as at 30 June 2019 to lease liabilities on 1 July 2019:

	\$
Operating lease commitments as at 30 June 2019 (ex GST)	40 041
Weighted average incremental borrowing rate as at 1 July 2019	2.90%
Reconciliation:	

Discounted operating lease commitments as at 1 July 2019	38 913
Lease liabilities as at 1 July 2019	38 913

(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 2020, 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) Superannuation

The Fund does not recognise a superannuation liability for the accruing superannuation benefits of employees. This liability is held centrally and is recognised within the Finance-General Division of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

(e) 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 2019-20.

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.

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Appropriation (Section 5) receipts	6 958 000	6 729 000
Total	6 958 000	6 729 000

3.2 Interest

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Interest	45 776	98 680
Total	45 776	98 680

Note 4 Expenses from continuing operations

4.1 Audit fees

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Audit fees	3 780	3 780
Total	3 780	3 780

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

4.2 Board fees

Board members are remunerated on the basis of an annual rate determined by the Governor. During 2019-20 the approved board fees were \$34 219 (2018-19, \$33 433) for the Chairperson and \$20 528 (2018-19, \$20 057) for each other Board member.

Board members during 2019-20 were as follows:

Board member	Appointment date – current term	Cessation date
Sally Darke – Chairperson	01/01/2019	–
Francis Barta	01/01/2020	–
Heather Francis	01/01/2017	31/12/2019
Andrew MacGregor	01/01/2018	–
Alexander McKenzie	01/01/2019	–
Michelle Swallow	01/01/2020	–

4.3 Consultancy – including media and grant audits

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Media and communications	25 900	9 888
Accountancy	18 700	33 301
Other	61 586	31 106
Total	106 186	74 295

Note 1: The Fund engaged Crowe Horwath Tasmania to undertake audits of all recipients of grants greater than \$50 000 and a sample of recipients of grants less than \$50 000.

4.4 Employee Benefits – Related party transactions

The Fund has established policies and procedures in dealing with conflicts of interest and related party issues in undertaking its approved purposes. Consistent with the Fund's policies and after enquiry of board members and staff there are no significant related party transactions requiring disclosure.

Note 5 Assets

5.1 Right of use assets

	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

Relate to leased building at Innovation Drive - Tech3.

5.2 Prepayments

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Prepayments	2 298
Total	2 298

Note 6 Liabilities

6.1 Other payables

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Accrued expenses	44 956	11 754
Total	44 956	11 754
Settled within 12 months	44 956	11 754
Total	44 956	11 754

6.2 Lease liabilities

	Buildings \$	Total \$
Lease liabilities	26 547	26 547
Total	26 547	26 547

Relate to leased building at Innovation Drive - Tech3.

6.3 Employee benefits

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Accrued salaries	10 157	3 648
Recreational leave	34 984	25 621
Long service leave	45 015	22 326
Purchased Leave	2 885	....
Total	93 041	51 595
Utilised within 12 months	43 154	29 269
Utilised in more than 12 months	49 887	22 326
Total	93 041	51 595

Note 7 Cash Flow Reconciliation

7.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
At call deposits with financial institutions	12 528 515	12 095 467
Total	12 528 515	12 095 467

7.2 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:

	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$
Net result	410 661	556 943
Depreciation and amortisation	12 471	....
Decrease (increase) in Interest receivable	5 871	(1 663)
Decrease (increase) in Other receivables	31 619	(9 695)
Decrease (increase) in Tax asset	55 019	34 886
Decrease (increase) in Prepayments	2 298	13 226
Increase (decrease) in Employee benefits	41 445	5 141
Increase (decrease) in Grants payable	(82 755)	(53 545)
Increase (decrease) in Other payables	33 202	(3 748)
Increase (decrease) in Inter-entity balance	(64 416)	77 651
Net cash from (used by) operating activities	445 414	6 196

Note 8 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 2020 are the grants approved in principle by the Board but which are awaiting certain conditions to be met by the grant recipient before the grant deed can be executed. The maximum exposure of the quantifiable contingent liabilities of the Fund as at 30 June 2020 was \$8 316 955 (30 June 2019, \$7 531 113). As the grant conditions are met, these grants will be funded from existing cash reserves.

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 2020 and the financial position as at 30 June 2020.

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
23 September 2020



Independent Auditor's Report

To 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 2020, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement of certification by the Chairperson.

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2020, and its financial performance and 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.

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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 they determine is 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 Member's 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

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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 represents 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.



Leigh Franklin
Assistant Auditor-General Financial Audit Services
Delegate of the Auditor-General

Tasmanian Audit Office

25 September 2020
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