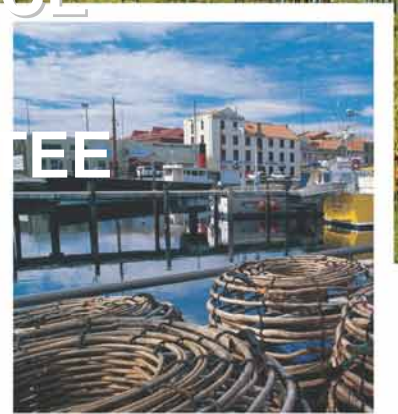




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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2004-05 has been a highly successful year for NRM South. We completed the first ever regional Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania. We thank the Tasmanian Government, the Australian Government and you, our regional community, for the enormous contribution **you** have made to this achievement.

In the first instance, NRM South has secured some \$6.3 million from the Natural Heritage Trust to implement the Strategy in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Together with NRM North, we have also secured some \$4.3 million from the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality for the same period, to be shared with and jointly administered by NRM North.

In addition, I am pleased to say that the following additional resources are also contributing now to implementation of the Southern Strategy:

- Natural Heritage Trust Regional Competitive Component funding (statewide activities 2004-05 to 2007-08): \$3,009,742.
- National Wetlands Program Projects (2004-05 and 2005-06): \$130,000

Our Local NRM Facilitators have assisted and are continuing to assist many individuals, organisations and community groups in the Southern Region to develop Envirofund, National Landcare Program and Community Water Grant applications.

We are also grateful to our regional partners who are contributing some \$13 million towards implementation of the Strategy, not including the considerable investment made by the Tasmanian Government.

The Southern Strategy has identified targets for resource condition and put in place processes to gather baseline information where this is missing. An important part of our future reporting to and communication with our regional community will be preparation of a regional 'report card', identifying baseline information in the first instance, with changes in resource condition that have occurred over the previous year(s) for each update.

Partnerships are very important to NRM South and we are looking to develop as many strategic partnerships as possible to help us implement the Southern Strategy.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the enormous effort made by NRM South members and our staff in contributing to finalization of the Southern Strategy and initial investment proposal.



Olaf Hedberg

**Chair**

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2004-05

During 2004-05, NRM South has:

- Completed and received accreditation of the first *Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania*
- Secured interim investment of \$1.296 million to:
  - implement nine 'Gap' Priority Projects
  - extend the contracts of the Local Facilitator network, pending new technical and facilitation support arrangements to be established in 2005-06
- Secured \$6.3 million from the Natural Heritage Trust for 2005-06 and 2006-07 to start implementing the Strategy, supplemented by \$4.3 million from the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality
- Identified a number of potential partners currently investing some \$13 million in natural resource management in Southern Tasmania
- Attracted some \$3.14 million to implement five 'regional competitive' projects and two national wetlands projects statewide
- Overseen completion or on-going delivery of 11 priority projects and commissioned some 9 'gap' priority projects which have, for example:
  - Increased awareness of the causes of salinity and options to manage and rehabilitate salt-affected land
  - Provided incentives for on-ground protection of bush and streams and management of key weeds such as serrated tussock
  - Established baseline information for soils, vegetation condition and marine habitat
  - Implemented programs to protect key regional threatened species including Spotted Handfish, Swamp Eyebright and seven freshwater galaxids

## **Progress with implementing the 'general functions and powers' of regional committees in 2004-05**

Under the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002, NRM South is responsible for implementing nine specific functions and powers. This Section summarises the work undertaken in 2004-05 to address these.

### **(a) identify the priorities for natural resource management for the Southern region**

NRM South continued the iterative process, commenced in 2003-04, of prioritising natural resource management values in the region, threats to those values, the actions required to protect the values and address the threats and priorities for initial investment.

NRM South received some 127 submissions in response to the consultation draft Strategy. Many respondents identified what they saw as the top five priorities for action.

In the final Strategy, and informed by the outcomes of the consultation process, NRM South proposed 111 Management Actions, of which 43 were identified as strategically 'high priority'.

Of these, some 26 were identified as 'investment priorities', implementation of which will be supported from 2005-06 with funding from the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) secured through the first Regional Investment Proposal.

### **(b) prepare a draft regional strategy for the Southern region**

2004-05 saw NRM South, in partnership with the Southern community and regional stakeholders, complete the first *Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania* and submit its first Regional Investment Proposal to the Australian and Tasmanian Governments

The first six weeks or so of 2004-05 were dedicated to consultations on a draft regional strategy released for public comment on 21 June 2004.

- Some 127 submissions were received on the draft strategy
- Public information sessions were held in eight regional centers and with key stakeholder groups, including industry, the 'care' community, the Aboriginal community and the conservation sector.
- Responses on the draft Strategy were entered into a database, from which reports were generated which captured the spectrum of responses.

In late August 2004, NRM South commenced the process to finalise the Strategy. A priority here was to work closely with 'key stakeholders', representing the spectrum of views in the community.

Finalisation of the Strategy required the following steps:

- meeting with key stakeholders (the 'care' community, the conservation sector, the agriculture, forestry and fishing and



aquaculture industries, the Aboriginal community, Local Government, the Australian Government and the State Government), to get agreement on a process for finalisation and to capture collective views. This led to commitment by NRM South and key stakeholders to a comprehensive and participative engagement process to assist NRM South finalise the Strategy (August 2004)

- review of the draft Resource Condition Targets and intensive consultation with technical specialists and key stakeholders to refine them (July – September 2004)
- review of each of the core chapters in the draft Strategy, in particular the Management Actions, in the light of the Resource Condition Targets, and gaps and concerns identified through the consultations on the draft strategy (September-October 2004)
- review and refinement of Management Action Targets (October-November 2004)
- review and finalisation of the Management Actions to be identified as ‘strategic priorities’ for early implementation (November 2004)
- finalisation of a second draft Strategy and release to ‘key stakeholders’ for consultation and feedback (briefing session 29 November 2004, with feedback required by 10 December 2004, extended to mid January 2005)
- final refinement to the Strategy in the light of feedback from key stakeholders, including the Tasmanian NRM Council and NRM Advisory Group (January 2005)
- documentation of feedback on the various consultation drafts and NRM South’s responses to this feedback (December 2004 - January 2005)
- submission of the draft for accreditation (February 2005)
- advice on successful accreditation prepared jointly by Australian and Tasmanian Government ministers (April 2005)

**(c) facilitate the implementation of the regional strategy**

With the focus during 2004-05 very much on development of the Southern Strategy, implementation of the Strategy was relatively constrained.

Implementation revolved round:

- implementation of the Priority Projects contracted in 2003-04 and a round of ‘Gap’ Priority Projects commissioned as ‘no regrets’ activities in late 2004 (see Appendix G)
- review of applications for funding under the National Landcare Program, ranked in order of priority and their contribution to the Strategy



- contribution to implementation of two 'regional competitive component' projects
- assistance provided by the Local NRM Facilitator team to develop and implement Envirofund and National Landcare Program project applications aligned with the Southern Strategy
- development of the first Southern Investment Proposal, targeting the NHT and NAP
- as part of the process to develop the Investment Proposal, consultation and data-gathering about the level of activity already occurring in the Southern region, being conducted by key stakeholders, that contributes directly to implementation of the strategy

**(d) promote the natural resource management principles**

NRM South's activities to promote the natural resource management principles during 2004-05 were focused on information dissemination and consultation on key issues and priorities to be addressed in the Strategy.

- NRM South was represented at the Hobart Show, various local agricultural shows and the annual conference of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.
- NRM South has used community consultation on the draft Strategy for natural resource management to raise awareness about the principles and their practical application.

**(e) facilitate the integration of natural resource management and planning activities for the region**

The Southern Strategy notes the important role of the Resource Management and Planning System in providing policy leadership relating to State and Local Government land use and environmental planning, including NRM issues and resource use. The Strategy notes the following needs:

- better integration of planning in management of the coastal zone
- when Local Council planning schemes are being developed or reviewed, NRM principles and the Strategy's outcomes and targets should be considered
- support for implementation of the many sub-regional, municipal and catchment plans addressing Resource Condition Targets
- review of current NRM decision-making structures, to ensure better coordination, commitment to implementation of policy decisions and follow-through at regional level

NRM South is working closely with Local Government, through a natural resource management working group established under the auspices of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Board.

This Local Government NRM Working Group identified Local Government's natural resource management priorities and these have been reflected in the Strategy and Investment Proposal. In particular, resources have been

secured to improve Council-based information and data systems and Geographic Information Systems, to reduce impacts of planning decisions on NRM values.

Local Government will continue to be a vital partner in implementation of the Strategy.

**(f) seek, manage and allocate funds according to the regional strategy**

During 2004-05, NRM South developed its first full Regional Investment Proposal, targeting two national funding programs, the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP).

The following allocations from NHT and NAP have now been approved:

Table 1: Investment breakdown by program (NHT & NAP funds combined)

Year 1(2004-05 & 2005-06 combined), Year 2 (2006-07) & 2-year Total

PROGRAM	NAP		2 YEAR NAP	NHT		2 YEAR NHT	RIP (NAP + NHT)		2 YEAR RIP
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2		YEAR 1	YEAR 2		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
	total	total	total	total	total	total	total	total	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>TOTAL RIP</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>4,335</b>	<b>3,736</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>6,351</b>	<b>5,823</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>10,686</b>
Delivering Integrated NRM				494	367	861	494	367	861
Water Resources	1,162	1,237	2,399	937	480	1,417	2,099	1,717	3,816
Land Resources	925	1,011	1,936	231	175	406	1,156	1,186	2,342
Marine, Coastal and Estuarine				956	675	1,631	956	675	1,631
Flora and Fauna				1,062	862	1,924	1,062	862	1,924
Cultural Landscapes Program				56	56	112	56	56	112

Future Investment Proposals are expected to seek Australian Government investment for up to three years.

In May 2005, NRM South commenced planning for delivery of the investments secured. All Activities are expected to be subject to an Expression of Interest process. This will identify preferred suppliers with whom NRM South will negotiate contract details.

While regional bodies were being established and NRM Strategies developed, the NHT and NAP programs provided Priority Project funding to allow Regional organisations to undertake high priority 'no regrets' regional activities that needed to start urgently.

In addition to developing the Regional Investment Proposal NRM South continued to monitor the progress of 11 Round 1 Interim Priority Projects and the commissioning and progress of a further nine Round 2 GAP Priority Projects (see Appendix G for a full list of projects).

**(g) coordinate the Southern region's participation in national and State programs relating to NRM**

See (f) above for comments on the NHT and NAP programs.

NRM South has also:

- successfully brokered regional stakeholder participation in the **National Landcare Program's Community Support component** with four NLP projects worth \$242,617 selected for the Southern Region (see Appendix G for listing of funded activities)
- promoted, assisted and provided advise to regional stakeholders to develop **Australian Government Envirofund project** applications with 32 applications worth some \$647,500 selected for the Southern Region (see Appendix G for listing of projects)
- gained access to three **national NHT projects**:
  - *Rural Landholder Survey* in Southern Tasmania, managed by Bureau of Rural Sciences in partnership with NRM South and Southern stakeholders. This survey, to be conducted in 2005-06, is expected to provide baseline socio-economic information to assist NRM South and regional stakeholders understand the attitudes and perceptions of rural land managers and improve communication with them, identify and respond to social and economic conditions and trends and evaluate the potential of various policy options to achieve NRM targets
  - Update of a Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia (Tasmanian Wetlands), statewide activity managed by NRM South (\$70,000 managed by NRM South)
  - *Ecological character descriptions of three Ramsar wetlands in Tasmania*, located in the Southern and Northern regions managed by NRM South (\$60,000 managed by NRM South)

**(h) monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Southern regional strategy**

Monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the results of NRM activities are important elements of the Regional Investment Proposal and the Strategy's implementation.

NRM South is represented on the project steering committee for the statewide *Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting on NRM Investments* project being funded by the Trust and conducted by the NRM Support Unit.

The project is developing a Tasmanian Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy (MER) in partnership with the three Tasmanian NRM regions, and Australian and State governments. This statewide MER Strategy is developing the framework for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the outputs and outcomes of the regional strategies.

The project has developed a reporting database for all NRM activities, the Tasmanian NRM Data & Information management System (TaNDIMS). NRM South staff and Local NRM Facilitators have assisted with trialing the database and provided feedback on usage. The first six-month period of output reporting for January to June 2005 has been provided to test the national outputs reporting requirements.

*The Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania* has identified a range of draft targets for Aspirational Targets (50-year time horizon), Resource Condition Targets (10-20 years) and Management Action Targets (1-5 years). NRM South has until 30 June 2006 to finalise its targets and this will be a priority activity in 2005/06.

A number of activities being conducted through the Investment proposal will assist with establishing resource condition baselines to enable ongoing monitoring and evaluation of progress in implementation of the *Strategy*.

**(i) *develop and implement processes to ensure appropriate education and training in natural resource management***

NRM education and training for land and resource managers, decision-makers and NRM community group members are high priorities in the *Southern Strategy*. During 2004/05, while the *Strategy* was being finalised, the network of NRM facilitators provided a number of education and training opportunities through its work with the regional community.

In addition to NRM South's five local NRM facilitator positions the Southern region has a Regional Landcare Coordinator and a Coastcare Community Support Facilitator (1 FTE<sup>1</sup> shared between two people). Part of the brief for the facilitator network is to provide links between the community and technical experts and to work closely with other relevant facilitators to ensure sound advice, information & support.

Some of the main education and training activities in 2004-05 included:

- arranged quarterly professional development workshops with the broader NRM facilitator network (including local government NRM staff) covering a range of topics
- initiated and organised a training course for local government staff to become gazetted weed officers. Publicised and promoted appropriate training opportunities to resource managers, community organisations and NRM staff
- contributed to a series of field days and workshops on bushland management, revegetation techniques, grassland management, weed control etc

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<sup>1</sup> FTE – Full Time Equivalent

- conducted refresher courses for volunteer water quality monitors and conducted quality assurance assessments
- arranged training for local government staff on revegetation design for swift parrot habitat
- provision of induction information for new NRM staff in local government and community organisations
- provision of technical notes on weed management, direct seeding etc to Landcare and Bushcare groups
- provision of information to stakeholders on project opportunities: Envirofund, Landcare Community Support Component, Community Water Grants etc

## **Communications and Community Engagement**

In developing the Southern NRM Strategy and first Regional Investment Proposal, NRM South has placed a high priority on effective communications and community engagement. During 2004-05, NRM South:

- released three issues of its newsletter, *Southern Networker*
- maintained and updated the NRM South website ([www.nrmtas.com.au](http://www.nrmtas.com.au) and click on the Southern region)
- ran a series of ten public information sessions on the draft strategy released for consultation
- received and analysed 127 submissions on the consultation draft strategy
- worked closely with key stakeholders representing the 'care' community, conservation sector, Aboriginal community, the agriculture, forestry, fishing and aquaculture industries, State Government, Local Government and Australian Government to finalise the Strategy
- consulted widely with these key stakeholders and potential partners (including public land managers and research institutions) to develop the Regional Investment Proposal
- worked through the Local Facilitator team and the broader facilitator network to support the community to develop and implement applications under the Australian Government's Envirofund and National Landcare Community Support Programs
- agreed that partnerships with regional stakeholders are critical for successful implementation of the Strategy. This decision means that NRM South will engage regional stakeholders to deliver services and implement the Strategy. NRM South is recruiting partners to be responsible for housing and mentoring of the new Technical and Facilitation Support team that will take over from the Local Facilitators.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

The background to NRM South is at [Appendix A](#), while [Appendix B](#) provides details of the policy and legislative framework under which it was established.

### **The Association**

Key milestones for the Southern Regional NRM Association Inc during 2004-05 included:

- second Annual General Meeting (22 September 2004)
- General Meeting (14 December 2004) to consider the recommendations of the Selection Panel for members of NRM South to replace the seven members whose terms of office expired in January 2005. This meeting also provided an opportunity for the Chairman to brief members on developments with the Strategy and Regional Investment Proposal and seek feedback.
- General meeting (6 May 2005) to brief members on the Regional Investment Proposal and discuss its implications prior to finalisation

Members of the Association as at 30 June 2005 are listed at [Appendix E](#).

### **Committee operations**

NRM South continued to meet at least monthly during 2004-05 and also continued with its series of sub-committees and working groups (see [Appendix D](#) for membership).

- The Management Team met monthly to set policy directions for administration of the Office.
- The Strategy Development Working Group guided development of the Strategy.
- The Investment Working Group was established to guide the development of the Regional Investment Proposal.
- The Communications and Community Engagement Working Group guided the communications and engagement process.
- NRM South also established ad hoc working groups to address the core themes in the Strategy and invited technical specialists and key stakeholders to participate in finalizing targets and management actions.

A schedule of meeting dates for NRM South during 2004-05 is also listed at [Appendix D](#).

## **Committee membership**

The term of office of seven members appointed for an initial two-year term expired in January 2005. The Selection Panel invited those members to renew their membership and also sought replacement members. Their recommendations were accepted by a Special meeting of the Southern Regional NRM Association Inc in December 2004. Subsequently, the State Government representative and a representative of one of the public land managers resigned. The Selection Panel called for replacements and, as allowed under the Rules of the Association for casual vacancies, made a recommendation to NRM South. The new appointments were finalised in May 2005.

The members who retired or resigned during 2004-05 are:

- Isobel Stanley
- Christine Coughanowr
- Alex Schaap
- Mark Bryce.

The new members are

- Christine Crawford,
- Alice Johnson (nee Mulford),
- John Whittington
- Anne Duncan.

See [Appendix C](#) for details of all members.

## **NRM South Office**

See [Appendix E](#) for listing of staff members.

NRM South's office is on Level 6, Marine Board Building, 1 Franklin Wharf, Hobart. [Note: NRM South will move to 13 St Johns Ave New Town in September 2005.]

NRM South is grateful to the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment (DPIWE) for the provision of in-kind support such as office space, computers, electricity, some administrative support, and assistance with financial management, mapping and technical advice.

## **Administration and systems management**

Administrative priorities for NRM South in 2004-05 included:

- Review and updating of financial and governance protocols
- On-going development and refinement of financial and project management systems to allow for appropriate reporting on different income streams



- Preparation of all reports required to meet governance and accountability requirements, including monthly financial reports, Annual Report to the Minister for Environment and Planning, Progress Reports for each source of income provided by the Australian Government and quarterly financial reports for each income stream
- Recruitment of a new Programs Manager
- Development of a program for systematic development and review of business systems, office policies and procedures

## The network of NRM South facilitators

NRM South received an allocation through NHT Foundation Funding to employ five local NRM facilitators for twelve months to increase the level and effectiveness of community and other stakeholder involvement in regional NRM planning and implementation, and delivery of the NHT and NAP. The first appointment commenced in September 2003.

This was extended by a further nine months to continue to support stakeholder involvement in the development of the Regional Investment Proposal and other project proposals such as Envirofund and the NLP Community Support Component.

The facilitators have been hosted on behalf of NRM South by a consortium comprising the Southern Tasmanian Councils Board, Greening Australia and the Tasmanian Landcare Association.

In 2004-05 the arrangements have been as follows:

Facilitator	Host	Responsibility	Period Employed
John Harkin	Greening Australia	Urban areas of Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart	Oct 03 – Aug 04
Liz Quinn	Derwent Catchment NRM Committee	Brighton, Central Highlands, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands	Oct 03 – July 04
Ursula Taylor	Clarence City Council	Rural Clarence, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Sorell, Tasman	Nov 03 – Sept 04
Dean Vincent	Huon Valley Council	Huon Valley and Kingborough & Aboriginal community (after June 04)	Sept 03 – Jan 05
Alister Mackinnon	Tasmanian Landcare Association	Regionwide: 'care' network, farming community & communications	July 04 – Dec 04

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Period Employed</b>
Katrina Warman	Derwent Catchment NRM Committee	Brighton, Central Highlands, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands	Aug 04 – April 05
Sam Bayley	Greening Australia	Hobart, Clarence, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Sorell, Tasman	Aug 04 – May 05
Fleur O'Neill	Tasmanian Landcare Association	Southern Midlands, Brighton, Hobart, Clarence, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Sorell, Tasman	March 05 - present
Nikki den Exter	Huon Valley Council	Huon Valley, Kingborough, Glenorchy, Central Highlands, Derwent Valley,	March 05 – present
Richard Shaw	Greening Australia	Regionwide support for Community Water Quality Monitoring	April 05 – present

## **Funding for operations**

NRM South's operations were funded in part by the Tasmanian Government (for core operations) and the Australian Government through Foundation Funding under the Natural Heritage Trust.

Project activity was funded through the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality. Most project funds were administered by the NRM Support Unit in the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment on NRM South's behalf.

NRM South's audited financial statements for all funds administered directly by NRM South in 2004-05 are at [Attachment H](#).

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

NRM South's priorities for 2005-06 include:

- putting in place an Expression of Interest process to secure service providers to implement the Strategy with investment sourced in the first Regional Investment Proposal
- finalising contracts commissioned as Priority Project and Gap Projects in 2003-04 and 2004-05
- on-going consultation and engagement with our regional stakeholders.
- a rural landholder survey being conducted in the Southern region by the Bureau of Rural Sciences, to provide baseline social and economic data and a snapshot of property and community- level issues, attitudes and behaviours of rural residents, to inform implementation of the Strategy.
- brokering partnerships with regional stakeholders to participate in and report on their contribution to Strategy implementation
- building awareness among regional stakeholders about the Southern region's NRM challenges and their commitment to assist with Strategy implementation
- putting in term stable arrangements for technical and facilitation support to assist the community and stakeholders implement the Strategy
- reviewing and refining Resource Condition Targets and Management Action Targets
- establishing a sound monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework for implementing the Strategy
- preparation of a 'regional report card' to tell the regional community, stakeholders and investors about the health of key areas in the region that exemplify integrated natural resource management

## **Appendix A: BACKGROUND**

The Southern NRM Regional Committee (NRM South) was established in response to the Tasmanian Government's *Natural Resource Management Framework* and its enabling legislation, the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002* (see [Appendix B](#)).

### **The Southern Regional NRM Association Inc and NRM South**

NRM South was established to develop and implement a regional natural resource management strategy for Southern Tasmania.

Following a series of public forums in 2002 and January 2003, key NRM stakeholders in the Southern Region of Tasmania agreed to establish the Southern NRM Regional Committee as the managing body of the new Southern Regional NRM Association Incorporated, which comprises nominees of any interested stakeholder. The Association has governance functions and Association members must be legal entities in their own right. However, participation in Association meetings is open to all interested members of the community. NRM South is committed to working with its broad stakeholder group, not just its membership.

NRM South has significant autonomy and freedom to act within a set of Rules agreed by members of the Association and the broader group of stakeholders.

The powers, functions and requirements for membership of the Southern NRM Regional Committee are set out in the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002*.

### **The Southern Region**

The Southern Regional Committee's responsibilities span the area of Tasmania covered by the 12 Southern Tasmanian Councils (**see Map**): Brighton, Central Highlands, Clarence, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Glenorchy, Hobart, Huon Valley, Kingborough, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman. The boundary of the Region is identical to that for the ABS Southern Statistical Region and approximates to the "62" telephone directory boundary for Tasmania. The Region also includes the adjacent State waters (out to three nautical miles from the low tide mark).

Part of the Southern region, along with a lot of the Northern region, has been identified as falling within the Tasmanian Priority Region for the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP). Seven Southern catchments fall within the Tasmanian NAP Priority Region: Little Swanport, Prosser, Pittwater-Coal, Jordan, Clyde, Macquarie and Brumbys-Lake (these last catchments are split between the Northern and Southern regions).

Figure 1: Southern Region



## Functions

NRM South's functions are defined in the Tasmanian *Natural Resource Management Act 2002* (see [Appendix A](#)). The highest priorities are:

- development and implementation of the Southern regional strategy and
- seeking, allocating and managing funds to implement the Southern regional strategy.

## Membership of NRM South

The NRM Act 2002 requires the Southern Regional Committee to represent relevant stakeholders, including State and local governments, public land managers, community interests, conservation interests, industries in the region and Aboriginal community interests. The Act also sets a limit of 15 members.

A brief profile of NRM South members as at 30 June 2005 is at [Appendix C](#).

## **Appendix B: POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK**

### **The Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework**

NRM South was established to implement the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework* and the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002* in the Southern Region.

The *Framework* defines 'Natural resource management' as the management of any activity that uses, develops or conserves our 'natural resources'.

These include:

- the air, water, land (including soils), plants, animals and micro-organisms; and
- the systems they form

Many people and organisations with an interest in Tasmanian natural management (our NRM 'stakeholders') contributed to the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework*.

The *Framework* proposed a more integrated administrative basis for the future sustainable management and protection of Tasmania's natural resources. The Framework established a new statewide Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council and Regional Natural Resource Management Committees in the Northern, North West and Southern regions of the State.

A copy of the *Framework* can be found on the following website:  
[www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au) (follow the links from Environment).

### **Functions of NRM South**

NRM South has been established to undertake the functions of a Regional Committee as defined in the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002*.

The functions of the Committee are to:

- (a) Identify priorities for NRM in the Region
- (b) Prepare an accredited NRM Strategy for the Region
- (c) Facilitate implementation of the Regional NRM Strategy
- (d) Promote agreed NRM principles
- (e) Facilitate the integration of NRM and planning activities
- (f) Seek, allocate and manage funds according to the priorities of the Regional Strategy
- (g) Coordinate the Region's participation in National and State programs relating to NRM.
- (h) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Regional NRM Strategy

- (i) Develop and implement processes to ensure appropriate education and training in NRM
- (j) Undertake anything necessary or convenient to perform its functions (including, for example, appointment of staff)
- (k) Report annually to the Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment and the Tasmanian NRM Council.



**Appendix C: PROFILE OF NRM SOUTH MEMBERS AS AT JUNE 30, 2005**

Name/ Term	Background
<p><b>Andy Baird</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong background in community group facilitation &amp; extension for range of 'care' groups</li> <li>• Expertise in regional flora and fauna including management issues &amp; options</li> <li>• Member of interim Southern Technical Reference Group (2002), which commissioned Southern Regional NRM Situation Paper</li> <li>• Strong personal community involvement through Port Cygnet Land &amp; Watercare Group, Nicholls Rivulet Bushcare Group, Wilderness Society, Tasmanian Environment Centre, Tasmanian Conservation Trust</li> <li>• Former Bushcare Extension Officer for Hobart/Kingborough/Huon Valley, based with Greening Australia Tasmania (4 years)</li> <li>• Former Interpretation Ranger with PWS</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dr Christine Crawford</b> 1 Feb 2005 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 25 years in Aquaculture and related NRM issues</li> <li>• Extensive ecological consultancy experience</li> <li>• Member of various Government committees</li> <li>• Member World Aquaculture Society and Australian Marine Science Association</li> <li>• Chair of the external Evaluation Program for US AID in the Pond Dynamics/Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andrew Downie</b> Jan 2003 – Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmer with strong links with TFGA – past president TFGA Wool Council, Senior Vice-President TFGA</li> <li>• Treasurer Wool Council of Australia</li> <li>• 25 years experience revegetating, fencing remnant vegetation &amp; riverbanks, weeding etc on own property</li> <li>• Steering Group member Derwent Catchment NRM Plan</li> <li>• Strong community involvement</li> <li>• Part of working parties which developed Tas Threatened Species legislation, Lake Sorell Catchment Plan</li> <li>• Elected to Central Highlands Council in 2002</li> </ul>

Name/ Term	Background
<p><b>Dr Hans Drielsma</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Manager, Forest Management, Forestry Tasmania since 1997.</li> <li>• Managing Director State Forests of NSW (1993-97)</li> <li>• Commissioner, Forestry Commission of NSW (1990-93) with prior experience back to 1973 in operational, planning &amp; managerial positions</li> <li>• Extensive experience Standing Committee Forestry and supporting Ministerial Council on Forestry, Fisheries &amp; Aquaculture</li> <li>• Chair, Australian Forestry Standard.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anne Duncan</b> May 2005 – Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently appointed Parks &amp; Wildlife Service Southern Regional Manager;</li> <li>• Previously, member, NRM North Regional Committee;</li> <li>• Extensive experience in planning at strategic and operational levels;</li> <li>• Management experience in Community NRM implementation and public land management, incl. as member Glamorgan-Spring Bay Landcare Committee &amp; Freycinet Coast Tourism Board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tony Ferrier</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager Environment and Development Services, Huon Valley Council, since 1996</li> <li>• Qualifications in Natural Resources, Urban and Regional Planning and Surveying</li> <li>• Member of Greening Australia (Tas) Board</li> <li>• Managed Huon Healthy Rivers Project since 1996</li> <li>• Current broad knowledge of RMPS and relationship between NRM and statutory planning</li> <li>• Previous broad NSW State agency experience across integrated catchment and public land management</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ollie Hedberg</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Manager Information &amp; Land Services Division, DPIWE, 1996-2002</li> <li>• Extensive experience in land information disciplines of Survey, Valuation, Land Titles &amp; Geodata</li> <li>• Studied Photogrammetry &amp; Spacial Information at University of Tasmania</li> <li>• Represented Tasmania on Australian &amp; New Zealand Land Information Council &amp; Public Sector Mapping Agencies (Australia)</li> <li>• Farmer</li> </ul>

Name/ Term	Background
<p><b>Roger Howlett</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General manager, Clarence City Council 1993 - 2003</li> <li>• Employed by Clarence City Council since 1979 (municipal planner 6 years, Director Planning &amp; Development (8 years))</li> <li>• 7 years in local government in UK &amp; NSW</li> <li>• Masters of Town &amp; Country Planning, economics degree</li> </ul>
<p><b>Colin Hughes</b> July 2004 – January 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Heritage Officer with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council where he has worked for the last 13 years</li> <li>• Keen interest in natural resource management &amp; impact on Aboriginal sites</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ms Alice Johnson</b> 1 Feb 2005 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several years of legal and administrative experience, Tasmania and UK</li> <li>• Experience in Water Resources Division of DPIWE</li> <li>• Interest in and studying planning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dr Helen Locher</b> Sept 2003 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Environmental Consultant, Hydro Tasmania</li> <li>• Commissioner, Resource Planning and Development Commission</li> <li>• Member, Inland Fisheries Advisory Council</li> <li>• Specialist consultant (environmental strategy), Hydro Tasmania</li> <li>• Academic background in earth sciences, environmental science and civil engineering</li> <li>• Expertise includes NRM, environmental policy and planning, aquatic environmental management, fluvial geomorphology, environmental impact assessment, strategy development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dr Christine Mucha</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO, Hobart Water, since 1997</li> <li>• Former General Manager, Animal Industries in DPIF (1993-96)</li> <li>• Training in agricultural science, experience in biological control of diseases, pests, weeds</li> <li>• On Boards of Wellington Park Management Trust, Tas Environmental Pollution Control Board, Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</li> <li>• Community representative on NHT State Assessment Panel</li> </ul>

Name/ Term	Background
<p><b>Helen Pryor</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive community involvement with Tasmanian Environment Centre, Tasmanian Conservation Trust, Coastal &amp; Marine Network, New Town Rivulet Catchment Care Group, Huon Protection Group</li> <li>• Extensive involvement with program management &amp; public policy through National Estate Grants, National Landcare Program Assessment Committee, State Land &amp; Water Management Council, Sustainable Development Advisory Council, NHT &amp; Envirofund State Assessment Panel, management plans for offshore islands</li> <li>• Bachelor of Education, currently studying environmental planning</li> <li>• Project Officer with Parks &amp; Wildlife Service</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maria Weeding</b> Jan 2003 – 30 Sept 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmer in Southern Midlands</li> <li>• Landcare Program Manager for Southern Midlands Council</li> <li>• Landcarer of the Year (2001)</li> <li>• Midlands Tree Committee</li> <li>• Secretary, Board of Greening Australia Tasmania</li> <li>• State Biodiversity Committee (1999) which developed Tasmania's Nature Conservation Strategy</li> <li>• Chair, Interim Southern Technical Reference Group (which managed contract for Southern Regional NRM Situation Paper)</li> <li>• Driving force behind many farm, local and catchment vegetation &amp; landcare projects &amp; involvement in these issues by Southern Midlands Council, including Drought Landcare Project</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dr John Whittington</b> May 2005 – 30 Sept 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Manager: Resource Management &amp; Conservation Division, DPIWE;</li> <li>• Previously, Manager of the Water Assessment and Planning Branch, DPIWE;</li> <li>• Extensive experience in Natural Resource Management and Planning, and in related R&amp;D, particularly in relation to water and catchment management.</li> </ul>

## **Appendix D      NRM SOUTH MEETINGS AND WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE: 2004-05**

### **NRM South meeting dates**

The NRM South Committee met 12 times during the year:

Meeting #19	27 July 2004
20	26 August 2004
21	22 September 2004
22	28 October 2004
23	25 November 2004
24	14 December 2004
25	3 February 2005
26	18 February 2005 (Special Meeting to consider the draft Regional Investment Proposal)
27	10 March 2005
28	28 April 2005
29	9 June 2005 (Special meeting to review roles and responsibilities of members and staff)
30	30 June 2005

## Working Groups

**Abbreviations:** CH: Chair S: Secretary DC: Deputy Chair PP: Part of period T: Treasurer: F: Facilitator

### 1. NRM South Working Groups

	Ollie Hedberg	Christine Mucha	Isobel Stanley	Tony Ferrier	Roger Howlett	Andy Baird	Mark Bryce	Christine Coughanowr	Helen Pryor	Andrew Downie	Maria Weeding	Hans Drielsma	Alex Schaap	Helen Locher	Vanessa Elwell-Gavins	Don Thompson	Others
Management Team	Ch	DC T <sup>2</sup>	T <sup>3</sup>	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓										S		
Strategy Development Working Group	✓		✓	✓	✓	PP	✓	✓	✓								
Communications and Community Engagement Working Group	✓	✓			✓	PP			<sup>4</sup> ✓						S	✓	
Programs Working Group						PP		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
Joint NAP Working Group					<sup>5</sup> ✓	PP				CH	✓	✓				✓	

<sup>2</sup> From February 2005

<sup>3</sup> Until January 2005

<sup>4</sup> Until March 2004

<sup>5</sup> From Late 2004

	Ollie Hedberg	Christine Mucha	Isobel Stanley	Tony Ferrier	Roger Howlett	Andy Baird	Mark Bryce	Christine Coughanowr	Helen Pryor	Andrew Downie	Maria Weeding	Hans Drielsma	Alex Schaap	Helen Locher	Vanessa Elwell-Gavins	Don Thompson	Others
Targets Working Group	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		John Harkin Sam Bayley (F)
Investment Working Group	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓		✓				
Water Resources		✓			✓			✓				✓		✓		<b>Issues Working Groups</b>	
Land Resources										✓							
Marine, Coastal & Estuarine Systems				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								
Flora & Fauna						✓					✓	✓					
Sustainable Communities and Economy		✓	✓		✓				✓	✓		✓					
Cultural Landscapes				✓		✓											
Integration	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								



**2. Combined Working Groups (NRM South & Other)**

	Tony Ferrier	Andy Baird	Andrew Downie	Roger Howlett	Maria Weeding	Don Thompson	Others
NRM South Representative on Tasmanian NRM Council	✓						
Joint NAP Working Group		✓ PP	✓ CH	✓ <sup>6</sup>	✓		Maureen Bennett, Mandy Carter, Debbie Searle (NRM North) Mike McHugo (DPIWE) (Executive Officer) Don Thompson (support)
Joint Communications Working Group		✓				✓	Chris Buza (Chair) (DPIWE) Maureen Bennett, Janet Wallace, Howard Colvin (NRM North) Carol Bryant, Lynne Robertson (NRM Cradle Coast) Alan Haig (NRM Council Secretariat), (DPIWE) Imogen Birley (Australian Government)

<sup>6</sup> From late 2004

**Appendix E: NRM SOUTH OFFICE STAFF**

<b>Coordinator/ Director</b>	Vanessa Elwell-Gavins
<b>Regional Facilitator</b>	Don Thompson
<b>Programs Manager (from 28 April 2005)</b>	Alistair Kay
<b>Office Manager</b>	Sonja Van Hoof (till September 2004)
	Glenn Hunn (from January 2005)
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Dina Prasinov

**Appendix F: MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL NRM ASSOCIATION 2004-2005**

Bangor Landcare Inc	Port Cygnet Land and Water Care Group
Birds Tasmania	Private Forests Tasmania
Cambium Land and Water Management Pty Ltd	Seven Mile Beach Coastcare Group
Central Highlands Council	South Channel Coastcare Inc
Clarence City Council	South Channel Progress Association
Coal Valley Landcare (Coal River Products Association Inc)	Southern Beaches Landcare/Coastcare Inc
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania
CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products	Southern Midlands Council
Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources	Taroona Environment Network Inc
Department of Primary Industry, Water & the Environment	Tasman Council
Derwent Catchment NRM Committee Inc	Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Inc
Derwent Valley Council	Tasmanian Conservation Trust
Eastcoast Regional Development Organisation Inc.	Tasmanian Environment Centre
Forest Industries Association of Tasmania (FIAT)	Tasmanian Land and Water Professionals Pty Ltd
Forestry Tasmania	Tasmanian Landcare Association Inc. (TLCA)
Friends of Coningham, Oyster Cove and Lower Snug	Tasmanian Marine Naturalists Association Inc
Greening Australia (Tasmania)	Timber Communities Aust Inc Huon Branch
Hobart Water	Timber Communities Australia
Howden Landcare Group	Timber Workers for Forests Inc
Huntingfield Coffee Creek Landcare Group Inc	Tranmere-Clarence Plains Land & Coastcare Inc
Huon Community Association Inc.	United Nations Association of Australian (Tas) Inc
Huon Valley Council	Upper Coal River Landcare
Huon Valley Environment Centre Inc	Upper Derwent Valley Landcare Group
Hydro Tasmania	White Beach Landcare Group Inc
Jordan Catchment Land for Wildlife Inc	
Karuna Intentional Community Inc	
Kingborough Council	
Leaman Geophysics	
Midlands Tree Committee Inc.	
Mortimer Bay Coastcare Group Inc	
National Council of Women of Tasmania Inc	
New Town Rivulet Catchment Care Group Inc.	

## Appendix G: PROJECT ACTIVITY ADDITIONAL TO REGIONAL INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

### Round 1 Interim Priority Projects

Projects funded pre-Regional Investment Proposal from 2003/04 NHT & NAP allocation

PROGRAM	Cross Region	PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	FUNDS APPROVED \$
NAP	NAP	Productive Use & Rehabilitation of Salt Affected Land (Pursal)	Australian Forest Growers	153,600
NAP	NAP	Understanding Groundwater Flow Systems & Processes Causing Salinity in the Northern Midlands	Northern Midlands Council	227,400
NAP	NAP	Urban Salinity Scoping Project - Greater Launceston Area	Tamar Region Natural Resource Management Strategy Reference Group	191,500
NHT	NO	Bushside & Streamside Conservation Project	Greening Australia	266,560
NHT	NO	Coastal Values of Southern Tasmania	Southern Tasmania Regional Coastal Management Committee	94,050
NHT	NO	Managing Serrated Tussock in Tasmania	Clarence City Council	130,000
NHT	NO	Promotion & Implementation of Water Sensitive Development	Derwent Estuary Program	186,100
NHT	YES	Setting Vegetation Condition Benchmarks for NRM - South	Southern NRM Association	33,000
NHT	YES	Soil Condition Evaluation & Monitoring	Cradle Coast NRM Committee	31,000
NLP	NO	Best Management & Design Guidelines for Wastewater Irrigation	Clarence City Council	157,200
NLP	NAP	Demonstration of Salinity Management Techniques for Tasmanian Farmers	Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association	130,100
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,600,510</b>

### Round 2 Interim GAP Priority Projects

Second round of projects funded pre-Regional Investment Proposal from 2003/04 NHT & NAP allocation.

PROGRAM	Cross Region	PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	FUNDS APPROVED \$
NHT	No	Priority Protection Measures for Nationally Threatened Species in the Southern NRM Region	Threatened Species Unit, DPIWE	212,500
NHT	Yes	Maintaining Community Momentum	Tasmanian Landcare Association Inc	16,075
NHT	No	Mapping of Estuarine and Marine Habitats in the Southern NRM Region	University of Tasmania	110,550

PROGRAM	Cross Region	PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	FUNDS APPROVED \$
NHT	No	Environmental Flow Regimes for Estuarine Health and Productivity	University of Tasmania	94,127
NHT	No	Biological Status of the Derwent and Huon Estuaries	University of Tasmania	118,200
NHT	Yes	Growing Plants and Communities Together	Understorey Network	56,635
NHT	Yes	A Decision Support System for Combating Tree Decline	University of Tasmania	193,500
NHT	No	Development of a Southern Tasmanian Weed Management Strategy	Tasmanian Land and Water Professionals Pty Ltd	47,700
NAP	Yes	Understanding Groundwater Flow Systems and Processes causing salinity in Southern Tasmania	Southern Midlands Council	160,700
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,009,987</b>

### NHT Regional Competitive Projects

The NHT Regional Competitive Component is intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources.

PROJECT TITLE	LEAD REGION	FUNDS 04/05 \$	FUNDS 05/06 \$	FUNDS 06/07 \$	FUNDS 07/08 \$
Incentives for Improved Management of Priority Natural Habitat in the Tasmanian Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot	NRM South	200,000	310,000	420,000	0
Management of Aboriginal coastal lands	NRM North	202,973	330,337	141,432	0
Implementing Critical Cross-regional National Threatened Species Recovery Plans	NRM South	0	300,000	350,000	350,000
Condition of rocky reef communities, a key marine habitat around Tasmania	NRM Cradle Coast	0	237,000	53,000	0
Rice grass eradication from targeted areas in Tasmania	NRM Cradle Coast	0	55,000	35,000	25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>402,973</b>	<b>1,232,337</b>	<b>999,432</b>	<b>375,000</b>

### National Wetlands Program Projects

The National Wetlands Program supports the conservation, repair and wise use of wetlands across Australia.

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS \$ 04/05	FUNDS \$ 05/06
Update of a Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia (Tasmanian Wetlands)	20,000	50,000
Ecological Character Descriptions for three Ramsar Wetlands in Tasmania	30,000	30,000

## National Landcare Program Community Support Component

NLP Community Support Component projects are designed to boost the profitability, competitiveness and sustainability of Australia's primary industries. 2004/05 funded projects:

PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	FUNDS \$ 04/05
Implementing Landcare in Tasman	Tasman Landcare Group	68,417
Implementing Sustainable Productivity on a Unique Aboriginal Farming Enterprise	Murrayfield Management Committee & Greening Australia (Tasmania)	75,000
Demonstration of Practical, Cost-effective Means to Improve Agricultural Production and Sustainability of Sodic Soils	Coal River Products Association	14,200
Restoring the Balance: Landscape Solutions for productivity and sustainability in the Derwent Catchment	Greening Australia (Tasmania)	85,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	242,617

## Australian Government Envirofund

Envirofund is the local action component of the Natural Heritage Trust. There were two rounds of funding in 2004/05. In total there were 32 successful applications from the Southern Region worth some \$647,500:

### Round 5 (first call for 2004/05)

PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	TRUST FUNDING	MATCHING CONTRIBUTION
Protection and Preservation of Aboriginal Artefact Site, Great Bay, Bruny Island	South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation	13,412	26,675
Expanding and Protecting the Huon River Riparian Corridor	Trustees for the Lanibel Family Trust & the Pearce Family Trust	13,757	19,660
Water Sensitive Urban Design – Education, Training and a Demonstration Site	The Master Plumbers Association of Tasmania	24,683	29,537
Rehabilitating the Apsley River – Fencing, Weed Control and Flow Restoration	BM Gamble & SM Gamble	11,167	12,444
Fencing a Tributary of Orielson Lagoon which is a Ramsar Site	ET Cowle & WJ Stevens	3,073	4,550
Rehabilitate Threatened Eucalyptus risdonii and Revegetate Endangered Habitat – Mornington	Mornington Park Waste Transfer Station Pty Ltd	17,625	28,954
Techniques for Dune Immobilisation using Native Vegetation, Dolphin Sands, Tasmania	JM Fearn	2,347	2,377
Coastal Rehabilitation, Access Management and Community Development in Southern Tasmania	Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania Inc	22,487	27,962
Risdon Cove Aboriginal land Community Garden	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc	9,107	13,800
Greater Hobart Site Stewardship and Skills Development Project	Clarence Land and Coast Care Network Inc.	27,000	35,800
Enhancing Coastal Biodiversity and Protecting Aboriginal Heritage Sites, Cornelian Bay	Cornelian Bay Bushcare Group	29,700	47,850
Derwent Community Wetlands Project	Tasmanian Conservation Trust Inc	22,418	32,456
Midden Protection and Rehabilitation of Taroon's High Priority Coastal Vegetation	Taroon Environment Network	26,973	49,836
Riparian Rehabilitation of the Coal River at Campania,	Rural Development Services Pty Ltd	15,977	19,240

PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	TRUST FUNDING	MATCHING CONTRIBUTION
Tasmania			
Revegetating Saline Sites and Linking Remnants in a Biodiversity Hotspot	DG Cowle, DL Cowle, GD Cowle, AM Ritchie	17,173	20,202
Rehabilitation of Habitat for Threatened Fauna in Salvator Rosa Glen	The Friends of Knocklofty Bushcare Group	26,473	63,280
Rehabilitation and Protection of Threatened Ecological Communities in Ridgeway Reserve	Ridgeway Bushcare Group	24,531	42,600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	307,903	477,223

**Round 6 (second call for 2004/05)**

PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	TRUST FUNDING	MATCHING CONTRIBUTION
Protection of the Endangered Miena Cider Gum	Bothwell Landcare Group	26,318	45,880
Community Action for Derwent Penguins	Derwent Estuary Program	43,477	58,950
Protection of Pilchers Hill's Grassy Woodlands	Flagstaff Gully Landcare Group	13,273	14,775
Community Protection and Rehabilitation of the Adventure Bay Foreshore area	Friends of Adventure Bay Inc	10,306	23,630
Reading the Wetland – Protecting the Values of Port Cygnet Through Monitoring and Story Telling	Friends of Port Cygnet	19,182	27,500
Rehabilitation of High Priority Riparian Vegetation, Lower Cartwright Catchment Tasmania	Friends of Truganini Bushcare Group	25,868	33,680
Restoration of Native Eucalypt Forest at Lenah Valley – Tasmania	Karuna Intentional Community Association Incorporated	19,273	24,300
Implementing Threatened Species Habitat and Priority Plant Community Projects in Kingborough	Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group	35,136	254,250
Strategic Revegetation in the Southern Midlands	Midlands Tree Committee Inc	40,782	42,910
Protection of Threatened Shorebird habitat at Mortimer Bay	Mortimer Bay Coastcare Group Inc	9,150	7,363
Integrating Ongoing Action and Water Quality Monitoring: Port Cygnet Catchment	Port Cygnet Landcare Junior Landcare and Port Cygnet Watercare Groups	19,589	36,770
Restoration of Coastal Habitat at Shelly Beach	Shelly Beach Coastcare Group	9,345	13,485
Providing a Tool for Revegetation Work with the Understorey Network Plant Propagation Database	Understorey Network	7,682	8,650
Bushland Rehabilitation to Protect Threatened Species in Wellington Park	Wellington Park Bushcare Group	41,409	43,080
Protection of High Priority Bush and Revegetation in the Midlands, Tasmania	LR Young	18,818	23,630
	<b>TOTAL</b>	339,608	658,853



**Appendix H:**

# **NRM South FINANCIAL REPORT**

# Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.

## **Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2005**

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# Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc. Overview

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.  
Principal Address - 13 St Johns Ave. New Town  
Principal Activity - To provide governance and organisational framework  
for implementation of the Natural Resource Management Act 2002 in  
Southern Tasmania  
Other Activities - Establishment and ongoing operation of the regional  
committee  
Number of full time Employees - 3  
Non Reporting Entity  
Name of Auditor - Macquarie Accounting Pty Ltd

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ollie Hedberg (President)  
Christine Mucha (Treasurer)  
Andy Baird  
Andrew Downie, Hans Drielsma  
Tony Ferrier, Roger Howlett  
Helen Locher, Helen Pryor  
Maria Weeding, Anne Duncan  
Colin Hughes, Alice Johnson  
John Whittington, Christine Crawford

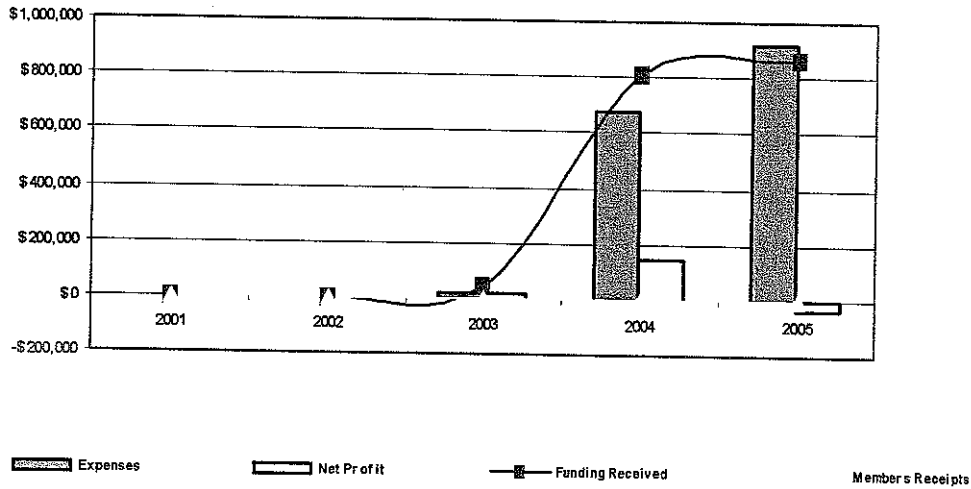
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Operating Loss	(37,732)	145,326
Professional Income	869,315	811,028
Cash at Bank	317,718	304,971
Trade Debtors	2,401	101,860
Current Assets	324,368	411,463
Non Current Assets	20,648	27,952
Trade Creditors	6,308	51,516
Current Liabilities	206,308	253,376
Non Current Liabilities	10,700	20,300

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# Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc. Overview

## 5 Year Summary



*Note: This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and the Accountant's Disclaimer*

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**

**Balance Sheet**

**As at 30 June 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Profits	128,008	165,739
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>128,008</u>	<u>165,739</u>
Represented By:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	250	250
Cash at Bank	17,718	304,971
Deposit - Tascorp Public Finance Corporation	300,000	-
Trade Debtors	2,401	101,860
Accrued Income	-	(173)
Prepayments	3,456	2,056
Provision for GST	543	2,499
	<u>324,368</u>	<u>411,463</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Motor Vehicles	25,118	25,118
Less Accumulated Depreciation	10,000	5,000
	<u>15,118</u>	<u>20,118</u>
Office Furniture & Equipment	8,176	8,176
Less Accumulated Depreciation	2,646	342
	<u>5,530</u>	<u>7,834</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>20,648</u>	<u>27,952</u>
	<u>345,016</u>	<u>439,415</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade Creditors	6,308	51,516
Income in Advance	200,000	201,860
	<u>206,308</u>	<u>253,376</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Advance	10,700	20,300
	<u>10,700</u>	<u>20,300</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>217,008</u>	<u>273,676</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>128,008</u>	<u>165,739</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**  
**Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Funding Received	868,897	810,973
Members Receipts	418	55
Interest Received	15,050	8,037
	<u>884,365</u>	<u>819,065</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accountancy Fees	2,490	-
Administration Costs	-	2,344
Advertising	2,486	-
Bank Charges	163	159
Consultancy Fees	158,100	78,559
Contract Employment	12,079	-
Depreciation	7,304	5,342
Hosting Agreements	456,281	303,000
Insurance	3,265	1,932
Internet Expenses	13,145	-
Legal Costs	2,667	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,412	3,569
Postage	411	2,263
Printing & Stationery	14,907	31,848
Staff Employment Costs	-	652
Subscriptions	-	1,455
Superannuation Contributions	18,486	13,978
Telephone	3,600	45
Travelling Expenses	2,160	5,213
Wages	199,448	181,960
Working Group Expenses	21,693	41,420
	<u>922,097</u>	<u>673,739</u>
<b>OPERATING LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<u>(37,732)</u>	<u>145,326</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
 These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**  
**Statement of Appropriations**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<b>Retained Profits - Beginning of Year</b>	165,740	20,413
Loss from ordinary activities before income tax	(37,732)	145,326
Income tax relating to ordinary activities	-	-
	<u>128,008</u>	<u>165,739</u>
<b>Unappropriated Profit at 30th June 2005</b>	<u><u>128,008</u></u>	<u><u>165,739</u></u>

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**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30th June 2005**

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**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report has been prepared for use by the members of the association and is a special purpose financial report . It has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of (Tasmania). The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards;

AAS 5 Materiality

AAS 8 Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. The report is also prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and except where stated does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report for Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc. ;

**(a) Property, plant and equipment**

Plant and Equipment, property are carried at cost, independent or committee's valuation.

Excluding freehold land, all assets are depreciated over their useful lives to Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc..



**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30th June 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<b>2. CASH</b>		
Cash on Hand	250	250
Cash at Bank	17,718	304,971
Deposit - Tascorp Public Finance Corporation	<u>300,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>317,968</u></u>	<u><u>305,221</u></u>
<b>3. RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Debtors	<u>2,401</u>	<u>101,860</u>
	2,401	101,860
<b>4. CURRENT TAX ASSETS</b>		
Provision for GST	<u>543</u>	<u>2,499</u>
	<u><u>543</u></u>	<u><u>2,499</u></u>
<b>5. OTHER</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accrued Income	-	(173)
Prepayments	<u>3,456</u>	<u>2,056</u>
	<u><u>3,456</u></u>	<u><u>1,883</u></u>
<b>6. PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Motor Vehicles	25,118	25,118
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	15,118	20,118
Office Furniture & Equipment	8,176	8,176
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,646</u>	<u>342</u>
	5,530	7,834
Total Plant & Equipment	<u><u>20,648</u></u>	<u><u>27,952</u></u>

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**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30th June 2005**

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<b>7. PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	<u>6,308</u>	<u>51,516</u>
	<u>6,308</u>	<u>51,516</u>
<b>8. INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Advance	<u>10,700</u>	<u>20,300</u>
	<u>10,700</u>	<u>20,300</u>
<b>9. OTHER</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Income in Advance	<u>200,000</u>	<u>201,860</u>
	<u>200,000</u>	<u>201,860</u>
<b>10. RETAINED PROFITS</b>		
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	165,740	20,413
<b>Add</b>		
Net profit attributable to members of the association	-	145,326
<b>Less</b>		
Net loss attributable to members of the association	37,732	-
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u>128,008</u>	<u>165,739</u>

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**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc.  
Statement by Members of the Committee**

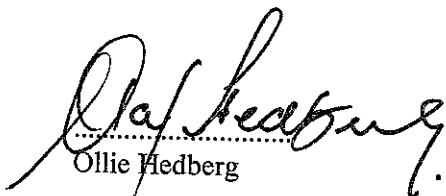
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The committee members have determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The committee members have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements and notes of the company as at 30th June 2005

- a) present a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30th June 2005 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 of the financial statements.
- b) comply with the Australian Standards as detailed in Note 1 of the financial statements.
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to meet its debts as and when they become payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee.

  
Ollie Hedberg

  
Christine Mucha

Dated

19/9/2005

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION INC.  
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
SOUTHERN REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION INC.**

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**Scope**

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2005. The association's committee are responsible for the financial report and the committee have determined that the accounting policies described at Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of members and also the Associations Incorporation Act, Tasmania. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association. No Opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used within Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared to distribute to members of the association so as to fulfill the reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act, Tasmania. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates, examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies as described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows. The accounting policies within Note 1 do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Inc. as at 30th June 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

John Langford  
Macquarie Accounting Pty Ltd



Dated this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *September* 2005

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