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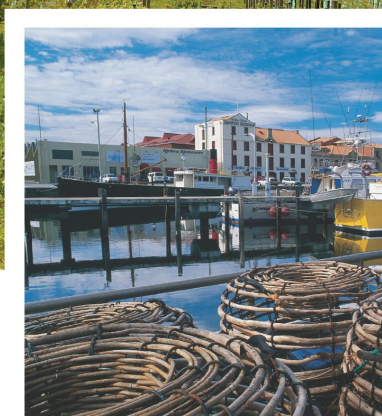
A large landscape photograph showing a vineyard in the foreground, a body of water in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a cloudy sky.

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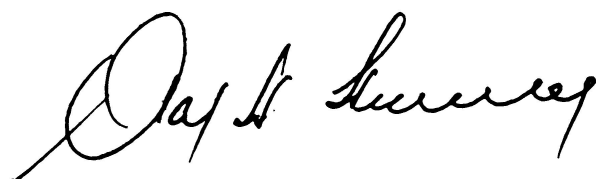
I have great pleasure in submitting the second Annual Report for NRM South, the Southern Natural Resource Management Regional Committee, for the 2003-04 Financial Year to members of the Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Incorporated, the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council and the Minister for Environment and Planning, the Hon Judy Jackson MHA.

This report applies to the whole financial year.

I am pleased to report that the Committee has met the first major milestone required of us: completion of a draft strategy for natural resource management for Southern Tasmania. This draft was released formally on Monday 21 June 2004, for a consultation period of six weeks, as required under the Bilateral Arrangements between the Australian and Tasmanian Governments.

2003-04 has been extraordinarily demanding for committee members and staff. I thank them all for their contribution, their time and their commitment, for their insights, for their fellowship and for the excellent spirit of collaboration which has continued in our work.

I look forward to working with you all to finalise and implement the natural resource management strategy for Southern Tasmania.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olaf Hedberg', written in a cursive style.

Olaf Hedberg
Chair

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2003-04

Consultation Draft Strategy - released formally on Monday, 21 June 2004.

- The Draft Strategy has been developed to provide a blueprint for effective, integrated natural resource management in Tasmania's Southern Region.

Community Engagement – More than 700 stakeholders, including specialists, interest groups, government representatives and members of the public were consulted in the preparation of the Draft Strategy.

- The community have shown a high level of interest, and the quality of responses received on the Draft Strategy gives confidence that the Strategy will generate the participation and ownership it needs for the adoption of ecologically sustainable practices across the Southern regional community.

Financial and Technical Support

- Dr David Kemp, Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Heritage, and the Hon Steve Kons, Tasmanian Minister for Primary Industries and Water announced approval for a range of NRM 'Priority Projects' investments in the Southern Region. Funding for twenty projects to the value of \$2,610,497 was approved during the financial year.

2003-04 has continued as a 'transitional period' for Tasmania between the first round of the Natural Heritage Trust and the accreditation of regional plans in Tasmania. Accreditation of a Southern regional strategy and completion of Regional Investment Proposal for the Southern Region and the Tasmanian NAP Region will allow the Southern Region full access to national and State funding programs. These include the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP), Natural Heritage Trust Extension (NHT2) and the National Landcare Program (NLP). The Strategy and the Regional Investment Proposal will form the basis for partnerships with all interested organisations and allow targeted work addressing the regional NRM priorities to begin.

2003-04 was dedicated to preparation of the Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania, which was released formally on Monday, 21 June 2004. Attachment D provides a summary of NRM South Working Group operations during 2003-04.

Progress with implementing the general functions and powers of regional committees as per the Tasmanian *Natural Resource Management Act 2002*

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

NRM South has identified preliminary priorities as part of development of the Draft Southern NRM strategy, including prioritisation of 'threatening processes' and management challenges which face all our natural resources, and prioritisation of possible management actions. NRM South accepted as its starting point the NRM priorities identified in the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework*. A series of intensive workshops with stakeholders and the public from November 2003 to February 2004 informed the identification of priorities in the Draft Strategy. NRM South will undertake further work on priorities in the light of feedback on the Draft Strategy through the consultation process between June and August 2004.

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

NRM South has made substantial progress against this statutory function during 2003-04, including:

- participated through the Coordinator, the Strategic Regional Facilitator and the Chair, in mechanisms to maximise cross-regional collaboration and consistency in the three Tasmanian regional Strategies
- finalised a methodology to develop the strategy, with on-going review and update to accommodate the specific requirements of each step
- developed and implemented a communications and community engagement framework to support development of the Southern Strategy – see below
- workshopped the Vision and Goals at a stakeholder forum in July 2003
- reviewed 19 technical papers prepared for NRM South by DPIWE in consultation with other key stakeholders
- released 11 discussion papers in November- December 2003, with a standard introductory paper
- ran a series of sectoral consultations between July 2003 and June 2004, including:
 - industry, including a survey
 - members of the Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council and the Forestry and Forest Industry Council
 - two workshops with the conservation sector
 - three 'innovative farmers' workshops', in Kempton, Sorell and Huonville
 - Parks and Wildlife and World Heritage Area planners
 - Local government
 - The education and training sector
 - Youth
 - The Aboriginal community
- Provided information and briefings to:
 - State and federal politicians and

- Heads of relevant State Government agencies and public land managers
- ran a series of targeted consultations with experts and key stakeholders on each of the Discussion Papers. Attended by approximately 250 people, these provided important feedback on issues and options raised in the Discussion Papers.
- conducted 19 public forums at local community level to identify issues, priorities and possible solutions. Some 250 people attended these, in 16 sub-regional or rural centres and three metropolitan locations in Hobart.
- Submitted a preliminary draft strategy through the NRM Council to the Minister on 1 March 2004 to meet the legislative requirement to submit a draft strategy within 12 months of commencement of the NRM Act 2002.
- Reviewed the results of the consultations
- ran a series of workshops with Committee members to set key directions for the Draft Strategy, particularly Aspirational Targets, Resource Condition Targets and Management Actions
- held a number of meetings with technical specialists to develop Resource Condition Targets
- released the *Draft Natural Resource Management Strategy for Southern Tasmania* on Monday 21 June 2004 for a six-week consultation period

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

The priority for 2003-04 was to develop the draft Southern regional strategy and regional investment proposals for the Southern region and the Tasmanian National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) priority region which is shared jointly between the Southern and Northern regions. With substantially longer time required to finalise the Strategy than originally anticipated, NRM South did not get to the point of strategy implementation during 2003-04. However, it has put in place the process to allow NRM South to develop the first Southern regional investment proposal (RIP) for the Southern Region. NRM South advertised for expressions of interest to conduct a consultancy to develop the RIP.

NRM South has been advised by the Australian Government that it is not necessary to develop a separate regional investment proposal for the NAP Priority Region. However, NRM South will collaborate with NRM North on investment priorities for the Tasmanian NAP region, with eligible activities in the respective regional strategies to be funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments from the NAP.

Priority Projects contracted during 2003-04 are all 'no regrets' projects which will contribute to implementation of the Southern Strategy – see (f) and (g).

(d) *promote the natural resource management principles*

NRM South is committed to the NRM Principles as specified in the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework* and notes they are consistent with the nationally agreed criteria for accreditation for regional NRM strategies. NRM South has therefore factored these Principles into the strategy development process.

During 2003-04, NRM South implemented a number of activities which directly or indirectly promoted the NRM principles:

- a stakeholder forum in July 2003 which scoped the Vision and the goals for the Strategy
 - Through the Discussion Papers and Draft Strategy, summarised the principles and examined their implications in the Southern context.
 - Participated in an NRM stand at AGFEST 6 – 8 May with the other Tasmanian regions arranged through the statewide Joint Communications Working Group.
 - Participated in an NRM stand at the annual conference of the Local Government Association of Tasmania held 19 – 21 May. The promotion included a competition with prizes and was very well received.
- (e) *facilitate the integration of natural resource management and planning activities for the region*

The need for improved links between NRM planning and statutory planning through the Resource Management and Planning System was identified as a priority in the Draft Strategy. The Draft Strategy also identified poor planning as the most significant 'management challenge' facing natural resource management in the Southern region. Similarly, the Draft Strategy recommends implementation of existing agreed plans where these are consistent with NRM's priorities for NRM in the Southern region.

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

Implementation of this Function requires completion of the regional strategy. However, it is also relevant for the 'interim regional arrangements' put in place pending finalisation of a Southern Regional Investment Proposal for the Southern Region including the Tasmanian NAP Priority Region.

Interim regional arrangements were put in place in 2003 – 04 to enable regions to apply for regional funding under the NHT2, NAP and NLP programs, prior to the accreditation of regional strategies. The purpose of the interim funding arrangements was to allow regions to continue to address pressing time-critical natural resource management issues through large-scale actions during the gap between the end of NHT1 and the start of implementing the new strategies, as well as to provide capacity building and technical support for strategy development such as setting Resource Condition Targets. Proposals had to be consistent with priorities likely to be identified in the accredited Regional Strategy.

First Round Priority Projects

Under these interim funding arrangements the Australian Government made a first round public call for 'Priority Project' proposals with a closing date of 1 October 2003. Applications were subject to a stringent region based assessment process involving a Technical Assessment Panel, review by the NRM South Programs Working Group, approval by the NRM South Committee and the State Assessment Panel before being referred to the Tasmanian Government and Australian Government Joint Steering Committee (JSC). If an application passed those hurdles it went to the appropriate Australian and Tasmanian Government Ministers for final approval.

Six NHT, two NLP and three NAP projects were approved in this round with \$1.6M funding. A full list of projects is at [Attachment G](#).

Second Round 'GAP' Priority Projects

Subsequent to this a number of the unsuccessful project proposals were referred back to NRM South for further development and consideration. NRM South also conducted a 'Gap analysis' where it identified a number of 'no regrets' proposals that could be initiated prior to the Strategy implementation. The NRM South Programs Working Group developed a second round package of projects based on the identification of 'gaps' in addressing resource condition targets, follow up with the proponents of unsuccessful projects in the first funding round, Technical Assessment Panel and JSC advice, investment advice from the Australian Government NRM team and negotiations with the other Tasmanian regions regarding statewide projects. This became known as the 'GAP' Priority Project round. Proposals had to meet the same stringent assessment process as in round 1.

Eight NHT and one NAP projects were approved in this round with funding of \$1.01M. The list of projects is at [Attachment G](#).

NHT Regional Competitive Component

Two rounds of the NHT Regional Competitive Component were held in 2003-04. This funding component supports higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources. They must be collaboratively developed and submitted through regional bodies.

In the first round NRM South worked with NRM North, the Southern Midlands Council and DPIWE to develop a proposal to address biodiversity issues in the Midlands' Biodiversity Hotspot, but was unsuccessful.

In the second round the 'Hotspots' project was developed further and the proposal *Incentives for improved management of priority natural habitat in the Tasmanian Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot* was submitted in April 2004. It has been announced that the proposal will receive funding of \$930,000 over three years. NRM South is the lead region with support from NRM North. The project has received endorsement from the Southern and Northern Midlands Councils, the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association and the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment. Development of the project was a collaborative effort with lead roles taken by DPIWE staff and the Australian Government's Tasmanian Bushcare Facilitator. It will commence in late 2004.

NRM South is also a supporting region for a proposal led by NRM North titled *Sustainable Management of Aboriginal Coastal Lands in Tasmania* funded under the second round.

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

NRM South conducted a number of activities that assisted in coordinating and delivering national and State NRM programs to the region in 2003-04:

As detailed in (f) above NRM South managed the promotion, development and assessment of Priority Project and GAP proposals for the NHT2, NAP and NLP programs and participated in the development of Regional Competitive Component proposals for NHT2.

The first Envirofund round for 2003-04 closed on 4 July 2003. NRM South did not have on the ground operational capability at that stage so was not involved in assisting development of applications. However, when the second round was launched in November 2003 the Local Facilitator network was in a position to effectively assist with project development. The second round closed on 30 January 2004 and Local Facilitators had assisted a large proportion of proposals with planning advice, provision of and referral to appropriate technical advice, preparing applications and helping to arrange community contributions.

Round One Envirofund for 2004-05 opened on 7 May 2004 and closed on 9 July. Local Facilitators spent much of May and June 2004 assisting with the preparation of applications. The majority of applications submitted received assistance from a Local Facilitator.

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

NRM South participated in the development of a Tasmanian Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy in partnership with the Northern and North Western regions, and Australian and State government officials, during 2003-04. This statewide Strategy has informed the directions for monitoring and evaluation outlined in the Draft Strategy. An important part of the regional Strategy will be completion of targets, particularly those for Resource Condition. Draft Aspirational Targets (50-year time horizon), Resource Condition Targets (10-20 years) and Management Action Targets (1-5 years) form an important part of the Draft Strategy and are expected to guide finalisation and prioritisation of Management Actions.

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

NRM South ran a Futures Think Tank on 6 November 2003 as a community education forum. The purpose of the Think Tank was to provoke thought among committee members and members of the public about some of the critical issues to be addressed through the Strategy, particularly some of the broader social, economic, environmental and legal issues. Speakers included a number of academics from the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute, the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research and two important stakeholder groups: the Aboriginal community and local government.

The education and training sector was an important stakeholder group consulted in February 2004. Community education and training in NRM and other forms of community support are expected to be high priorities in the Southern strategy. The network of facilitators has had a key role in education and training through its work with the regional community and this is expected to continue.

Communications and Community Engagement

Communications and community engagement have been high priorities for NRM South because of the importance of community input into development of the strategy. NRM South has:

- Released seven issues of NRM South's newsletter, Southern Networker, to keep stakeholders and the community informed of developments with the Strategy, including opportunities to attend workshops and briefings or provide feedback

- Prepared a pamphlet distributed to every household in Southern Tasmania in December 2003 which raised awareness of natural resource management and the availability of the Discussion Papers
- Maintained the NRM South website (www.nrmtas.com.au and click on the Southern region)
- Established contact with every major stakeholder group and invited their active participation. This has ranged from workshops with specific sectoral groups, multi-sector workshops and a range of public forums in urban and rural parts of the region, to discussions between the Chair and Coordinator and senior representatives of organisations and agencies.
- Considered the views of well over 700 people who have participated in workshops in December 2003 and February 2004 or written a submission. These views were recorded on a database, enabling NRM South members and staff ready access to the full range of stakeholder and community views in reparing the Draft Strategy
- Developed a program of communications and awareness-raising through media releases, posters, public information sessions and sectoral briefings to accompany release of the draft Strategy
- Commenced a series of public information sessions on the Draft Strategy
- Created a stakeholder database
- Released some 500 copies of the full Draft Strategy, some 3000 copies of the executive summary (5,000 printed) and at least 450 copies of the Draft on CD Rom and lodged it on the Website
- Prepared a general feedback form as well as a specific feedback form on the Draft Strategy's proposed Targets.

See also relevant items raised under (b).

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

The background to NRM South is at Attachment A while Attachment 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 2003-04 included:

- First Annual General Meeting (25 September 2003)
- A Special General Meeting of the Southern Regional NRM Association on 6 May 2004 for a briefing on progress and next steps for development of the Southern NRM Strategy
- Issued Association membership renewal forms.

Members of the Association as at 30 June 2004 are listed at Appendix E.

Committee operations

NRM South has met at least monthly during 2003-04, with a number of Special Meetings required from time to time to allow it to address specific matters which could not wait for a scheduled meeting. NRM South's working groups have also been active. The Management Team has met monthly, a Strategy Development Working Group and a Communications and Community Engagement Working Group have met on an as needs basis in line with peak activity. NRM South also established Issues Working Groups to provide strategic leadership to each of the core areas to be addressed in the Southern NRM Strategy. A schedule of NRM South Committee meeting dates for 2003-04 is at Attachment E, along with membership of the various working groups.

NRM South also participated in a **cross**-regional forum with representatives of the State and Australian Governments in February 2004 in Launceston to finalise guidelines for the Regional Investment Proposal

Committee membership

The appointment of John Dickson to represent the Aboriginal Community and Helen Locher to represent public land managers was approved at the AGM on 25 September 2003.

See Attachment C for details of all members.

Staff and NRM South Office

Vanessa Elwell-Gavins has completed 14 months as Coordinator for NRM South. She is responsible for overall management of the NRM South office and committee operations, as well as coordination of the strategy development process on behalf of NRM South.

In July 2003, NRM South appointed Sonja Van Hoof as part-time Office Manager. Sonja became full-time in March 2004 for the remainder of the financial year, to accommodate workload pressures. Her core functions have included office support, logistics and budget management.

Don Thompson was appointed full-time 'Strategic Regional Facilitator' in August 2003. He has been responsible for coordinating the team of local facilitators and management of the Priority Project process and communications for NRM South.

NRM South's office is on Level 6, Marine Board Building, 1 Franklin Wharf, Hobart.

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, some administrative services and support for financial management.

Office and systems establishment

Administrative priorities in 2003-04 included:

- Review of financial management protocols
- Further development and refinement of financial and project management systems
- Recruitment of staff
- Further development of office systems
- Development and on-going updating of stakeholder contact lists

The network of facilitators

NRM South appointed a team of five full-time Local Facilitators on 12-month contracts with the first commencing in September 2003. These people have provided vital support for community engagement in the development of the Southern NRM Strategy. 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. The arrangements have been as follows:

Facilitator	Host	Responsibility
John Harkin	Greening Australia	Urban areas of Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart
Sandy Leighton	Tasmanian Landcare Association	Regionwide: 'care' network, farming community & Aboriginal community
Liz Quinn	Derwent Catchment NRM Committee	Brighton, Central Highlands, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands
Ursula Taylor	Clarence City Council	Rural Clarence, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Sorell, Tasman
Dean Vincent	Huon Valley Council	Huon Valley and Kingborough

Funding for operations

During 2003-04, NRM South's operations were funded by Foundation Funding grants allocated under the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) and the Natural Heritage Trust Extension (NHT2).

The Local Facilitator network was funded by an additional NHT2 grant as part of the transitional arrangements leading up to accreditation of the Regional Strategy.

The Strategic Regional Facilitator's position was funded separately by the Australian Government, with a one-off supplement of \$10,000 provided for operations by the Tasmanian Government through DPIWE.

Financial Statements for 2003-04 are at Attachment G.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

In 2004-05, the key tasks for NRM South will be to:

- finalise the Southern NRM Regional Strategy and get it successfully accredited
- develop a regional investment proposal for the Southern Region
- secure resources to implement the Strategy
- build partnerships with interested organisations and agencies able to assist with implementation of the Southern regional strategy.
- collaborate with NRM North on priorities for investment in Tasmania's NAP Priority Region
- facilitate implementation of the strategy
- put in place a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Strategy
- monitor implementation of the Priority Projects commissioned
- ensure ongoing implementation by NRM South of all its statutory responsibilities
- recruitment of new members of NRM South to replace the half of the members retiring in early 2005.

ATTACHMENT 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 [Attachment B](#)).

The Southern Regional NRM Association and the Southern NRM Regional Committee (NRM South)

NRM South was established to develop and implement a regional natural resource management (NRM) 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, that 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).



Functions

NRM South's functions are defined in the Tasmanian *Natural Resource Management Act 2002* (see [Attachment 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 founding members of the Southern Regional Committee as agreed by stakeholders and Association members in January 2003 were: Ollie Hedberg (Chair), Andy Baird, Mark Bryce, Christine Coughanowr, Andrew Downie, Hans Drielsma, Tony Ferrier, Roger Howlett, Andrew Livingston, Christine Mucha, Helen Pryor, Alex Schaap, Isobel Stanley, Faye Tatnell and Maria Weeding.

Two of the founding members, Andrew Livingston and Faye Tatnell, resigned in 2002-03. They found their circumstances made it hard for them to give NRM South the time the statutory responsibilities justified.

The Selection Panel established by the Southern Regional NRM Association was reconvened to fill these two casual vacancies and two new members were approved for appointment at the Annual General Meeting on 25 September 2003.

A brief profile of NRM South members as at 30 June 2004 is at [Attachment C](#).

ATTACHMENT 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* proposes a more integrated administrative basis for the future sustainable management and protection of Tasmania's natural resources. The *Framework* establishes 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 (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.

ATTACHMENT C

PROFILE OF NRM SOUTH MEMBERS AS AT JUNE 30, 2004

Name / Term	Background
Andy Baird, 4-year term	Strong background in community group facilitation & extension for range of 'care' groups Expertise in regional flora and fauna including management issues & options Member of interim Southern Technical Reference Group (2002), which commissioned Southern Regional NRM Situation Paper Strong personal community involvement through Port Cygnet Land & Watercare Group, Nicholls Rivulet Bushcare Group, Wilderness Society, Tasmanian Environment Centre, Tasmanian Conservation Trust Environmental Consultant, former Interpretation Ranger Coordinator for PWS, Bushcare Facilitator for 5 years with Greening Australia, Environmental Educator/trainer
Mark Bryce 2-year term	District Manager, Parks & Wildlife Service Southern Region (since 1995) PWS employee since 1982, including ranger, planning, management, development of Land Use Planning & Zoning System, implementation of legislation, project steering committees etc Bachelor of Applied Science, Parks & Recreation (Charles Sturt Uni, 1993) Experienced with planning, management & implementation of broad suite of NRM issues
Christine Coughanow r 2-year term	Strong experience working with 3 tiers of government, industry, community & research stakeholders Over 10 years experience in NRM in Southern Tasmania, particularly water quality & habitat in Derwent estuary, river and catchment Manager, Derwent Estuary Program Substantial international consulting experience (UNESCO, USA and France)
John Dickson From 25 Sept 2003	Coordinator of Palawa Aboriginal Corporation Considerable expertise in NRM and cultural heritage matters Has served on Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council and World Heritage Area Advisory Committee Worked as Cultural Officer for Land Environment Action Program for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Former Acting Manager Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council for 2 years
Andrew Downie 4-year term	Farmer with strong links with TFGA – past president TFGA Wool Council, Senior Vice-President TFGA; Treasurer Wool Council of Australia 25 years experience revegetating, fencing remnant vegetation & riverbanks, weeding etc on own property Steering Group member Derwent Catchment NRM Plan Strong community involvement Part of working parties which developed Tas Threatened Species legislation, Lake Sorell Catchment Plan Recently elected to Central Highlands Council

Name / Term	Background
Dr Hans Drielsma 2-year term	General Manager, Forest Management, Forestry Tasmania since 1997 Managing Director State Forests of NSW (1993-97) Commissioner, Forestry Commission of NSW (1990-93) with prior experience back to 1973 in operational, planning & managerial positions Extensive experience Standing Committee Forestry and supporting Ministerial Council on Forestry, Fisheries & Aquaculture Fellow/Director of various professional associations & organisations including Australian Institute of Company Directors, Institute of Foresters of Australia, CRC for Sustainable Production Forestry, Tasmanian Forest & Forestry Industry Council, Tas Timber Promotion Board, Tas Forest Practices Advisory Council, Chair, Australian Forestry Standard
Tony Ferrier 4-year term	Manager Environment and Development Services, Huon Valley Council, since 1996 Qualifications in Natural Resources, Urban and Regional Planning and Surveying Member of Greening Australia (Tas) Board Managed Huon Healthy Rivers Project since 1996 Current broad knowledge of RMPS and relationship between NRM and statutory planning Previous broad NSW State agency experience across integrated catchment and public land management
Ollie Hedberg 4-year term	General Manager Information & Land Services Division, DPIWE, 1996-2002 Extensive experience in land information disciplines of Survey, Valuation, Land Titles & Geodata Studied Photogrammetry & Spatial Information at University of Tasmania Represented Tasmania on Australian & New Zealand Land Information Council & Public Sector Mapping Agencies (Australia) Farmer
Roger Howlett 2-year term	General manager, Clarence City Council since 1993 Employed by Clarence City Council since 1979 (municipal planner 6 years, Director Planning & Development (8 years)) 7 years in local government in UK & NSW Masters of Town & Country Planning, economics degree
Dr Helen Locher 2-year term	Senior Environmental Consultant, Hydro Tasmania Commissioner, Resource Planning and Development Commission Member, Inland Fisheries Advisory Council Specialist consultant (environmental strategy), Hydro Tasmania Academic background in earth sciences, environmental science and civil engineering Expertise includes NRM, environmental policy and planning, aquatic environmental management, fluvial geomorphology, environmental impact assessment, strategy development
Dr Christine Mucha 4-year term	CEO, Hobart Water, since 1997 Former General Manager, Animal Industries in DPIF (1993-96) Training in agricultural science, experience in biological control of diseases, pests, weeds

Name / Term	Background
	On Boards of Wellington Park Management Trust, Tas Environmental Pollution Control Board, Chamber of Commerce & Industry Community representative on NHT State Assessment Panel
Helen Pryor 4-year term	Extensive community involvement with Tasmanian Environment Centre, Tasmanian Conservation Trust, Coastal & Marine Network, New Town Rivulet Catchment Care Group, Huon Protection Group Extensive involvement with program management & public policy through National Estate Grants, National Landcare Program Assessment Committee, State Land & Water Management Council, Sustainable Development Advisory Council, NHT & Envirofund State Assessment Panel, management plans for offshore islands Bachelor of Education, currently studying environmental planning Project Officer with Parks & Wildlife Service
Alex Schaap 2-year term	General Manager, Resource Management & Conservation Division, DPIWE (since 2001) Former Director Marine Resources, DPIWE (5 years) Former teacher & fisheries scientist Director on TAFI Board
Ms Isobel Stanley 2-year term	Qualifications in microbiology Environmental Services Manager for Consulting Engineers Former Divisional Manager Safety Health & Environment, Australian Smelting & Manager Environment for Pasminco Hobart Smelter & Manager Operations Branch in DELM 1993 Chair of Inter-government & industry working group developing Hazardous Waste Strategy for Tasmania Represented ANZECC on Ecologically Sustainable Development Working Group on Fisheries & chaired ESD Sub-group on State of the Aquatic Environment Reporting, member of Task Force responsible for finding new operation for Mt Lyell Mine, member of Marine Farming Planning Review Panel & Tasmanian Heritage Council
Maria Weeding 4-year term	Farmer in Southern Midlands Landcare Program Manager for Southern Midlands Council Landcarer of the Year (2001) Midlands Tree Committee Secretary, Board of Greening Australia Tasmania State Biodiversity Committee (1999) which developed Tasmania's <i>Nature Conservation Strategy</i> Chair, Interim Southern Technical Reference Group (which managed contract for Southern Regional NRM Situation Paper) Driving force behind many farm, local and catchment vegetation & landcare projects & involvement in these issues by Southern Midlands Council, including Drought Landcare Project

ATTACHMENT D

SCHEDULE OF NRM SOUTH MEETINGS FOR 2003-04

NRM South meeting dates

The NRM South Committee met eleven times during the year and two special meetings:

- # 7 25 July 2003
- # 8 21 August 2003
- # 9 25 September 2003
- # 10 30 October 2003
- # 11 20 November 2003
- # 12 18 December 2003
- # 13 29 January 2004
- # 14 24 February 2004
- # 15 25 March 2004
- # 16 April 2004
- # 17 17 May 2004
- # 18 24 June 2004

Special Meetings 15 September and 13 April 2004

WORKING GROUPS

Management Team

Members

Ollie Hedberg (Chair), Christine Mucha (Deputy Chair), Isobel Stanley (Treasurer), Roger Howlett, Vanessa Elwell-Gavins (Secretary)

Strategy Development Working Group

Members

Andy Baird, Mark Bryce, Christine Coughanowr, Tony Ferrier, Ollie Hedberg, Roger Howlett, Helen Pryor, Isobel Stanley, Vanessa Elwell-Gavins

Communications and Community Engagement Working Group

Members

Andy Baird, Andrew Downie (till March 2004), Ollie Hedberg, Roger Howlett, Christine Mucha, Helen Pryor, Vanessa Elwell-Gavins, Don Thompson

Programs Working Group

Members

Andy Baird, Christine Coughanowr, Andrew Downie, Helen Pryor, Maria Weeding, Don Thompson

Joint NAP Working Group

Members

David Elliott *(Chair / NRM North)
Andy Baird, Andrew Downie, Maria Weeding (NRM South)
Christine Coughanowr, Helen Pryor (Proxies – NRM South)
Maureen Bennett, Mandy Carter, Debbie Searle (NRM North)
Greg Pinkard, Mike McHugo (DPIWE)

Joint Communications Working Group

Members

Chris Buza *(Chair / DPIWE)
Andy Baird, Don Thompson (NRM South)
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)

Targets Working Group

Hans Drielsma, Andy Baird, Mark Bryce, Christine Coughanowr, Tony Ferrier, Roger Howlett, Helen Pryor, Isobel Stanley, Ollie Hedberg, Alex Schaap, Vanessa Elwell-Gavins, John Harkin (facilitator)

Investment Working Group

Ollie Hedberg, Roger Howlett, Christine Mucha, Helen Pryor, Alex Schaap, Isobel Stanley, Maria Weeding

Issues Working Groups

Water resources

Christine Coughanowr, Hans Drielsma, Roger Howlett, Helen Locher, Christine Mucha

Land resources

Andrew Downie

Marine, Coastal & Estuarine Systems

Mark Bryce, Christine Coughanowr, Tony Ferrier, Roger Howlett, Helen Pryor

Flora and Fauna

Andy Baird, Hans Drielsma, Maria Weeding

Sustainable Communities and Economy

Andrew Downie, Hans Drielsma, Roger Howlett, Christine Mucha, Isobel Stanley, Helen Pryor

Cultural Landscapes

Andy Baird, Tony Ferrier

Integration

Andy Baird, Mark Bryce, Tony Ferrier, Ollie Hedberg, Roger Howlett, Christine Mucha, Helen Pryor

NRM South representative on Tasmanian NRM Council

Tony Ferrier

ATTACHMENT E

MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL NRM ASSOCIATION 2003-2004

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

ATTACHMENT F

INTERIM PRIORITY PROJECTS - Round 1 Priority Projects

PROGRAM	Cross Region	PROJECT TITLE	PROPONENT	FUNDS APPROVED \$
NAP	NAP	Productive Use & Rehabilitation of Salt Affected Land (Pursal)	Australian Forest Growers	153600
NAP	NAP	Understanding Groundwater Flow Systems & Processes Causing Salinity in the Northern Midlands	Northern Midlands Council	227400
NAP	NAP	Urban Salinity Scoping Project - Greater Launceston Area	Tamar Region Natural Resource Management Strategy Reference Group	191500
NHT	NO	Bushside & Streamside Conservation Project	Greening Australia	266560
NHT	NO	Coastal Values of Southern Tasmania	Southern Tasmania Regional Coastal Management Committee	94050
NHT	NO	Managing Serrated Tussock in Tasmania	Clarence City Council	130000
NHT	NO	Promotion & Implementation of Water Sensitive Development	Derwent Estuary Program	186100
NHT	YES	Setting Vegetation Condition Benchmarks for NRM - South	Southern NRM Association	33000
NHT	YES	Soil Condition Evaluation & Monitoring	Cradle Coast NRM Committee	31000
NLP	NO	Best Management & Design Guidelines for Wastewater Irrigation	Clarence City Council	157200
NLP	NAP	Demonstration of Salinity Management Techniques for Tasmanian Farmers	Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association	130100
TOTAL				\$1,600,510

Round 2 GAP Priority Projects

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
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
TOTAL				\$1,009,987

ATTACHMENT G