



ENVIRONMENT
T A S M A N I A

Annual Report

2019



chair's report

by don thompson



The critical work of Environment Tasmania (ET) is needed as much now as it has ever been in the past. We are facing continuing and in some cases increasing challenges to protecting our wilderness, forests, coastal and marine environments.

We have a strong and successful track record in tackling contentious issues including successful expansion of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, decreasing the impact of rapacious and destructive forestry practices, blocking the attempt to introduce 'super trawlers' into Australia and now the focus on unsustainable and destructive aquaculture. We need to maintain this momentum in the face of inadequate environmental laws and lax enforcement, opaque decision making on the part of both government and industry and their reluctance to move towards a more sustainable future.

Even though we are operating in these difficult conditions Environment Tasmania is continuing the push for transparency and accountability in the environmental management sector. Our primary work this year and over the previous three years has focused on marine conservation and the serious destructive impacts of Tasmania's aquaculture industry. We have also supported partners and other organisations on a range of other important issues.

This year we have been managing some operating transitions. Laura Kelly, our long time Strategy Director was on maternity leave for the year and her position was covered by Philip Cocker until her return. Philip has extensive knowledge and experience in the environmental sector and with local and state government. We were very fortunate to be able to attract him on such a temporary basis. Laura has now returned part time and we are contracting out some of the activities she is unable to cover. Fortunately our Business Manager, Nicole Gale, worked through the year and brought stability to our administrative management.

Our Chair, Warrick Jordan had to step down because of conflicting work commitments and in July I was asked to step in on an acting basis until the AGM could formally select the next Chair. Warrick brought a wealth of campaign and policy experience to the organisation and considerable wisdom. We miss him!

Our staff team has put in a tremendous effort this year under difficult and trying circumstances. On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to give a great thank you to Laura, Philip and Nicole for their extreme dedication, professionalism and significant achievements. We really do appreciate it. I also acknowledge the work of our contractors who have taken on specific tasks over shorter periods.

ET is a member organisation and without our members we would cease to exist. We value our members and thank them for their input and support over the years. I hope they agree that the work we do makes their membership worthwhile. We do need to increase our member numbers to enhance the support network and be more effective. Please encourage your organisations to continue their membership or join us if they haven't previously.

ET does not receive government funding and depends entirely on donations to fund its activities. We have many loyal small donors and have also received some significant large donations for specific campaigns or activities. Without our donors we couldn't continue the effort to hold government and industry to account and I thank them on behalf of the Management Committee, our members and, most importantly, the environmental values that are being attacked.

Lastly I would like to thank the members of our management Committee for their ongoing commitment and the considerable time and effort they have put in to guiding the organisation. They have brought a range of relevant experience, knowledge and expertise to help us through.

treasurer's report

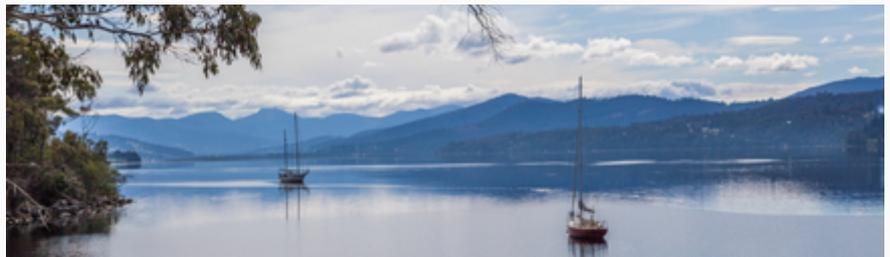
by andrew mitchell



With the seemingly relentless attack on social and environmental activism, and with governments locally, nationally and internationally moving to conservatism and nationalism, the plight of the environment and organisations like Environment Tasmania are increasingly difficult. The Tasmanian environment, which includes our beautiful coastal waters cannot be left in the hands of big developers, big business and governments who often don't seem to prioritise the natural landscapes. Environment Tasmania's work is critical to the future of our state, for us, our children and our children's children.

During the 2018-2019 financial year, the organisation has continued to make adjustments to operations to ensure our generous donors receive value for money, and to ensure we continue to work hard at protecting our beautiful state and its surrounds. We have been making some challenging and exciting decisions in the wake of a changing financial landscape for the organisation. We are working on improved flexibility in our work and our work spaces, and working towards modelling that enables the organisation to flex up when necessary, without the burden of unsustainable operational overheads.

The tenacity of Environment Tasmania over the last twelve months has been once again evident, and something to be proud of. The future is big place, and one that needs Environment Tasmania in a strong leadership role for our environment.





strategy director's report

by laura kelly

This year Environment Tasmania has focused heavily on our marine campaign. Without civilising the break-neck speed in which industrial salmon farming is expanding around our coast, it won't be possible to protect our most special marine habitats. We delivered some important wins in the campaign, including lifting standards for Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) certification, which resulted in poorly performing companies losing their 'green tick'. We maintained pressure on Government to reduce the amount of salmon that can be grown in the damaged Macquarie Harbour. We were also able to announce that WWF have ended their financial relationship with Tassal, an outcome that our supporters and many grassroots groups around Tasmania had campaigned for over 18 months to deliver.

Following these wins our time has been spent preparing a major marketing campaign targeting big salmon's customers in mainland Australian states. This campaign push will be launched early in the 2019/20 financial year and is designed to significantly increase our supporters' power and our leverage in negotiations with supermarkets and salmon companies.

In the past financial year Environment Tasmania has also begun reengaging in our previous efforts to protect Tasmania's high conservation value forests. The Liberal Government continues to push to open past reserves under the Tasmanian Forest Agreement to logging. We made joint submissions with our allies at the Wilderness Society and Bob Brown Foundation regarding 'Sustainable Timber Tasmania's' attempts to achieve Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. In the approaching financial year we will be expanding our capacity to assist in markets and lobbying work to protect these forests.

Fundraising to increase our capacity to deliver marine and forest campaigns will continue to be a strong focus next financial year. The list of challenges facing our environment continues to grow faster than the resources we have at hand to face them. A massive thank you to our member groups, staff and management committee, for hanging in there and being part of our joint efforts to deliver real campaign outcomes in a challenging political environment.

member groups



ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA IS THE PEAK BODY FOR ENVIRONMENT GROUPS ACROSS TASMANIA. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN BE STRONGER, AT THE SAME TIME AS SUPPORTING THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF LOCAL GROUPS PROTECTING THE PLACES THEY LOVE, IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD.

Climate Action Hobart: a volunteer, grassroots climate action group formed to promote community involvement in achieving strong climate policy and action in Tasmania.

Frack Free Tas: are a community group dedicated to raising awareness of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and demanding a permanent ban on fracking in Tasmania.

Friends of the Great Western Tiers: work to achieve the lasting and effective protection of the natural and cultural values of the Great Western Tiers.

Great Western Tiers National Park Campaign: work to gain National Park status for the Great Western Tiers.

Mole Creek Caving Club: go caving mostly at Mole Creek, but also in other cave areas in the state. They find, explore, photograph, survey and document caves, and also undertake research.

Nature Photographers Tasmania: a professional organisation whose aim is to facilitate and promote the use of photography for the protection of nature in Tasmania, and elsewhere.

Neighbours of Fish Farming: an organisation to protect Tasmania's ecological systems including the waterways and marine and riverine ecosystems, and its wild and scenic resources, from impacts of or associated with the aquaculture industry.

North East Bioregional Network: promote a long-term and consistent nature ethic based on an understanding that all of nature is important. Their key purpose is to develop and implement the Linking Landscapes vision in North East Tasmania.

Ocean Planet Tasmania Inc: promotes the protection of Tasmania's marine environment and wildlife.

The Wilderness Society Inc: campaign to protect and promote wilderness values, and to transform Australia into a society that protects, respects and connects with the natural world that sustains us.

committee



Don Thompson, Chair

Don has worked for over 40 years in organisational, program and project management, facilitation, grant management and policy development in biodiversity, sustainable production, natural resources, project and program evaluation, environmental design, education and community development fields for non-government and government organisations. He is now retired and keen to contribute to the great work of Environment Tasmania



Austra Maddox, Deputy Chair

Austra has been involved with environmental issues for decades, both on campaigns and through political activity. Austra's prime passion is the protection of Tasmania's wild forests. She was a founding member of the Florentine Protection Society, and an active member of the Forest Reference Group during the Forest Peace Deal negotiations. Austra's work has been recognised in being awarded a Life Membership of the C.P.S.U. and having her name added to the Honour Roll of Tasmanian Women.



Treasurer - Andrew Mitchell

Andrew has had a diverse working career, weaving his way through roles with a large multinational fuel company, an American Steakhouse (What the...), and most recently – over the last fifteen years - his own registered training organisation operating across three states. Andrew's passion for community, community development and the environment has seen him undertaking various volunteer and 'off the side of his desk' roles with community-based organisations Andrew now works in the Humanitarian Settlement Program in Launceston and continues his volunteer community roles.



Secretary - Lauren McGrow

Lauren McGrow has almost twenty years experience in the community services sector, both in NSW and Tasmania. She completed a Doctorate in Philosophy and has published numerous pieces about working well with marginalised people groups. Lauren came to Tasmania in a camper-van in 2009 for a six week holiday, and never left! She is passionate about Tasmania's wild seas and forests.



Wes Young - Member

Based in Tasmania, Wes has nearly two decades of experience working in corporate governance, law, policy, communications, strategy – within government, publicly listed companies, start-ups, the not-for-profit sector, and with highly successful entrepreneurs. This experience allows Wes to provide high-level holistic advice that encompasses legal, reputational and commercial risks, and associated mitigation strategies. In his spare time you are likely to find Wes out on the water, or under it.

staff



Laura Kelly

Laura is a highly experienced campaigner and community organiser. She was Director of the Climate Action Network Australia, worked with Environment Tasmania during historic negotiations on the Forest Peace Deal, and has previously worked with Greenpeace and the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers. She has a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science and Feminist

Philip Cocker

Philip has a history of both environmental and political activism. He has been both Party Manager and Campaign Manager for the Tasmanian Greens and had multiple involvements in Forestry Campaigns in Tasmania. He has been an elected representative for the Greens at local government level for the past 13 years. He was the Chair of the Hobart City Council's Finance and Audit committee's for a number of years. He has worked in the Commonwealth public service as a Corporate Manager, Operational Team Leader and Human Resource Manager. He has participated with others in the development and running of small businesses.



Nicole Gale

Nicole has over 15 years' experience working with both private and not for profit organisations in the environmental and conservation sector in Australia and Canada. She is business savvy but gets not for profits and is passionate about using our resources as efficiently as possible to deliver the social change we need to. When she's not at work, you'll find her hiking, canoeing or camping around this beautiful island state.





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Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019



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Profit and Loss

Environment Tasmania Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
Trading Income		
Annual Member Fees	-	2,545
Dividend Income	111	111
Donations (tax deductible)	191,607	231,626
Grant Income	13,534	10,000
Interest Received	1,179	1,103
Project Administration	-	113,100
Reimbursed Costs	-	67
Rent Received	2,000	4,000
Total Trading Income	208,432	362,553
Gross Profit	208,432	362,553
Operating Expenses		
Admin & Support	-	113,156
Advertising & Promotion	636	299
Annual leave provision	(12,870)	104
Audit Fees	2,565	2,500
Bank Fees	1,166	1,677
Bookkeeping	28,210	24,360
Cleaning	1,221	1,080
Communications	1,980	571
Consultants	32,624	20,776
Database Fee	9,902	9,355
Depreciation	-	4,805
Electricity & Gas	1,140	978
Events	757	301
Insurance	5,406	5,921
Interest Expense	8	-
IT Expense	749	289
Legal expenses	-	91
Petty Cash - Stolen	-	356
Postage & Papers	880	944
Printing & Stationery	485	517
Project Management	-	115
Rent	15,350	14,950
Research	421	1,951
Staff Amenities	206	376
Superannuation	9,169	15,487
Telephone & Internet	3,182	4,540
Travel	1,546	3,041
Under/Over Provision	1,804	(963)

Profit and Loss

	2019	2018
Wages and Salaries	112,071	176,299
Wages refund Centrelink PPL	(12,948)	(12,510)
Total Operating Expenses	205,660	391,365
Net Profit	2,772	(28,812)

Balance Sheet

Environment Tasmania Incorporated As at 30 June 2019

	30 JUN 2019	30 JUN 2018
Assets		
Bank		
ET General Higher Interest	-	-
ET Public Fund	237,407	242,864
ET Working Account	21,559	31,001
Paypal Account	2,291	975
Total Bank	261,258	274,840
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	2,313	2,663
Total Current Assets	2,313	2,663
Total Assets	263,571	277,503
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	497	634
GST	(3,229)	(1,305)
Laura Kelly Credit Card	563	299
PAYG Withholding Payable	411	1,483
Provision for Annual Leave	2,427	15,297
Superannuation Payable	1,502	2,468
Total Current Liabilities	2,170	18,875
Total Liabilities	2,170	18,875
Net Assets	261,401	258,629
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	2,772	(28,812)
Retained Earnings	258,629	287,441
Total Equity	261,401	258,629

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance 1 July 2017	287,441
Comprehensive Income	
Deficit for the year attributable to members of the entity	(28,812)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>(28,812)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2018	<u>258,629</u>
Comprehensive Income	
Surplus for the year attributable to members of the entity	2,772
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>2,772</u>
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u>261,401</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019
		\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from donations, bequests and raffles		193,958
Grant income		13,534
Payments to suppliers and employees		(222,356)
Interest received		1,179
Interest expense		(8)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	2	<u>(13,693)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend Income		111
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>111</u>
Net decrease in cash held		(13,582)
Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year		<u>274,840</u>
Cash on hand at the end of the financial year		<u><u>261,258</u></u>

Environment Tasmania Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Significant Accounting Policies:

Property, Plant & Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement

Employee Provisions

Provisions made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Note 2: Cash Flow Information

	2019
Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating Activities with Net Current Year Surplus	\$
Net current year deficit	<u>2,772</u>
Non-cash flows in current year surplus:	
- depreciation and amortisation	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
- (increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	350
- (decrease)/increase in provisions and other liabilities	(12,869)
- (decrease)/increase in accounts payable and other payables	<u>(3,835)</u>
	<u>(13,582)</u>

Environment Tasmania Inc

Committee Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

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

In the opinion of the Committee, the attached financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Environment Tasmania Inc, as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Environment Tasmania Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



President

Dated: 14 / 10 / 2019



Treasurer

Dated: 14 / 10 / 2019



Environment Tasmania Inc

Auditor's Independence Declaration

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Dear Members

As auditor for the Environment Tasmania Inc for the year ended 30 June 2019, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 1) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- 2) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of the above-mentioned association.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Burnett B.Com.F.C.A.

Registered Company Auditor: 281

Partner

Level 1/18 Ross Avenue, Rosny Park TAS 7018

Dated 16 / 10 / 19

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Environment Tasmania Inc

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Environment Tasmania Inc (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Environment Tasmania Inc to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Committee and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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Dated 16 / 10 / 19