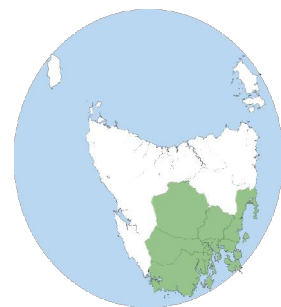


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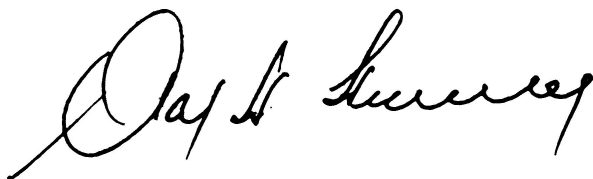
I have great pleasure in submitting the first Annual Report for the Southern Natural Resource Management Regional Committee for the 2002-03 Financial Year to members of the Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Incorporated, to the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council and to the Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment, the Hon Bryan Green MHA.

The statutory element of this report applies for the period from 17 April 2003, when the Minister formally declared the committee to be the regional committee for the Southern Region.

The Committee has been issued with a challenging set of responsibilities. These are laid out for us under the Tasmanian *Natural Resource Management Framework 2002*. We have a long way to go to deliver our first major product: a natural resource management strategy for Southern Tasmania. However, we can now build on a solid foundation of effective systems, frameworks and teamwork which we developed during 2002-03.

I thank all members of the Southern NRM Regional Committee for their contribution, their time and their commitment, for their insights, for their fellowship and for the excellent spirit of collaboration which has emerged in our work to date.

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



Olaf Hedberg
Chair

BACKGROUND

The Southern NRM Regional Committee has been 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 A](#)).

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

The Southern Natural Resource Management Regional Committee (NRM South) has been 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 interested stakeholders. 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.

At its meeting on 27 June 2003, the Southern Regional Committee agreed to adopt 'NRM South' as its common name.

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 B](#)). 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 will be recommended for appointment at the Annual General Meeting in September 2003..

A brief profile of NRM South members as at 30 June 2003 is at [Attachment C](#).

ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS

Staff and NRM South Office

NRM South has appointed Vanessa Elwell-Gavins as its Coordinator on a 12-month contract in the first instance. She will coordinate the NRM South office and manage the strategy development process on behalf of NRM South.

In June 2003, NRM South commenced recruitment for a part-time Office Manager and a full-time 'Southern Facilitator'.

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 financial management services.

Funding for operations

During 2002-03, NRM South received funding for its operations solely from a Foundation Funding grant allocated under the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (Financial Statements for 2002-03, at Attachment E).

Development of funding proposals to allow NRM South to access Foundation Funding under the Natural Heritage Trust extension (NHT2) was a priority once the Office was established.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2002-03

2003 is seen by the Commonwealth and State Governments 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 Strategies for both the Southern Region and the Tasmanian NAP Region will allow the Southern Region to access 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). 2002-03 was dedicated to establishment of operating systems for the Southern region and NRM South and preparation of the framework for developing the Southern regional strategy.

Administration

The Association

Key milestones for the Southern Regional NRM Association during 2002-03 included:

- Formal establishment of the Southern Regional NRM Association and acceptance of the Rules of the Association and the inaugural NRM South members by stakeholders (23 January 2003).
- Incorporation of the Southern NRM Regional Association (26 March 2003).

- Appointment of Ollie Hedberg as Chair of NRM South by the Minister for Primary Industries, Water and Environment and 'declaration' of the Committee as the Southern regional committee for the purposes of the *Natural Resource Management Act 2002* (17 April 2003).

Committee operations

NRM South held its inaugural meeting on 12 February 2003, and has met at least monthly since, with three meetings (including a 'Special' meeting), in May. It has established a number of working groups to assist the Committee, including a Management Team, a Strategy Development Working Group and a Communications and Community Engagement Working Group. It has also established special interest networks to help it do its business. A schedule of meeting dates for 2002-03 is at Attachment D. NRM South also participated in a Statewide forum with other regional committees and the Tasmanian NRM Council in Launceston on 3 April.

Office and systems establishment

With the appointment of Vanessa Elwell-Gavins on 1 May 2003 as Coordinator, NRM South's office and physical presence were formally established. Administrative priorities in 2002-03 included:

- Development of financial management protocols
- Development of financial systems
- Recruitment of staff
- Acquisition of relevant insurance cover
- Development of a memorandum of understanding between NRM South and DPIWE
- Development of office systems
- Development and on-going updating of stakeholder contact lists

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*

This will occur as part of the development of the Southern NRM regional strategy. NRM South has accepted as its starting point the NRM priorities identified in the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework*.

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

NRM South's progress against this statutory Function includes:

- completion of a Southern Situation Paper (prepared in 2002 by Inspiring Place and Greening Australia Tasmania, under the guidance of a Technical Reference Group nominated by stakeholders)
- development of a preliminary Communications and Community Engagement Framework
- development of a preliminary methodology for developing the Southern regional strategy

- development of an Information and Scoping Paper to inform the community and stakeholders of NRM South's plans and seek preliminary input
- acceptance by NRM South of DPIWE's offer to prepare a series of technical papers to support the strategy development process
- release of NRM South's first newsletter
- participation, through the Coordinator and the Chair, in mechanisms to maximise cross-regional collaboration and consistency in the three Tasmanian regional strategies

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

The priority for 2002-03 and 2003-04 is to develop the Southern regional strategy and regional investment strategies for both the Southern Region and the NAP Priority Region. In 2002-03, NRM South reviewed the Southern Situation Paper to determine the extent to which it provided sufficient information to guide the call for Priority Projects in 2003-04. NRM South also sought technical papers which will assist in developing the regional strategy and regional investment strategy.

(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 its strategy development process.

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

NRM South notes that the Tasmanian Government has imposed as a criterion for accreditation for regional NRM strategies consistency with the Resource Development and Planning System. The best means for integrating NRM with planning will be considered as part of the development of the Southern regional strategy.

(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 period' pending finalisation of a Southern Regional Investment Strategy. In collaboration with NRM North, NRM South is also required to develop a Regional Investment Strategy for the Tasmanian NAP Priority Region. These tasks will be high priorities during 2003-04, once the Southern and Northern regional strategies are completed.

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

NRM South participated in a number of activities to secure resources under two national and State NRM funding programs in 2002-03:

- The National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) and
- The Natural Heritage Trust Extension (NHT2)

NAP

- With the support of DPIWE and in collaboration with Southern regional stakeholders, ahead of formation of the Southern Regional NRM Association and NRM South, NRM South gained preliminary funding to assist strategy development under a NAP Foundation Funding grant.
- NRM South nominated three members as its representatives on a Joint NAP Working Group. This Working Group made recommendations to State and Federal ministers on first round NAP Priority Projects and provides a steering committee for development and implementation of the NAP Public Awareness Campaign.

NHT2

- NRM South developed a draft Foundation Funding proposal to provide the balance of funds required by the Southern region to develop the Southern regional strategy and the Southern Regional Investment Strategy
- NRM South reviewed the arrangements for facilitators established by the Commonwealth and State Governments under NHT1, to identify 'interim' resource needs for 2003-04, pending accreditation of the Southern regional strategy. It commenced recruitment for a new team of up to five full-time-equivalent facilitators for the 'interim year'. It also negotiated management and hosting arrangements for the new team with a consortium comprising the Southern Tasmanian Councils Board, Greening Australia Tasmania and the Tasmanian Landcare Association.

Priority Projects

- NRM South worked with the Commonwealth and State Governments to facilitate a public call for NRM Priority Projects under the national and State NRM funding programs on 23 August 2003. It has established a Programs Working Group and identified its members on the Joint NAP Working Group which will make recommendations to the relevant regional committees on priorities for funding under the national programs. The Joint NAP Working Group held its first meeting in March 2003.

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

NRM South is participating in the development of a Tasmanian Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy in partnership with the Northern and North Western regions, and Commonwealth and State government officials. This statewide Strategy is expected to guide both development and implementation of the Southern regional strategy.

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

Community education and training in NRM are likely to be high priorities in the Southern regional strategy. The network of facilitators will have a key role in education and training through its work with the regional community.

Future Directions

In 2003-04, the key tasks for NRM South will be to:

- develop the Southern NRM Regional Strategy and get it successfully accredited
- develop regional investment strategies for both the Southern and the NAP Priority Regions
- manage the integrated call for Priority Projects under the NAP, the NHT2 and the National Landcare Program
- ensure ongoing implementation by NRM South of all its statutory responsibilities

ATTACHMENT A

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework

The Southern Natural Resource Management Regional Committee in Tasmania has been 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).

TTACHMENT B

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, 2003

Name/ Term	Background
Andy Baird, 4-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 ◆ Bushcare Extension Officer for Hobart/Kingborough/Huon Valley, based with Greening Australia Tasmania (4 years) ◆ Former Interpretation Ranger with PWS
Mark Bryce 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 Coughanowr 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Strong experience working with 3 tiers of government, industry, community & research stakeholders 9 years experience in NRM in Southern Tasmania, particularly water quality & habitat in Derwent estuary, river and catchment ◆ Substantial experience as UNESCO consultant to Intergovernmental Oceanographic, hydrologic & environmental organisations ◆ PhD thesis on Derwent estuarine planning & implementation (to be completed 2003) ◆ Manager, Derwent Estuary Program ◆ Former DPIWE Senior Environmental Officer
Andrew Downie 4-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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

Dr Hans Drielsma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General Manager, Forest Management, Forestry Tasmania since 1997, responsible for negotiation & implementation of Tas RFA ◆ 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, Chairman Australian Forestry Standard Steering Committee & Technical Reference Committee
2-year term	
Tony Ferrier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
4-year term	
Ollie Hedberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General Manager Information & Land Services Division, DPIWE, 1996-2002 ◆ Extensive experience in land information disciplines of Survey, Valuation, Land Titles & Geodata ◆ Studied Photogrammetry & Spacial Information at University of Tasmania ◆ Represented Tasmania on Australian & New Zealand Land Information Council & Public Sector Mapping Agencies (Australia) ◆ Farmer
4-year term	
Roger Howlett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
2-year term	
Dr Christine Mucha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 ◆ On Boards of Wellington Park Management Trust, Tas Environmental Pollution Control Board, Chamber of Commerce & Industry ◆ Community representative on NHT State Assessment Panel
4-year term	

<p>Helen Pryor 4-year term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
<p>Alex Schaap 2-year term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General Manager, Resource Management & Conservation Division, DPIWE (since 2001) ◆ Former Director Marine Resources, DPIWE (5 years) ◆ Former teacher & fisheries scientist ◆ Director on TAFI Board
<p>Ms Isobel Stanley 2-year term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
<p>Maria Weeding, 4-year term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 MEETING DATES 2002-03

12 February: Meeting 1

3 March Meeting 2
20 March Joint NAP Working Group

3 April Joint Workshop with Tasmanian NRM Council & other regional
committees, Launceston
16 April Meeting 3

5 May Meeting 4/Final Transition Working Group meeting
19 May Special meeting 1: Facilitators
20 May Communication and Community Engagement Working Group
21 May Strategy Development Working Group
27 May Management Team meeting
30 May Meeting 5/Strategy Development Working Group

20 June Joint meeting Strategy Development & Community Engagement
Working Groups; Management Team
27 June Meeting 6

ATTACHMENT E

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2002-03

Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association

Annual Report

for the Period Ended 30 June 2003

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

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association for the year ended 30 June 2003. 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 fulfil 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 position of Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association as at 30th June 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

John Langford, FNTAA

Date this 16th day of September 2003

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management
Association
Balance Sheets
As at 30 June 2003**

	2003 \$	2002 \$
EQUITY		
Retained Profits	20,413	-
	\$20,413	-
 Represented By:		
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>		
Cash at Bank	25,617	-
	25,617	-
TOTAL ASSETS	25,617	-
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
<i>Other Creditors</i>	3,237	-
Provision for GST	1,967	
	5,204	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,204	
 NET ASSETS	 \$20,413	 -

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management
Association
Profit and Loss Statement
For the Period ended 30 June 2003**

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Funding Received	40,000	-
Members Receipts	364	-
Interest Received	24	-
	40,388	-
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Staff Employment Costs</i>	11,849	-
Staff Operating Costs	1,496	-
Working Group Expenses	6,631	-
	19,975	-
 OPRATING PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	20,413	-

Southern Regional Natural Resource Management

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period ended 30th June 2003

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PIOLICIES

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;

AAS5 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 done not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets.

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

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 I to the financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements and notes of the company as at 30 June 2003

- a) present a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2003 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note I of the financial statements.
- b) comply with the Australian Standards as detailed in Note I of the financial statements.
- c) there is 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.

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Ollie Hedbert CHAIR

.....
Isobel Stanley TREASURER

Dated: 16 September 2003

ATTACHMENT F

MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL NRM ASSOCIATION 2003

Organisation
Bangor Landcare Inc
Birds Tasmania
Central Highlands Council
Clarence City Council
Conservation Volunteers Australia
CSIRO Forestry & Forest Products
Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources
Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment
Derwent Catchment NRM Committee
Derwent Valley Council
Eastcoast Regional Development Organisation Inc
Forest Industries Association of Tasmania
Forestry Tasmania
Friends of Coningham, Oyster Cove & Lower Snug Inc
Greening Australia (Tasmania)
Hobart Water
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
Midlands Tree Committee Inc
New Town Catchment Care Group Inc
Port Cygnet Land & Water Care Group
Private Forests Tasmania
Reserve Design & Management
South Channel Coastcare Inc
Southern Beaches Landcare/Coastcare Inc
Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania Inc
Southern Midlands Council
Tasman Council
Tasmanian Conservation Trust
Tasmanian Environment Centre
Tasmanian Landcare Association
Tasmanian Marine Naturalists Association Inc
Timber Communities Australia Ltd
Timber Workers for Forests Inc
White Beach Landcare Group Inc