



# Annual Report

Tasmanian Association of State  
School Organisations

**2023/24**

# Acknowledgements

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the palawa people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet, here in lutruwita, Tasmania.

We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their deep connection to country.

We also express our gratitude for sharing this land today, our sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and our hope and belief that we can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together.

## Acknowledgement of Families

We acknowledge that families are the first educators in their child's life. The connections children form within their families are foundational, shaping their values, resilience, and curiosity.

Families play a crucial role in fostering an understanding of the value of education and its benefits. We recognise the school associations role in building collaboration between families and the school as essential to our shared purpose: to foster strong partnerships.

Together, we create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

## Acknowledgement of the Tasmanian Government | DECYP

The work that TASSO undertakes could not be made possible without the support of the Tasmanian Government through Sundry Educational Grants Scheme.



Department for Education,  
Children and Young People

# Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026

**TASSO is the recognised peak state body and a not-for-profit community organisation representing Tasmanian state schools and colleges. We also provide guidance and support to parents, communities and School Associations.**

Through our work we endeavour to provide School Association Committees with the resources and skills to achieve the purpose of their School Associations, as set out by the Education Act (Tas) 2016.

- Participate in policy formulation and development
- Participate in formulation and implementation of plans for the improvement of the school
- Participate in establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities, strategic directions and values, planning for financial arrangements to achieve those goals and evaluating performance in achieving the goals
- Provide advice for Principal Selection
- Foster the value of education and it's benefit

Providing this guidance is core to our operations.

We also advocate for State School education.

**VISION:** Every school has an effective School Association Committee

**MISSION:** Strengthen and support School Association Committees

| Key Strategic Goals   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quality Governance  | Stakeholder Management  | Promotion of TASSO  | Advocacy  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertake training</li><li>• Succession Planning</li><li>• Annual Performance</li><li>• Roles and responsibilities</li><li>• Review Governance Policies</li><li>• Contemporary HR &amp; WHS practices</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder Management Plan</li><li>• Build capacity of SACs</li><li>• Develop a training module for Principals</li><li>• Governance Training for SACs</li><li>• Communications Strategy</li><li>• Build relationships with national bodies and Politicians</li><li>• Network strategically</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet with SACs and Principals</li><li>• Rebrand</li><li>• Showcase the work of SACs</li><li>• Update the website</li><li>• Develop and distribute newsletters</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop Policy Statement Documents. E.g. Federal funding model</li><li>• Develop a Media Strategy</li><li>• Influence key stakeholders</li><li>• Develop relationships with National Associations</li></ul> |

# Joint President and Operations Manager Message

**As we reflect on TASSO's accomplishments, growth, and challenges over the past 12 months, we recognise the significant and ongoing development of our organisation. We are encouraged by the strong foundations we've built, which enable us to make a lasting impact within state schools. Our openness to change and commitment to growth continue to guide TASSO toward a bright future.**

A key highlight of this year has been the creation of our new logo and website. These updates are more than just cosmetic; they represent our evolving identity and our dedication to providing better resources and support for our members. The new website, in particular, has been designed to be more user-friendly, offering School Association Committee members easy access to the information and tools they need to thrive in their roles.

This year has been marked by our unwavering dedication to advocating for equitable and fair funding for Tasmanian state schools. We have actively engaged with both state and federal governments, pushing for schools to be funded to the full Schooling Resource Standard (SRS). Our advocacy efforts during the state election focused on securing commitments from major political parties to ensure the necessary funding for our schools. We also issued a series of media releases to highlight critical issues, such as the burden of fundraising on families and volunteers, the importance of dedicating school funding solely to education, and the need for tangible improvements beyond political sound bites.

Our advocacy at the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) is centred on amplifying the voices of families in policy decisions that impact our children. We are dedicated to recognising and enhancing the vital role families play in their children's education. As part of this commitment, we encourage all members to participate in the workshops scheduled for 2024/25 as we strive to strengthen our collective voice and drive lasting social change.

The Board tabled amendments to the TASSO constitution to modernise and create a foundation that reflects the organisation we are today.

Operationally, we exceeded our target for face-to-face meetings with School Association representatives, engaging with 37 representatives across the year—well beyond our initial goal of 24. This direct engagement has allowed us to better understand the needs of our members and provide more tailored support.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteer board members for their unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to TASSO throughout the year. Their expertise and guidance have been instrumental in driving our mission forward.

Additionally, we wish to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the School Association Committee members. Your commitment to your schools and communities is inspiring, and your hard work plays a crucial role in the success of our state schools.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on this year's achievements. Together, we will continue our shared journey toward enhancing education in Tasmania, advocating for our members, and ensuring that every student has access to the quality education they deserve.

Thank you all for your continued support and contribution to TASSO.

Krissy McCance  
President



Jessica Bennett  
Operations Manager



# Meet the Board & Staff



**Krissy McCance**  
President



**Kirk Wagner**  
Treasurer



**John Allan**  
Secretary



**Danny Allen**  
North West Delegate



**Nicole Jones**  
Northern Delegate



**Nick Martin**  
Northern Delegate



**Jessica Woodroffe**  
Northern Delegate



**Rebecca Churchill**  
Southern Delegate



**Jessica Bennett**  
Operations Manager



**Kate Crawford**  
Operations Assistant

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- **Natham Reynolds** who resigned as a Board Member in November 2023
- **Kate Crawford** who resigned as a Board Member in February 2024



# Working with Stakeholders

TASSO has continued to strengthen its relationships with the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP), collaborating with various departments to represent the voice of families in policy development and programs. Our ongoing goal is to enhance family engagement and advocate for the concerns of our members.

By working with stakeholders, we unite in our shared commitment to student-centered education.

TASSO extends its gratitude to everyone we have worked with and collaborated with over the past 12 months.

## DECYP Involvement

- **Deputy Secretary of Continuous Improvement and Evaluation:** Providing direct insight from families to DECYP.
- **Digital Inclusion:** Contributing to the development of an online program for delivering online learning, ensuring the voice of families is represented.
- **Reporting and Communicating with Families:** Representing families on the Steering Committee as changes are made to how schools report learning progress to families.
- **SAC Team:** Collaborating with the SAC team to achieve best practice outcomes for school association committees.
- **Safeguarding Children and Young People:** Offering insights from a parent's perspective, suggesting possible solutions, and contributing to safeguarding efforts.
- **Year 9-12 Team:** Meeting quarterly with the Year 9-12 Team to receive updates and information, which TASSO then shares with SACs to disseminate to their families.

## Policy Discussions

- Culture and Growth Team
- High School Intake Areas
- Out-of-Area Enrolments Procedure

## Other Key Stakeholders

- **ACARA:** Building connections between ACARA and Tasmanian families.
- **AEU:** Providing family perspectives, offering suggestions, and proposing solutions to address concerns families may have.
- **Burnie Works – Every Day Counts:** Participating in this collective impact, place-based initiative aimed at improving school attendance in the Burnie region.
- **Healthy Kids Coalition:** Collaborating with various like-minded organisations to share and work on health-related projects.

- **Government Meetings:** During the 2023/24 period, we met with former Education Minister Roger Jaensch and former Shadow Minister for Education Josh Willie. Following the election, we have engaged with Minister Jo Palmer and Shadow Education Minister Sarah Lovell. We've also begun building connections with the Greens through Mr. Vica Bayley and the Jacqui Lambie Network through Ms. Miriam Beswick. Maintaining a strong relationship with the State Government allows us to discuss various educational issues, ensuring that the voices of families are heard by those developing the educational policies that affect students in state schools.
- **National Networking Meetings:** TASSO regularly meets with our colleagues and partners from other states and territories.
- **Tasmanian Assessment, Standards & Certification (TASC):** TASC is responsible for developing appropriate standards, accrediting courses, and assessing and certifying student achievement in senior secondary schooling across all educational sectors in Tasmania. TASSO meets quarterly with TASC to provide insights from a parent's perspective and to share knowledge with our members.
- **Tasmanian Principals Association:** The TPA focuses on support, professional learning, and advocacy for Tasmanian government school leaders. TASSO liaises with the TPA as necessary.
- **Volunteer Tasmania – Youth Volunteer Army:** This program fosters youth volunteering through an app-based platform that celebrates volunteer hours with school recognition. Participants can generate a CV for use when applying for employment.



# Membership - Contacts

TASSO operates on an opt-out model, meaning all 190 School Associations of Tasmanian state schools are automatically members of TASSO.

**2023/24 Financial Year Overview:** During the 2023/24 financial year, 113 members contacted TASSO, resulting in the opening of 380 cases.

**Case Management:** Cases are opened based on specific issues. Some require minimal support, such as over-the-phone advice or providing a resource, while others are more complex and demand extensive support and resources.

- Case Distribution:
  - Of the 380 cases opened, 7 were referred directly to DECYP.
  - In 38 cases, TASSO contacted DECYP for additional information, guidance, or support.
  - The remaining 333 cases were managed exclusively by TASSO.
  - 25 cases remained open as of the end of June 2024.

**Common Inquiries:** Most members reach out to TASSO for information regarding ABNs, AGMs, fundraising, and constitutional assistance and support.

# Membership - Association Meetings

**Operational Target:** For the 2023/24 period, we set a goal of meeting face-to-face with 24 committees or committee representatives.

**Achievement:** We exceeded this target, meeting with 37 School Association representatives throughout the year in one-on-one sessions.

Thank you to all the committees and representatives who took the time to meet with us.

- Albueria Street Primary School Association
- Austins Ferry School Association
- Brooks High School Association
- Bruny Island School Association
- Cape Barron Island Association
- Cosgrove High School Association
- East Derwent Primary School Association
- East Launceston Primary School Association
- East Tamar Primary School Association
- East Ulverstone Primary School Association
- Edith Creek School Association
- Exeter High School Association
- Exeter Primary School Association
- Forest Primary School Association
- Forth Primary School Association
- Gagebrook Primary School Association
- Glen Dhu Primary School
- Goodwood Primary School Association
- Hagley Farm School Association
- Hillcrest Primary School Association

- Hobart City High School Association
- Invermay Primary School Association
- Kingston Primary School Association
- Latrobe High School Association
- North-West Support School Association
- Norwood Primary School Association
- Margate Primary School Association
- Penguin District High School Association
- Richmond Primary School Association
- Romaine Park Primary School Association
- Sassafras Primary School Association
- Snug Primary School Association
- Springfield Garden Primary School Association
- Stanley Primary School Association
- Ulverstone Primary School Association
- Waverley Primary School Association
- Wilmot Primary School Association
- Woodbridge School Association
- Youngtown Primary School Association



# Membership - Combined Meetings

## Online Forums

### Ways of Working

12 Member association representatives attended an online session to discuss developing a Way-of-Working as a committee.

Attendees were provided with a snapshot of:

- The purpose of the School Association
- Why working together is important
- A workshop for committees to create a standard to work to, a Ways of Working document
- Good practice check ins for a new committee
  - What night to meet
  - How often to meet
  - Dates and times
  - In person, online or hybrid meeting options

### Yearly Planning and Fundraising

15 Member association representatives attending a planning session. What considerations should be made in Term 4 for a smooth process for the next year?

- Setting the AGM date
- Retiring members
- Is there any constitutional changes?
- Who will audit the books?

Extending on the day to day operations. What are the fundraising goals? What considerations need to be made?

### AGM - Information and Q&A

School Association Annual General Meetings (AGM) are a regular inquiry topic for TASSO. In an attempt to educate and make members more comfortable with their AGM we ran 2 online sessions for committees. They were not well attended. The resource created will be used as a resource for committees as a guide to answer questions.



### Pilot Cluster Forums

TASSO developed a face-to-face networking events for School Associations Committees to come together and learn together, from each other and TASSO.

"It was great to be able to speak to members from other School Associations in an informal manner" - Launceston participant.

Evaluation and consideration will be given to the planning of future events and the timings.

#### Launceston

**24 August 2023**

23 attendees from 12 School Associations

**18 March 2024**

7 attendees from 8 School Associations

#### Hobart

**18 September 2023**

24 attendees from 19 School Associations

**29 February 2024**

3 attendees from 3 School Associations

#### Burnie

**19 September 2023**

8 attendees from 6 School Associations

#### Devonport

**10 April 2024**

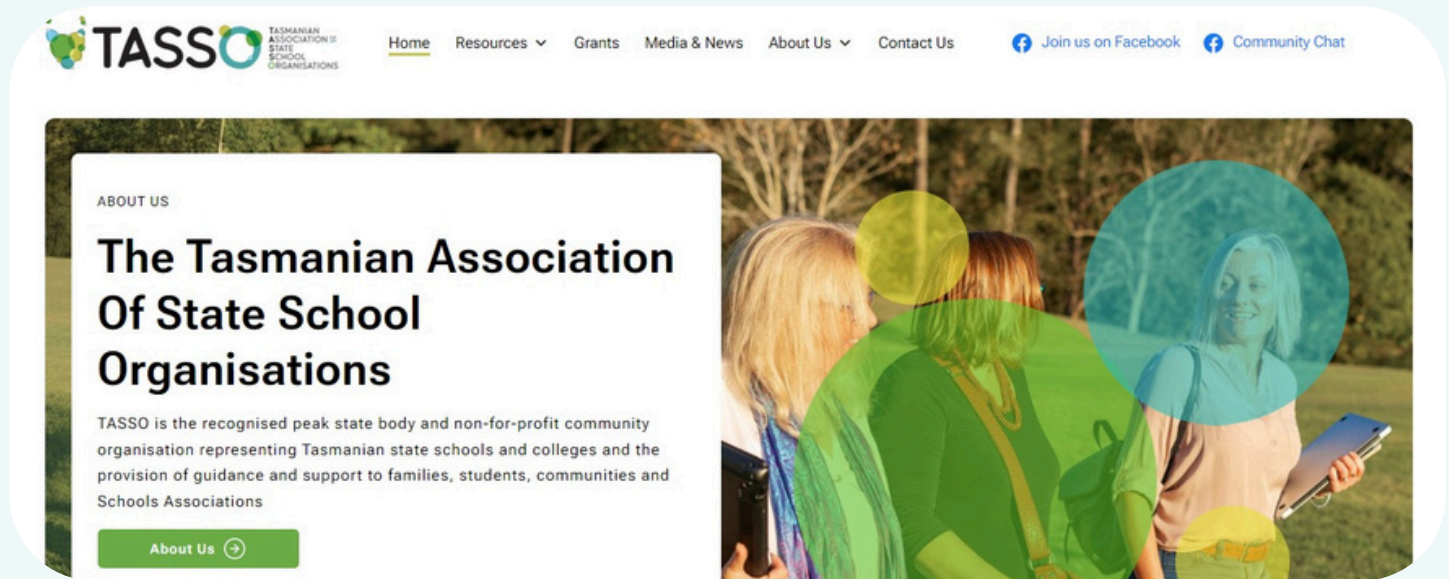
15 attendees from 7 School Associations





# Communications

## Website



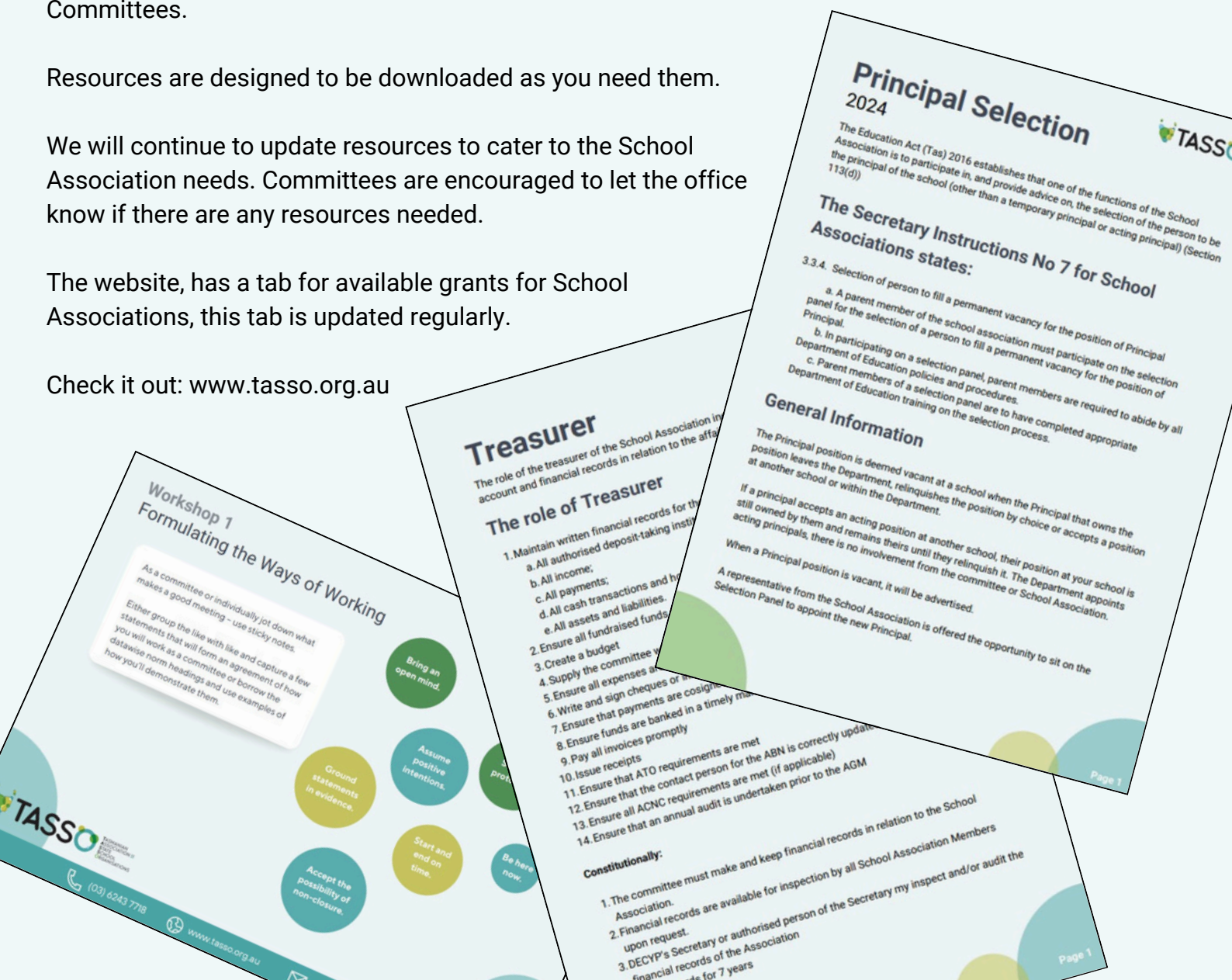
We've refreshed our website, updating and creating new resources for School Association Committees.

Resources are designed to be downloaded as you need them.

We will continue to update resources to cater to the School Association needs. Committees are encouraged to let the office know if there are any resources needed.

The website, has a tab for available grants for School Associations, this tab is updated regularly.

Check it out: [www.tasso.org.au](http://www.tasso.org.au)



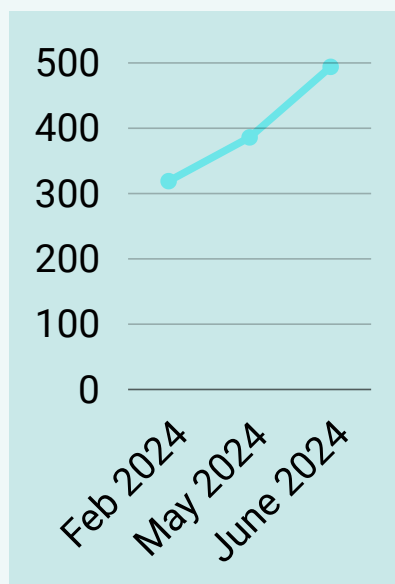
# Communications

## Newsletters

A TASSO newsletter is delivered to School Association Committee members' inboxes at the beginning of each term, with special editions sent as needed. We have made an effort to increase distribution numbers over the past year.

These newsletters are designed to share tools and resources for School Association Committees, including relevant communications from the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP), surveys, advocacy points, upcoming events, and grant opportunities.

The newsletters also serve as a platform to share resources that you can distribute to the families within your school community.



## Advocacy

**Core Advocacy Focus for 2023/24:** In 2023/24, our core advocacy efforts centered on the need for Tasmanian state schools to be fully funded, with a focus on ensuring that school funding is equitable and fair. We advocated for both state and federal governments to fund schools to the full Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).

**State Election Advocacy:** During the state election, we pushed for commitments from major parties to guarantee the funding of state schools.

### Media releases included:

- Need to Alleviate Parent and Volunteer Fundraising Burden
- School education funding should only fund education
- Welcome back to (an under-resourced) school...
- National Parent Associations call for action on school funding
- School Upgrades Welcome - But Pork-Barreling Isn't
- Parties prefer sound bites over solid improvement
- Supporting student outcomes for through an education inquiry

**Advocacy at DECYP:** Our advocacy efforts with DECYP focused on the purpose of School Associations and their committees, how DECYP engages with these committees, and ways to improve parent voice in the decision-making process.



# **Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.**

## **Special Purpose Financial Report**

For the year ended 30 June 2024



# Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2024

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# Profit and Loss

## TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC

For the year ended 30 June 2024

|                                    | 2024              | 2023              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Trading Income</b>              |                   |                   |
| General Grant                      | 219,358.00        | 212,969.00        |
| Insurance Recoveries               | -                 | 1,075.46          |
| Interest Received                  | 2,325.20          | 1,049.42          |
| Sale of Assets                     | 7,763.00          | 290.91            |
| Worker Compensation Recovery       | -                 | 19,268.28         |
| <b>Total Trading Income</b>        | <b>229,446.20</b> | <b>234,653.07</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                | <b>229,446.20</b> | <b>234,653.07</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>          |                   |                   |
| Advertising/Promotion              | -                 | 15.95             |
| Audit Fees                         | 1,850.00          | 2,700.00          |
| Bank Fees & Charges                | 17.86             | 110.77            |
| Board Meeting Venue Hire & Food    | 1,280.41          | 1,237.11          |
| Board Member Expenses              | 11,528.15         | 6,095.64          |
| Board Professional Development     | 2,286.93          | -                 |
| Bookkeeping                        | 9,600.00          | 10,169.09         |
| Cleaning                           | -                 | 1,050.00          |
| Cluster SAC Pilot                  | 2,278.95          | -                 |
| Consultancy Fees                   | 7,351.30          | 5,180.75          |
| Depreciation Expense               | 4,248.00          | 4,269.57          |
| Donations and Gifts                | 127.79            | -                 |
| Insurance                          | 3,478.16          | 4,920.58          |
| Interest Expense                   | -                 | 6.41              |
| Legal Fees                         | -                 | 2,625.20          |
| Long Service Leave Provision       | 1,742.98          | (9,442.35)        |
| Management Committee hire car      | -                 | 10.23             |
| Memberships / Subscriptions        | 2,286.82          | 2,926.57          |
| National Expenses                  | 5,762.56          | -                 |
| Newspapers and Publications        | 105.44            | 36.37             |
| Office Equip - Repairs & Maint     | -                 | 290.60            |
| Office General Expenses            | 197.83            | 497.61            |
| Other Employee Expenses            | 1,093.32          | 319.05            |
| Photocopier Lease                  | -                 | 10,019.00         |
| Postage and Freight                | 10.91             | 65.40             |
| President Honorarium               | 5,000.00          | 5,416.66          |
| Printing & Stationery              | 28.98             | 99.22             |
| Provision for Annual Leave [62065] | 3,853.34          | (4,259.94)        |
| Provision for Wind Up Expense      | 60,000.00         | -                 |
| Resources                          | 22,250.00         | -                 |
| Software & Technical Support       | 3,747.50          | 4,232.47          |



|                                | 2024        | 2023       |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Staff Professional Development | 556.25      | -          |
| Staff Training                 | -           | 904.09     |
| Strategic Planning             | -           | 8,200.00   |
| Superannuation Expenses        | 11,002.52   | 10,224.24  |
| Telephone, Fax - Office        | 1,385.88    | 1,185.69   |
| Travel & Accommodation         | 7,871.63    | 1,072.65   |
| Wages & Salaries               | 100,283.27  | 99,904.97  |
| Workers Compensation           | -           | 19,268.28  |
| Total Operating Expenses       | 271,226.78  | 189,351.88 |
| Net Profit                     | (41,780.58) | 45,301.19  |



# Balance Sheet

## TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC

As at 30 June 2024

|                                    | 30 JUNE 2024 | 30 JUNE 2023 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                      |              |              |
| <b>Bank</b>                        |              |              |
| Bendigo Saver 1 - 1566             | 85,381.69    | 130,051.45   |
| Bendigo Saver 2 Bendigo            | 1,454.89     | 1,150.67     |
| Saver 3 Bendigo                    | 60,107.01    | -            |
| Statement 1533                     | 9,999.81     | 10,486.08    |
| Total Bank                         | 156,943.40   | 141,688.20   |
| <b>Current Assets</b>              |              |              |
| Petty Cash                         | -            | 757.86       |
| Trade Debtors                      | 160.00       | 480.00       |
| Total Current Assets               | 160.00       | 1,237.86     |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                |              |              |
| Computer Printers /Accessories     | -            | 132.73       |
| Computer Software                  | 6,000.00     | 6,000.00     |
| Computer Software Acc Deprec       | (1,200.00)   | -            |
| Computers - Accumulated Deprec     | (5,198.06)   | (20,068.74)  |
| Computers [14100]                  | 6,742.68     | 21,783.59    |
| Furniture & Fittings Acc Depre     | -            | (1,317.53)   |
| Furniture and Fittings             | -            | 1,318.18     |
| Office Machines Accum Deprec       | (3,164.13)   | (1,681.32)   |
| Office Machines and Equipment      | 3,362.64     | 3,989.63     |
| Website                            | 10,000.00    | -            |
| Total Fixed Assets                 | 16,543.13    | 10,156.54    |
| Total Assets                       | 173,646.53   | 153,082.60   |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                 |              |              |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>         |              |              |
| GST                                | (2,499.42)   | (2,954.89)   |
| Provision for Annual Leave [25500] | 5,280.29     | 1,426.95     |
| Rounding                           | 0.01         | -            |
| Trade Creditors                    | 2,791.00     | 7,556.00     |
| Total Current Liabilities          | 5,571.88     | 6,028.06     |
| <b>Non-current Liabilities</b>     |              |              |
| PAYG Payable                       | 7,994.00     | 7,198.00     |
| Payroll Deductions Payable         | 468.89       | 468.89       |
| Provision for LSL                  | 2,637.08     | 894.10       |
| Provision for Wind Up Costs        | 60,000.00    | -            |
| Superannuation Payable             | 2,998.14     | 2,736.43     |
| Total Non-current Liabilities      | 74,098.11    | 11,297.42    |
| Total Liabilities                  | 79,669.99    | 17,325.48    |

|                       | 30 JUNE 2024     | 30 JUNE 2023      |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Net Assets</b>     | <b>93,976.54</b> | <b>135,757.12</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>         |                  |                   |
| Current Year Earnings | (41,780.58)      | 45,301.19         |
| Retained Earnings     | 135,757.12       | 90,455.93         |
| Total Equity          | 93,976.54        | 135,757.12        |

# Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) General Information

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964. The Committee of Management has determined that Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc is not a reporting entity.

#### Basis of Preparation

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 and the following Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements:-

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110 Events After the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031 Materiality

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, revaluations of non-current assets.

#### (b) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards. Where comparative information was not provided in prior years and/or data is not readily available, comparatives have been omitted.

#### (c) Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024. Provision has been made for wind-up expenses in the event of cessation of funding, and the funds have been set aside in a separate bank account.

## **2. Association Details**

### **(i) Registered office and principal place of business**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:

Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.  
30 Raminea Road  
Lindisfarne TAS 7015

### **(ii) Memberships**

Any queries pertaining to memberships should be directed to:

Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.  
30 Raminea Road  
Lindisfarne TAS 7015



# Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.

## Committee Certification

We certify that as at 30 June 2024 the number of members of the Association was 190.

In our opinion:

- a. Subject to resolution of the contingent liability referred to in note 1(c), the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the Association's financial position and performance for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- b. A record has been kept of all moneys paid by, or collected from, members and all moneys so paid or collected have been credited to the bank account to which those moneys are to be credited, in accordance with the Rules of the Association;
- c. With regards to the funds of the Association raised by compulsory levies or voluntary contributions from member, or funds other than the General Fund operated in accordance with the Rules, no payments were made out of any such fund for such purpose other than those for which the fund was operated;
- d. No loans or other financial benefits, other than remuneration in respect of their full-time employment with the Association, were made to persons holding office in the Association; and
- e. The register of members of the Association was maintained in accordance with the Act.

Krissy McCance  
President



Dated: 30/7/2024

Jessica Bennett  
Public Officer



Dated: 30/7/2024

Phone: (03) 6243 7718

Email: [info@tasso.org.au](mailto:info@tasso.org.au)

ABN: 28 261 465 779

Officers of TASSO elected for the association year 2023-2024:

**PRESIDENT**

Krissy McCance  
48 Clives Ave  
Old Beach TAS 7017

**VICE PRESIDENT**

vacant

**SECRETARY**

Johnathan Allan  
42 Sharps Road  
Lenah Valley TAS 7008

**TREASURER**

Kirk Wagner  
565 Racecourse Road  
Winnaleah TAS 7265

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Danny Allen  
Rebecca Churchill  
Kate Crawford (resigned 16 January 2024)  
Nicole Jones  
Nicholas Martin  
Natham Reynolds (resigned 2 November 2023)  
Jessica Woodroffe

We hereby certify that the above list is a true and correct list of Officers of TASSO for the year ended June 30, 2024.



Jessica Bennett  
Public Officer  
TASSO

TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC  
ABN: 28 261 465 779

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
TO THE MEMBERS OF TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE  
SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended  
30 June 2024 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Associations Incorporation Act 1962 (Tas)* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Michael Ian Derbyshire

Director

Hobart

31 July 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE  
SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC  
ABN: 28 261 465 779**

**Opinion**

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc (the Entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, the profit and loss statement, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Tasmania 1964.

**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 Standards 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 special purpose financial report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the applicable legislation. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

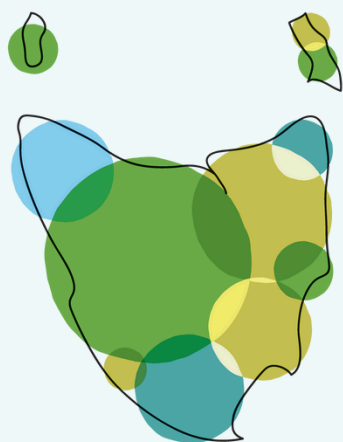
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



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Director

31 July 2024





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