

# The Tasmanian Conservation Trust Inc

Annual Report &  
Audited Financial Statement  
2008 – 2009



Caring for Tasmania since 1968

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Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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### **TCT Council 2008 – 2009**

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Bob Graham   | President      |                 |                     |
| Geoff King   | Vice President | Merv Kershaw    |                     |
| John Green   | Vice President | Neville Gray    |                     |
| Phil Anstie  | Treasurer      | Arnold Rowlands |                     |
| John Forsyth | Secretary      | Mavis Rowlands  | North-West Delegate |

### **TCT Staff 2008 – 2009**

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Peter McGlone  | Acting Director (part-time)       |
| Christian Bell | CEO (To March 2009)               |
| Trish McKeown  | Office Administration (part-time) |
| Jon Bryan      | Marine Campaign (part-time)       |

### **Volunteers**

Mary Jolly, Ian Cuthbertson, Phil Anstie, John Forsyth.

# President's Report **Bob Graham**

The last two years have not been easy ones for the TCT. We have faced problems common to most community organisations – increasing demands on limited resources with only a few dedicated individuals to do the work.

The TCT has been fortunate both in its paid staff, volunteers and members of Council. Within the constraints of an extremely limited budget we have achieved much, mainly through their dedication and commitment. These achievements are detailed in the reports of the Acting Director Peter McGlone and Jon Bryan.

Despite this, however, we have to record that Governments are increasingly undermining the work done by the community and ignoring legitimate conservation concerns. Matters which are of serious concern include:

- The undermining of the Resource Planning and Development Commission in deliberations over the Tamar Valley pulp mill.
- The Bruny Bioregion Marine Protected Areas hearings and the planning “reforms” which have effectively removed the independence of the Commission.
- The continued pursuit of the “food bowl of Australia” dream and the determination of the Premier to ignore good scientific advice on the consequences of this policy.
- The ongoing destruction of Tasmania’s old growth forests.
- The dismantling and under-resourcing of the State’s land use planning system and the National Parks service.
- The dumping of commitments to establish a comprehensive system of marine protected areas.
- Chasing the dream of a Gold Coast style canal estate when all the evidence from interstate and overseas is that such developments are ecological and financial disasters.

There appears to be an emerging view among politicians and political advisors that there are not many votes in conservation and that is undermining the efforts of most voluntary

organisations. Meanwhile government funding is increasingly going to large bureaucratic structures to administer programs with only a few crumbs left for voluntary groups and organisations which do most of the work. These are only some of the matters facing the TCT and the conservation movement in Tasmania in general. Much of our effort is given over to mere survival and fighting brush fires while we seem to be making no progress at the broader level. Perhaps governments are comfortable with that.

The TCT also faces further challenges in having to cope with reduced funding. We have received some funding from the State Government to reflect our participation on many state programs and activities, however, over the past three years we have received reduced funding from the Commonwealth. This has seriously impacted on our capacity to undertake many conservation activities. The TCT is now living off its reserves and without increased funding our long-term survival is not assured.

It is my personal view that for the TCT and its commitment to conservation to continue we have to make some serious long-term decisions. We need to generate more income, we need to attract more members and we need to show that we are still a serious player in the conservation movement.

The current Council members and staff have put in superhuman efforts in trying to achieve these things with some real successes. Improved financial outcomes, development of a better communications capacity, a number of successful project grant applications and some significant policy successes (the most notable being the success of our long-running campaign to protect native grasslands) have resulted from these efforts. But they do not mean that we have successfully addressed the

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long-term problems of diminishing resources and our reduced role in the overall conservation movement.

If we are to survive and prosper we have to consider some serious alternatives to our current strategy of just continuing on as we always have and hoping that things will come good. In my view our best option will be to explore and consider partnerships with other groups or interests with the same level of commitment to conservation of Tasmania's natural resources. As well as myriad locally based and specific interest conservation groups in Tasmania, there are seven operating at a state or regional level. There is considerable overlap between these groups and a capacity to share resources and work together to achieve common goals. It may mean that in the long term individual identities disappear and new ones emerge.

To my mind it is not important whether or not a particular organisation survives, but rather is there a strong community voice and focus for conservation. There is no doubt that governments have lost interest in and reduced their commitment to community-based conservation. The private sector is showing an increased interest in improved conservation outcomes – although the current 'financial crisis' has given many of them an excuse not to support conservation.

Provided we do not lose sight of our conservation aims, working closely with and maybe even entering into joint

arrangements, either on a project or administrative basis, may provide a successful future course for the State's oldest conservation organisation.

The TCT is in a good position to play a major role in promoting and implementing a more broadly based approach. We have already begun a conversation with Environment Tasmania on how we can work together and support each other's efforts. We have always worked with other groups and will continue to pursue this course of action. We can perhaps reduce our spread of interests and focus on critical areas where we can make the most impact. At the same time we can openly support the efforts of like-minded groups to tackle other conservation issues. We have to become better at promoting what we do and telling governments, the community and industry that good conservation outcomes are central to our economic and social future. The quality of our natural environment is what sets Tasmania apart and it is what attracts many people to live and work here. Without a strong voluntary conservation movement that quality is jeopardised.

As this is my last term as president I would like to sincerely thank the staff, TCT membership and volunteers for their ongoing support and efforts in achieving our many successes. Without that support and dedication much of what has been achieved would have been impossible.

**Bob Graham**  
**President**

# Director's Report

Peter McGlone

While it is a bleak time for conservation in Tasmania and the TCT has been hard hit financially there has never been a greater need for the TCT's unique approach to conservation. At a time when so many conservation organisations are focusing on climate change and forestry there are still many other issues needing attention and, in some cases, providing more potential for success.

To counter some of the gloom, let me start by summarising the TCT's key achievements over the last year and some exciting opportunities for the coming year.

- The TCT is about to appoint a part-time wildlife campaigner.
- Jonah Gouldthorpe has been employed by the TCT as Weed Alert Network project officer.
- Volunteer Chloe Lucas has almost single-handedly rejuvenated efforts to address the wildlife roadkill problem.
- The TCT and Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania continue to collaborate on a range of wildlife issues – a partnership that benefits both organisations.
- On 26 June 2009 Tasmanian Lowland Native Grasslands were listed on the schedules of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) as a critically endangered ecological community – the original nomination in 2005 was co-authored by the TCT and Humane Society International.
- The TCT can take a great deal of credit for the Cat Management Bill 2009 that is about to enter State Parliament.
- The TCT is taking the lead in providing input to the review of the biodiversity provisions of the Forest Practices Code – one of the most exciting opportunities for many years to improve biodiversity protection and management in production forests.
- Over the next few months the TCT will have a new look website, newsletter, membership brochure and logo. Look out for a fresh new look.
- Rather than being a source of tension, our relationship with Environment Tasmania has improved and we are beginning to collaborate effectively.

## TCT and Environment Tasmania

One of the great opportunities we have is to build a more productive and collaborative relationship with Environment Tasmania (ET). ET was launched in 2006 and it is fair to say that the TCT and ET had a difficult relationship in the first few years. During 2008 the TCT developed a productive relationship with ET, most notably working closely together on the Marine Protected Areas campaign. In recent months, the two organisations have held discussions on how we can work together to maximise our effectiveness and minimise potential for duplication of effort or conflict. These discussions culminated in a formal meeting of the two organisations at the end of July that has led to the drafting a Tasmanian Conservation Trust / Environment Tasmania Heads of Agreement. We have also written to ET stating that the TCT will maintain its charter, focus and ways of operating, and that we cannot at this stage amalgamate with other organisations, including ET. This does not rule out circumstances changing in the future that may make amalgamation a more attractive option. For the time being, the TCT would prefer to focus on other approaches that will further cooperation and potential joint action between our organisations.

## State Budget Input

Each year the TCT is asked to provide a written submission for consideration in the planning of the State Budget and to give a presentation to the State Cabinet Budget Sub-committee Community Roundtable convened by the Tasmanian Treasurer. Our submission and presentation for 2008-09 focused on the need for a dramatic increase in the budget for the Parks and Wildlife Service.

## Threatened Species and Wildlife

The TCT is represented on the following national and state committees to provide advice to government on management of threatened species and wildlife issues:

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- Devil Facial Tumour Stakeholder Reference Group
- Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement Alternatives to 1080 Stakeholder Advisory Group
- National Swift Parrot Recovery Team
- Tasmanian Galaxiidae Recovery Team
- Member of the Road Kill Forum convened by the Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania to address wildlife roadkill

Outside of these committees the TCT takes action in a range of ways to advance conservation for threatened species and wildlife, including lobbying for funding, media, participating in program reviews and workshops and educational projects.

During the year TCT has produced a volunteers training DVD, *Swift Parrots in Tasmania: identification and nesting behaviour* and collaborated on another DVD, *Tasmania: the Roadkill State*.

The TCT works alongside animal welfare groups, especially Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania, to campaign for a ban on the use of 1080 poison on native animals, bans on the recreational season for ducks, quail, wallabies and shearwaters and a ban on the recreational use of gillnets.

The TCT is being consulted informally by Department of Primary Industries and Water on the review of Tasmanian Wildlife Regulations.

#### *Tasmanian devil*

The TCT is represented by Geoff King on the Devil Facial Tumour Stakeholder Reference Group. This group met only once during the 2008-09 year.

#### *Swift parrots*

The TCT has continued to participate in the National Swift Parrot Recovery Team and specifically to monitor progress towards a strategic plan for conservation of breeding habitat for the swift parrot. This plan ought be finalised prior to the coming breeding season (due to commence in September-October) so no more nesting trees are destroyed during logging operations. The State Government has failed to commit to implementing this plan but we remain hopeful they will do so.

#### *Grasslands*

On 26 June 2009 Tasmanian Lowland Native Grasslands were listed on the schedules of the EPBC Act as a critically endangered ecological community. This was a truly historic decision by Minister Peter Garrett and we cannot overstate the importance for biodiversity conservation in Tasmania. It is probably wishful thinking, but this event and date should be remembered as having critical significance in Tasmania's environmental history, alongside the High Court Decision that stopped the damming of the Franklin River. In terms of non-forest vegetation, this listing is akin to ending oldgrowth logging.

The decision is made more important because in 2007 the Tasmanian Government deliberately excluded, for political reasons, lowland native grasslands from the list of threatened native vegetation communities established under the provisions of the state Nature Conservation Act. This occurred even though they were one of the most threatened Tasmanian vegetation communities.

Until Minister Garrett's decision, lowland native grasslands in Tasmania had no legal protection and landowners could legally clear them without obtaining approvals. Permits were also granted by the State Government for destruction of state-listed species that inhabited native grasslands. Following listing on the EPBC Act, we expect there to be no further clearing of EPBC listed grasslands or destruction of state or EPBC listed species which inhabit them.

As a co-author of the original nomination in 2005, along with the Humane Society International, the TCT is immensely proud to have contributed to such an important environmental outcome for Tasmania. Once more we see the vital need for national environmental laws to fill gaps existing in state legislation and for NGOs to exercise their legal rights to nominate threatened species and communities.

#### *Wildlife Campaigner*

For more than three months the TCT has been searching for a 'Wildlife Campaigner' and we are glad to announce we have identified a preferred candidate. Pending the formal acceptance of the position by the candidate we will be making an announcement in coming weeks. This position will target a wide range of issues related to native wildlife species (not including threatened species), with the initial priorities being:

- banning 1080 poison
- banning recreational hunting seasons for ducks, wallabies, muttonbirds and quail
- reducing wildlife roadkill
- reducing culling for protection of crops and plantations
- banning recreational gill netting

This new position will greatly increase the TCT's capacity to make progress on these vital issues. However, funding for the position is very limited and we will be calling on our supporters to donate funds to extend and hopefully expand this position.

#### *Roadkill*

Last year the TCT supported Chloe Lucas to produce her DVD, *Tasmania: Your Roadkill State*. Since the DVD launch, Chloe has almost single handedly rejuvenated efforts to address the wildlife roadkill problem – and all this as a volunteer. She managed to spur the RACT into convening regular 'Roadkill Forums' that involve representatives of a range of road and wildlife managers.

This forum has provided a springboard for ideas and actions to address the roadkill problem including a commitment from the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources to carry out a major trial of roadkill mitigation methods. Chloe has prepared a TCT application to the Tasmanian Community Fund for funds to develop a comprehensive education campaign to help drivers prevent roadkill.

#### **Feral animals and weeds**

In addition to supporting regional and local control programs (foxes, Bruny Island and Tasman Island cat programs) the TCT has advocated for improved control of a range of priority feral animals in Tasmania, including species that are currently significant threats to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

#### *Foxes*

The TCT is represented on the Fox Eradication Program (FEP) Stakeholder Reference Group.

Our experience during this year has been that the FEP staff are totally open to requests for information (except for certain personal information and the exact location of fox reports) and will listen to and respond to any criticism that we offer. This is a stark contrast to other areas of government and to the perception that some in the community have regarding how the Fox Eradication Program operates.

Throughout the year the TCT has often been the lone non-government voice of support for the FEP in response to funding cuts, sceptics and unjustified criticism.

#### *Cats*

The TCT recently provided feedback on the Draft Cat Management Bill 2009 that proposes a range of legislative mechanisms focusing on control of domestic cats. We expect this Bill to be introduced into the Tasmanian Parliament before the end of the year so hopefully it becomes law before the state election. The TCT can take a great deal of the credit for convincing the State Government to proceed with legislation and for many of the approaches being proposed. This has been four years of hard slog by the TCT and if the Bill becomes law the TCT will be sure to congratulate the State Government but also to acknowledge its own contribution.

#### *Weed alert network*

The TCT has received funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund for the project 'Re-establishing

the Tasmanian Weed Alert Network'. The project will be run in collaboration with the Department of Primary Industries and Water Weed Management Section, the Tasmanian Herbarium, Tasmanian Weed Society and the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association. Jonah Gouldthorpe has recently been appointed as the project officer and will be working from the TCT office part-time for the next two years.

The goal of this project is to establish the Tasmanian Weed Alert Network as a self-sustaining network that assists to prevent the establishment of new weeds in Tasmania. We hope to train and engage up to 70 volunteers in reporting new weed incursions.

#### *On-ground weed control*

The TCT is represented on local and regional weed management-focused committees (see list below), and where it is strategically important, we run our own weed management projects such as the current Caring for our Country funded *Furneaux Boxthorn Control and Maintenance on Twelve Islands*.

#### **Water management**

The TCT's water campaign has focused largely on responding to the State Government's twelve Drought-proofing Tasmania projects, advocating for Water Management Plans for all catchments and commenting on draft plans. While the State Government is running an aggressive and poorly thought-out approach to irrigation development, some sectors of the irrigation industry and angling organisations also publicly recognize the government's failings and hold significant views in common with the TCT. We still remain hopeful that the State Government will develop a strategy for irrigation that steers away from opening up new areas for irrigation (such as the north-east), that they drop major new instream dams (such as the St Pauls River dam) and the Midlands Water Scheme is planned carefully and key environmental values (e.g. the level of Arthurs Lake) are guaranteed. Also, while the Australian Government Minister for Water, Penny Wong, has

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failed to address our concerns about the Drought-proofing Tasmania projects (the Australian Government have promised to co-fund the projects), the listing of grasslands on the EPBC Act means that Minister Peter Garrett has the potential to block irrigation development in parts of the Tasmanian Midlands.

### **Reserve Management**

The TCT is represented on the following regional and state committees to provide advice to the Parks and Wildlife Service and DPIPW regarding management of reserved land and Crown land:

- The Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area Off-Road Vehicle Consultation Group\*
- The Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area Grazing Consultation Group\*\*
- Parks and Wildlife Service Recreational Vehicle Advisory Group\*\*
- Tasman Island Cat Management Steering Committee
- Crown Lands Act Review Project Reference Group

\**Matthew Campbell-Ellis represents the TCT.*

\*\**Geoff King represents the TCT.*

The TCT has also continued to lobby the State Government to implement the Crown Land Assessment and Classification Program recommendations to reserve 78,000 hectares of land. We are now more confident than at any time since this process was completed in 2006 that these recommendations will be implemented.

While times are tough and realistically we did not expect an increase in the Parks and Wildlife Service budget for 2009-10, Minister Michelle O'Byrne has flagged a process to establish a 10-year plan for the Service and is keen for the TCT to be involved. This is an opportunity to take a long-term view of the Service and to input some bold new ideas about the reserve management priorities.

The TCT has taken a different view than any other conservation group to the State Government's Bay of Fires National Park proposal. We have written to the Premier David Bartlett encouraging him to put on hold his proposal for a national park and re-start negotiations with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to determine if they want part or all of the Bay of Fires area transferred to their ownership and if so what management arrangements and land tenure they would consider.

### **Forests and Forestry**

The TCT has continued to focus on protection of forests and woodlands on private land, improving forest practices and clearing controls and participating in the Forest Stewardship Council. The TCT is currently taking the lead in providing input to the review of the biodiversity provisions of the Forest Practices Code. In June we made a submission on the *Review of the biodiversity provisions of the Forest Practices Code*, a report prepared for the

Forest Practices Authority (FPA) by an independent panel of scientists. Our submission broadly supported the Report's recommendations and we urged the FPA to institute a formal review of the Forest Practices Code with the aim of incorporating the recommendations made in the Report. Many of the recommended changes are long overdue and, if implemented, would significantly improve the conservation of forest biodiversity. We are hopeful the formal Forest Practices Code review process (including a wide public consultation process) will commence at the end of this year and strongly encourage all conservation groups to participate in this process.

### **Planning**

The TCT is frequently called on by community groups and individuals to become involved in planning and development disputes. We have also taken a lead role in providing input into the review of the Tasmanian planning system, review of the State Coastal Policy and have made submissions and representations on the Ralphs Bay Marina Development. When the wildlife campaigner is employed we hope more of the Director's time can be dedicated to this crucial area.

### **Current TCT Caring for our Country and other grants (TCT receives only an administrative payment):**

- Furieux Boxtorn Control and Maintenance on Twelve Islands
- Port Davey Marine Reserve – Prevention of Marine Pests/Preservation of Values, (in conjunction with the Parks and Wildlife Service).
- Promoting Tasmania's Existing Marine Reserves (in conjunction with Ocean Planet).
- Community Action for Derwent Penguins Stage 2 (*Envirofund* grant)
- Tasmanian Wildlife Education Project (*Voiceless* grant)
- Re-establishing the Tasmanian Weed Alert Network: (*Tasmanian Community Fund* grant)

### **National NGO Affiliations**

- Australian Environment Network
- Nominated for membership of Mittagong Forum
- Australian Forest Stewardship Council, Environment Chamber
- Stop Invasive Species Alliance
- Australian Wetlands Alliance

### **TCT community and NRM committees (TCT receives no income or sitting fees):**

- Derwent Estuary Program Technical Taskforce Committee \*
- Derwent Estuary Program Monitoring Taskforce Committee \*
- Derwent Estuary Program Little Penguin Project Committee

- Southeast Coastal Management Group Steering Group
- Bruny Island Weed Management Steering Group
- Bruny Island Community Cat Management Group
- Gambusia Steering Committee
- Steering Committee for Progressing Nationally Strategic Control of Boneseed and Asparagus Weeds in Southern Tasmania
- State Boneseed Management Committee
- George Town Cat Management Steering Committee

- NRM South Mountains to Marine Project Steering Committee
  - Nominated for representation on the State NRM Council
  - Provides input to NRM North project Protection and Enhancement of Fragile Ecosystems within the Bay of Fires Conservation Area
- (\*The TCT's representative is Merv Kershaw)

**Peter McGlone**  
**Acting Director**

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## Coastal and Marine

The TCT continues its work on fisheries management and other marine environmental issues. Jon Bryan as a representative of the TCT is a member of all Tasmanian Fishery Advisory Committees (FAC). We contribute submissions as part of formal fishery management processes and discuss issues with managers, scientists, industry representatives, community groups and individuals. The Trust continues to support the need for a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of marine protected areas.

Wild Fisheries – Tasmania

Jon Bryan is a member of the Abalone FAC, Rock Lobster FAC, Scallop FAC, Scalefish FAC and Recreational FAC. These committees have a statutory role and meet regularly to discuss management issues and provide advice to the Minister. These committees represent an opportunity to pass relevant advice to the Minister and the Department of Primary Industries and Water and promote the need for the protection of natural values and ecosystems in the marine and coastal environment.

### Wild Fisheries - Commonwealth

Jon Bryan has been a long-term member of the Scallop Management Advisory Committee (MAC) and Small Pelagic MAC. Both these fisheries are active in waters adjacent to Tasmania and are of direct relevance to Tasmania's marine environment. In 2009 he was nominated for and accepted as a member of the newly formed South MAC, which oversees fishing in Australia's subantarctic waters.

Jon is also a member of the Small Pelagic Fishery Resource Assessment Group, which assesses the scientific evidence used to justify management decisions, and the Cetacean Mitigation Working Group, which aims to develop techniques to ensure that dolphins and other marine mammals are protected from the activities of this fishery.

### Marine Protected Areas

The TCT has been involved in the process to create new marine protected areas in southeast Tasmania. The TCT was fully engaged in the Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC) process to develop a system of marine protected areas in the Bruny Bioregion. The initial RPDC recommendations were very promising, then replaced by a much less satisfactory version. Finally, the state government ignored all the RPDC's significant recommendations and appears to have abandoned its own Marine Protected Areas Strategy.

### TCT Website

In addition to his work on marine conservation issues, Jon continues to maintain the TCT website and makes the newsletter and other material available on the internet.

**Jon Bryan**  
**Marine Campaigner**

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**TASMANIAN CONSERVATION TRUST INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2009**

|                                  | Note | 2009<br>\$        | 2008<br>\$        |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>            |      |                   |                   |
| Cash at Bank                     |      | 64,963.40         | 49,236.32         |
| Term deposits                    |      | 266,457.91        | 254,775.10        |
| Accounts receivable              |      | 111.61            | 189.37            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>      |      | <b>331,532.92</b> | <b>304,200.79</b> |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>        |      |                   |                   |
| Property, plant and equipment    | 2    | 5,080.89          | 6,883.05          |
| <b>Total Non-current assets</b>  |      | <b>5,080.89</b>   | <b>6,883.05</b>   |
| <b>Total assets</b>              |      | <b>336,613.81</b> | <b>311,083.84</b> |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>       |      |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable                 |      | 4,508.82          | 6,081.44          |
| Grants received in advance       | 6    | 151,410.90        | 83,557.91         |
| Subscriptions prepaid            |      | 4,071.98          | 3,008.73          |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b> |      | <b>159,991.70</b> | <b>92,648.08</b>  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                |      | <b>176,622.11</b> | <b>218,435.76</b> |
| <b>Members funds</b>             |      |                   |                   |
| Accumulated funds                | 3    | 100,822.11        | 142,635.76        |
| Dreaper contingency reserve      | 4    | 75,800.00         | 75,800.00         |
| <b>Total members funds</b>       |      | <b>176,622.11</b> | <b>218,435.76</b> |

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

|   | 2009                     | 2008                     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | \$                       | \$                       |
| <b>INCOME</b>                             |                          |                          |
| General Sales                             | 375.64                   | 12.73                    |
| Donations                                 | 23,632.14                | 56,492.20                |
| Australian Government GVEHO Grant         | 25,000.00                | 25,000.00                |
| Tasmanian State Government Grant          | 30,000.00                | 30,000.00                |
| Living Environment Program                | -                        | 17,272.73                |
| Membership subscriptions                  | 6,819.99                 | 6,745.90                 |
| Administration income:                    |                          |                          |
| General Grants                            | 16,360.01                | 16,236.37                |
| Costs reimbursed:                         |                          |                          |
| Photocopying                              | -                        | 500.00                   |
| Postage                                   | -                        | -                        |
| Printing and stationery                   | -                        | 95.45                    |
| Telephone/fax                             | -                        | 1,648.46                 |
| Elizabeth Street rental                   | 25,703.56                | 31,195.42                |
| Liverpool Street rental                   | 11,778.48                | 2,933.34                 |
| Interest earned                           | 16,425.18                | 18,064.10                |
| Other income                              | 8,340.79                 | 18,196.65                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                       | <b><u>164,435.79</u></b> | <b><u>224,393.35</u></b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                        |                          |                          |
| Accountancy & Audit                       | 1,560.00                 | 1,867.27                 |
| Bank charges                              | 272.65                   | 269.17                   |
| Computer expenses                         | 212.68                   | 1,391.46                 |
| Consultants:                              | -                        | -                        |
| Depreciation                              | 1,802.16                 | 5,115.75                 |
| Insurance( includes Workers Compensation) | 4,055.14                 | 4,440.29                 |
| Legal expenses                            | -                        | 1,026.60                 |
| Licences and registrations                | 409.59                   | 690.00                   |
| Meeting expenses                          | 185.84                   | 181.13                   |
| Newsletter expenses                       | 2,750.01                 | 1,810.00                 |
| Other expenses                            | 5,893.39                 | 3,341.72                 |
| Photocopying                              | 471.52                   | 933.21                   |
| Postage                                   | 1,119.64                 | 1,347.60                 |
| Printing/stationery                       | 2,415.45                 | 1,752.42                 |
| Rent, Rates, Elect. & Taxes               |                          |                          |
| Offices                                   | 24,218.49                | 14,124.01                |
| Elizabeth Street                          | 18,534.98                | 21,640.40                |
| Office relocation                         | -                        | 10,600.81                |

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

|                                | <b>2009</b>        | <b>2008</b>       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                                | <b>\$</b>          | <b>\$</b>         |
| Repairs and maintenance        | 105.00             | -                 |
| Wages/superannuation:          |                    |                   |
| Wages                          | 105,665.98         | 109,402.91        |
| Superannuation                 | 9,347.91           | 9,825.97          |
| Short term project expenses    | 21,687.48          | 3,868.94          |
| Telephone/fax                  | 4,012.86           | 5,355.09          |
| Travel/accommodation           | 1,528.67           | 2,481.33          |
| Loss on computers              | -                  | 2,251.53          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>       | <b>206,249.44</b>  | <b>203,717.61</b> |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b> | <b>(41,813.65)</b> | <b>20,675.74</b>  |

## **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

### **(a) Basis of Preparation**

The Tasmanian Conservation Trust Incorporated is an association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964. In the opinion of the Council, the Association is not a reporting entity. The financial report of the Association has been drawn up as a special purpose financial report for distribution to the members.

The financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting as defined in AAS 6 Accounting Policies, using the historical cost convention and a going concern assumption. Except where stated, it does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets. Except where noted, the accounting policies have been consistently applied.

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus View) that have a material effect with the following exceptions:

- AAS 1 - Statement of Financial Performance
- AAS 16 - Financial Reporting by Segments
- AAS 28 - Statement of Cash Flows
- AAS 33 - Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments
- AAS 36 - Statement of Financial Position
- AAS 37 - Financial Report Presentation and Disclosures

### **(b) Revenue Recognition**

#### *Grant income*

The Association receives grant funding for various projects. These funds are initially brought to account as a liability (grants in advance). This liability is reduced upon expenditure of the funds. A portion of grant funding received relates to administration and is brought to account as income of the Association.

#### *Interest*

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues.

#### *Asset sales*

The gain or loss on disposal for all fixed assets is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the proceeds of disposal.

#### *Contributions of assets*

From time to time, assets are acquired by the Trust as a result of grant funding. Such assets are brought to account in the Statement of Financial Position and an equal amount is brought in as revenue.

### **(c) Taxation**

The Association is not liable for income and therefore does not adopt tax effect accounting.

**(d) Receivables**

The collectability of receivables is assessed at year end and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts.

**(e) Recoverable amount of non current assets valued on cost basis**

The carrying amounts of all non-current assets valued on the cost basis are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at balance date. If the carrying amount of a non-current asset exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount. In assessing recoverable amounts the relevant cash flows have not been discounted to their present value.

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

*Acquisition*

Items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost and depreciated as outlined below. Minor purchases under \$1,000 are immediately expensed.

*Depreciation*

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line depreciation method. The depreciation rates used for each class of asset, for the current and previous years, are between 10.0% and 22.5%.

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition.

**(g) Accounts payable**

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed to the Association.

**(h) Grants**

Grant monies on an individual project level are reconciled in the table in Note 6.

*Grants receivable*

Grants receivable in the Statement of Financial Position represents expenditure incurred by the Trust, in accordance with approved grants that has not been claimed or received by the Trust at the end of the financial year.

*Grants received in advance*

Grants received in advance in the Statement of Financial Position represents funding received by the Trust, in accordance with approved grants that have not been expended by the Trust at the end of the financial year.

**(i) Goods and services tax**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or an item of the expense.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

**(j) Employee entitlements**

Employees of the Association take leave in the financial year it falls due.

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| <b>NOTE 2</b> | <b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>   | <b>2009</b>       | <b>2008</b>       |
|---------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|               | Motor vehicles at cost                 | -                 | 17,250.91         |
|               | Less: Accumulated depreciation         | -                 | (14,283.31)       |
|               | Balance Car Body Project               | -                 | (2,967.60)        |
|               |  | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>          |
|               | Office Equipment                       | 6,883.05          | 61,607.95         |
|               | Less: Accumulated depreciation         | (1,802.16)        | (54,724.90)       |
|               |  | <u>5,080.89</u>   | <u>6,883.05</u>   |
|               | Total Non-current assets               | <u>5,080.89</u>   | <u>6,883.05</u>   |
|               | <b><i>Reconciliations</i></b>          |                   |                   |
|               | <i>Motor vehicles:</i>                 |                   |                   |
|               | Carrying amount at beginning of year   | -                 | 3,343.77          |
|               | Balance Car Body Project               | -                 | (2,967.60)        |
|               | Depreciation                           | -                 | (376.17)          |
|               | Carrying amount at end of year         | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>          |
|               | <i>Office Equipment</i>                |                   |                   |
|               | Carrying amount at beginning of year   | 6,883.05          | 8,293.01          |
|               | Additions                              | -                 | 6,581.13          |
|               | Depreciation                           | (1,672.11)        | (4,739.56)        |
|               | Write off Computers                    | (130.05)          | (3,251.53)        |
|               | Carrying amount at end of year         | <u>5,080.89</u>   | <u>6,883.05</u>   |
|               | <i>Total:</i>                          |                   |                   |
|               | Carrying amount at beginning of year   | 6,883.05          | 11,636.78         |
|               | Additions                              | -                 | 6,581.13          |
|               | Balance Car Body Project               | -                 | (2,967.60)        |
|               | Depreciation                           | (1,802.16)        | (5,115.73)        |
|               | Write off Computers                    | -                 | (3,251.53)        |
|               | Carrying amount at end of year         | <u>5,080.89</u>   | <u>6,883.05</u>   |
| <b>NOTE 3</b> | <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>               | <b>2009</b>       | <b>2008</b>       |
|               | Accumulated Funds at beginning of year | 142,635.76        | 121,960.02        |
|               | Net surplus / (deficit)                | (41,813.65)       | 20,675.74         |
|               | Accumulated Funds at end of year       | <u>100,822.11</u> | <u>142,635.76</u> |

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

**NOTE 4 DREAPER CONTINGENCY RESERVE**

This reserve relates to a bequest received in May 1995. The amount has been invested.

**NOTE 5 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS**

There were no capital expenditure commitments at the end of the financial year.

**NOTE 6 EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

No events occurred subsequent to balance date which are considered to have significantly affected, or which might significantly affect the operation of the Trust in future years.

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NOTE 8 PROJECTS

|                                      | 30/6/08    |                  | 30/6/09           |                   | 30/6/09           |                   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | Receivable | Advance          | Grant Expenditure | Grant Receipts    | Receivable        | Advance           |
| <b>Grants General</b>                |            |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Shorebirds Habitat Partnership       | -          | 12,991.98        | -                 | -                 | -                 | 12,991.98         |
| Government Hills                     | -          | 3,500.00         | 3,500.00          | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Envirofund-Derwent Penguins 2        | -          | 25,384.91        | 12,698.40         | -                 | -                 | 12,686.51         |
| Envirofund-Swift Parrot Nesting Site | -          | 1,201.33         | 3,812.69          | 2,611.36          | -                 | -                 |
| Envirofund-Derwent Wetlands 2        | -          | 31,075.86        | 31,075.86         | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Dog Beach Control                    | -          | 1,004.31         | 1,499.90          | 1,500.00          | -                 | 1,004.41          |
| Caring for our Country               |            |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Port Davey Marine Reserve            | -          | -                | 11,274.24         | 24,672.73         | -                 | 13,398.49         |
| Furneaux Boxthorn Control            | -          | -                | 18,031.69         | 44,489.09         | -                 | 26,457.40         |
| Engage the Tasmanian Community       | -          | -                | 16,508.00         | 44,615.27         | -                 | 28,107.27         |
| Tasmanian Community Fund             |            |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Tas Weed Alert Network               | -          | -                | 2,500.00          | 43,235.50         | -                 | 40,735.50         |
| <b>Total Grants General</b>          | -          | <b>75,158.39</b> | <b>100,900.78</b> | <b>161,123.95</b> | -                 | <b>135,381.56</b> |
| <b>Special Projects</b>              |            |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Baron Memorial Fund                  | -          | 200.00           | 200.00            | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Tarkine Wild & Sacred                | -          | 985.00           | 985.00            | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Tarkine Melbourne Action Group       | -          | 5,318.73         | -                 | -                 | -                 | 5,318.73          |
| Tasmanian Oak Growers Group          | -          | 777.47           | 777.47            | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Peninsula Environment Network        | -          | 891.46           | -                 | -                 | -                 | 891.46            |
| Peninsula Tracks - Publication       | -          | 0.96             | 1,253.00          | 1,253.01          | -                 | 0.97              |
| Tarkine National Coalition           | -          | 75.55            | 75.55             | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Volunteer Small Equipment Group      | -          | 150.35           | 150.35            | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Elizabeth Street Advance R Knight    | -          | -                | -                 | 9,818.18          | -                 | 9,818.18          |
| <b>Total Special Projects</b>        |            | <b>8,399.52</b>  | <b>3,441.37</b>   | <b>11,071.19</b>  | -                 | <b>16,029.34</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | -          | <b>83,557.91</b> | <b>104,342.15</b> | <b>172,195.14</b> | -                 | <b>151,410.90</b> |
|                                      |            | <b>83,557.91</b> | <b>67,852.99</b>  |                   | <b>151,410.90</b> |                   |

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - BUDGET ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

|                                | 2008-09<br>Budget<br>\$ | 2008-09<br>Actual<br>\$ | 2008-09<br>Variance<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                  |                         |                         |                           |
| General Sales                  |                         |                         |                           |
| Donations                      | 15,000.00               | 23,632.14               | 8,632.14                  |
| Federal Government GVEHO Grant | 25,000.00               | 25,000.00               | -                         |
| State Government Grant         | 30,000.00               | 30,000.00               | -                         |
| Membership subscriptions       | 6,200.00                | 6,819.99                | 619.99                    |
| Administration income:         |                         |                         |                           |
| General Grants-Admin fees      | 7,500.00                | 16,360.01               | 8,860.01                  |
| Costs reimbursed:              |                         |                         |                           |
| Elizabeth Street rental        | 26,889.00               | 25,703.56               | (1,185.44)                |
| Liverpool Street rental        | 15,200.00               | 11,778.48               | (3,421.52)                |
| Interest earned                | 16,000.00               | 16,425.18               | 425.18                    |
| Other income                   | 6,500.00                | 8,716.43                | 2,216.43                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>148,289.00</b>       | <b>164,435.79</b>       | <b>16,146.79</b>          |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |                         |                         |                           |
| Accountancy & Audit            | 1,600.00                | 1,560.00                | (40.00)                   |
| Bank charges                   | 350.00                  | 272.65                  | (77.35)                   |
| Bad Debts written off          |                         |                         |                           |
| Computer expenses              | 500.00                  | 212.68                  | (287.32)                  |
| Consultants:                   |                         |                         |                           |
| Administration                 |                         |                         |                           |
| Other consultants              |                         |                         |                           |
| Depreciation                   | 1,802.00                | 1,802.16                | 0.16                      |
| Land Tax and Rates             |                         |                         |                           |
| Insurance                      | 4,405.00                | 4,055.14                | (349.86)                  |
| Legal expenses                 | 500.00                  | -                       | (500.00)                  |
| Licences and registrations     | 350.00                  | 409.59                  | 59.59                     |
| Meeting expenses               | 100.00                  | 185.84                  | 85.84                     |
| Newsletter expenses            | 3,000.00                | 2,750.01                | (249.99)                  |
| Other expenses                 | 4,500.00                | 5,893.38                | 1,393.38                  |
| Photocopying                   | 500.00                  | 471.52                  | (28.48)                   |
| Telephone/Fax                  | 5,000.00                | 4,012.86                | (987.14)                  |
| Postage                        | 1,200.00                | 1,119.64                | (80.36)                   |
| Printing/stationery            | 2,500.00                | 2,415.45                | (84.55)                   |
| Rent, Rates, Elect. & Taxes:   |                         |                         |                           |
| Liverpool Street               | 23,000.00               | 22,242.20               | (757.80)                  |
| Aurora Liverpool Street        | 1,800.00                | 1,976.29                | 176.29                    |
| Elizabeth Street               | 18,690.00               | 18,534.99               | (155.01)                  |

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - BUDGET ANALYSIS  
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|                             | <b>2008-09<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> | <b>2008-09<br/>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>2008-09<br/>Variance<br/>\$</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Repairs and maintenance     | 200.00                           | 105.00                           | (95.00)                            |
| Wages/superannuation:       |                                  |                                  |                                    |
| Wages                       | 111,860.00                       | 105,665.98                       | (6,194.02)                         |
| Superannuation              | 10,192.00                        | 9,347.91                         | (844.09)                           |
| Short term project expenses | 28,000.00                        | 21,687.48                        | (6,312.52)                         |
| Travel/accommodation        | 2,000.00                         | 1,528.67                         | (471.33)                           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>    | <b><u>222,049.00</u></b>         | <b><u>206,249.44</u></b>         | <b><u>(15,799.56)</u></b>          |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>  | <b><u>(73,760.00)</u></b>        | <b><u>(41,813.65)</u></b>        | <b><u>31,946.35</u></b>            |