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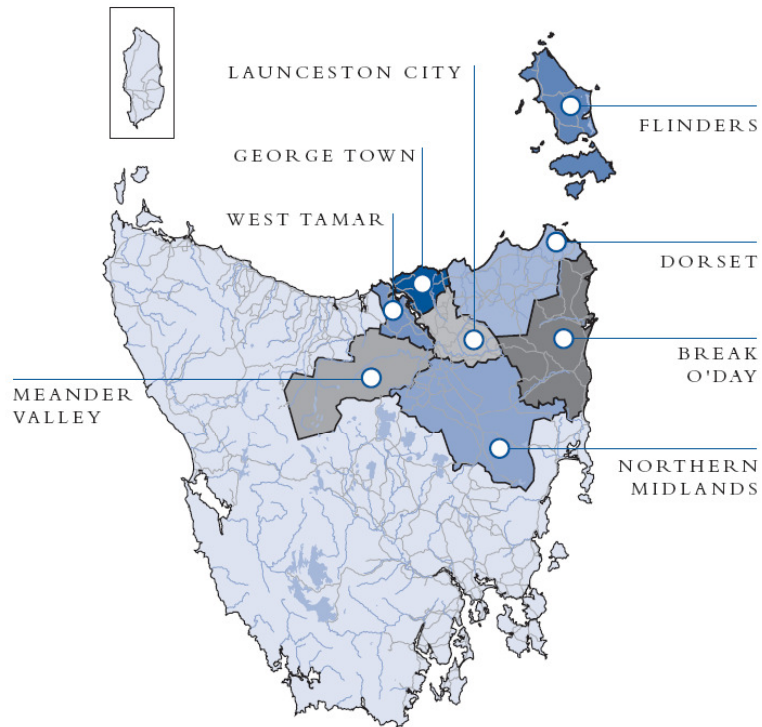
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Northern Tasmania Council Districts



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Northern Tasmania

Northern Tasmania comprises approximately a third of Tasmania's land mass (25,200km²) and in 2007 had an estimated population of 138,612.

Northern Tasmanians enjoy the advantage of a number of significant natural resources and values that include:

- landscapes and scenery of international renown;
- the near pristine estuaries and wetlands of the Furneaux Group;
- diverse species and plant communities;
- abundant fisheries, forests and water resources;
- a clean green marketing image;
- an adaptive and flexible agriculture sector;
- a strong commitment to sustainable development.

The area of Northern Tasmania aligns with the areas of the eight Northern Tasmanian Councils: Break O'Day, Dorset, Flinders, George Town, Launceston City, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar.

The Break O'Day area is located on Tasmania's pristine East Coast and is one of the largest local government areas in the State. The population stands at about 6,000 which more than doubles during the summer holiday season. The principal industries in the areas are tourism, mining, forestry, agriculture, fishing and aquaculture.

The Dorset district covers 3,200km² in North East Tasmania. The Dorset district is a proud, stable and self-reliant rural area primarily involved with agriculture, forestry and associated industries with a small amount of mining, fishing and a growing tourism industry.

The Flinders municipality covers four groups of Bass Strait islands off the north-eastern tip of Tasmania: the Furneaux, Kent, Hogan and Curtis Groups. Of the more than 60 islands, only three have permanent residents: Flinders, Cape Barren and Clarke, with Flinders Island having the largest population. Flinders Island has three main population centres: Whitemark, Lady Barron and Killiecrankie. Whitemark is the main residential and business centre, and the all-tides port at Lady Barron is the berthing point for the trading vessel Matthew Flinders. Flinders Island has a thriving rural community based on agriculture, fishing and tourism.

The George Town municipal area is bounded to the north by Bass Strait, the Tamar River to the west and Little Pipers River to the east. The township of George Town marks the administrative centre and the oldest settlement in the region. Just south of George Town

along the shores of the Tamar River is the heavy industrial zone and deep-water port of Bell Bay.

The Launceston City Council covers a small area of 1,414km² with an estimated population of Greater Launceston at 100,664 in 2003. Launceston is the transport hub for the region, with national highway access to Hobart the state's capital, major urban centres in the state's North-West and the port of Bell Bay. Launceston is the service centre for Northern Tasmania including retail, educational, health and many cultural services. The City has a campus of the University of Tasmania, incorporating the Australian Maritime College, major technical and VET training facilities, the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Aurora Football Stadium, the Silverdome Entertainment Centre and the Launceston General Hospital, a tertiary teaching hospital.

The Northern Midlands district, one of the largest and most diverse Tasmanian municipalities, ranges from mountainous country on its eastern and western boundaries, to extensive grazing lands and the rich agricultural river flats of the Esk, Lake and Macquarie Rivers. Launceston Airport, the largest air freight operation in Tasmania, is situated in the Northern Midlands. The Northern Midlands district is renowned for its historic villages with magnificent Georgian architecture, fine wool and agricultural production, Ben Lomond National Park, trout fishing, beautiful waterways, diverse businesses and many tourist attractions. The area's relaxed country lifestyle in such close proximity to Launceston attracts many residents to the northern towns of Longford, Evandale and Perth.

The Meander Valley Council district is a large diverse area offering a range of business and lifestyle opportunities from the mountainous areas of the Great Western Tiers to extensive areas of forest and high fertility farmland in the lee of the mountains and in the valleys. The population of Meander Valley district was 19,124 in 2007. Most of the district is less than one hour's drive to the regional centre of Launceston. Smaller retail and service centres exist within the district at Deloraine, Westbury and Prospect.

The West Tamar Council area is located in northern Tasmania, a few kilometres north-west of Launceston. The West Tamar Council area is bounded by Bass Strait in the north, the Tamar River in the east, Launceston City in the south-east, the Meander Valley Council area in the south, and the Latrobe Council area in the west. The West Tamar Council area includes rural areas and growing urban areas in numerous townships and villages, particularly areas in the south, closest to Launceston. The Council area encompasses a total land area of about 690 square kilometres. Rural land is used mainly for agriculture (particularly fruit growing), aquaculture and viticulture, with some gold mining. Tourism is also an important industry.

The traditional core economic drivers in Northern Tasmania are manufacturing, primary production and tourism. Manufacturing is the major industry that drives employment in Northern Tasmania. A report prepared by the UTAS Australian Innovation Research Centre in July 2010 reported that manufacturing firms account for 23.9% of firms in northern Tasmania, 34.5% of total reported employment and 41.7% of total reported industry turnover, compared to the rest of Tasmania where manufacturing firms account for 18.4% of firms, 22.6% of employment and 24.8% of turnover.

Primary production (including plantation forestry) is high value to Northern Tasmania representing 37% of the State's total economy. Recent data prepared for NTD indicates agriculture dominates employment in agriculture, forestry and fishing in all SLAs with the exception of Meander Valley – Part A. Sheep, beef, cattle and grain farming dominate agricultural employment in most SLAs. Dairy farms are significant for employment in Dorset and Meander Valley – Part B. Employment in fruit and tree nut farming accounts for a significant proportion of agricultural employment in and around the Tamar Valley.

About Northern Tasmania Development

The Northern Tasmanian Regional Development Board was established as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Shares in December 1992 for the purpose of working "with the Northern Tasmania community in identifying economic opportunities and facilitating their sustainable development for the benefit of the Region."

The Company is owned by the eight Northern Councils as the Shareholders.

As stated in the Shareholders Agreement: The purpose of Northern Tasmania Development is to:

1. facilitate the achievement of sustainable economic and community development in Northern Tasmania;
2. ensure that the Company achieves the following outcomes:
 - provides leadership for Northern Tasmania and is an advocate for the interests of Northern Tasmania;
 - provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas;
 - promotes Northern Tasmania as a favorable location for business, tourism, community and enterprise development;
 - facilitates the development of opportunities for Northern Tasmania;
 - encourages community involvement in the activities of the Corporation;
 - provides communication linkages with the Australian Government, the Tasmanian Government, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and other organisations;
 - provides a forum for Local Government matters and undertakes projects and resource sharing as appropriate.

Our Vision for Northern Tasmania

Northern Tasmania is a progressive, collaborative community providing enjoyable and entertaining visitor experiences, a healthy and prosperous place to live and sound investment opportunities. Northern Tasmania is the right place to visit, live and invest.

Our Mission

The mission of Northern Tasmania Development is to provide regional leadership that creates and enhances the sustainability of tourism (Visit), the community (Live) and the economy (Invest) within Northern Tasmania.

Our Core Business

- Regional Planning
- Facilitating, Brokering, Advocating, Lobbying
- Delivering Products and Services

We deliver into these three service areas of:

- Tourism Development and Marketing (Visit)
- Community Development (Live)
- Economic Development (Invest)

Chairperson's Report

I am pleased to present my report for 2009/10. The past year has been one of review and consolidation and as a result of these efforts I believe Northern Tasmania Development (NTD) is now well positioned for the future.

Over the last 12 months, the Board has reviewed the operations of the NTD and made some strategic choices about the organisation's future direction. The operating environment we find ourselves in today has changed significantly over recent years, and it was therefore timely to reflect upon what our focus now needs to be, what needs to be delivered and in what manner.

The Board has worked through a range of issues, with the support and assistance of two external consultants, commencing in early 2010. The areas we have specifically focused on include the following.

- Developing a project management business model for the short to medium term, so the Board can systematically work through a range of governance, financial and operational issues and develop a business model based around the core funding NTD receives from the eight member councils.
- Reviewing the financial operations of NTD, and working through and finalising outstanding audit and taxation issues.
- Reviewing financial reporting formats and arrangements, and developing an annual budget which aligns with the priorities of the Shareholders and Board.
- Improving engagement and consultation with stakeholders, including Shareholders, key Tasmanian government departments, agencies and industry bodies.
- Reviewing the core priorities and activities of NTD, ensuring they reflect the needs of Shareholders and are aligned to the strategic future of the region.
- Reviewing the Chief Executive Officer role, and redefining and repositioning this in line with the updated priorities, and undertaking the recruitment process for a new Executive Officer position. This process will be finalised in December.
- Considering future governance arrangements and Board composition.

The Board has been active throughout the year in working through these issues, and developing a clearer focus for NTD, and a closer engagement with each of the eight councils in the region.

As a result of these deliberations the Board has confirmed a structure which has significantly reduced permanent staffing and long term commitments than has been the case previously. Instead NTDs core operations will be small, flexible and focused on policy, project management and secretariat functions, and work will be project based and supported by contracting in specific expertise on an as-needs basis. An Executive Officer will manage the operations of NTD, and guide the organisation through its next development phase. Adopting this more flexible approach will enable NTD to be more responsive to Shareholder and stakeholder priorities, and to ensure projects requiring higher level technical, industry specific or professional support can access this at the appropriate level.

During the course of 2010 we have sought to develop more transparent arrangements with our Shareholders, particularly through financial reporting and forecasting to the Local Government Committee. As a result there is now greater clarity around where resources are directed, and the specific project based commitments are noted in the budget and reporting. Shareholders should now be clear how their funding is being deployed, and how this links to the regional priorities. These reporting systems will be further developed during the coming year.

Again this year it has been highlighted that State and Federal Governments continue to demonstrate a preference for dealing with regional bodies such as NTD. Developments since the 2010 federal election indicate there will be significant opportunities around regional development, and we look forward to continuing and extending our collaborative relationship with Regional Development Australia, Tasmania to ensure the northern region is well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities.

Likewise during the last 12 months we have continued to cement strong relationships with community organisations, including the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tasmania, Enterprise Connect and NRM (North). We worked with the Launceston Chamber of Commerce to highlight the importance of AFL to the region, and we continue our engagement with UTAS, most recently in examining opportunities to address the chronic shortage of planners in the state. The recent UTAS campus tour organised specifically for local government in the region highlighted the importance of their world class facilities to the future of Northern Tasmania.

We enjoyed excellent relationships with a range of Tasmanian government departments and agencies in the last 12 months. Of note we have worked closely with Tourism Tasmania on the review of regional tourism and on supporting their Launceston, Tamar and the North Zone Marketing Group, commenced a collaboration with the Department of Infrastructure,

Energy and Resources (DIER) to determine immediate regional transport priorities and to work with them in the important task of reviewing and updating the Northern Tasmania Integrated Transport Strategy. We also look forward to being an active partner with the Department of Economic Development (DED) in the development of the regional element of the Tasmanian Economic Development Plan.

However, the last 12 months has been especially notable for the work NTD has undertaken on the Regional Planning initiative. The Regional Planning Project (RPP) has been NTD's main area of activity throughout the last year, and I acknowledge the outstanding work of the RPP Management Committee and Technical Reference Group as the key drivers in this initiative. I must also make special mention of the contribution of NTD Board Member Professor David Adams in providing strategic, policy and hands on support to the RPP. His contribution to NTD and the RPP has been immeasurable in the last year and we owe him a huge vote of thanks for his contribution to our organisation and the region. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Greg Preece, General Manager Meander Valley Council and Greg Alomes, Executive Director of the Tasmania Planning Commission who have worked very closely with NTD on the RPP during the last year and without their efforts we could not have achieved our progress to date.

Following the decision of two Shareholders not to renew their future funding commitment beyond 30 June 2011, we have worked hard to demonstrate the value NTD brings to local government in the region. I am pleased to report that our efforts have not gone unnoticed, and during 2010 Flinders Council advised they have recommitted to the Shareholder Agreement. We will continue to work hard to ensure all Shareholders achieve value for money from their participation and support to NTD.

During the year Board Member Mark Shelton resigned due to his election to the Tasmanian House of Assembly. We congratulate Mark on this achievement and look forward to working with him on a different basis in the future. This vacancy was filled by Launceston Mayor, Albert van Zetten, who was nominated and confirmed as the Shareholders representative at their meeting in May and his appointment confirmed at the June 2010 meeting of the NTD Board.

Whilst the last year has been one of review and consolidation, we have continued our core functions with the assistance of external assistance. The Executive Officer role will be filled by early 2011 and NTD will be positioned to move into a new phase with a small but committed core team. The Board is confident the foundations are in place for a sustainable and vibrant future for NTD, and believe there will be significant opportunity for the organisation to extend

its role and influence to ensure Northern Tasmania is positioned to be an economically and socially vital region.

Barry Easter
Chairperson

Operations Report 2009/10

The 2009/10 year has been a period of change for NTD, with several staffing changes, new contracting arrangements in place to manage the operations in the short term and the review of roles and structures. At the same time we have managed existing projects focused on Regional Land Use Planning and Tourism, managed the transition of Youth on Paterson youth service to a new auspice body and completed the North East Innovations Project. We have also commenced a number of projects including the development of a strategic plan for Northern Tasmania, the development of a regional integrated transport plan, scoping and commencing work on our regional shared services and undertaken a rebranding and relaunching of the NTD website.

Major Projects

Regional Land Use Planning Project

The Regional Land Use Planning Project has been NTDs major project during 2009/10, and is a project of critical importance to the region. We have received strong support from the Tasmanian Planning Commission who have been actively involved in our Regional Management Committee, and in enabling the resources to be available to our Technical Reference Group. The Regional Planning Project's Management Committee and Technical Reference Groups are made of up representatives from councils across the region.

The broad goals of the Regional Planning Project are:

- to move from a regulatory, litigious and discretionary approach to a strategy driven approach where clear state, regional and local priorities provide greater land use certainty within a common planning structure which:
 - increases certainty for developers and attracts private sector investment;
 - reduces the number of schemes, increases consistency;
 - is written in plain English; and
 - expedites application, assessment and appeals processes.

It is intended to address local government issues such as:

- limited state policy guidance;
- community engagement and limited local/regional assessment roles in major developments; and
- lack of clarity on regional level strategy and priorities.

The Regional Planning Project is intended to establish a process to address key land use issues such as:

- rural land use/PAL [e.g. forestry]

- Climate change/sea level rise [shoreline developments]
- Scenic protection/heritage [character of settlements]
- Settlement and housing [e.g. Launceston urban growth boundary]
- Infrastructure and economic development priorities [e.g. priorities for Ben Lomond Water]
- Governance and community engagement [Projects of Regional Significance].

Progress to date on the Regional Planning Project

- The draft Settlement Strategy is complete and is being circulated to Councils for comment.
- The Regional Agricultural Profile draft to be completed in early December 2010.
- The draft Regional Land Use Strategy is to be completed by late December 2010 for consultation.
- Finalisation of Regional Strategy is to occur by Feb 2011 to guide interim planning schemes.
- Interim planning schemes to be completed by 11 April 2011.

Tourism

Tourism has continued to be a major focus for NTD throughout the year, and our work in this area has shifted more towards destination development and management, acknowledging the key role the Launceston Tamar and the North (LTN) Zone Marketing Group has in relation to marketing. Our tourism function continues to be well supported by Tourism Tasmania, and as we enter the final year of our three year grant deed with them there will be the opportunity to review and renegotiate our ongoing role in tourism. Substantial work has already occurred in relation to this review process, with Tourism Tasmania undertaking a review of regional tourism during 2009/10, and commencing a review of zone marketing in 2010. NTD has been actively involved in all stages of the review of regional tourism, and has worked hard to secure the involvement of all stakeholders in the region. The outcomes of this review, when finalised, will have a significant impact on the shape of our future tourism functions, in terms of both focus and funding.

The funding received from Tourism Tasmania in 2009/10 enabled us to complete a number of important projects for tourism in the region. We engaged consultant Sarah Lebski to undertake a project examining the opportunities for innovative arts based and heritage tourism experiences in Northern Tasmania, and the outcomes from this project will be built on in 2010/11, particularly work planned with the National Trust.

We also sought to understand in more detail the opportunities for the region which flow from food and farm gate tourism. Consultant Adam Saddler undertook research in this sector, again with funding assistance from Tourism Tasmania, which included:

- identifying key stakeholders
- establishing a working group to explore farm gate and food tourism in the region;
- holding a workshop to stimulate ideas to develop farm gate and food tourism in the region;
- identifying future priorities in farm gate and food tourism;
- developing a directory of farm gate and food tourism experiences; and
- preparing a briefing paper addressing the strategic potential and advantage farm gate and food tourism might offer to the Northern region, and recommendations on how to proceed to maximize this potential during 2010/11.

NTD also had a strong focus on workforce development for the tourism sector during the last 12 months. We coordinated a series of workshops for tourism operators which were aimed at increasing their understanding of and skills in the role of social networking in the industry. These were held in Launceston, Deloraine, Scottsdale and Campbell Town, and were well received. We also worked with the visitor information network to facilitate accredited training to their staff and volunteers, and these administrative and management workshops were run through NTD and there was a high level of satisfaction with the training provided.

Supporting tourism structures in the region is a key element of our work, and NTD has been pivotal in providing financial, administrative and coordination support to the LTN Zone Marketing Group. Coordinating the region's work on the production of the Holiday Planner was a major activity for the organisation. We have also undertaken the role of convenor of the Northern Visitor Information Network, and been actively involved on the committees of a number of local tourism associations in the region. NTD retains a board position on the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania.

Research into the Regional Innovation Capacity of Northeast Tasmania

In June 2010 NTD's project 'Regional Innovation Capacity of North East Tasmania' completed. This project was funded by the Australian Government's Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research – Enterprise Connect – Innovative Regions Centre Small Grants Round 2008-2009. This project identified the region's core opportunities for innovation and sustainable development, focusing on productivity gains and improvements in the region.

The project identified where and what opportunities for innovation can be adopted that build on the current strengths of North East Tasmania's core industry sectors, and also fit within

the region's existing social demographics. The project also examined ways to minimise the region's reliance on a primary sector, commodity-based economy. It identified workforce skill sets required for future growth in the region and the infrastructure required to support new and expanded industries.

The project was managed by Howard Nichol, whose report was presented to and accepted by Enterprise Connect in July 2010. The report has now been taken up by Dorset Economic Development Group as a key research document driving their activities and priorities in the North East.

Regional Resource Sharing Project

Developing resource sharing opportunities between the eight Northern Tasmanian councils was identified as a key NTD priority during the past 12 months. All councils have identified an opportunity to work co-operatively on projects, and to explore ways in which they can progress the development of shared services models for the region. The councils want to adopt a more strategic approach to how co-operative projects are identified and implemented.

NTD committed funds to this project in the budget, and the project has now commenced with a focus on four projects. These are:

- Delegations register – compiling a common template document, supported by legal advice.
- Fleet management – focusing on vehicle maintenance and purchasing strategies across councils.
- IT Procurement – focusing on purchasing of IT hardware, software licensing and IT support services.
- Right to info legislation – focusing policy and compliance requirements for this legislation.

Youth on Paterson

Youth on Paterson was set up as an initiative of Northern Tasmania Development (NTD), in conjunction with the Northern Safer Communities Partnership (NSCP) in 2007. It is a service for young people who are currently engaged with, or at risk of becoming engaged with, the youth justice system in Northern Tasmania. It was funded for three years through the Australian Government's National Community Crime Prevention Programme, with the funding period finishing in June 2010.

The service has grown to be a critical part of the service system for young people in the region, running programs which provide them with the social and personal skills to address their anti-social and offending behaviours and supporting them to link back into their school, other training programs or employment. Their service statistics show the vast majority of their referrals come through schools or from Youth Justice Workers. Whilst their premises are located in Launceston, the service runs programs in George Town, provides support and outreach to the East Coast and Fingal Valley as required and works closely with schools in Scottsdale and Lilydale.

Securing ongoing funding for Youth on Paterson has been a major priority during 2010. Since June 2010 the service has been unfunded, but will be able to continue operating until early 2011 in its current configuration as a result of introducing fee for service arrangements with referring agencies, prudent budgeting during 2009/10 and most recently thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Launceston City Council to enable the service to continue operating whilst it sources additional sources of funding.

NTD has lobbied the federal and state governments to secure ongoing funding for the service, however notwithstanding the excellent results the service achieves with young people in the region we have been unable to secure any additional funds from either the Commonwealth or the State. Local government have been extremely supportive of the service, and Launceston City Council have recognised the importance of the service and provided funds to help secure its future.

In October 2010 we were successful in negotiating an option to guarantee the continued operation of the service, with the Launceston City Mission offering to auspice and underwrite the service from its operations, enabling ongoing operation whilst efforts to secure funding continue. Currently a grant application to the state Department of Education is being prepared.

Other Initiatives

Strategic Plan for Northern Tasmania

The development of a strategic plan for Northern Tasmania has commenced, and is being undertaken by consultant Trevor Budge from La Trobe University. NTD is undertaking this work on behalf of the eight northern councils, and NTD believes this process will deliver a unity of purpose and consistency between regional, state and federal strategic priorities within the Northern Region, and position the region to achieve this unity. Currently there are a number of key statewide strategies (infrastructure, economic development) and the northern regional strategy will guide both the regional co-ordination and local delivery of

statewide strategies and therefore maximise the regional and local value they can create. This is particularly the case with broadband, gas and irrigation infrastructure opportunities. How state policies are 'joined up' locally is a critical issue facing Tasmania.

The regional planning process will involve the following main elements:

- the region today - status, competitive advantages, strategic positioning;
- trend analysis - regional, state, national and global;
- a vision for the region - where do we want the region to be in 20 years;
- action planning - develop strategies in key social, economic, ICT, transport, public infrastructure and environment areas;
- consultation with key stakeholders - State Government, Federal Government, utilities, key industries and the community; and
- development of subordinate strategies - strategic land use, regional transport, economic development, climate change adaptation and community wellbeing.

The process for developing the plan is designed around community engagement and consultation, and there are multiple avenues for stakeholders from across the region to have input into the priorities and direction in the plan. A final document is due to be delivered in March 2011.

2010 Federal Election Priorities

NTD worked with all councils in the region to prepare a funding priorities position paper for the 2010 Federal election. The funding priorities were identified and developed in collaboration with all eight councils in the region, and it was agreed these were focused on delivering a regional advantage and providing increased opportunities to a significant proportion of the Northern Tasmania population. The development process included Mayors and General Managers, and additionally the development process was undertaken through a range of community consultation processes which highlighted these as core community priorities for the region.

Identified Projects

| Funding Priority | Investment |
|---|--------------|
| Reticulated Gas Infrastructure Investment | \$75 million |
| Upgrade of the Evandale Main Road | \$6 million |
| Northern Tasmania NBN Plan and Implementation | \$300,000 |
| Northern Tasmania Integrated Transport Plan | \$160,000 |
| Integrated Water and Assessment Management | \$936,000 |
| Youth on Paterson Youth Service | \$80,000 |

Regional Transport Planning

Work on identifying the short term regional transport priorities has commenced with councils, with a view to linking in to the 2011 state budget planning process. This work has been strongly supported by DIER who are actively involved in the regional workshops. This work will continue into 2011 when DIER will formally commence the review of the Northern Tasmanian Integrated Transport Plan. The achievements to date by participating councils provide an excellent foundation for our future work on transport planning.

Website redevelopment and rebranding

During 2010 the NTD websites were reviewed and consolidated into one website, which was redesigned and rebranded. New content can now be added incrementally, and during the coming months we intend to add more documents and detail to the website, making it key information sharing resource for councils and other stakeholders.

NTD Priorities 2010 -2011

| Priority | Timeframe | Impact | Budget |
|---|-----------|---|------------|
| Regional Land Use Planning | June 2011 | Regional Land Use Strategy Consistent Planning Schemes Regional governance of planning | Grant Deed |
| Regional Strategy | Feb 2011 | Clear regional priorities to guide investment Leverage State and Commonwealth resources | \$35,500 |
| Regional Economic Strategy | June 2011 | Regional economic development priorities determined by region | |
| Regional Infrastructure Strategy (Includes Transport Strategy) | June 2011 | Regional infrastructure priorities determined by region | |
| Tourism Strategy | June 2011 | Regional Tourism Strategy shaping investment priorities - increased tourism, innovation and regional income | \$20,000 |
| Shared services | Ongoing | Increased efficiencies through economies of scale and scope | \$40,000 |

All strategies are designed to increase and leverage the region's control over future investments from all levels of government, increase the liveability of the region, grow the economy and create a more sustainable future.

Northern Tasmania Development Board of Directors as at 30 June 2010 was as follows:

| Director | Date Appointed |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Barry Easter (Chairperson) | 4 July 2008 |
| Professor David Adams | 1 July 2006 |
| Albert Van Zetten | 21 May 2010 |
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Local Government Committee as at 30 June 2010 was as follows:

| Member | Council |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mayor Barry Easter (Chairperson) | West Tamar Council |
| Ian Pearce | West Tamar Council |
| Mayor Robert Legge | Break O'Day Council |
| Des Jennings | Break 'Day Council |
| Mayor Barry Jarvis | Dorset Council |
| John Martin | Dorset Council |
| Mayor Carol Cox | Flinders Council |
| Raoul Harper | Flinders Council |
| Mayor Doug Burt | George Town Council |
| Stephen Brown | George Town Council |
| Mayor Albert van Zetten | Launceston City Council |
| Robert Dobryznski | Launceston City Council |
| Mayor Mark Shelton | Meander Valley Council |
| Greg Preece | Meander Valley Council |
| Mayor Kim Polley | Northern Midlands Council |
| Adam Wilson | Northern Midlands Council |

Staffing as at 30 June 2010 was as follows:

| Position | Incumbent | Full Time / Part Time |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Research Officer – Regional Planning Project | Ben Atkins | 30 HPW |
| Graduate Policy Officer | Jacinda Armstrong | FT |
| Manager – Youth on Paterson | Tim Keogh | FT (finishing end Nov 2010) |
| Administration Assistant | Margaret Genders | 20 HPW |
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