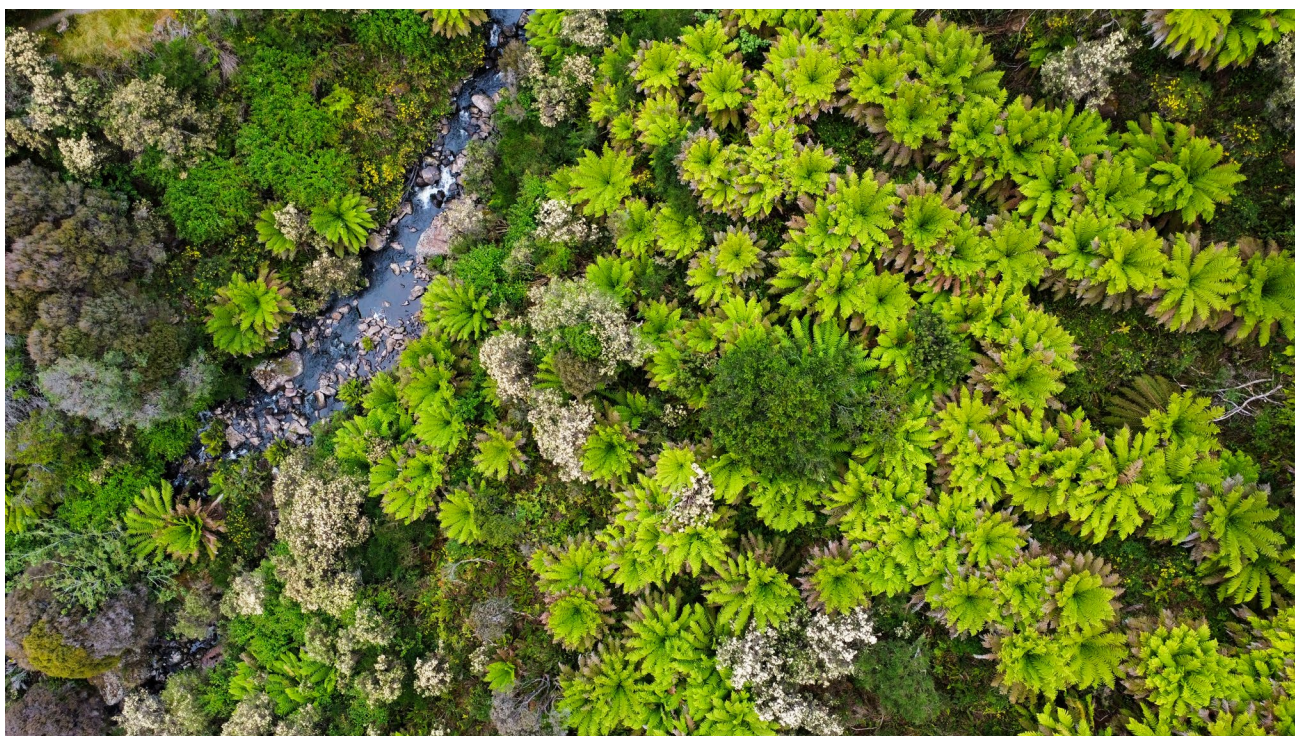




INSTITUTE OF
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2024-25 Annual Report





Acknowledgement of Country

IPAA Tasmania acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands across lutruwita, Tasmania. We pay our deepest respects to Aboriginal Elders past and present, for their long stewardship of this place, its waterways, skies and land, and for protecting the plants and animals that live in them.

President's Report

The 2024–25 year has been a challenging one for IPAA Tasmania, with the Council operating at reduced capacity for part of the year. Despite these challenges, we are continuing to deliver engaging events and valuable insights on the fast paced and ever-changing public purpose landscape and welcome new members.



A bright spark in the year's calendar once again was the highly successful 2025-26 State Budget Briefing held in June, which provided attendees with an unmatched opportunity to understand the challenges of Tasmania's current fiscal climate. While the 2025–26 Budget itself didn't quite make it through the Tasmanian Parliament, the event itself was very well received and remains a much-anticipated event in the annual calendar!

Another highlight as always is welcoming our new members from the Tasmanian Graduates Program. IPAA and the Tasmanian Graduates Program have a lasting collaborative relationship, with IPAA providing annual membership for all participants in the program, providing graduates with networking and professional development opportunities.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to IPAA Vice President Duncan Young, who departed earlier in the year to take up an exciting role with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. Duncan was a highly respected senior leader at the Australian Bureau of Statistics and an invaluable member of the IPAA Tasmania Council. His contributions and leadership will be greatly missed.

As President of IPAA Tasmania and a member of the IPAA National Council, I had the privilege this year of working with our national President, Andrew Metcalfe AO FIPAA, and fellow council members representing IPAA Divisions from other states. This collaboration has helped inform the development of a new IPAA National Strategic Plan, ensuring a unified and forward-looking approach to supporting and promoting excellence in public administration across Australia.

Earlier in the year, I also attended a bold and thought-provoking IPAA Hypothetical event in Canberra, hosted by renowned journalist and former host of ABC's Q&A Tony Jones, which explored ethics and integrity in the public sector through a fictitious scenario of Australia's future climate refugee placement scheme. This event proved to be a dynamic forum for discussing key issues and future directions in public administration and presented a wonderful example of how we might stage some similar interactive events in Tasmania.

I would like to sincerely thank the IPAA Tasmanian Council for their continued dedication and support throughout the year. Your commitment has been instrumental in advancing our mission and delivering meaningful outcomes for our members.

We're excited to continue working alongside our members in the year ahead, creating space for engaging, purposeful conversations, thought leadership, and collaboration across all levels of public administration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Brown', with a long, sweeping underline.

Mel Brown

President

Finance Report

Copies of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 are provided with this report.

Pursuant to section 24 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964* IPAA Tasmania is exempt from the requirement to obtain an independent annual audit as its annual revenue is below \$250 000.

IPAA operations and finances had an increase in activity during 2024-25 from 2023-24.

Summary points to note from the financial statements are:

- A deficit of \$242 for the year was achieved, contributing to total equity decreasing to \$36,910.
- In respect of Income:
 - Revenue for memberships for 2024-25 increased to \$3,273.
 - There was a slight increase in Seminar income to \$8,827 from \$7,536 during 2023-24.
- In respect of Expenses:
 - Total expenses increased to \$12,440 from \$10,290.
 - The increase mainly related to:
 - an increase in fees for the National levy which recommenced during 2024-25.

On behalf of Council, I would again specifically like to thank Loraine Kemble-Smith for her voluntary assistance in managing IPAA's finances.



Jason Sowell
Treasurer

Membership

	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2025
Personal members	82	78	80	124	165 [^]
Corporate member organisations	12	12	11	11	11
Corporate nominees	68	71	64*	60	60
Total individual members / nominees	149	149	144	184	225

[^] Includes 31 new members joined through the Tasmanian State Service Graduates Program

* Reduction in corporate nominees reflects the dissolving of the Department of Communities Tasmania in 2022.

Awards

IPAA Tasmania sponsors several awards aimed at recognising and enhancing public administration and management.

University of Tasmania Awards for study in the 2025 academic year

Each IPAA Tasmania Prize recipient receives a prize of \$200 and a one-year membership of IPAA Tasmania.

The winner of the BJ Thompson Prize receives a one-year membership of IPAA Tasmania.

Congratulations to award recipients for their interest in public administration and their achievement.

IPAA Tasmania Prize – R43

Awarded annually to the best student in HPP101 Introduction to Policy and Politics.

Miss Sophia Dobber

IPAA Tasmania Prize – R44

Awarded for achievement of the highest mark in a policy unit at any level.

Miss Jessica Pursell

BJ Thompson Prize – R87

Awarded annually to the student obtaining exceptional results in Public Policy units at 200 level.

Mr Jesse Ovington

IPAA Tasmania Council Members as at 30 June 2025

The IPAA Tasmania Council currently consists of 6 members, who are all engaged across the public purpose sector fields in Tasmania including government, academic policy research and the for purpose sector. The Board meets at least six times a year and comprises the following Members:

Melanie Brown Director, Executive and Government Services Department of Premier and Cabinet	President
Vacant (former Vice President Duncan Young resigned due to interstate transfer January 2025)	Vice President
Jason Sowell Director, Business Improvement and Planning Department for Education, Children and Young People	Treasurer
Jessica Jackson Manager, Strategy and Engagement, Global Skills and Migration Department of State Growth	Secretary
Jonathan Roe Senior Policy Analyst, Disability and Reform Department of Premier and Cabinet	Public Officer
Dr Lachlan Johnson Senior Research Fellow University of Tasmania	Council Member
Nataliya Katsman Infrastructure Analyst Department of Health	Council Member

Attachments

- I. Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025



Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmanian Division Inc.

**Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June
2025**

Statement by Members of the Council

In the opinion of the Council Members of the Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmanian Division Incorporated (the Association):

1. The Association is an Incorporated Association and is not a reporting entity;
2. The special purpose financial statements, set out on the following pages, is drawn up, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 so as to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025 and its performance, as represented by the results of its operations, for the financial year ended to date;
3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
4. The special purpose financial statements satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Act (Tasmania) 1964*.

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



Melanie Brown
President



Jason Sowell
Treasurer

Date: 30 September 2025

Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmania Division Inc
Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
Income			
Dividends Received		85	90
Membership Revenue	6	3,273	-
Seminars		8,827	7,536
Other Revenue		14	-
Total income		12,198	7,626
Expenses from transactions			
Bank Fees		110	222
Insurance		1,132	926
Miscellaneous Expenses		181	318
State Levy		875	-
Student Awards		650	50
Seminars		9,492	8,774
Total expenses from transactions		12,440	10,290
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(242)	(2,664)
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmania Division Inc
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and deposits		36,771	36,907
Receivables	3	-	3,040
Non-current assets			
Shares in My State Australia Ltd	2	1,179	1,179
Total assets		37,950	41,126
Liabilities			
Payables	4	1,040	1,211
Memberships in advance	5	-	2,763
Total liabilities		1,040	3,974
Net assets		36,910	37,152
Equity			
Retained Earnings		37,152	39,816
Net Surplus/Deficit		(242)	(2,664)
Total equity		36,910	37,152

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmania Division Inc

Notes to the Financial Statement for the year Ended 30 June 2025

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas). The Association is an incorporated entity. In accordance with the reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas), the Association has complied with the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus View of AASB 1031 Materiality. No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

(b) Revenue

Membership subscriptions are recognised as revenue on the issue of membership renewals. Non-renewal of memberships are reversed out of revenue. Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(c) Receivables

Trade and other receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets. Trade and other receivables are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money.

(d) Payables

Trade and other payables are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money.

(e) Goods and Services Tax

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

(f) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax.

(g) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Institute of Public Administration Australia – Tasmania Division Inc
Notes to the Financial Statement for the year Ended 30 June 2025

Note 2: Shares in My State Limited

The shares in MyState Limited are valued at cost.

Note 3: Receivables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
GST Receivables	-	-
Membership Receivables	-	3,040
Total	-	3,040

Note 4: Payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
GST Payable	78	161
Trade Creditors	962	1,040
Total	1,040	1,211

Note 5: Revenue Received in Advance

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Membership Revenue	-	2,763
Total	-	2,763

Note 6: Membership Subscriptions

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Full Professional Member	509	-
Full time student/Retired member	2,763	-
Total	3,272	-

Note 7: COVID 19

The Council of Management has waived membership fees for several years, due to the continued impacts of the COVID pandemic and the lower level of member offerings and benefits available.

The Council determined to reinstate member fees for the 2024-25 financial year. The membership reported above is for Graduate memberships and council members memberships collected. During 2025-26 the memberships will be reinstated in full.