

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25





A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Our AGM provides a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect upon the past year, a chance to acknowledge changes, growth, new energy and future proposals. The past 12 months have seen the conclusion of a significant project, movement in staffing and subsequent HR management, and continued momentum in the growth and recognition of Sprout Tasmania.

Our people

Our board have commenced the formation of working groups, which after an initial trial period will be formally transitioned into sub-committees of the board. As an introduction to this we have commenced an 'Events' and 'Funding/ Membership' working groups. These have been functioning with great success and are proving to be a valuable asset to the way the board and team can progress actions.

As naturally occurs, we have seen changes to our board membership, we have recently welcomed Connie Steers, and prepare to farewell Lissa Villeneuve and Ruth Geale. Whilst Lissa is stepping down from a formal role on the board, she will be continuing to support Sprout with a role on the 'Events' working group. Lissa and Ruth, we thank you sincerely for your support and engagement with the Sprout board.

Additionally, the team at Sprout has altered significantly over the past year. We farewelled Ollie Benson at the end of 2024, we thank Ollie for his time with Sprout, Ollie's legacy will continue to stay with Sprout into the future, his dedication, vision and hard work supported significant growth for Sprout over his tenure. Ollie returned to support Sprout this year with a contracted role in facilitating our annual conference Cross Pollinate, a wonderfully themed conference that took participants through the experience of 12 months farming.

Whilst farewelling Ollie, we welcomed 2 new staff members to the team, Dominique (Dom) Bowen Butchart our new Producer Liaison Officer and Calum Jacobson our Admin support officer. Both Dom and Calum have joined the team seamlessly, with amazing energy, fresh eyes and dedication to supporting Sprout to continue to grow and build a thriving small producer cohort within the state. Our CEO Jennifer Robinson has been exploring Australia's big island with her family over the past 2.5 months and returns to us in the later part of October. We look forward to her returning and hope this long-awaited time away has provided many opportunities for the creation of wonderful memories together.

In addition to changes in the personnel across both staff and board, 2024 has also brought about HR transitions for all staff, moving the team onto the appropriate award and ensuring all conditions are in alignment with Fair Work requirements has been an important step for Sprout.

Our projects and ongoing presence

This past year has seen a few shifts in the way our Small Producer Program has been run, with Dom securely at the helm she has guided a fantastic cohort through amazingly rich weekends of on farm field days, connections facilitation, workshops and learning opportunities including building deeper connections with our cultural care for country.

We have successfully completed the 'Tasmanian Livestock Service-Kill Processing Investigative Report', which was officially launched and gained significant interest within industry and government both here and nationally. The report made recommendations across the sector from which we hope to see changes come about to strengthen and decrease the tentative fragility of the currently overstretched and inadequate service kill system. Sprout will carry undertakings in accordance with these recommendations to ensure support and increased knowledge across the sector for our small producers.

We have been working with market gardeners in preparation for future legislative changes pending with the introduction of Horticulture standards. This is work we will continue to step towards to ensure the voice and needs of our small producers are heard.

Our Future Aspirations

Sprout is growing, we are stronger and confidently step into forums with the capacity to advocate on behalf of producers and be the conduit between producers and government/industry as needed.

Whilst our treasury budget bid was not awarded in June this year, we have taken this as an opportunity to evaluate the value we bring to the sector and how we can ensure ways to keep bringing this with strength and in a sustainable manner.

We are a small organisation that pride ourselves on being value driven, passionate, and credible. We have invested considerable time in the development of a strategic way forward to ensure we can continue to provide the support across the sector that we currently bring.

Huge gratitude goes to all our members, supporters, small producers who instill faith in our capacity to represent them, our amazing team of staff and my fellow board members.

Sprout is the organisation it is today due to the belief and passion of all of you.

With gratitude,

Kate Plaschke

CEO REPORT

This year has been a year of transition and consolidation for Sprout Tasmania. One of the most significant changes was saying farewell to Ollie Benson, who hung up his Sprout hat to follow new paths and passions – including blueberry farming and event planning with Grounded Australia. I would like to formally express my enormous gratitude to Ollie. It was an absolute pleasure working with him, and his fresh perspective and enthusiasm contributed greatly to our work. We wish him every success in the endeavours he channels his energy toward next.



Recruitment for Ollie's replacement was both humbling and inspiring. The calibre of applicants who put themselves forward was outstanding, and after interviews and discussion with the Board, we were delighted to welcome two exceptional new team members – Calum Jacobsen and Dominique Bowen Butchart. After seven months working together, the impact of their skills and dedication is already clear. I have personally enjoyed getting to know them both and look forward to strengthening these working relationships further as we continue to thrive as a team.

Despite being a small team operating on limited resources, Sprout has maintained a strong presence in the community this year.

- **Grounded Australia:** In December 2024, we participated in the inaugural Grounded event – inspired by the UK's Groundswell and created by Matthew Evans. I had the privilege of facilitating two discussions with remarkable farmers – the Eggerts and the Haggertys – which was both insightful and enjoyable. Our stall at the event was well-attended and well-supported by Board and team members, further embedding Sprout in this important conversation.
- **Grassroots Festival:** Held in North-West Tasmania, this gathering of farmers of all scales was another highlight. Seeing farmers come together to share stories, learn from one another, and strengthen their sense of solidarity reinforces my belief that connection is the foundation of resilience.
- **Agfest 2025:** Our second time at this major agricultural event was another success. Sharing a tent with Eat Well Tasmania, School Food Matters, and Loaves & Fishes Tasmania, we engaged with current and aspiring producers, welcomed SPP Alumni, and connected with collaborators and stakeholders from across the sector.

One of our most significant areas of work this year has been in **meat processing advocacy**. Access to service-kill processing remains precarious and continues to challenge many small-scale producers. Through collaboration with STAMP (Southern Tasmanian Association of Meat Producers), we successfully secured a commitment from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to convene multiple departments and organisations involved in abattoir approvals. This is an important step toward developing clear guidelines and, we hope, achieving regulatory reform. Diversity in meat processing options is essential to avoid further consolidation and to maintain a resilient system.

In parallel, we completed the **Tasmanian Livestock Service-Kill Processing Investigative Report**, funded through our SIPP grant. This project was a true team effort, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed – from our internal team to the farmers, abattoir operators, butchers, and industry representatives who shared their insights. The report highlights the complexity of the system, confirms the urgency of reform, and sets the stage for further work by government, industry, and Sprout to achieve a more accessible, fit-for-purpose processing sector.

We also secured funding to collaborate with TasFarmers on a series of low-stress stock handling and animal nutrition workshops. The first session has been a resounding success, bringing together farmers of all scales to strengthen their practical skills and improve animal welfare outcomes. We look forward to delivering the second round in the Derwent Valley later this year.

Looking ahead, I remain a firm believer in Sprout's critical role in ensuring the strength and viability of Tasmania's small-scale producer sector. The work we do – advocacy, capacity building, and community connection – underpins the long-term resilience of our food system.

Our financial reality is challenging. We are working on new strategies, currently being implemented at the board level, to ensure we can continue to deliver this vital work, retain our talented team, and remain a strong, independent voice for small-scale producers. My vision is for Sprout to move into its next stage of growth – to continue to “punch above our weight,” to turn dream projects into reality, and to embed lasting change for producers and the broader agricultural sector.

Thank you to our Board, staff, members, and supporters who continue to stand with us. Your contributions – of time, energy, expertise, and funding – make this work possible. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient agricultural future for Tasmania.

ADVOCACY

At Sprout, we see advocacy as one of the most important things we do – standing alongside producers and making sure their voices are heard in the rooms where decisions are made. Over the past year, we've kept busy listening, gathering stories from farmers, and carrying those perspectives into conversations with government, regulators, and industry.

Processing and Service-Kill

Processing continues to be one of the biggest pressure points for small-scale livestock farmers in Tasmania. After releasing our Livestock Service-Kill Processing Report earlier this year, we've stayed at the table with government, industry partners, and groups like STAMP, pushing for practical solutions that secure fair and accessible processing options across the state. We know this is a critical piece of the puzzle for the future viability of many small farms, and we won't stop advocating for change.

Horticultural Standards

With new national horticultural standards now in effect for leafy greens, berries, and melons, we've been working closely with producers to make sure their realities are reflected in how these standards roll out here in Tasmania. Through webinars, surveys, and countless conversations, we've heard loud and clear that while farmers back food safety, they need rules and systems that actually fit the scale they work at. We've taken this feedback straight to government, calling for tiered and practical approaches, with affordable compliance pathways backed by education and real-world tools.

Egg Production

We've continued to engage with producers and regulators around egg accreditation, making sure that farmers setting up or running pastured egg enterprises can access clear frameworks that don't put unnecessary roadblocks in their way.

Feeding Australia

This year also saw us step into the national conversation through the Federal Government's Feeding Australia consultation. We used the opportunity to champion the role small and medium producers play in resilient food systems, especially when big supply chains falter. We pushed for:

- Removing barriers so all Australians can access nourishing, nutrient-dense food.
- Recognition of the crucial role small farms play in food security.
- Scale-appropriate regulation that supports, rather than hinders, producers who want to feed their communities.

How We Show Up

Sprout's approach to advocacy is simple: we listen first. Every report we write, every submission we make, every meeting we sit in – it all comes from what farmers tell us. We are proud to carry those stories forward, and to keep championing a fairer, more resilient, more sustainable food system in Tasmania and beyond.

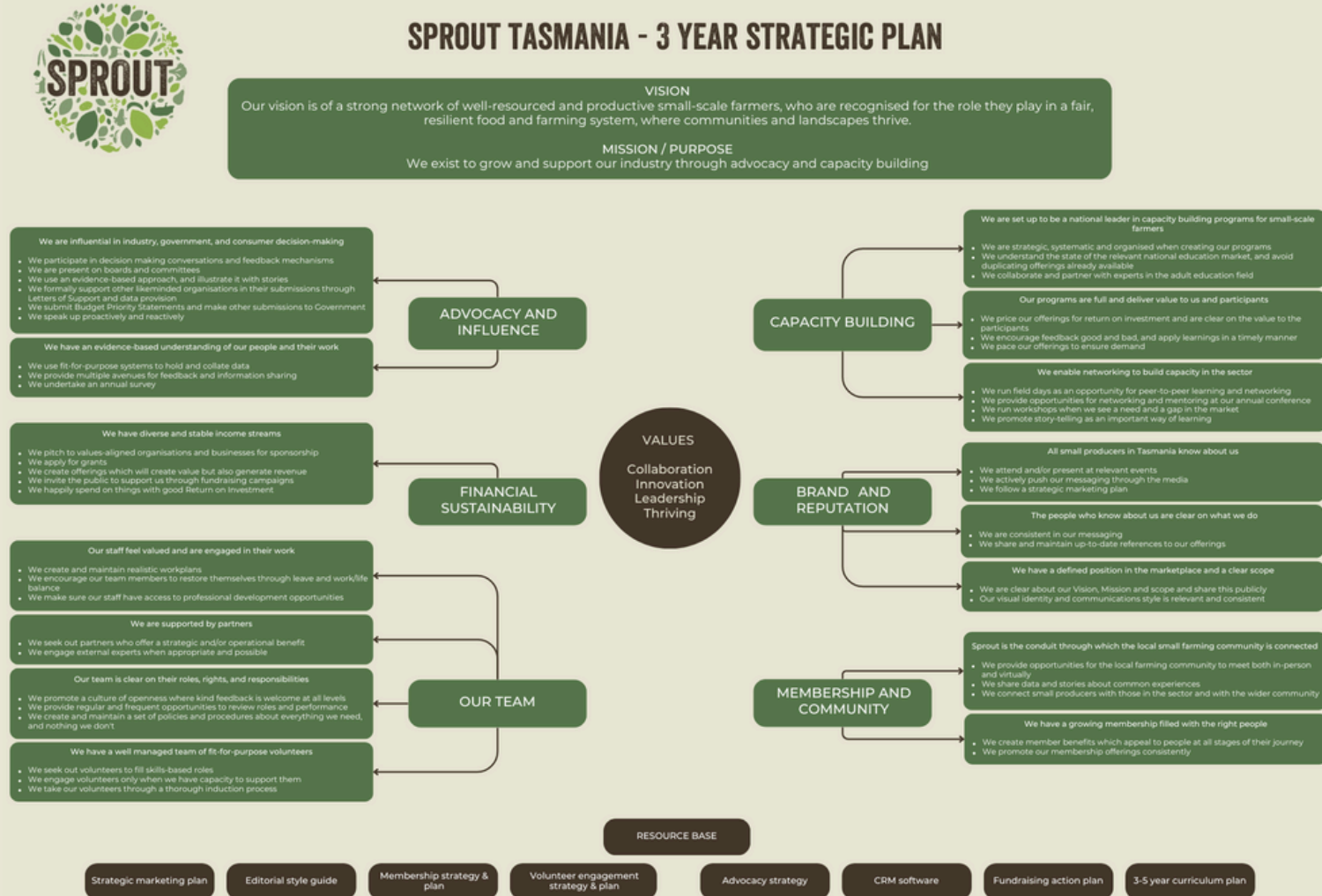
STRATEGY

At the start of 2024 we developed a new 3 year strategic plan, with the help of business consultant Bonnie Tuttle. Work on the plan had been started with the assistance of Sprout's board, and in particular Libby Graham.

The plan included a new vision, mission, and a set up updated values. We also identified six strategic pillars, that address our core competencies, immediate needs and long-term objectives. Each pillar is supported by specific statements or goals, setting a clear path for the coming years.

To ensure accountability we will track our progress through annual strategic reviews. This plan marks an exciting chapter in our journey, positioning us to achieve sustainable success while staying adaptable in a rapidly changing landscape.

The full strategic plan can be found on Sprout's website. Below is a simplified chat outlining the new vision, mission, values and pillars.



PROJECTS

Tasmanian Livestock service-kill processing – Investigative Report

We applied for and were successful in securing a grant through the Department NRE's Strategic Industry Partnership Program, to undertake an investigative report into the current service-kill processing sector in Tasmania.

Tasmania's small-scale livestock producers are the backbone of our regional food systems, delivering high-quality, locally grown meat to Tasmanian communities, tourism markets, and beyond. But the infrastructure they rely on—particularly access to service-kill abattoirs—is in crisis. With only a handful of small, multispecies abattoirs left operating on mainland Tasmania, and many of those nearing the end of their viable lifespan, producers face long wait times, high costs, and diminishing control over welfare outcomes of their animals and the quality of their end product. In key regions like the Huon Valley, there are currently no local service-kill options at all. This has already driven farmers out of the sector and is a major roadblock for new entrants.

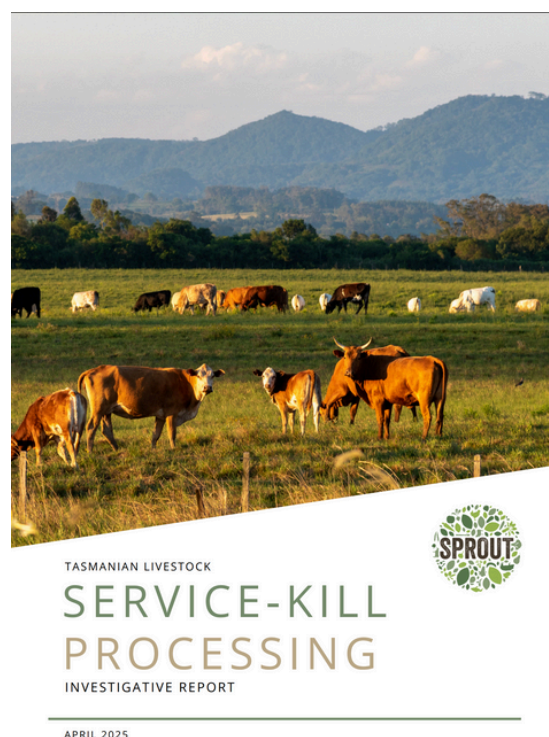
Without immediate investment and reform, we risk a total breakdown of Tasmania's small-scale meat supply chain. That means significantly fewer farmers, a loss of regional jobs, less access to local food, and an increased reliance on boxed meat trucked in from interstate—undermining both our food security and the Tasmanian clean, green brand.

This report was developed by industry, for industry and outlines a clear path forward. What's needed now is direct government funding and support to secure multi-species processing in the south and expand capacity in the north. We must develop scale-appropriate regulation that supports innovation—like mobile or hybrid abattoirs—and provide farmers and prospective operators with clear, accessible guidance through the approval process. A cross-departmental task force can help streamline red tape, and targeted funding for infrastructure, waste innovation, logistics, and training will build long-term system resilience. We want to acknowledge that this report was developed at a given point in time and that some positive activities in this space have already begun.

The message from producers is loud and clear: they want to farm ethically, sustainably, feed their communities, and grow their businesses—but they need certainty in the processing sector. With the right support, Tasmania can lead the nation in building a fairer, smarter, and more secure local meat industry.

You can find a copy of this final report by visiting our website or via the qr code below.

www.sprout.org.au/currentprojects



LOW STRESS STOCK HANDLING WORKSHOPS - A Tas Farmers Collaboration

In 2024–2025, Sprout Tasmania was proud to partner with TasFarmers to deliver a series of practical livestock handling workshops designed to improve animal welfare, build confidence among producers, and strengthen safe, efficient on-farm practices across Tasmania. This initiative was made possible thanks to generous funding through the **Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania's Strategic Industry Partnership Program (SIIPP)**. With this support, we were able to offer highly subsidised training, removing financial barriers and making this valuable learning experience accessible to producers across the state.

The Low-Stress Stock Handling program was created to respond directly to the needs of livestock producers – many of whom have told us they want more confidence working with their animals, especially under pressure. The program includes two full days of hands-on, in-paddock learning led by renowned low-stress stock handling educator Nic Kentish, as well as an online masterclass with livestock nutritionist Dr Sarah White, focused on feeding, health, and animal wellbeing. Across all sessions, the emphasis is on calm, safe, and ethical livestock handling practices that are grounded in animal behaviour and real-world application.

To ensure regional accessibility, the program was delivered in two locations: the first workshop was held in northern Tasmania in June 2025, with excellent attendance and strong engagement from a broad cross-section of livestock producers. The second workshop is scheduled for southern Tasmania in November 2025, with registrations already underway. Each intake is limited to 20 participants to ensure a high-quality, supportive learning environment with plenty of one-on-one time with our facilitators.

This program is a genuine collaboration between key industry stakeholders. Sprout Tasmania and TasFarmers worked together in program coordination, producer engagement and evaluation, regional connections and industry support; NRE Tas, through the SIIPP, enabled affordability and reach through generous funding; Nic Kentish delivered the core training content with clarity and impact; and Sarah White offered depth of knowledge in animal health and nutrition to round out the producer learning journey.

Initial feedback from our northern workshop has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants reported feeling more confident working with their animals, appreciated the small-group format, and valued the opportunity to build skills in a safe, practical setting. For many, the training has already led to real changes in the way they move and manage livestock on their farms.

At Sprout, we are committed to supporting producers through training that is practical, accessible, and community-driven. We look forward to expanding this model in partnership with industry and government, and to continuing our shared work in supporting a strong, sustainable and animal-welfare-focused farming future for Tasmania.

THE SPROUT PRODUCER PROGRAM

The Sprout Producer Program is a network and capacity building series, strategically designed to develop the enterprise and social resilience of Tasmania's small-scale producers. Through delivery of the program, Sprout builds competency and diversity in the local food system and extends the community of agroecologically conscious producers. The program has run annually since 2015 and with the support of corporate sponsorship and government funding. Since, 2021 the program has been funded by the State Government's Strategic Industry Partnership Program allowing employment of a Producer Liaison Officer to coordinate and facilitate the program. True to Sprout's ethos, the Sprout Producer Program undergoes continuous improvement reviews and is adapted to ensure the learning remains contemporary and responsive to producer needs, modern food system issues, and ecological challenges.

In 2025, a reimagined 6-month Sprout Producer Program was delivered under the guidance of our new Producer Liaison Officer, Dom. Prior to Ollie's departure at the end of 2024, the Sprout team took the opportunity to review the essence, structure and financial sustainability of the program. The 12-month program was noted to embody two core components: education and community connection. The education component was delivered online through self-directed learning units, attendance at corresponding online workshops, completion of assignments, and participation in forum discussions. The community connections component was enabled through field days and video call catch-ups. Both streams inherently contributed elements of the other. The review identified the opportunity to separate and nurture each stream separately.

Throughout the history of the Sprout Producer Program, the development of a support network and community has consistently been recognised as the most valuable essence and legacy. We have refined the focus of the 2025 program accordingly, centering building of producer resilience through establishing and securing producer network connectivity. The cohort still had access to formal learning through our online units and specialist seminars, however the farm tours are recognised for their value in enabling deep and rich peer-to-peer and experiential knowledge sharing.

"...I'm sure everyone will tell you that the two things that were most beneficial were the field days and the opportunity to learn from likeminded individuals with differing experiences..."

2024 participant - exit survey

Further, the emphasis on network development promotes the continuation of learning and support well after participating in the Sprout Producer Program series has ended. While 2025 focused on developing the community connections component, we will be instigating development of an online learning program throughout the latter part of 2025 and into 2026.



THE SPROUT PRODUCER PROGRAM

2024 Graduates		2025 Graduates	
Abruzzo Farm - Vanessa & Shane	Appinoka Regenerative Farming - Nanette & Thomas	Lightwood Larder - Austen & Ash	Golden Valley Harvest Portia & Rhys
Bryn Gwyn - Andy Walton	Elicia Casey-Winter	Hop Valley Herb Farm - Mon & Cara	Nuture and Nourish Farm - Luke & Lisa
Fat Pig Garden - Keeley Bytheway	Gardners Bay Farm - Phil & Jimmy	La Luna Farm - Harry	Woodsong Farm - Jess
Lalla Valley Farm - Rowan Frost	Preston Ridge Free Range - Stella & Dave	Sounds Rivulet Farm - David & Lou	TIny Farm Tas - Dimity
Rising Farm - Emma Bowen	Tasmanian Buffalo - Phil & Sheridan	The Great Green - Leah	
Underwood Park - Angela and Josh	Wattle Wind Farm - Mollie & Emmet		



GROWING GOOD 2024

A NIGHT OF IMPACT AND INSPIRATION

At the close of 2024, Sprout's Growing Good event brought together our community in celebration of Tasmania's exceptional small farmers and bountiful produce, raising over \$23,000 to support our vital work. This exquisite evening not only highlighted the generosity of our supporters but also celebrated those who grow the good in our world.

We are deeply grateful to our partners and sponsors, including Restaurant Maria, Laura Dyba, and our four talented chefs: Stephen Peak, Lilly Trewartha, Christian Ryan, and Tom Westcott, whose dedication helped make the night unforgettable.

By participating in our auction and supporting the event, attendees and sponsors have forged meaningful partnerships that allow Sprout to expand our reach and enhance our impact on the community. Together, we cultivate change, foster growth, and spread the message of goodness far and wide.

110 people attending

\$11,718.22 in ticket revenue

\$3,131.83 profit made behind the bar

\$12,294.49 raised by the auction

\$388 made from the raffle

Total raised by the event is in excess of **\$23,000** – the **BEST** result yet for
Growing Good.



GROWING GOOD 2024

A NIGHT OF IMPACT AND INSPIRATION

Thank you to everyone involved for supporting the *Growing Good* event, particularly our sponsors, including:

AGRARIAN KITCHEN
APPINOKA
BENNI MARINE DESIGN
BLUE GUM CONSTRUCTION
BROOM & BRINE
CHRISTINA GUIDICI
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COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS
RESTAURANT MARIA
RISING FARM
SOLID LIQUID
SUMMERLEA FARM
TASMAN SEA SALT AND
MAYFIELD ESTATES
THALIA
FROGMORE CREEK
THE NEW BLACK BIOCHAR
TWO METRE TALL
WILD ECOLOGY
WILD MOTHER
WILLIE SMITH'S

THE SMALL PRODUCER OF THE YEAR AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS BROOM & BRINE!

At Growing Good, we were thrilled to announce Broom & Brine as the 2024 Small Producer of the Year! The award was presented with our beloved traditional wooden spoon, carved from the wood of last year's winners, Fat Carrot Farm.

With a record 20 farmers nominated this year, Grace and Dylan stood out as true legends of Tasmanian small-scale farming. Their passion, skill, and care shine through in every aspect of their operation—from the incredible diversity and quality of their produce to their thoughtful land management and innovative business practices.

Nominators raved about their generosity, knowledge-sharing, and commitment to ethical, sustainable practices: they're leaders, educators, innovators, and above all, wonderful humans who lift the whole community and sector.



CROSS POLLINATE 2025

Our annual conference, Cross Pollinate, was once again a standout highlight of the year—bringing together small-scale farmers, food producers, researchers, and advocates for a day of connection, learning, and community building. Held at the Moonah Arts Centre, this year's event explored the theme Farming Through the Seasons, taking us on a reflective and practical journey through the challenges and opportunities that arise across the farming calendar.

The 2025 program wove together live presentations, panels, and storytelling to capture the realities of farming life across time, space, and experience.

The event featured:

- A diverse lineup of speakers sharing stories of resilience, adaptation, and regeneration
- Real-world insights into seasonal land management, food systems change, and personal sustainability
- Conversations that tackled both the emotional toll and quiet joys of farming
- Sessions designed to inspire practical action, peer learning, and collective momentum in our sector

Contributions from passionate producers, researchers, and storytellers across Tasmania and beyond created space for hope, hard truth, and humour, reinforcing Cross Pollinate's unique role as a place of belonging and shared vision. Importantly, all sessions were recorded for the first time, allowing ticket holders to revisit the content—expanding the reach and legacy of this year's gathering.

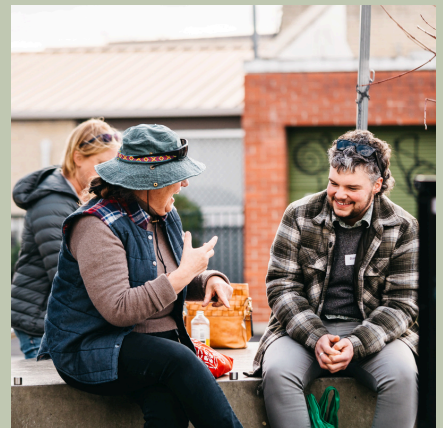
As always, the day was filled with warm connections, nourishing food, and deep conversations that reminded us why this work matters. Cross Pollinate continues to be a vital gathering for our community and mission, and we are proud of the space it holds for small-scale producers to connect, reflect, and grow together.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year possible - with a special mention for **Ollie Benson** who curated and planned this year's event. Our primary sponsor, **Tas Farm Innovation Hub**, and additional sponsors – **Blundstone, Cherries Tasmania, Tas Women in Ag, Farm Gate Market, and the Tasmanian State Government** – who provided generous support that enabled the event to shine. We are also deeply grateful to the volunteers who gave their time on the day, the producers who contributed their incredible food – **Felds Farm, Our Mates Farm, Pigeon Whole Bakery, Jim & Marie Zarella**, and – and finally to the **Moonah Arts Centre** for hosting us in such a welcoming space and **Huon Douglas** for capturing the day's wonders via photograph.



CROSS POLLINATE 2025

ALL PHOTOS CAPTURED BY HUON DOUGLAS



FINANCES

TREASURERS REPORT

Summary of the 24/25 Financial Year -

While not without its challenges, 2024-25 has been a successful year for Sprout both in terms of delivering on our core and project workload as well as in taking meaningful steps to safeguard our long term financial sustainability. Having joined the Board around the time of the last AGM, I'm very grateful to staff, Board, and members, for their warm welcome and support over the course of this year.

From a financial perspective, our priorities remain to secure sustainable, ongoing funding to meet the increasing demand for our support and advocacy, to ensure that we continue to represent value for money to members, and to ensure that our finances are conducted with transparency and accountability.

I'm pleased to report that the rigour around our finances continues to improve. Much work had been done in recent years to set up a fit for purpose accounting system, and over the course of the year we have been able to leverage this to improve how we budget and track expenditure across the array of projects ongoing at any one time. Aided by the tireless support of our bookkeeper Carissa Devereaux, we have also been able to implement necessary HR/payroll adjustments, improve our banking arrangements, and successfully deliver a fully audited set of accounts for FY25 (as well as for FY24 and FY23 respectively).

From a funding perspective, we have successfully secured a number of grants this year to support individual projects and programs, as well as attracting sponsorship and donations from aligned organisations to supplement our core activities. While this funding will ensure that Sprout has sufficient reserves to continue to operate in the short-medium term, a bid for core funding made earlier in the year to the State Government was ultimately unsuccessful, and as such the Board has progressed the development of a new long term funding strategy.

More information about this strategy will be forthcoming, but at its core the strategy has been developed to reduce our reliance on government and grant-based funding, improve our overall financial resilience, diversify our revenues, and ensure that we can deliver value for members into the future.

As we take a moment to pause, I'd like to reiterate my thanks for being welcomed as part of the Sprout community and for the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. The next year will be one of growth and evolution for Sprout, and I look forward to being part of the next chapter.

FINANCES - AUDITED

PROFIT AND LOSS

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

ACCOUNT	2025
TRADING INCOME	
CONSULTANCY INCOME	250.00
DONATIONS - CORPORATE	22,545.54
DONATIONS - PUBLIC	695.0
EVENT - REGISTRATIONS	21,907.57
EVENT SPONSORSHIP	4,000.00
FUNDRAISING INCOME	12,649.58
GRANT INCOME	99,418.18
MEMBERSHIPS	3,080.00
SPROUT PRODUCERS PROGRAM	3,080.00
TOTAL TRADING INCOME	168,273.17
GROSS PROFIT	168,273.17
OPERATING EXPENSES	
ACCOMMODATION	1,052.67
ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE FEES (XERO)	733.59
ADVERTISING	567.54
AUDIT FEES	1,810.00
BANK FEES	96.60
BOOKKEEPING	3,314.00
CONSULTING	45,873.00
CRM FEES	2,614.65
DONATIONS OUT	0.00
EQUIPMENT HIRE	2,207.97
EVENT PRODUCE & CATERING	5,729.11
FREIGHT, COURIER & POSTAGE	0.00
GIFTS	703.20
INSURANCE	3,241.09
INTEREST EXPENSE	0.00
INTERNET EXPENSE	109.08
MERCHANT FEES - PAYMENT GATEWAY	124.42
OFFICE EXPENSES	46.59
PRINTING & STATIONERY	1,279.62
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL	0.00
REGISTRATION (ASSOC INC) FEES	102.85
RENT	4,789.16
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,315.19
SUPERANNUATION	10,920.00
TELEPHONE	270.00
TRAINING, EVENTS & CONFERENCES	729.77
TRAVEL - STATE & NATIONAL	4,944.94
VENUE & SITE HIRE	4,763.64
WAGES - AL AND LSL EXPENSES	0.00
WAGES AND SALARIES	91,287.63
WEB HOSTING	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	188,996.66
NET PROFIT	(20,723.49)

FINANCES - AUDITED

BALANCE SHEET SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING INC. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

ACCOUNT	30 JUNE 2025
ASSETS	
BANK	
BUSINESS ACCOUNT - DEBIT CARD	72.38
MAIN WORKING ACCOUNT	99,652.33
TOTAL BANK	99,725.31
TOTAL ASSETS	99,725.31
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
ATO INTEGRATED CLIENT ACCOUNT	16,103.00
GRANT PROJECT - LOCAL PLATES	0.00
GRANT PROJECT - NRE MEAT PROCESSING	0.00
GRANT PROJECT - SHARE FARMING	0.00
GRANT PROJECT - NRE SPP	57,991.82
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	74,094.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES	74,094.82
NET ASSETS	25,630.49
EQUITY	
CURRENT YEAR EARNINGS	(20,723.49)
RETAINED EARNINGS	46,353.98
TOTAL EQUITY	25,630.49

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (1964). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

No Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been applied in the preparation of this financial report. The statements are prepared on a cash basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values, or except

OUR PEOPLE

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Jennifer Robinson
Chief Executive Officer



Dominique Bowan Butchart
Producer Liaison



Carissa Devereaux
Bookkeeper



Calum Jacobsen
Admin and Communications



Thank you to our amazing volunteers who support our event and programs throughout each year. We value your passion, commitment and keenness to share, and Sprout is what we are today because of your contribution.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Sprout has a diversified income stream and would like to acknowledge the following supporting organisations and Government departments that have made our programs and events possible during 2024/2025.

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