# PMAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27 AUGUST 2023



## **Treasurer's Report**

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the audited Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023. A number of the obvious discrepancies in the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements are the result of updates and changes in the chart of accounts.

#### Income

PMAT is an apolitical, independent not-for-profit association, limiting our potential funding sources. As a result, PMAT relies solely on donations from the community and Alliance members. We are very grateful for the generosity of so many individuals and organisations.

As PMAT has grown, this support has seen PMAT's income from donations increase annually from a total income of \$36,592 in the 2018 - 2019 financial year to \$96,208 this financial year.

### **Expenditure**

The 2022 - 2023 financial year saw the most demanding and constant work load undertaken by PMAT since its inception. This resulted in a significant increase in hours worked by State Director Sophie Underwood, and increases in other associated costs.

This is reflected in the large jump in total expenses and the negative result of \$25,538. A breakdown of some of these increased costs include:

- Consultant experts costs of \$17,581 represent the fees of the three independent planning experts engaged by PMAT to provide expert submissions in response to the Review of the State Planning Provisions. PMAT secured specific funding from donors to support this work.
- 2. Consultant communications costs of \$5,717 reflects payment to a part time contractor who was engaged to rebuild the original PMAT website and provide much-needed social media and other communications support.
- 3. The remaining contractor costs reflect the State Director's total fees which this past financial year included a one-off, approved increase in contracted hours to stage the 9 public meetings on the Future of Local Government Review.
- 4. Travel and accommodation of \$1,462 relates specifically to the above 9 public meetings.
- 5. Advertising and marketing of \$4,823 includes the Macquarie Point Town Hall meeting of November 2022, facilitated by PMAT.
- 6. Website costs of \$4,989 include a 50% upfront fee for the new website build.

#### Post 30 June 2023

Since the financial year end I am pleased to inform AGM attendees that PMAT has been successful in securing a charitable foundation grant of just under \$50,000 specifically to support a communications strategy and part time communications consultant.

The grant was received in August and will be reflected in next year's financial reports.

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