



## PLANNING MATTERS ALLIANCE TASMANIA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24 AUGUST 2024

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Saturday 24 August 2024

**Time:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

**Venue:** Kingston Beach Hall, 20 Beach Road, Kingston

**Parking and access:** Parking is available adjacent to the Hall

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### AGENDA

2pm	1.	Welcome, Acknowledgements, Apologies (Chair Kerry Burns) Quorum
2.05	3.	Minutes of AGM 2023 Attachment A
2.10	4.	President's Report (Kerry Burns, President)
2.20	5.	State Director's Report (Sophie Underwood, State Director)
2.35	6.	Treasurer's Report Acceptance of audited financial statements, Treasurer Alvaro Ascui (EOFY reports to be presented at the AGM)
2.40	7.	Election of Office Bearers and Board Members Positions vacant and nominees: Appendix A
2.45	8.	Other Business
2.55	9.	Close AGM
		Break – refreshments provided
3.15		Introductions and Reports from Alliance Member Groups Brief updates on key activities by member groups in attendance
4pm		Close

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### APPENDIX A

#### Election of Office Bearers and Board Members

Position	Nominee	Alliance member group
President	Kerry Burns (returning)	Glebe Residents' Association
Vice-President	Jill Hickie (returning)	Taroona Community Association
Treasurer	Alvaro Ascui (returning)	Tasmanian Ratepayers Association
Secretary	Anna Pafitis (returning)	Tasmanian Conservation Trust
Board member	John Maynard (returning)	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Board member	Jennie Churchill (returning)	East Coast Alliance
Board member	Louis Barnett (returning)	Mount Stuart Residents Association
*Public Officer	Eric Pinkard (returning)	Mount Stuart Residents Association

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### Attachment A

#### Minutes of the 2023 AGM

**Date:** Sunday 27 August 2023

**Time:** Meeting opened 2.10 pm

**Venue:** Kingston Beach Hall, 20 Beach Road, Kingston

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#### AGENDA

##### 1. Welcome, Acknowledgements, Apologies (Chair Kerry Burns)

State President Kerry Burns (Chair) acknowledged Country before welcoming and thanking everyone for attending. Kerry noted copies of the AGM Meeting Agenda, Minutes of the 2022 AGM and the Audited Annual Financial Report were provided at the meeting.

##### 2. Quorum

Kerry confirmed 15 Alliance member groups were represented, constituting a quorum (12 required). Kerry acknowledged and welcomed Antonia Dunne, representing PMAT's newest Alliance member, the Australian Garden History Society.

No.	Representative	Group Name
1	Kerry Burns	Glebe Residents Association
2	Sophie Underwood	Freycinet Action Network
3	Jill Hickie	Taroona Community Association
4	Jennie Churchill	East Coast Alliance
5	Lara van Raay Wayne Burgess	Blackmans Bay Community Association
6	Alvaro Ascui	Tasmanian Ratepayers Association
7	Anne Harrison Glenys Jones	Tasmanian Planning Information Network (TASPIN)
8	Victoria Wilkinson	Launceston Heritage Not Highrise
9	Jenny Raynor	Rosny Hill Friends
10	Margaret Taylor	Hobart Not Highrise
11	Michael Cole	South Hobart Progress Association
12	Antonia Dunne	Australian Garden History Society
13	Ted Cutlan	Residents Opposed to Cable Car



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14	Pat Synge	Huon Valley Residents and Ratepayers Association
15	June Walker	Howden Progress Association

**OBSERVERS**

Tim Williams	South Hobart Sustainable Community
Jess Adams	Kingborough Dog Walking Club
Councillor Alison Ritchie	Deputy Mayor Clarence Council
Councillor Rob Churchill	Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
Helen Hussey	
Maria Riedl	
Paul Smith	
Gail Sorbian	
Austra Maddox	
Catherine Nicholson	
Indra Boss	
Julianne Graham	
Clr Gideon Cordover	Kingborough Council
Penny Stevenson	
Anni McCuaig	
Sally Fry	
Anthony Bill	
Kristine Anchor	
Caroline Scott	

**APOLOGIES**

Anna Pafitis	PMAT Board, Tasmanian Conservation Trust
John Maynard	PMAT Board, Blackmans Bay Community Association
Louis Barnett	PMAT Board, Bob Brown Foundation
Eric Pinkard	Mount Stuart Residents Association
Nick Sawyer	Tasmanian National Parks Association Australian Garden History Society
Rosie MacKinnon	Australian Garden History Society
Lynden Howells	
Dr Liz Grey	
Mark Lawrence	
Helen Tait	



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Councillor Aldo Antolli	Kingborough Council
Councillor Robert Cassidy	Central Highlands Council
Councillor Beth Warren	Clarence City Council
Councillor Toby Thorpe	Huon Valley Council
Councillor Jude Darko	Clarence City Council
Councillor Flora Fox	Kingborough Council
Councillor Bec Thomas	Mayor Glenochy Council
Councillor Helen Burnett	Hobart City Council
Councillor Jenny Cambers-Smith	Huon Valley Council
Councillor Bree Hunter	Clarence City Council
Councillor Cathy Tembe	Huon Valley Council

### 3. Minutes of AGM 2022 (Attachment A)

Minutes of the previous AGM held at Mathers House on 25 September 2022 were circulated by email prior to the meeting and made available in printed form to those attending the AGM.

**Motion:** That the minutes from the 2022 AGM be accepted.

**Moved:** Lara van Raay      **Seconded:** Margaret Taylor

### 4. President's Report (Kerry Burns, State President)

See Attachment A for the President's Report

### 5. State Director's Report (Sophie Underwood, State Director)

See Attachment B for State Director's Report

### 6. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Alvaro Ascui)

Audited financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ending 30 June 2023 were distributed to attendees and presented by Treasurer Alvaro Ascui. Alvaro thanked all PMAT donors for their generous support, noting PMAT relies solely on donations from the community and Alliance members.

**Motion:** That the 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Anne Harrison      **Seconded:** Margaret Taylor



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### Special Motion

At the end of the Treasurer's Report Anne Harrison moved the following motion:

**Motion:** That the meeting commends the PMAT volunteer, skills-based Board and Sophie Underwood as State Director for ongoing, outstanding work on behalf of all Tasmanians to ensure a community voice and to advocate for sound strategic planning.

**Moved:** Anne Harrison      **Seconded:** Margaret Taylor

### 7. Election of Office Bearers and Board Members (Appendix A)

President Kerry Burns asked attendees if there were any further nominations. As there were none, the office bearers and Board members listed at Appendix A were elected unopposed. Kerry Burns was re-elected as President (Vice President Jill Hickie stood in on behalf of Kerry for this vote).

**Motion:** That Kerry Burns be re-elected as PMAT State President.

**Moved:** Margaret Taylor      **Seconded:** Jill Hickie

The following motion was put by the meeting:

**Motion:** That the AGM extends thanks to retiring Board member Todd Dudley for his longstanding contribution to the PMAT Board and organisation.

**Moved:** Margaret Taylor      **Seconded:** Alvaro Ascui

### 8. Introductions and Reports from Alliance Member Groups

Alliance Members in attendance gave a brief overview of their group's work and main issues during the past year.

#### Glebe Residents Association – Kerry Burns

The Glebe Residents (GRA) is a small group, established for 35 years. Its main focus the past year has been on planning issues, the Queen's Domain and maintaining and protecting the Domain's values, and significant ongoing negotiations with UTAS regarding the University's proposed move, including landscaping of the Domain Campus. The Association has a commitment from the Premier that the government will consult with GRA before the proposed high performance centre is located on the Domain.



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### **Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc – Alvaro Ascui**

The Tasmanian Ratepayers Association (TRA) continues to be busy dealing with representations concerning Development Applications within the northern area and, in particular, the City of Launceston Council, where the TRA initiates an average of 1 or 2 representations each month. One recurring theme is change of use to short stay accommodation. The TRA assist other groups and individuals in the assessment and drafting of representations. Other submissions, initiated by concerns from members and ratepayers/residents, focus on issues such as mobile food van and electric scooter policies and management issues. At a statewide level, TRA continues to monitor and comment on Tasmanian Planning Policies and strategies such as the Tasmanian Population Strategy. TRA are very appreciative of the work being undertaken by PMAT, and give support when possible within TRA's limited means.

### **Taroona Community Association – Jill Hickie**

The Taroona Community Association (TCA) has around 30 members, publishes 4 newsletters each year, and represents other community groups. Current issues include the proposed IMAS development with impacts including a 55 car parking area requiring the removal of 25 mature, important trees. A main focus is a new park in Taroona - Council has invested \$250,000 into turning vacant land (originally bequeathed to the community) into a new park. TCA has an architect on the committee and engaged an independent engineer to assist with works on toilet facilities, also working on foreshore slippage with consultant. The new planning scheme is an opportunity to think about a SAP (Specific Area Plan) over Taroona. Jill noted a key challenge is getting people interested in planning.

### **East Coast Alliance Inc – Jennie Churchill**

The East Coast Alliance (ECA) has been running a campaign against the proposed Cambria Green rezoning and development on 3,100 hectares outside Swansea for over five years. During that time it has been in and out of the Supreme Court and back to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC), with the decision of the TPC to disallow Cambria on judicial grounds overturned. Following TPC closing hearings on 28 March 2023, ECA is currently waiting a final decision. There are 4 possible outcomes but even if the SAP is refused outright, it is expected the proponent will appeal.

### **TasPIN – Anne Harrison**

TasPIN has a critical role to play in the formation of PMAT in 2016, and its role now is providing up-to-date advice from planning experts and disseminating information on big issues of concern, including the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS). TasPIN lodged detailed submissions on the State Planning Provisions and the Tasmanian Planning Policies, most recently on the Medium Density Guidelines consultation. Anne spoke about the need for better planning for all, stressing we are not NIMBYs, we are QUIMBYs - quality in my backyard. Anne thanked



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Wayne Burgess for his many years of community work. Wayne was a founder of TasPIN and recently retired from the group.

### **Freycinet Action Network – Sophie Underwood**

The formation of the Freycinet Action Network (FAN) in response to a number of inappropriate proposals on the East Coast, specifically impacting Freycinet, informed Sophie's interest in planning. FAN currently is supporting several longstanding court cases against developments. There is concern a second ferry starting in 2024 will result in significant increases in visitation to Freycinet with the government aiming for 600 to 700,000 visitors annually.

### **Blackmans Bay Community Association Inc – Lara van Raay**

Blackmans Bay Community Association has undertaken a major push to build community interest and involvement. The Association now has many new members and is active on a range of community building issues. Alongside the planning issues, the Association is involved in a Community Garden, crop swaps and running popular events such as film nights.

### **Launceston Heritage Not High-Rise – Victoria Wilkinson**

Launceston Heritage Not Highrise (LHNH) was formed in response to one issue, the proposed Gorge Hotel. The key opponent (and adjacent business owner) Susie Cai took the Gorge Hotel to a 1 August Supreme Court hearing in the ongoing fight against the development, LHNH have helped financially as they could along the way. If the appeal is successful, it goes back to TASCAT and the process starts again. Victoria feels, with so many developments in Launceston, the city needs more community groups prepared to take action, as there are in Hobart. LHNH concerns now include infill housing and short term accommodation. Victoria acknowledged Sophie's successful local government review meetings and how they pushed the issue and raised awareness within the community and council - PMAT's funds were well spent.

### **Hobart Not Highrise – Margaret Taylor**

Hobart Not Highrise (HNH) remains active considering Hobart developments. The draft Hobart Precincts Structure Plan was released for public consultation and incorporated height limit recommendations. Overall, HNH is pleased to support the plan's focus on well-planned sustainable building, better amenity. HnH supports the state-wide adoption and legislation of developer contributions. The Hobart draft LPS does not include height recommendations, but does reflect the community vision for a resilient and sustainable city, which HNH would like legislated and incorporated into planning guidelines. HNH encouraged representations to both the Parliamentary Financial Inquiry and Macquarie Point Corporation re the stadium, endorsing the Hobart City Council plans instead. Negotiations continue re the 202-206 Macquarie Street development overlooking the school, out for an extended discussion period.





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### **Residents Opposed to Cable Car - Ted Cutlan**

Residents Opposed to Cable Car (ROCC) have had an initial win but the general consensus is that the campaign is not over. Ted noted the significant cost of the TasCAT Review. ROCC is monitoring the Hobart City Council review of the Mt Wellington Management Plan, and anticipates a new management plan will take until 2026 to be completed.

### **Rosny Hill Friends Inc – Jenny Raynor**

Rosny Hill Friends reported the developer has asked for another extension and the Friends expect they will want to on-sell the DA. Rosny Hill Friends have tried to get information from Clarence Council, but the issue is complex as the land is managed by the Minister for Parks. The Friends joined forces with the Clarence Action Network to organise a well-attended community forum for the local government elections - Clarence City Council now has two Greens councillors. Jenny commented on the Kangaroo Bay development, noting the proponents are now pushing for the development to become a Project of State Significance.

### **Howden Progress Association - June Walker**

Howden Progress Association is currently focused on cycling and walking connections. Road safety is another issue, with a push to decrease speed limits on the main road. Representations made on new subdivision applications, including re the widening of an access road to an internal block in a proposed subdivision which is creating problems, including tree removal. There are significant stormwater issues associated with stormwater management and water treatment from Huntingfield, including the impact on water quality in North-West Bay. Also concerned about the Low Density Zone and the change to High Density that looks to be approved.

### **South Hobart Progress Association – Michael Cole**

The cable car issue still ongoing, it is difficult to combat the proponent's funds. The community had a good win but agrees the issue is not over, and the next round will come. This year has seen the continuing saga of the Hobart LPS - ongoing since 2019. The engagement by South Hobart Progress Association (SHPA) of expert planner Heide Goess was very important in their submission. The neighbourhood SAP submitted focused on maintaining the special nature and character of the area as well as trying to respond to climate change, the heat island effect, and storm water improvements with permeable garden space and room to grow trees. Regarding visitor accommodation, SHPA is trying to limit the number of buildings that can be built, keeping block sizes reasonable, retaining native vegetation while minimising bushfire risk etc. The SAP will need to be assessed by the TPC as part of the process.

### **Australian Garden History Society - Antonia Dunne**

Antonia introduced the Australian Garden History Society (AGHS), given it is PMAT's newest Alliance member. The AGHS was formed in 1980 to bring together people from diverse



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backgrounds united by an appreciation of and concern for our parks, gardens and cultural landscapes as part of Australia's heritage. The Society promotes knowledge of historic gardens, significant landscapes, and aims to examine gardens and gardening in their widest social, historic, literary, artistic and scientific context. The Tasmanian Branch's current advocacy includes protection of the Cambria Estate cultural landscape, and representations against the Macquarie Point stadium.

### **Kingborough Dog Walking Association - Jess Adams**

The Association, which is allied with the Hobart Dog Walking Association, is involved in much more than dog walking and meets with council on issues such as dog exercise areas, looking at the liveability of the area including how to integrate dogs with wildlife etc. The Association is currently monitoring the release of council's new dog management policy.

### **9. Other Business**

Tim Williams thanked PMAT for its guidance on the response to the Hobart Local Provisions Schedule.

### **10. Close AGM**

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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**APPENDIX A**

**Election of Office Bearers and Board Members**

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President	Kerry Burns (returning)	Glebe Residents Association
Vice-President	Todd Dudley (retiring)	North East Bioregional Network
Vice-President	Jill Hickie (incoming)	Taroona Community Association
Treasurer	Alvaro Ascui (returning)	Tasmanian Ratepayers Association
Secretary	Anna Pafitis (returning)	Tasmanian Conservation Trust
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### APPENDIX B

#### President's Report – Kerry Burns

2022 - 2023 was another big year for PMAT – responding to the many challenges facing us on the planning front, in some ways the biggest so far.

I'm always amazed at the huge amount of work that our State Director Sophie, PMAT Board members and the many individuals in member organisations do on both local and state-wide issues.

PMAT is a not-for-profit providing a community service. That service involves working towards best practice planning and helping the Tasmanian community to understand planning reforms – and what these may mean for individuals, communities and our natural environment. This education role has never been more important. The Tasmanian Planning Scheme is complex and difficult to understand for many people. And let's face it, something many would prefer not to get too immersed in. But it is so important in shaping where and how we live and in protecting the Tasmania we all love.

In addition to the education role, a major part of PMAT's work is arguing strongly for changes to the planning laws to achieve what is in our platform – in the face of ever new pressures to water-down planning controls and reduce effective public participation in the process.

It is encouraging to see that we have had some positive responses this year to our efforts, although, of course, much more needs to be done and there are new challenges emerging. Since last year's AGM the PMAT Board has continued to work closely with Sophie looking for ways to inform ourselves, spread the message about good planning and influence government and the media where we can.

Communication is key to PMAT becoming more effective and in 2023 we engaged a part time communications consultant to better design our online presence and publicise events and issues.

#### Our work in 2023

There has been a lot happening over the past year – much of it in response to State Government efforts to introduce further planning reforms and initiatives that would put further pressure on our communities and the environment. From a Board perspective, we have also been seeking to make PMAT more effective and resilient as an organisation.

I'll briefly mention briefly some of that work.

- PMAT lodged a major submission to the scoping stage of the Government's review of the **State Planning Provisions (SPPs)** in 2022. This involved a lot of effort and substantial resources – including special reports written by consultants on heritage, residential



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standards and the Natural Assets Code, and providing a submission guide to community groups based on the PMAT draft. The SPP review process will continue until late 2024 and we expect to be closely involved in the review as it progresses.

- **Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs).** The Government is now developing these with the aim of providing some overdue strategic guidance to the planning system. PMAT provided comment on the initial draft TPPs in late 2022, putting forward a range of issues and proposing some new TPP topics. The final draft TPPs are now before the Tasmanian Planning Commission and PMAT has provided a submission. There remain serious concerns about how the TPPs will be reflected in the State Planning Provisions and Regional Land Use Strategy reviews.
- The **Review into the Future of Local Government in Tasmania** has been a major focus for PMAT in 2022-2023, especially around the issues of forced amalgamations and Councils' role in planning. The proposals coming out of the Review had the potential to seriously undermine local democracy and a community say in the planning process. This has meant a huge effort for Sophie – and PMAT – in organising public meetings around the State to raise awareness of the Review and encourage local community discussion on the issues. I think PMAT has had a real impact here in raising the level of community debate. PMAT submissions were also made to the Review.
- The proposed **AFL stadium** at Macquarie Point has highlighted the impact of ad hoc decisions by government on good planning outcomes. PMAT hosted a Town Hall meeting in Hobart to promote community discussion on the implications of the Stadium proposal. We also made a submission to, and Sophie appeared before, the *Joint House Standing Committee on Public Accounts Inquiry* on the issue.
- A submission was made in response to the *Tasmanian Housing Strategy Discussion Paper* examining the factors leading to the current housing problem and emphasising the importance of planning in delivering good housing outcomes – including for social and affordable housing.
- The part played by **population growth** in the development pressures we see around us is increasingly being recognised and PMAT provided a submission commenting on *Tasmania's Population Strategy* in March 2023. The issue will likely become a larger part of the debate as a major underlying factor in the push to weaken our planning system.

There is, of course, so much more that Sophie does on a day-to-day basis to keep in touch with Alliance members and get PMAT's message across – including commenting in the media, working with local communities, briefing parliamentarians and talking to key people and organisations on planning issues.



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The Board has continued its efforts to connect across the Alliance, with the wider community, and to support Sophie. A lot of this is behind the scenes and intended to provide a firm base for PMAT's ongoing operation – but nevertheless it involves a lot of work. A few examples are:

- We revised our **strategic plan** in March this year. This included a renewed commitment to developing a values-based planning vision for Tasmania.
- Our **website**. While we progressively make the original website more informative and easier to navigate, it has become clear a whole new site is needed. A totally new redesigned and built website is now under development, and should be up in the next few months.
- Our budgeting and financial reporting processes are constantly under scrutiny by the Budget Committee to ensure compliance.

**I would like to recognise and thank the many people who make PMAT what it is and allow us to keep being effective.**

- **Alliance member groups**. PMAT is an alliance and only as strong as the support it gets from its members. Thank you all for what you do individually on your issues and your support as part of the Alliance.
- **Our State Director**. Thank you, Sophie for your tireless work and commitment to PMAT – it is what allows PMAT to be effective.
- **Our donors**. Thank you to all of those individuals and organisations that support PMAT. Your wonderful generosity is appreciated. Our work is totally reliant on donations. Although this year's fundraising has been successful, there have been substantially higher outlays for our 2022-2023 campaigns than expected. We do need your continued support for the future.
- **Campaign Advisory Group (CAG)**. These community leaders, representing many Alliance groups from across the State, are convened by Sophie from time to time. They provide key advice on, and assistance with, planning advocacy. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work.
- **PMAT's voluntary Board**. The Board works very hard behind the scenes to keep PMAT effective and viable. There is a substantial bank of skills, experience and planning knowledge on the Board. Thank you all for your hard work and for so expertly guiding PMAT.



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- Many thanks too to **Eric Pinkard** as **Public Officer**. Eric does so much to support PMAT.
- Special mention to **Anne Harrison**, who continues to make a big contribution to PMAT's work. Thank you, Anne.

I would at this point also like to thank Todd Dudley. Todd resigned from the Board in July this year. He was there at the beginning of PMAT and has been a Board member and Vice President for more than five years. Todd has made a major contribution to the Alliance over that time.

In finishing I would like to say that building networks is central to PMAT, and this is something I think we should try to strengthen. I've met many of you, but would like to do more to find out about your issues – and to encourage other groups to join PMAT. It would be good to grow the Alliance beyond our current 70 members.

Looking forward I would like to mention too that recently PMAT secured a substantial charitable foundation grant to support a communications strategy and part time communications consultant. This should make a big difference to our capacity to inform the community about planning in 2023-2024.

The Board and Sophie are always happy to hear from you – please get in touch to discuss your issues and/or PMAT's role.

Let's keep working for a better planning system in Tasmania.

**Kerry Burns**  
**President**



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### APPENDIX C

#### State Director's Report – Sophie Underwood

##### Brief overview, stats and history

PMAT had its first public meeting on World Town Planning Day in November 2016, was officially launched in Hobart in July 2017 and incorporated in 2019.

PMAT is an independent, apolitical, not-for-profit incorporated association, governed by a skills-based Board. The association is funded entirely by donations. Currently, PMAT has one part-time paid State Director, and one part-time media and communications expert.

Currently PMAT has 68 member groups, the most recent being the Australian Garden History Society. Since inception, PMAT has held eight face-to-face meetings with Alliance member groups and supporters - annually from 2017 (2 meetings) to 2023.

##### Overview of PMAT communications to Alliance members and supporters:

- Facebook: 2376 Likes (up by 311 from the 2022 AGM)
- Instagram: 289 followers
- Mailchimp database: regular email updates to our 1400+ contacts (grown by 200 new contacts since last AGM) - 30 were sent in the past year
- Website is currently undergoing a total rebuild.

##### Awards

<https://www.planningmatterstas.org.au/awards>

- 2022 – Bob Brown Foundation's Environment Awards – PMAT named the **National Community Group of the Year**
- 2020 - PMAT named the **2020 National Planning Champion** by the Planning Institute of Australia.
- 2019 - PMAT named the **2019 Tasmanian Planning Champion** by the Planning Institute of Australia.





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### PMAT's work since the 2022 AGM

- Future of Local Government via the Local Government Review
- Removing Councils as a Planning Authority
- Population
- Visitor/short stay accommodation and planning
- Housing e.g. finalising PMAT's Housing Policy
- Review of the State Planning Provisions (the core of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme)
- State of the Environment Reporting
- Encouraging community groups and individuals to engage in planning e.g. via the Local Provisions Schedule process
- Tasmanian Planning Policies
- Media – including briefing media
- Briefing/meeting with politicians
- Meeting with State Government e.g. State Planning Office
- Writing to Ministers e.g. Planning Minister
- Meeting with non-government groups
- Local Government elections
- Political donations.

### Planning and Local Government Reform

- Submitted seven submissions and participated in public hearings.
- Future of Local Government Review - two submissions to the review plus appeared before a Local Government review Board hearing.
- State Planning Provisions (SPPs) Review - Scoping Issues – residential standards, Natural Assets Code and the Local Historic Heritage Code. This was informed by three dedicated PMAT review sub-committees made up of experts and community advocates <https://www.planningmatterstas.org.au/state-planning-provisions-spps>
- Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) submission on the draft policies.
- Tasmania's Population Strategy submission.



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- Participated in the Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's process into the feasibility planning for a new sporting and event stadium in Hobart. Submission and presented at an inquiry hearing.
- Local Government Elections feedback submission.
- Tasmanian Housing Strategy submission.

### PMAT Guides

- Continued to promote PMAT's community guide to assist with public engagement and comment on the Local Provisions Schedule: Your Guide to Influencing the Development of Your Local Planning Rules (Local Provisions Schedule).
- PMAT's Property Buyers' Checklist for off-the-plan purchasers (August 2022).
- PMAT's What to Watch out For when buying property off the plan (August 2022).
- <https://www.planningmatterstas.org.au/guides>

### Work with Alliance groups and the wider community

- Play a coordinating and leadership role on key issues such as the Local Government Review.
- Central contact and connecting point for groups and individuals across Tasmania who have planning related issues.
- Helped inspire/support creation of new community groups.
- Worked with the South Hobart Progress Association, South Hobart Sustainable Community and the Waterworks community to develop a Specific Area Plan to help maintain liveability values as part of Hobart's Draft Local Provisions Schedule.
- Participated in the South Hobart Community's Resilience Fair.

### High level political engagement

Since the 2022 AGM, PMAT has briefed the Legislative Council and held face-to-face, zoom or phone meetings with politicians from all levels of government: Independent MLCs Meg Webb, Rob Valentine, Ruth Forrest and Mike Gaffney, Federal Independent for Clark Andrew Wilkie, Independent member for Lyons John Tucker, Labor Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government Luke Edmunds, Labor MP David O'Byrne, local Mayors and Councillors.



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### Hosted ten public meetings

- Mac Point Future public meeting, Hobart Town Hall November 2022
  - Public community meetings across Tasmania re Local Government Review, issues re removing councils as a Planning Authority and flawed Tasmanian Planning Scheme:
- Between February and June 2023, PMAT hosted nine public community meetings around Tasmania, attracting more than 350 concerned citizens.
  - Meetings were held on Flinders Island, Clarence, Bruny Island, Bicheno, Ouse, Bothwell, Deloraine, Latrobe and Wynyard (<https://www.planningmatterstas.org.au/events/>).
  - The meetings focused on the future of Local Government Review and removing councils as a Planning Authority, and raising concerns about the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
  - The meetings increased community awareness and inspired local communities to call on their local council to hold public meetings regarding the future of their council - meeting motions called on 11 councils to hold public meetings.

### Other stakeholder engagement

Meetings held with Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT, State Planning Office (briefing re PMAT's work and to be briefed on reform agenda), University of Tasmania (PMAT is on the Curriculum Advisory Committee re Masters of planning course), Environmental Defenders Office re key planning issues, expert planning events, National Trust re planning and built heritage, RACT re planning and insurance, Tenants Union of Tasmania re short stay accommodation issue, Australian Services Union re future of Local Government. Regular and ongoing engagement with and support for Alliance member groups.

### Media engagement

Extensive media engagement and communications including Facebook, print media, TV, radio, website, briefing journalists on the planning system, print media (Talking Points in The Mercury (eg [Changes to Council Requires Care](#), The Mercury, 16 February, 2023), media releases including:

- Media Release 18 July 2023: *Removing democracy and communities from planning decisions*
- Media Release, 19 April 2023: *Close to one half of all councils are opposed to amalgamation and almost no support from councils for the state government to take over planning.*
- Media Release, 3 April 2023: *No consultative basis for Council amalgamations and stripping planning decisions from local representatives.*
- Media Release, 16 February 2023: *Scale of changes and dubious consultation prompts call for more community engagement on Local Government reform.*