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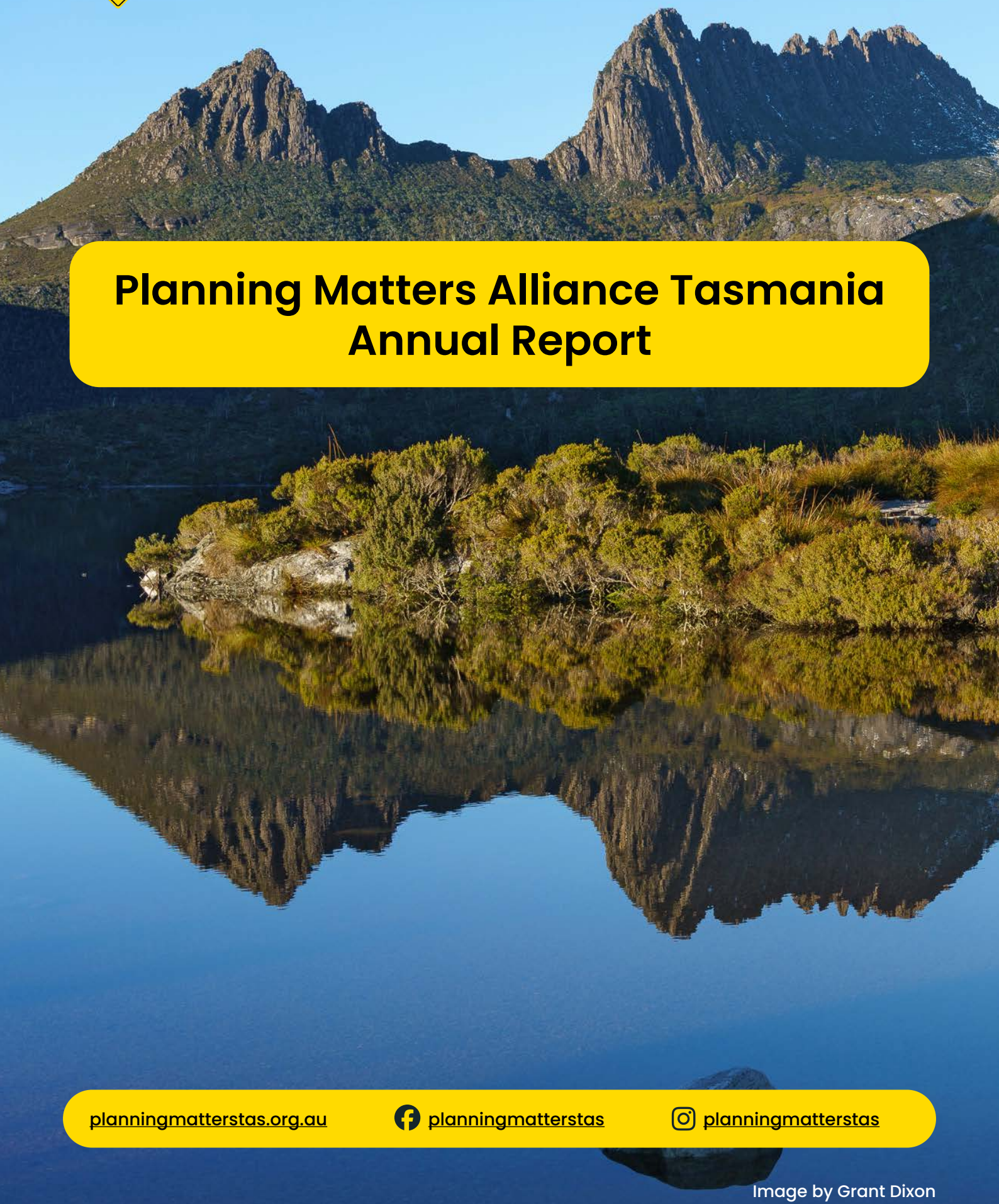
Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Annual Report



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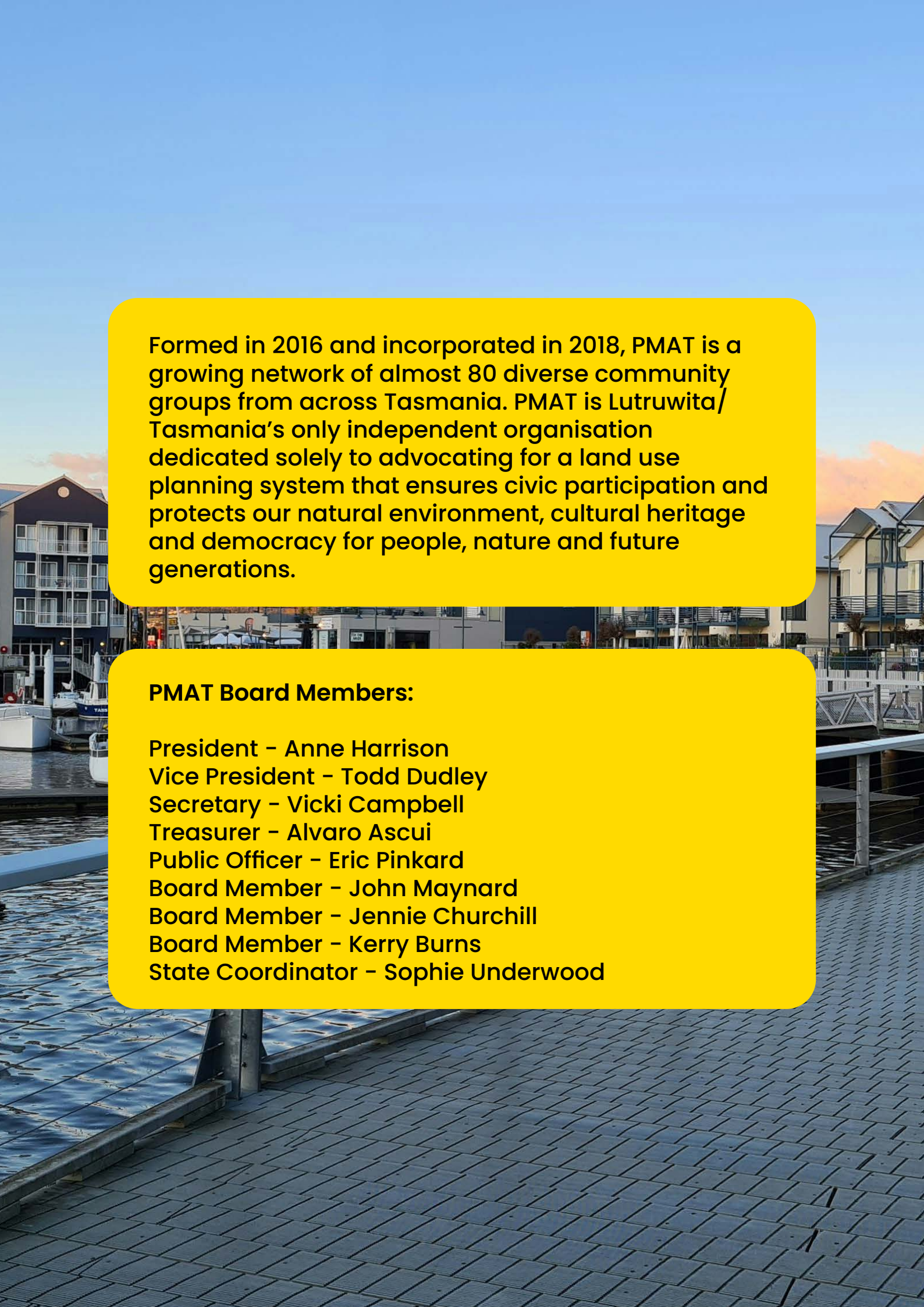

Formed in 2016 and incorporated in 2018, PMAT is a growing network of almost 80 diverse community groups from across Tasmania. PMAT is Lutruwita/ Tasmania's only independent organisation dedicated solely to advocating for a land use planning system that ensures civic participation and protects our natural environment, cultural heritage and democracy for people, nature and future generations.

PMAT Board Members:

President - Anne Harrison
Vice President - Todd Dudley
Secretary - Vicki Campbell
Treasurer - Alvaro Ascui
Public Officer - Eric Pinkard
Board Member - John Maynard
Board Member - Jennie Churchill
Board Member - Kerry Burns
State Coordinator - Sophie Underwood

Annual General Meeting
26 September 2021

President's Report

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania, known as PMAT. My modus operandi as President of PMAT has always been "**Everyone Matters Alliance".**

You know how the typical pattern of organisations is meant to be Forming Norming Storming. PMAT formed in 2016, launched and developed our Platform Document in 2017 and incorporated in 2018. In my view we are still norming, at the same time as we are storming - it gets pretty hectic!

We see ourselves as a community service not-for-profit organisation.

Education and information sessions are important, as we continue to advocate for best practice planning and to help the Tasmanian community understand the planning reforms.

I have been a proactive President, working with our State Coordinator Sophie Underwood and the Board, looking for opportunities to inform ourselves and others, linking with planning practitioners all over, and dealing with media and government. Building networks has been fundamental to the way I see the role, and I have endeavoured to balance the strategic and important with the urgent.

Achievements in 2021

- The PMAT Board developed a Strategic Plan, the 4 main streams being Planning Excellence, Strategic Partnerships, Community Planning Leadership and Organisational Resilience. I commend it to all our member groups. It is a living document and will be subject to review in future. Hard copies are available here to take back to your groups, it will soon be available on our website.

- 3 projects have been identified, which Sophie is actioning. Biodiversity and heritage are the focus of 2 State Policies we are developing. We are also developing planning provisions which will deliver sustainable and strategic planning in some of Hobart's suburbs. In 2022, the Residential Standards will be reviewed by Government. Watch this space as your input will be crucial.

- We developed strong ties across the professional planning community, greatly appreciated the advice and assistance of the EDO (Environmental Defenders Office), PMAT was invited to sit on the University of Tasmania Advisory Committee for the Masters in Planning, and we have stayed in touch with planning authorities.

- We made many very detailed submissions to government, including to PESRAC (Premiers Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Committee).
- We worked hard to connect across the Alliance, with the wider community, to build databases, manage risk and support Sophie. All our work is about ensuring transparency around planning.

The support from our very generous sponsors and partners never ceases to astound

People more and more understand the critical role PMAT plays in advocating for best practice planning which is strategic, sustainable and where the community has a voice. Our donors also understand the central importance of State Coordinator Sophie Underwood, and how her work is not only valuable, but essential. Thank you to all the inspiring contributors who keep PMAT going and solvent.

I am proud of the people who came together to form Tas Planning Information Network (TasPIN) back in the early days of 2015: Nick Sawyer, Robert Vincent, Chris Needham, Wayne Burgess, Ted Pitman, Glenys Jones, Eric Pinkard, Indra Boss, Jess Feehely, Brian Corr, Peter Black, Peter McGlone and Sue Carter (sadly deceased). These were joined later by Peter Edwards, Kerry Burns and Margaret Taylor.

I am immensely proud of these people, and the fact that in late 2016 Nick Sawyer introduced us to Freycinet Action Network, The Wilderness Society, Tasmanian Conservation Trust, National Parks Association, North East Bioregional Network and others to set up this state-wide Alliance. Vica Bailey and The Wilderness Society support was crucial in those early PMAT days. Thank you all - the flame was lit back then.

I am proud of the Campaign Advisory Group (CAG), brought together by Sophie to work with and help each other. This group of 36 community leaders from right across the state, representing many Alliance groups, advises and helps identify the way ahead for planning advocacy. All members of CAG are busy in their own area, and through belonging to this Zoom network, help each and every group, as well as PMAT leadership. Fiona Brine, who is volunteering with PMAT and part of the CAG, is working on our projects and a communications action plan. Thank you to all on the CAG and thank you Fiona.

I am proud of PMAT's volunteer Board. Trust me! They work so hard to keep PMAT safe, strong, solvent and effective. There is a wide range of skills, depth of experience, and a solid understanding of planning. I am very glad they are all re-nominating for their positions and we welcome Anna's nomination as Secretary and Louis as a Board member. I am especially thankful that Kerry Burns is nominating as Acting President. Kerry is very experienced and knowledgeable with links to many Hobart groups, and he will be an excellent continuing President and a safe pair of hands. Thank you honorary PMAT Board.

Special thanks also to our very committed and wise Public Officer Eric Pinkard. Good work Eric.

As a heads up, all Alliance groups will hear from the PMAT Board in 2022 as they endeavour to place PMAT on a solid financial footing. Groups will be asked for their feedback on how this can be achieved, including exploring if there might be a membership fee.

I am proud of Sophie Underwood, our State Coordinator, working in a consultancy role. With limited hours, Sophie does a massive job and does it in outstanding fashion: building the Alliance, implementing PMAT's strategic plan guided by our Platform Document, and being accessible to all of us, especially me. Thank you for giving 110% Sophie, and for all you do for Tasmania.

I am proud of all Alliance member groups. It's been an immense pleasure to touch base with you regularly and a real honour to represent you as your President. Just the other day, I

had a conversation with the Mt Roland Preservation Society Secretary. Robin told me they appreciate, respect and love PMAT very much for the work we do together.

Above all, huge thanks to all you good people who have given so much for Tasmania. Thank you for what you do in your areas, and as part of PMAT.

Let's keep going: think big, work strategically, doing what's important, not just what is urgent.

Please remember that with PMAT it's not just a Planning Matters Alliance, **it is truly an Everyone Matters Alliance.**

Anne Harrison
President
Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Association Information

ABN 14 901 724 768

Board of Management	Ms Anne Harrison	President
	Mr Todd Dudley	Vice president
	Ms Vicki Campbell	Secretary (to September 2020)
	Mr Alvaro Ascui	Treasurer
	Mr Eric Pinkard	Public Officer
	Mr John Maynard	Member
	Ms Jennie Churchill	Member
	Mr Kerry Burns	Member
Primary consultant	Ms Sophie Underwood	
Principal place of business	7 Ogilvie Street Mount Stuart TAS 7000	
Bankers	Bank of Us	
Auditor	Michael Kennett 128 Willowbend Road Kingston TAS 7050	

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Officers Report

Your officers present this report to the members of the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania's Principal Objectives

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) recognises that a strong planning system can improve outcomes in relation to public engagement, public health, environmental protection and sustainable development, equitable access, social inclusion and economic prosperity. PMAT considers that the planning system must be underpinned by the following six objectives:

To achieve the best future for Tasmania and all Tasmanians by promoting the establishment and implementation of a planning system that is underpinned by the following principles:

i. Community and environment — prioritise the health and well-being of the whole community, the liveability of cities, towns and rural areas, and the protection of the natural environment and cultural heritage

ii. Strategic vision — establish and implement a community endorsed, sustainable, long-term strategic vision for Tasmania

iii. Transparency and independence — ensure that planning and decision-making processes are open and transparent, and overseen by an independent commission, with appeals heard by an independent tribunal

iv. Community involvement — provide opportunities for informed community input in planning matters and decisions, including provision of appeal rights

v. Integrated approach — provide an integrated assessment process across all types of developments on all land tenures which includes consistent provision of mediation, public comment and appeal rights

vi. Implementation — consistent with the above principles, planning to be shared between state and local government, with local government to retain primary responsibility for local planning and development decisions, through community consultation.

Statement by the Management Board

The Management Board of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc. have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Management Board the statement of cash receipts and disbursements and the notes to the financial report:

1. Presents a fair and true view of the financial position of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Board:

President
Hobart

Dated

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 $	2020 $
Income			
Donations		67,671	50,647
Total income		67,671	50,647
Expenses			
Consultants		36,415	34,526
Campaign		3,157	-
Fundraising		1,503	357
Insurance		843	-
Website		672	-
Audit		300	300
Administration		194	35
Total expenses		43,085	35,218
Net cash receipts		24,586	15,429
Reconciliation to Bank Statement			
Opening bank balance		27,336	11,906
Add net cash receipts		24,586	15,429
Closing bank balance		51,922	27,336

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts
For the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 1 – Statement of significant accounting policies

The Board of management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity, and this financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas)*. The financial report may not be suitable for any another purpose.

The financial report is prepared on a cash basis, and is based on the value of transactions recorded in the associations bank accounts. The association is not registered for GST.

The association does not pay any income tax as it is exempt under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Unless otherwise stated all financial figures have been rounded off to the nearest dollar. Where necessary, and unless otherwise stated, comparative information has been reclassified for consistency with the current year financial amounts and other disclosures.

As at the date this report was signed there were no material subsequent events or going concern issues.

Note 2 – Changes in policy from the prior year

The following changes have been made to the accounts which affect the comparison with the prior year results:

- The financial report for the current year (2021) shows the gross amount donated to the association; whereas in the financial report published in 2020 the donations were net merchant fees that were paid
- Fundraising expenses in 2021 includes the merchant fees paid for processing donations, as well as the cost of maintaining the CRM system used for managing donations
- Campaign expenses in 2020 were included as Consultants expenses, and not separately recorded in the accounts

Michael Kennett
Registered SMSF Auditor
ABN 32 676 324 378

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLANNING MATTERS ALLIANCE TASMANIA INC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Report on the financial report

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021. In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with *Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas)*.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibility* section of my report. I am independent of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc in accordance with the ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit. I have also fulfilled my other responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence that I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

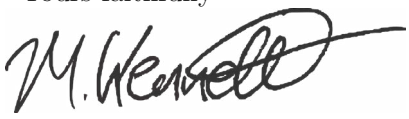
Responsibility of the Board for the financial report

The Board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas) and the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial report so that they are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.
In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is the intention to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

Yours faithfully



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31 August 2021

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