2022- 2023

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Annual Report

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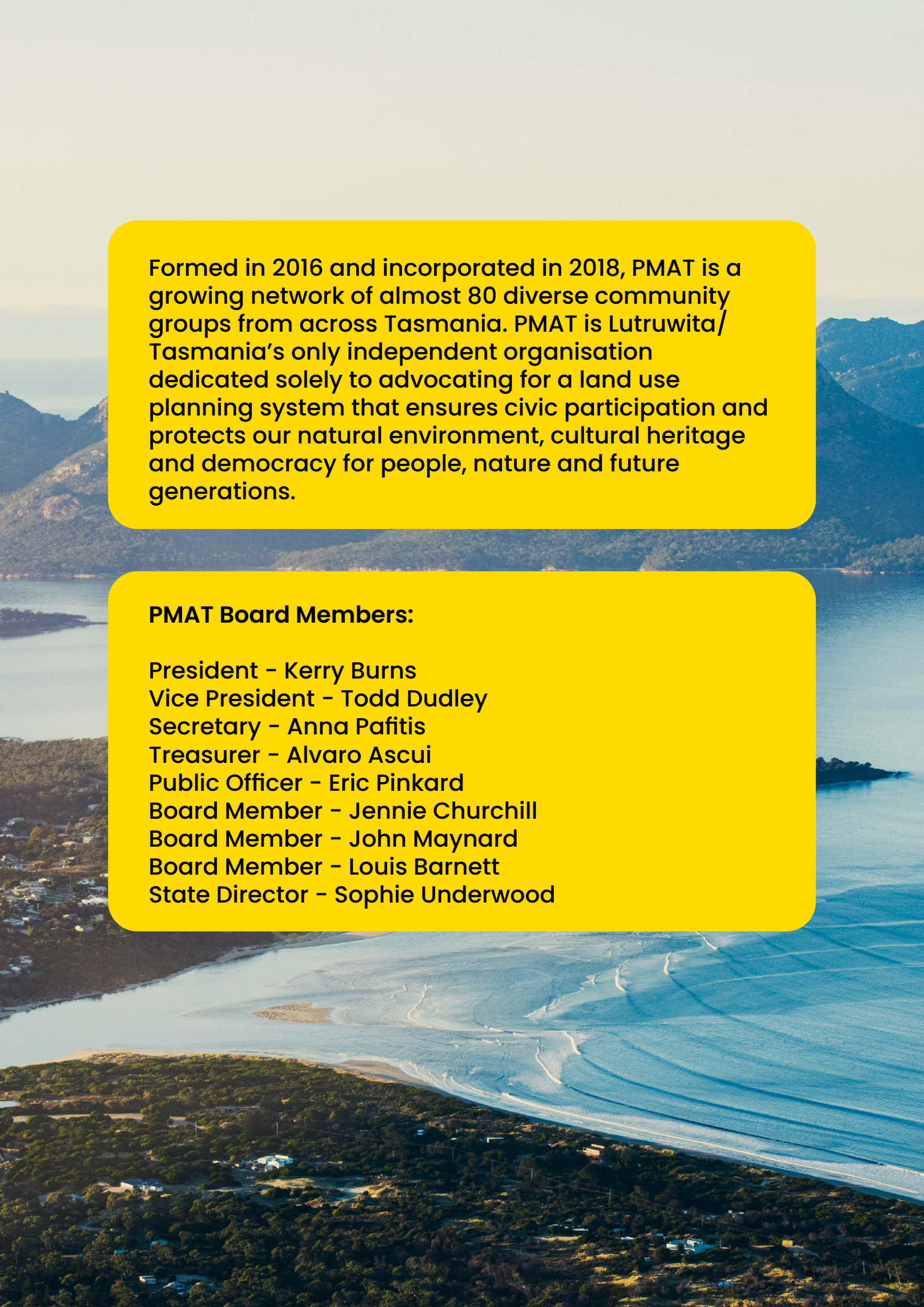


Formed in 2016 and incorporated in 2018, PMAT is a growing network of almost 80 diverse community groups from across Tasmania. PMAT is Lutruwita/ Tasmania's only independent organisation dedicated solely to advocating for a land use planning system that ensures civic participation and protects our natural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

PMAT Board Members:

President - Kerry Burns
Vice President - Todd Dudley
Secretary - Anna Pafitis
Treasurer - Alvaro Ascui
Public Officer - Eric Pinkard
Board Member - Jennie Churchill
Board Member - John Maynard
Board Member - Louis Barnett
State Director - Sophie Underwood

Annual General Meeting
27 August 2023

President's Report

2022 - 2023 was another big year for PMAT, responding to the many challenges facing us on the planning front. In some ways it has been PMAT's biggest year so far.

I'm always amazed at the huge amount of work our State Director Sophie Underwood, 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 wherever 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

A great deal has happened 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.

- 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 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 believe PMAT 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.

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.

Many thanks too to **Eric Pinkard** as **Public Officer**. Eric does so much to support PMAT.

Special mention to our past President **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 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
Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania

Annual General Meeting
27 August 2023

State Director Report

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) has now held eight face-to-face Annual General Meetings with Alliance member groups and supporters since the Association's inception: Ross in 2017 (2), 2018, 2019 and 2020, Kingston in 2021, Hobart in 2022 and Kingston in 2023.

Overview

History

PMAT held the first public meeting on World Town Planning Day in November 2016, before officially launching in Hobart in July 2017 and incorporating in 2018.

PMAT is an independent, apolitical, not-for-profit incorporated association, governed by a skills-based Board. The organisation is funded entirely by donations, with two part-time contractors: the State Director and a media and communications expert.

As at the August 2023 AGM, PMAT has 68 Alliance member groups and we welcome the latest group to join, the Australian Garden History Society.

Communications

We invite and encourage all our supporters and Alliance member groups (and their members) to subscribe to our newsletters and follow and like us on social media:

- The PMAT mailchimp database now has over 1,400 subscribers receiving regular updates and news. This has grown by over 200 since the 2022 AGM.
- PMAT is active on Facebook and we can report a current 2,376 likes, increased by 311 since 2022. Instagram has 289 followers.
- We are currently building a new website, with this important work led by our part-time communications contractor.

PMAT 68 ALLIANCE MEMBER GROUPS

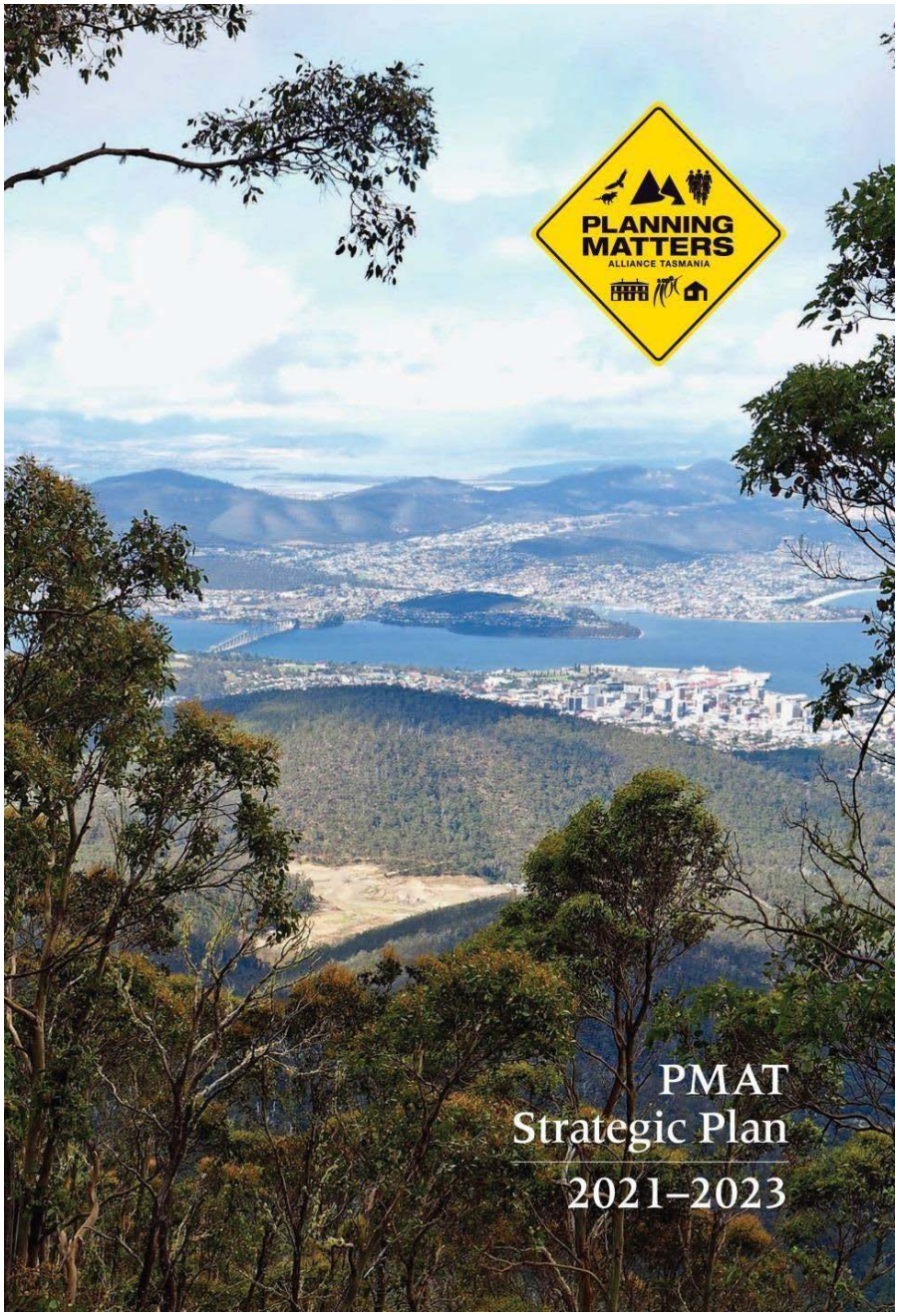
1. Australian Garden History Society (AGHS)
2. Beaumaris Action Network
3. Better Hobart
4. BirdLife Tasmania
5. Blackmans Bay Community Association Inc.
6. Central North Field Naturalists Inc.
7. Climate Action Northwest
8. Council of Hobart Community Associations
9. Cremorne Community Action Group Inc.
10. Earth Ocean Network (EON - Bicheno)
11. East Coast Alliance Inc. (ECA)
12. Environment Tasmania (ET)
13. Far South Future Alliance
14. Fern Tree Community Association (FTCA)
15. Freycinet Action Network (FAN)
16. Friends of Four Mile Creek Inc.
17. Friends of Great Western Tiers
18. Friends of North Bruny Inc. (FONB)
19. Friends of the Blue Tier
20. Friends of Ralphs Bay
21. Friends of the Tamar Valley
22. Friends of Wirksworth
23. Glebe Residents' Association
24. Hands Off Our Gorge
25. Heritage Protection Society (Tasmania) Inc.
26. Hobart Dog Walking Association Inc.
27. Hobart Not Highrise Inc.
28. Howden Progress Association Inc.
29. Howrah Hills Landcare Group
30. Huon Valley Dog Walking Association Inc.
31. Huon Valley Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc.
32. Kangaroo Bay Voice
33. Launceston Heritage Not Highrise
34. Marine Protection Tasmania
35. Meander Area Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc.
36. Mersey Mountains Action Group (MMAG)
37. Mount Stuart Residents Inc.
38. Mt Roland Preservation Society Inc.
39. Neighbours of Fish Farming
40. New Town Community Association Inc.
41. No Fish Farms in Tasmania's East Coast Waters
42. North East Bioregional Network
43. North West Environment Centre
44. No Turbine Action Group (NTAG)
45. Re Imagine The End (RITE)
46. Residents Opposed to the Cable Car (ROCC)
47. Seymour Community Action Group
48. S.O.L.V.E. Supporting Our Loongana Valley Environment Inc.
49. South Hobart Progress Association
50. Southern Beaches Conservation Society
51. St Helens Point Progress Association
52. Taroona Community Association (TCA)
53. Tasman Peninsula Marine Protection (TPMP)
54. Tasmanian Aquaculture Reform Alliance
55. Tasmanian Conservation Trust (TCT)
56. Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA)
57. Tasmanian Planning Information Network (TasPIN)
58. Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc.
59. The Bob Brown Foundation
60. The Bruny Island Community Association (BICA)
61. The Friends of the Leven
62. The Rosny Hill Friends Network
63. The Tasmanian Dog Walking Clubs Inc.
64. The Wilderness Society (Tasmania) Inc. (TWS)
65. Waterworks Valley Community Group
66. Waterworks Valley Landcare Group
67. Woodbridge Community Association
68. Wynyard Landcare

PMAT's first meeting was held on World Town Planning Day in November 2016

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

Revised PMAT Strategic Plan 2021 – 2023



PMAT's work since the 2022 Annual General Meeting

- Future of Local Government via the Local Government Review
- Campaigning against 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 liaison
- Briefing/meeting with politicians across parties and at all levels
- Meeting with State Government e.g. State Planning Office
- Writing to Ministers, including the Minister for Planning
- 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 – made 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
- Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) – made a submission on the draft policies.
- Tasmania's Population Strategy – made a submission.
- Participated in the Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's process into the feasibility planning for a new sporting and event stadium in Hobart. Made a submission and presented at an Inquiry Hearing.
- Local Government Elections feedback – made a submission.
- Tasmanian Housing Strategy – made a 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 – particularly for off-the plan purchasers (August 2022).
- PMAT's What to watch out for – especially when buying property off the plan (August 2022).

Worked with Alliance member groups and wider community on key issues

- Played 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.

Hosted Ten Public Meetings

- November 2022: hosted Mac Point Future public meeting.
- Between February and June 2023: hosted nine public community meetings across Tasmania re the Local Government Review, removing Councils as a Planning Authority and the flawed Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
- The meetings attracted 350 concerned citizens and were held on Flinders Island, Clarence, Bruny Island, Bicheno, Ouse, Bothwell, Deloraine, Latrobe and Wynyard. The meetings focused on the future of Local Government Review and removing Councils as a Planning Authority – as well as 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. The meetings resulted in motions calling on 11 Councils to hold public meetings.

High level political engagement

Held meetings with politicians from all levels and across all parties of Government:

- Meg Webb, MLC, Independent for Nelson
- Rob Valentine MLC
- Ruth Forrest MLC, Independent member for Murchison
- Mike Gaffney, Independent member for Mersey
- Andrew Wilkie MP, Federal Independent for Clark
- John Tucker MP, Independent member for Lyons
- David O'Byrne MP
- Luke Edmunds MLC, Labor Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government
- Local Mayors and councillors

- Invited to brief the Legislative Council on key issues.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), face-to-face and phone meetings.
- State Planning Office: briefings on PMAT work and the SPO reform agenda.
- University of Tasmania: PMAT is a member of the Masters of Planning Course Advisory Committee.
- Environmental Defenders Office regular liaison re key planning issues.
- Expert planning events.
- National Trust – planning and built heritage.
- Engaging with Alliance member groups.
- RACT – planning and insurance.
- Tenants Union of Tasmania – short stay accommodation issue.
- Australian Services Union – Future of Local Government.

Media Engagement

- Facebook, print media, TV, radio, website.
- Briefing journalists on the planning system.
- Front page news in *The Mercury*.
- PMAT Media Release 18 July 2023: *Removing democracy and communities from planning decisions*.
- PMAT 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*.
- PMAT Media Release, 3 April 2023: *No consultative basis for Council amalgamations and stripping planning decisions from local representatives*.
- PMAT Media Release, 16 February 2023: *Scale of changes and dubious consultation prompts call for more community engagement on Local Government reform*.
- PMAT Talking Point: *Changes to Council Requires Care*, The Mercury, 16 February 2023.

Sophie Underwood
State Director
Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Association Information

ABN 14 901 724 768

Board of Management	Mr Kerry Burns	President
	Mr Todd Dudley	Vice president
	Ms Anna Pafitis	Secretary
	Mr Alvaro Ascui	Treasurer
	Mr Eric Pinkard	Public Officer
	Ms Jennie Churchill	Member
	Mr John Maynard	Member
	Mr Louis Barnett	Member
Primary Contractor	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 2023.

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania's Principal Objectives

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) is a public interest organisation that serves the community by delivering public education sessions and communicating information about best planning practice. We aim to improve outcomes in public engagement, public health, environmental protection and sustainable development, equitable access and economic prosperity. PMAT considers that the planning system must be underpinned by the following six objectives (refer to the website www.planningmatterstas.org.au for explanatory notes):

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

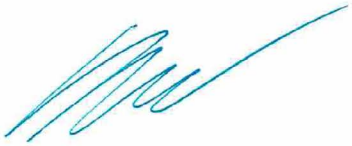
The Management Board of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc. have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in note 1 to the financial report.

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 2023 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 19/8/2023

Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania Inc.
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Income			
Donations		120	337
Donations—Bank of Us		86,652	64,752
Donations—Stripe		9,204	10,049
Other		232	-
Total income		96,208	75,138
General and Administrative Expenses			
Audit		428	406
Administration		-	-
Insurance		271	844
Professional development		150	30
Travel and accommodation		1,462	-
Contractors and Expert Consultants			
Consultant experts		17,581	-
Consultant communications		5,717	-
Contractor		86,224	41,206
Communications, Marketing and Events			
Advertising and marketing		4,823	842
Audio visual		769	-
Conferences and symposia		-	1,074
Photography		120	-
Room hire		558	-
Website		4,989	916
Fundraising Expenses			
CRM database		727	-
Stripe commission		239	359
Total expenses		124,057	45,677
Net income		-27,849	29,461
Add unpaid invoices		2,764	454
Less payment of prior year invoices		-454	-
Net cash receipts		-25,538	29,914
Reconciliation to Bank Statement			
Opening bank balance		81,836	51,922
Add net cash receipts		-25,538	29,914
Closing bank balance		56,298	81,836

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 2023

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLANNING MATTERS ALLIANCE TASMANIA INC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 2023. 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

Michael Kennett CA
19 August 2023

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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:

1. 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.

Alvaro Ascui
Treasurer

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