

MOUNT RESIDENTS INC

ABN 27 137 590 715

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Mount Stuart Residents Inc

President's Report to the Annual General Meeting

23rd March 2017

Being a member of a knowledgeable, well intentioned group which is committed to fostering a strong local and wider community has made my first year as President of the Residents' Association a pleasure and full of interest.

This year we welcomed a new member to the Association: Leo Foley. He has added another dimension to our meetings and activities with his deep knowledge of the workings of the Council.

A highlight of the year has been the Open Door Program. It is a significant step in making more connections between Mt Stuart residents; the connections that are at the heart of any community. A big thanks to Aviva Orgad, a committee member and Hall booking officer. Single handedly, with great support from the Hobart City Council Community Team, she has developed the idea, designed program that is drawing good audiences, and run each session. This Monday over 40 people came to the Tart Words session.

Thanks too to Hobart City Council for the Quick Response Community Grant of \$500 that is supporting the Open Door Program.

I encourage you to join Open Door activities, and let Aviva know what you would like to see as part of future programs. The 2017 Autumn/Winter program will be out soon. If you have an idea, and would like to run a community activity, let us know. We would like the Hall to be a hub for the Mt Stuart community, over and above the great variety of classes offered by Hall tenants.

Two major issues that came to the fore this year:

- the future of the Knocklofty track along the fire access road between Weerona Avenue and West Hobart, and
- the Statewide Planning Scheme.

In April members of the Association met with Jill Hickie and Rob Mather, the Council responsible officers responsible for parks. It was good to learn that the Council was planning to keep the track open and was negotiating with owners of the two blocks of land to purchase the small parcels of land needed. The Association wrote to Council about the value of the track. While it is taking longer than anticipated, the Council has approved the purchase of the land and contracts will soon be signed.

At our May meeting Indra Boss and Ann Harrison, from the Tasmanian Planning Information Network (TasPIN), gave us a good overview of the draft statewide Planning Scheme, and shared a number of concerns. Eric Pinkard is a member of TasPIN and he has kept us up-to-date on their activities and roll out of the Planning Scheme. All members are concerned at the lack of consultation and clear communication about the Scheme and the implications of the changes.

Other issues raised by residents during the year include:

- Eagle Hawk Inn flashing neon sign – the Association is supporting representations to Council to have the sign turned off for a period at night
- difficult access to Mt Stuart Park – the Council have agreed to install a handrail and are hopeful they can resurface the drive: this will be done before 30 June 2017
- traffic in Montagu Street
- traffic at the Hill and Arthur Street intersection
- general traffic issues
- need for trimming of lanes and nature strips, and
- barking dogs.

The quarterly Mount Stuart News, our website, and the Mt Stuart Facebook page are our way of keeping in touch with residents. The Mt Stuart News continued to inform and entertain. Many thanks to Marilyn Pinkard for her writing and editorial skills and the significant amount of time she devotes to producing the four newsletters. I always appreciate how much interesting news she fits into four pages. Thanks to the Hon Rob Valentine, MLC for organising the newsletter printing. Over 450 people are following the Mount Stuart Tasmania Facebook page and a sense of community is definitely building around it. Its immediacy supplements the newsletters more stately timeline. Our website www.mountstuarttas.org.au provides the anchor for it all.

We have made submissions to or participated in these consultations and meetings:

- Lenah Valley Shopping Precinct
- City of Hobart Transport Strategy Development
- Neighbourhood Disputes (Vegetation) Bill 2016, and
- HCC Community Consultation at New Town
- Lenah Valley and Mount Stuart Residents' Traffic Committee
- Council of Hobart Community Associations.

We maintain our strong involvement in the Council of Hobart Community Associations, and at its last AGM Scott Faulkner was elected President and Eric Pinkard Treasurer and Leo Foley. There are moves to strengthen the role of the CHCA in representing the interests of the people and communities of Hobart, especially to the City Council. We also attend the Traffic Committee meetings (thanks to Rosemary Gardner & Marilyn Pinkard).

I encourage residents' involvement in our activities, with other local groups such as Valley Street Reserve Bushcare and the many activities offered at Mount Stuart Hall, particularly the Open Door Program.

Sincere thanks to the Committee and Office Bearers over the past year:

Stewart Gardner (Secretary), Eric Pinkard (Treasurer), Lynden Howells, Linley Grant, Marilyn Pinkard, Rosemary Gardner, Aviva Orgad, Scott Faulkner, Martin Gilby and Leo Foley.

Jennifer Dunbabin

President

23 March 2016

MOUNT STUART RESIDENTS INC

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
INCOME		
Interest Income - ING Direct	86.49	107.96
Newsletter Advertising	884.00	697.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$970.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$804.96</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
Annual Fee	\$59.20	\$59.20
Bank Charges & Duties	38.38	
Meeting Costs		400.00
Replacement Haigh Plaque	445.50	75.00
Subscriptions	20.00	
Website & Domain Name Fees	58.00	24.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>\$621.08</u></u>	<u><u>\$558.20</u></u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>\$349.41</u></u>	<u><u>\$246.76</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Opening Balance	\$5,172.79	\$4,926.03
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	349.41	246.76
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$5,522.20</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,172.79</u></u>
 This is represented by:-		
ANZ Bank	\$1,111.74	\$348.82
ING Direct Account	\$4,410.46	\$4,823.97
Total	<u><u>\$5,522.20</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,172.79</u></u>