

PORT MANDURAH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

President's Report

Presented at the AGM on 6th April 2017 by Brennan Rose

The PMRA Committee has continued to represent the ratepayers in overseeing the expenditure of the Specified Area Rate in order to ensure that the amenities of the precinct of Port Mandurah are maintained and where possible improved, and the quality of the development and the lifestyle of its residents is preserved. Other important objects of PMRA are to liaise and foster good working relations with Government, Local Authorities, Statutory Authorities and to foster social interaction between members of the Association and others with similar interests. Your honorary committee has endeavoured to fulfil its obligations in this regard.

The committee met on 9 occasions during the year with sub-committees meeting as necessary. One committee member, Greg Grainger, resigned due to work commitments.

I take this opportunity to thank my committee for their commitment to the objects of the Association and their unfailing good humour. Special mention to our Honorary Secretary Linda Thorpe, who from various points of the globe, has continued to edit the newsletters and efficiently deal with all PMRA business. We are very fortunate to have her continue as Secretary for the coming year. Our Treasurer, Dianne O'Driscoll, efficiently managed our accounts and we hope she can be cajoled into continuing this portfolio. Vice President Gary Brown leaves the committee this year and his contribution and knowledge will be missed. Thank you Gary for your invaluable input; we wish you well. Thank you also to Kerrie Andrews for managing our facebook page, to Sponsorship Officer Raymond Hind, and to Jill and John Randall who continue to pick up rubbish twice daily to keep our precinct clean.

Our waterways sub-committee has been chaired by Gary Brown. He, Crawford Flaherty and I have been meeting with City of Mandurah officers and councillors on a quarterly basis. This is known as the Port Mandurah Canals Waterways Advisory Group, or PMCWAG for short. Plough levelling of the southern entrance was completed in May of last year with some tidying up in the northern entrance. The dredging is an ongoing problem which is a growing cost as there is more sand entering the northern canal entrance as well as the marina and the estuary entrance. The Council and State Government are investigating different sand bypassing options but they will all be very expensive.

A full dredging campaign is anticipated in the next 5 years requiring a nominal balance in the reserve account of about \$700,000. The closing balance at 31st March 2017 was \$372,868. Please see attached the financial information for the year to 30th June 2016 of the Port Mandurah Canals – Specified Area Rates, and the income & expenditure to the 31st March this year.

The Jetty Licensing proposal to Council has progressed with the Eastport, Port Bouvard and Mariners Cove Associations agreeing to sign a redrafted letter to the City of Mandurah to pursue the matter with the Department of Transport if passed through Council.

The following submissions were made on behalf of residents to be included in the City's Budget:

2016-17

- A playground bordered by McLarty Road, Mary Street and Old Coast Road: *"In 2017-18 budget with Landscape Architect to consider"*.
- Modifications to the Mary street roundabout: *"Requires more consultation and investigation in light of the new bridge"*.
- Severe corrosion of the balustrading on the bridge between Picaroon Place and Finistere Island Retreat: *"Will be undertaken through the City maintenance program"*.
- The wall with the "Leeward" sign on the City side of Leeward Entrance requires should be removed or relocated. *"Under assessment by the City's Traffic Officer"*.

2017-18

- A request to have the bollards replaced by a fence at the end of the South Siska Court canal. *"Under assessment"*.
- A request to have the gazebos upgraded in the small park at the eastern end of Leeward Entrance: *"The provision of some additional screening to the shelters has been listed for consideration in the 2017-18 budget requests... Should funding be allocated in the future, the design of screens for wind protection would need to ensure that visibility into the shelters and passive surveillance is still maintained."*

With regards to **Sutton Farm**, in October Council voted to change the zoning from "Tourist" to "Special Use" to ensure that any development is compatible with the surrounding land uses and within the heritage buildings. The City of Mandurah will make a deputation to the Western Australian Planning Commission to highlight the importance of this heritage site.

The Social Committee organised two events again last year that were well attended and were very successful. Our thanks to Dianne O'Driscoll, Una Hird and Thelma Jessop for managing these social nights.

Another popular social event is the **Santa Afloat** on Christmas Eve. Our thanks once again to co-ordinator Mick Georgeff and his team of three skippers, Santas, elves, helpers and lolly packers.

Thank you to our sponsors Battery World, Estuary Cabinets, Flik Lighting, Renee Hardman, Mandurah Cruises, R Marine Mandurah, West Coast Finance, The Stage Door, Plays Kool and Minuteman Press Perth for supporting the Association.

I am now retiring from the Committee and I wish to thank all those who have volunteered their time for the betterment of our lifestyle for their support.