

# PoANT AGM Report

Tuesday 14 July 2015

Port of Adelaide Branch of the National Trust Chairs Report 2015

Co-Chairs: Karen James and Pat Netschitowsky

Michelle Hogan – previous Co-Chair – congratulations to Michelle on being appointed a PAEC Councillor

Current committee members: Michael Weir, Fiona McConchie, Sharon Holmes, Sandra Elms, Andrew Winkler, Janette Riggs, Kate Riggs, Anne Lavender, Pam Child and Michelle Hogan

Pam Child, Janette and Kate Riggs will not be rejoining the committee.

You will hear from the committee members shortly about what they do.

As a Committee we meet monthly, support and maintain the Branch, inform membership of current issues and events, advocate for heritage issues and initiate projects and events to celebrate and document the history of Port Adelaide.

## Highlights of the past year include:

Continued campaigning and advocacy - Fort Largs, Port Waterfront Redevelopment, Cultural History (e.g. GMH Mosaic, Formby Fountain).

Partnerships with other organizations and government departments to encourage a focus on heritage as an asset rather than a liability. Robert Morris-Nunn, architect, was our guest last year and we are currently exploring ways of continuing this community conversation with Robert.

Advocating and supporting the Torrens Island Quarantine Station (TIQS). Over the last year DPTI have invested over \$1m in works to preserve and weatherproof the heritage-listed buildings. Due to these building works, site access has been fairly limited, but Andrew and FoTI have organised several tours and recently held their first working bee to remove weeds. Negotiations continue with DPTI over a Licence Agreement that will give FoTI the right to manage the site for third-party use, such as tours and events. FoTI committee member Ashleigh Coombs has developed a business plan which will be presented for public discussion at the Port Adelaide Environment Forum on July 16th. A special thank you to Andrew Winkler.

Regularly communicated with our members through the Missive and email updates.

Continued a strong media presence on Facebook and have established a new Website.

Establishing an environment and heritage-themed interactive wiki for Port Adelaide. A public launch of the wiki was held at the Port Adelaide Library on 7 May, attended by around 20 people. Training sessions will be held soon to boost community participation in the project.

Following our successful oral history project with Le Fevre High School we have a group of volunteers who are actively documenting oral histories of Port Adelaide residents. These will be available through the state library and we will load onto the wiki. Please let us know of any people or yourselves who would like to participate.

Hosting an information stall at 'Wild at Hart' Sunday Markets that we share on rotation with other community groups.

Responding to numerous requests for information and enquiries.

Meeting regularly to promote heritage issues with: Port Adelaide Enfield Council, Susan Close MP, Stephen Mullighan MP, Renewal SA Port Adelaide and the National Trust of SA.

We have approximately 95 members and are one of the largest branches of the National Trust of SA.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and members are always welcome to attend. We also invite guest speakers to provide up-to-date information about different projects, issues e.g. City of Adelaide, development plans for different precincts.

Please consider joining PoANT if you are not already a member to support our community and I encourage those of you who are members to consider joining the committee. Please contact us via Pat or Sharon ([portofadelaident@gmail.com](mailto:portofadelaident@gmail.com)).

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