

PoANT AGM Report

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Co-Chairperson's report: Karen James

Co-Chairs: Karen James and Pat Netschitowsky

Current committee members: Michael Weir, Fiona McConchie, Sharon Holmes, Sandra Elms, Andrew Winkler, Phil Winter, Clare Shuttleworth and Michelle Hogan

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.

PoANT is primarily an advocacy branch – we do not manage property as many other branches do. Our advocacy is informed by a series of strategic policies which have been developed and reviewed since our inception. These are available on our web site.

Fundamentally we advocate for the conservation and celebration of our heritage in the broadest form – people places, environment –through our own actions, the support of the broader community and strategic partnerships. On that note highlights of the past year include:

Campaigning and advocacy – Cargo Shed 1, (Fisherman's Market), (through the media, application for heritage listing, production of buntings), Port Waterfront Redevelopment, Cultural History (e.g. GMH Mosaic)

Submission writing – 30 year plan for Adelaide – update, Renewal SA Historic Ships and Boats Strategy, PAEC Draft Tourism Strategy (Michael and Karen)

Active partnerships with other organisations and government departments to encourage a focus on heritage as an asset rather than a liability. Recent conversations with Port Adelaide Maritime Museum and Renewal SA to support a project to undertake archeological dig and ground penetrating radar mapping of Fletchers Slip. Last year we partnered with AIS and PAEC to jointly host Architecture on Show series focusing on adaptive reuse. (Sandra)

Advocating and supporting restoration and maintenance of the Torrens Island Quarantine Station (TIQS). FoTI is making solid progress with landscaping including restoring garden beds at Refshauge House.

A relationship is being developed with Conservation Volunteers Australia and is attracting the attention of a significant corporate sponsor, which may lead to further building restoration. It is anticipated that the proposal to establish a direct path linking the TIQS mortuary with the historic cemetery located in the adjacent Conservation

Park will boost the site's profile and increase the government's interest in TIQS as an (eco-) tourism destination. Special thanks to Andrew.

Regularly communicated with our members through the Missive and email updates. (Michael and Pat)

Continued a strong media presence on Facebook and our Website. (Sharon and Sandra)

Promotion/events – Members events, Poster exhibition at Sarah's during history month celebrating our history and the many wonderful posters designed by Sandra and others.

Meeting regularly to promote heritage issues with local members, Port Adelaide Enfield Council, Renewal National Trust of SA. (Karen, Pat and Clare)

Responding to emails/requests etc (Pat)

We have approximately 85 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.

Please consider joining PoANT if you are not already a member to support our community. Please contact us via Pat (portofadelaident@gmail.com).

Karen James
13/9/17