



## **Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association Inc**

### **President's Report 29/3/17**

Although my report will be short, the work of the Association has been extensive.

This year (2016-17) we introduced a quarterly newsletter in addition to regular updates on our [Facebook page](#), emailing notifications to all members and supporters of events and activities, and posting all general meeting minutes on our [website](#).

I intend tonight to let the information stream that we have put in place do most of the talking.

We have addressed issues at all levels of government in our collective efforts to fairly represent the direction of our membership to improve the life of our community.

Many issues are still alive, much to our frustration and the difficulties we experience in our efforts to find more harmonious ways of achieving common goals. Being an active organisation comes with its difficulties and we have worked hard in building relationships at all levels of government, at the same time considering that we have a right to seek their accountability.

Some of the more pleasing activities this past 12 months have been:

- the permanent Jet Ski Ban Zone between the Torrens River and Grange
- the Poles Apart Art Project in Main Street
- our behind-the-scenes involvement in the Beach Access Day attracting over 300 people
- the Nuclear-Free Zone Policy yet to be presented to Council
- the quarterly newsletter
- a significant boost in our membership and supporter base.

There are many issues still unresolved but we shall continue to work with you to reach a satisfactory outcome. These issues include:

- the Coastal Pathway from Grange to Semaphore South
- the Torrens River Wetland
- a Coastal Management Plan from West Beach to Semaphore South
- Antunes' illegal extraction of 82,000 litres of ground water per day spewing onto Henley Beach
- the Telstra 35-metre telecommunication tower application in a Historic Conservation Zone
- storm water quality improvement entering into Gulf St Vincent.

As a result of our fundraising activities, we have a healthy bank balance that has enabled us to donate to our affiliated organisations:

- Conservation Council SA
- Environmental Defenders Office
- Community Alliance SA
- Marine Discovery Centre.

In addition, we made a \$500 donation to the Telecommunications Action Group to assist them with their legal representation in the Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) Court.

Our next expenditure is the purchase of a new computer and printer thanks to a Commonwealth grant.

I would like to express how fortunate I have been in representing WACRA as your president. If I am ever grumpy you will know that it is mostly because of the frustrations of having to deal with various uncooperative minds and trying to cut through the red tape at all levels.

I would like to acknowledge and thank every member of the WACRA Executive Committee for being available to attend at times long meetings to deal with the business, and for attending the many presentations and meetings we have at all levels of government.

In closing, on behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank all of you for your involvement and loyalty to WACRA in our efforts to meet our objective of *building healthy, safe, equitable and enjoyable communities*.

**Jim Douglas**  
WACRA President