

ARTARMON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

President's Report

Well another year passes and it is time to look back, reflect on what we have achieved. But before doing that I would like to express thanks to the Executive Committee this year, they have done a great job in continuing the APA's traditions.

Dale McKay	President
Christine Kelley	Vice President and Secretary
Adrian Alexander	Treasurer
	Heritage and History Project Coordinator
	APA Representative, Willoughby City Council Heritage Advisory Committee
Peter Wilton	Membership
Kath Hermann	
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Barry Thompson	Artarmon Gazette Coordinator
	Federation Representative
	Traffic and Parking
Peter Egan	Federation Representative
Parry Alferis	Artarmon Gazette Coordinator
Robert Newman	Webmaster

The APA had a very busy year in advocating on behalf of residents and businesses of Artarmon.

After great support from residents, the Willoughby City Council, the APA, the South Willoughby Progress Association and the Willoughby Action Group we were successful in reducing the size and density of the Channel 9 Residential Development Concept Plan. The development was restricted in size to buildings of eight stories and overall maximum of 450 apartments (originally 650 apartments).

A Public Information Night in August 2014 sponsored by the APA and attended by representatives from Transport NSW explained to residents the desired upgrade of the Artarmon Railway Station. This upgrade included the installation a two lift access to the station platform. Subsequently, the APA lodged a submission to Transport NSW but unfortunately our recommendations fell on deaf ears as Transport NSW did not change their plans at all (the APA recommended a single lift at the end of the northern subway).

After many iterations, and finally, mediation, the APA was successful in reducing the size and density of the development at 98-102 Hampden Road Development (site of the old Dry Cleaners, Real Estate Agency and Butcher). Construction is expected to commence before the end of 2015.

In September 2014, the APA and the newly formed Artarmon Village Business Group jointly organized the Artarmon Night Markets on the Village Green and in Wilkes Plaza. It was a great success and it was pleasing to see the number of residents in attendance. The proceeds from the Night Markets will assist funding future activities of the Artarmon Village, Inc.

The APA lodged a submission to the Willoughby City Council on its proposed Willoughby Street Parking Strategy. At time of writing this report the APA is in the process of evaluating the Council's proposal.

Public Information Meetings were held in:

- July 2014 with Local MP, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian as guest speaker,
- August 2014, Transport NSW regarding Artarmon Railway Station upgrade,
- March 2015, a Willoughby Progress Associations jointly sponsored meeting in Chatswood to Meet the Candidates for the Willoughby Electorate for State Government Elections 2015.
- June 2015, Meet Willoughby City Council General Manager, Debra Just.

The APA was asked by the Willoughby City Council to nominate a suitable name for the upgraded Children's Playground in Roberts Street and we nominated Dr Elsie Wearn, Artarmon's first female dentist 1945 to 1974. Our suggestion was adopted by the Council.

As mentioned later APA had a very successful Heritage Festival during May 2015 on **Artarmon and Gore Hill and World War One** at the Artarmon Library. We were fortunate in also exhibiting in the windows of 98-102 Hampden Road shops during June 2015 and at the Home HQ Shopping Centre in July 2015. Thanks to Adrian Alexander, Katie Walshe, Peter Wilton and Parry Alferis for their contributions to the display and for the Artarmon Library, the Mustaca Family and Home HQ Shopping Centre for hosting the display.

A submission was lodged with the Council against the Development Application for establishment of a Child Care Centre at 290 Mowbray Road, 66 and 66A Stafford Road, Artarmon. At time of writing a new Development Application has been lodged with the Council but the Council's response is not yet known.

The APA continues to participate as a member of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations, Inc. This forum enables all the Willoughby Progress Associations to submit a uniform view to the Willoughby City Council on matters affecting all residents of the Local Government Area.

Last but not least, the Artarmon Gazette continues to go from strength to strength. Barry Thompson has been the guiding force over the past couple of years but unfortunately has now left the district. Parry Alferis has stepped into to the breach and is now acting as Gazette Coordinator. We have been lucky enough to have had two young budding journalists assist us as Gazette Editor over the past two calendar years. Hanna Schenkel edited four issues in 2014 and Helena Ho will have completed her four with the December 2015 Edition. We are keen to continue this practice of seeking communication university students to assist us and to provide them with practical experience in producing a quality community newsletter.

Our thanks also to the many residents and businesses who continue to support us with advertising in the Artarmon Gazette, for paying their membership subscriptions and for attending at our Public Information Meetings.

Our Executive Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month (except January) are open to the public. We also would welcome volunteers for the Executive Committee, for Artarmon Gazette deliveries, contribution of articles for the Artarmon Gazette or assistance with research for the Artarmon History Project.

As this is my last Annual Report as President of the APA, I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the many other volunteers for their contribution during my three years in office. Also I would like to thank Barry Thompson for his contribution to the APA of many years and wish him the best in the future. I hope to continue as a member of the Executive Committee next year.

Dale McKay
President

Treasurer's Report

Artarmon Progress Association, Inc. is in a sound financial position and at 30 June 2015 had net assets of \$21,683 (2014 \$19,668). Trade Debtors were \$4,910 (\$5,695 in 2014).

The APA had a net surplus from activities of \$2,016 (2014 deficit \$1,012) for the financial year to 30 June 2015.

Willoughby City Council provided a grant of \$3,000 for the establishment of the Artarmon Village Night Markets, the first of which was held in September 2014 in association with the newly formed local business organization Artarmon Village. APA had agreed to provide the financial support behind the Night Markets with any net financial benefits accruing from the event to be given to the Artarmon Village Committee once they were incorporated.

The main APA income for the year was from the Artarmon Gazette \$4,640 (net) (2014 \$3,867) and Membership Subscriptions \$830 (2014 \$1,445). With the introduction of three year membership subscriptions, revenue from this source will vary from year to year.

Artarmon History Project had net expenses of \$41 (2014 \$1,596) and the Heritage Display cost \$378 (2014 \$367).

Administration Costs were \$3,399 (2014 \$4,241). The largest expense was Storage of \$1,740 (2014 \$1,740). Storage Costs are offset by free advertising in the Artarmon Gazette. The contra deal has been included in Gazette revenue and as an expense.

All Trade Debtors relate to Artarmon Gazette Advertising. All but \$200 of outstanding debtors at 30 June 2015 have since been collected. The overdue debtors are considered collectable.

Adrian Alexander
Treasurer

Heritage and History Project Report

The APA again supported the annual Heritage Festival throughout May 2015 at the Artarmon Library. This display consisted of 55 posters with the theme **'Artarmon/Gore Hill and WW1'**. Our guest speaker at the Festival launch night was Andrew Tink, a former NSW State MLA and author of **'Australia 1901-2001 –A narrative history'**.

The Heritage Display was exhibited in Artarmon Village shop windows in June 2015 and in the Home HQ Shopping Centre in the Industrial Area during July 2015. We wish to sincerely thank all those who assist in making the display happen, particularly Parry Alferis for the artwork and the owners of 98-100 Hampden Road and staff at the Home HQ Shopping Centre.

In June 2011, the APA Executive Committee agreed to sponsor an Artarmon History Project following the successful Heritage Week 2011 Artarmon Village Display which left a lot of unfinished work. The medium term objective is to create an Artarmon History Website sponsored by the APA.

Since December 2010, the Artarmon History Project Team have identified the first owners of every residential and business premises on the east and west side of the railway line and the first ownership of the land in the Artarmon Industrial Area. We have also identified the location of every strata unit block/flats in Artarmon.

The Team is also continuing to collect Oral Histories from willing contributors. We would appreciate further nomination from people who are willing to provide their stories to us.

Current research includes the tracing of ownership of the Artarmon/Gore Hill land from 1794 to 1900 when Thomas Broughton and his partners began the residential subdivisions. We now know that William Gore's Artarmon Estate included parts of Greenwich, along the western side of the Pacific Highway, Gore Hill, West Artarmon, Naremburn, parts of Lane Cove and all of East Artarmon, an area over 590 acres and 10 acres on Gore Cove, Greenwich, in the middle of where the Shell Oil Terminal is currently situated.

Much work is still to be done before we can make available our research to the public via a website.

We are still seeking the assistance of volunteers to assist us with our History Project. This Project is not about Community Advocacy but one of recording our history over time from 1794, when the first European Land Grants were made in the Artarmon/Gore Hill area, until the present day. If you can assist, we would very much like to hear from you.

Adrian Alexander
Heritage and History Project Coordinator

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	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	% Difference
<u>Balance Sheet</u>				
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash on Hand	\$8,733	\$6,973	\$1,760	
Bank Term Deposit	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	
Trade Debtors	\$4,910	\$5,695	(\$785)	
Total Assets	\$23,643	\$22,668	\$975	4.3%

Artarmon Village Trust Account	\$1,960	\$3,000	(\$1,040)	
Total Liabilities	\$1,960	\$3,000	-\$1,040	
Net Assets	\$21,683	\$19,668	\$2,015	10.2%

Retained Earnings	\$19,668	\$20,680	(\$1,012)	-4.9%
Current Year Earnings	\$2,016	-\$1,012	\$3,028	-299.2%
Total Equity	\$21,683	\$19,668	\$2,015	10.2%

Artarmon Gazette	\$4,640	\$3,867	\$774	
Heritage Committee	(\$378)	(\$367)	(\$11)	
History Project	(\$41)	(\$1,596)	\$1,555	
Artarmon Village Sponsorship	\$0	(\$360)	\$360	
Membership Subscriptions	\$830	\$1,445	(\$615)	
Interest	\$334	\$240	\$93	
Miscellaneous Income	\$29	\$0	\$29	
Total Net Income	\$5,414	\$3,229	\$2,185	67.7%

AGM/Xmas Party Entertainment	\$46	\$301	(\$255)	
Bad Debts - Gazette		\$768	(\$768)	
Incorporation Costs	\$53	\$77	(\$24)	
Insurance	\$547	\$155	\$392	
Meeting Notice Printing	\$0	\$455	(\$455)	
Meeting Venue Hire	\$450	\$490	(\$40)	
PO Box Rental	\$275	\$256	\$19	
Postage	\$70	\$0	\$70	
Stationery	\$218	\$0	\$218	
Storage Costs	\$1,740	\$1,740	\$0	
Rounding		\$0	\$0	
Total Expenses	\$3,399	\$4,241	(\$842)	-19.9%
Net Surplus	\$2,016	(\$1,012)	\$3,028	-299.2%

Adrian Alexander
Treasurer

Pat Wirth 8/10/15

Compliance Reviewer