

FRA COMMITTEE 2017-18

Martin Brennan, Chair

Martin has lived in Fitzroy for the past 6 years. Prior to moving to Fitzroy Martin lived in North Melbourne for some 40 years and was a Melbourne City Councillor for three terms. Martin is committed to community-led local government and the role of resident associations in activating community.

Martin's professional life has focused on local government's capacity to address the impacts of climate change and the building of low carbon and resilient communities.

Martin holds an honorary Senior Research Fellow position at the University of Melbourne in the Melbourne School of Design. In 2017, Martin was appointed to the Inner Metropolitan Partnership covering the cities of Yarra, Port Phillip and Melbourne.

Martin was chair of FRA in 2016-17.

Margaret Portelli, Secretary

Margaret has been a Fitzroy resident for 20 years, and for the past ten years has worked part-time in a community organisation in the City of Yarra. Previously her career was in consumer affairs in the corporate sector, specialising in community consultation.

Margaret has been Secretary of FRA since 2015.

Sue Wheatley, Treasurer

Sue Wheatley, has lived in Fitzroy since 2001, been a member of FRA since 2012 and committee member/Treasurer since 2013. She has also been the organiser of FRA's Happy Birthday House events. Sue's background is in Management Accounting and Treasury Operations and, in more recent years, has specialised in business process improvement consulting and managing large/complex procurements for State Government. She is another advocate of maintaining the city's first suburb's heritage and community lifestyle.

Chris Hrynevich

Chris loves living in Fitzroy. It is where Chris has lived for almost 30 years. Currently, there are many pressures on Fitzroy and, as in the past, Fitzroy continues to change. It's important that any changes respect the heritage and history of Fitzroy and ensure it stays a vibrant, diverse and community-minded place.

Chris was an FRA committee member in 2016-17.

Michael Keats

Michael has been a member of FRA for nine years, supporting the Association's advocacy on maintaining the suburb's heritage and community lifestyle. Michael has particular concerns over the increase in vandalism and unchecked destruction of homes and business premises by illegal graffiti "artists" and "taggers" and will continue to press authorities for a better plan of action to combat these criminal activities.

Michael was an FRA committee member in 2016-17.

[Committee elected at FRA's annual general meeting on 12 December 2017.]

(Under the Rules of Association, seven committee members can be elected, and there is the power to co-opt.)