

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**held on Saturday, 19th August, 2006
at 5.00 p.m. in the Mount Wilson Village Hall.**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting commenced at 5.05 p.m. The President, Graham Tribe, welcomed members and invited guests, Shane Jeffery and Leith Conybeare, from the Mount Irvine Progress Association. He explained that there were advantages of the two Associations working together on a lot of common issues.

It was announced that Milba Mewburn has requested more volunteers for drink stations for the bush run to be held on 26th August and donations of scones. She has legacy badges available for a donation after the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Committee: Graham Tribe (President), Bill Ryan Vice President), Libby Raines, (Treasurer) Robert Chesney, Diana Landsberg, Maurice May, Frank Fletcher, Moira Green (Secretary).

Other Members: Ron Green, Timothy Stirling-Levis, Julie Townend, Milba Mewburn, Helena May, Jane and George Mayne, Joe Landsberg, Jane and Philip Beeby, Barry and Helen Freeman, Richard and Loretta Beattie, Maureen Ryan, David Howell, Brian Abrahams, Wendy Holland, Graham and Beverley Thompson, Alison Halliday, Elizabeth Raines, Peter Raines, Patrice Fletcher, Susie Hope, Owen Haviland, Judy Tribe.

Invited Guests: Shane Jeffery, Leith Conybeare

Apologies: Mayor Jim Angel, Noelie and Mike McLean, Suzzane and Denis Daly, Florence Smart, Arthur Delbridge, Sarah Howell, Robyn and John Leonard, Marilyn and Peter Laving, Saskia and Keith Waters, Peter Dempsey, Kathleen Oakes, Judy and John Teulon, Sarah Hope, Margaret and Peter Richey, Alex Halliday.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Barry Freeman moved, seconded, Owen Haviland, that the minutes of the previous meetings, i.e. Annual General Meeting on 27th August, 2005 and Special General Meeting on 25th February, 2005, be confirmed. It was resolved that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

This will be covered in the President's report and general business.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Libby Raines presented the following report.

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Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc. Statement of Accounts 1-7-05 to 31-6-06

Working Account

Receipts:-

Blue Mountains City Council - Maintenance of Reserves	13,200.00
Membership	2,306.00
A.T.O. - GST Refund	407.00
Repayment of leaflets	480.00
Repayment for Rabbait	88.00
Rural Fire Service - Repayment of loan for fire trails	5,500.00
Booklets	50.00
Extra phone books	2.00
Interest	984.68
Total Receipts:	\$ 23,017.68

Expenditure:-

Alan Gunn - Maintenance	9,315.90
Waterfall Reserve	4,054.60
Doug Wood - Gutters and tree trimming	412.50
Finsure Insurance	1,751.00
C.W. Printing - Photocopying, printing	541.85
Secretary - postage, office supplies	408.19
A.T.O. G.S.T.	1,162.00
Village Hall - meetings and donation sound equipment	609.25
Healey's at Hartley - Rabbait	121.25
Groceries and drinks for party	286.68
Berkelouw Books - Dr. Curry's book on Mount Wilson	62.50
Davidson's Nursery - Beech trees, fertilizer	
Tim Gow - Materials for steps Founders' Corner	636.43
Book plates	10.95
Internet website	578.30
Department of Fair Trading annual fee	41.00
Service at War Memorial	203.05
Library supplies	93.85
Village leaflets	1,076.40
Bank Fees	156.00

Total Expenditure: \$22,210.65

Reconciliation	Balance (carried forward)	7,969.52
	Income:-	+ 23,017.68
		30,987.20
	Expenditure:-	- 22,210.65
		8,776.55

Bank Balance on 30-6-06 \$8,776.55

Fixed Term Deposits:	\$20,000.00
Total in all Accounts:	\$27,969.52
Funds are earmarked for	
weeds eradication	\$1,786.00
Village Hall landscaping	\$693.00
village shed, approx.	\$7,000.00

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Audited and found correct, signed Richard A. England, Chartered Accountant, Auditor on 7-8-06

A resolution was presented that two members of the incoming committee, who are in attendance at this A.G.M., be authorised to certify for the Department of Fair Trading that this Committee submitted the financial statement in accordance with Section 26(6) of the Act, to members at this A.G.M.

It was moved by Ron Green that the Treasurer's report and resolution be accepted, seconded Barry Freeman. All members were in agreement.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Coming Events

- Mt Wilson – Bilpin Fun Run Saturday 26th August
- Remembrance Day 11.00am Saturday 11th November 2006. There will be tea & coffee with a talk after the service
- Reporting of maintenance defects to Council. Please report general maintenance issues, e.g. potholes, drainage, etc., directly to Council by phoning 4780 5000.

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Condolences are expressed for the families of Cath Colagui, Rod Brennan and Alison Turtle. Alison Turtle, a long time resident of Farrer Rd West, Mt Wilson, died on 26th April. A dedication of memorial will be held at the Church at 12.00 p.m., 2nd September, followed by lunch at 'Boikunumba' Farrer Rd West. Please RSVP to Alison's brother John Turtle.

Marcus Clark Reserve

- Effective from 19th July the Progress Association owns Marcus Clark Reserve. It now has the Certificate of Title. It will be rate free if used for community purposes. The costs to the Progress Association for the acquisition were:

Office of State Revenue	\$ 5,494.00
LPI	\$ 158.00
Valuation	\$ 330.00
Other costs	\$ 123.35
- We can now proceed to establish the planned Reserve on The Avenue. The first step for this will be to survey the block, for the purpose of returning the boundaries to the original position. This will widen the footpath to approximately align with Breenhold boundary. Next will be to identify plants on the block and construct walkways through it. Signs with the name and the history of the reserve will be installed at the front on The Avenue. An access road will be provided for the Mt. W/ Mt. I RFS Brigade across the rear, to provide access to the helipad in emergencies.
- Thanks are owed to the many people who contributed to this:
 - * Previous Progress Association Committees, particularly Barry Freeman & Graham Thompson
 - * The Trustees, Peter Valder, Bill Scrivener and the Gunn family, particularly Alan Gunn on behalf of Jack Gunn
 - * The Clark family for permission to use the Marcus Clark name, particularly Noellie McLean and Margaret Clark
 - * Elizabeth Montano for legal assistance

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- * Maurice May for his extensive support dealing with the Trustees, the Office of State Revenue regarding Stamp Duty, valuation and calculation of Stamp Duty and the

transfer of
Title.

Cathedral Reserve Toilets

New toilets are in Council's 2006/7 Capital Works Budget and should be installed before the Autumn visitor season. The plan is for three toilets, one male, one female and one disabled. It has taken a long time to get action on this problem. Portaloos will be used during the Spring visitor season. Current old pit toilets will remain for the time being and will be monitored by Council. The closed pit toilet will be opened when it has settled.

Broadband Internet at Mt Wilson

- Many residents are now on ADSL Broadband since the Mt Wilson Exchange was ADSL enabled by Telstra early this year. Currently Broadband reaches as far as Farrer Rd. East which means people at Mt Irvine do not have access to ADSL.
- The advantages of ADSL broadband are that you are connected to the internet whenever your computer is on, a monthly fee is charged, rather than for the time you are connected. You can talk on phone at the same time as you are on the internet and there is a much faster connection (more than 6 times faster) which makes it easier. It is easier to pay bills, emails arrive automatically and it is easier to order online or download big files.
- Normally Telstra says ADSL reaches **4.5km.** from the exchange. It actually reaches Farrer Rd. East which is 5.2km. since the telephone lines travel more directly that road. At the last General Meeting I discussed two potential changes which could extend this distance. Telstra is testing whether they can extend ADSL to **8km.** I also discussed a line booster which Telstra was testing and would extend the reach to **20km.** Since then Telstra announced they were discontinuing the trials and would not offer this product. This was due to product reliability and cost. This means Mt Irvine will not be able to get ADSL Broadband but will have to rely on satellite or wait for mobile wireless (maybe).

Mt Irvine Rd - Clearing

Safety issues are of concern on Mt Irvine Rd., between Cathedral Reserve and Farrer Rd. East. Because Council has not cleaned the gutters and banks for many years, growth of vegetation and low overhead branches force large vehicles into centre of road. Poor sight lines around curves, due to lack of regular Council clearing, and speeding vehicles add to the dangers.

Council held a meeting with Mt. Wilson & Mt. Irvine Progress Associations, R.F.S. and Historical Societies on Friday, 12th May and formulated a plan to correct this situation. Council flyers explaining the plan have been distributed to residents. The plan is to:

- Remove leaf litter from road
- Remove self sown tree ferns in gutters on curves
- Install speed limit signs and warning signs
- Remove low overhanging branches

Preliminary removal of leaf litter has been done. Tree fern and branch removal still needs doing. Removed tree ferns will be made available to community organisations for replanting.

Zig Zag gutter clearing

The Progress Association is paying Doug Wood to clear the gutters. This has not been done for many years maybe even decades. The reasons for doing this is that there is a community benefit

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and cleaning is long overdue. It will improve safety, allowing vehicles to use the full width of the road. We will collect cost data for use in negotiations with Council on maintaining gutters & culverts.

Bowens Creek Road Repair

A working bee organised largely by the Mt. Wilson & Mt. Irvine R.F.S. Brigade and the Mt. Irvine Progress Association was held on 29-30 July. The aim was to repair the portion of Bowens Creek Rd. from Bowens Creek to Bilpin to good fire trail standard. Road base was supplied both by Council and purchased by MWPA & RFS. Culverts & drains were cleared and the road has been repaired. It is now easily passable in a 4 wheel drive vehicle and will provide emergency access if Mt. Wilson Rd. is blocked.

Mt Wilson Leisure Library

A morning tea was held on Saturday 22nd July, with about 20 people visiting. Times of opening are: **Thursday 3.00-4.00 p.m.**

Saturday 10.00-11.00 a.m.

Over 1000 books are now catalogued and on the shelves, of which about 75% are fiction, the rest non-fiction.

The library is manned by volunteers, Moira Green, Judy Tribe, Florence Smart, Diana & Joe Landsberg and Richard Prentice

Approximately 20% of permanent residents are using the library and mainly on Thursdays. Please come and borrow – there are many really good books.

7. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS ARISING FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Bowens Creek Road.** Shane Jeffrey on behalf of MIPA thanked MWPA for the umbrella of insurance and support for MIPA on this issue. The intention is to have it regularly maintained. Leith Conybeare thanked Milba Mewburn for the provision of food for the volunteers. Council has put up a sign relating to the road but will not do any more maintenance. Barry Freeman said that the road has been listed on the fire trail register so funding might be available from RFS and Lands Department. Public traffic is still not permitted by Hawkesbury Council because of the cost of erection of guard rails.
- **ADSL.** Philip Beeby inquired whether Telstra was the only provider. Telstra provides the copper wire but any provider can be used. A problem in using ADSL, apart from the distance is the quality of the line. It was suggested that if there are two lines, check the other one not in use. It was also suggested that if another server is used apart from Telstra, check that maintenance is provided.

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2006/7

Before standing down from the Committee and handing over to Bill Ryan, Graham Tribe thanked the Committee for all its work and harmony.

Since nominations are less than the number of positions on the Committee for 2006/7, an election was not necessary.

The Committee for 2006/7 will comprise:

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President	Bill Ryan
Vice President	Diana Landsberg
Treasurer	Libby Raines
Secretary	Moira Green
Committee Members	Robert Chesney, Maurice May, Frank Fletcher

The Committee aims to fill the one casual vacancy at a later time.

Bill Ryan thanked Graham, saying that it was a joy to work with him and that all the community is grateful for his leadership.

Ron Green proposed a motion recording appreciation for all Graham has done as President for the last five years. This was approved with applause by the members.

9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next Special General Meeting will be held on 24th February, 2007.

The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

Drinks and hot food were available for those who remained after the meeting.

Signed as a true record

Bill Ryan
Chairman