

**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc**  
**8 April 2016, at Nooroo, Church Lane, Mount Wilson**

**Action items highlighted**

<b>Chairman's opening remarks</b>	<p>With 27 degree temperatures on our veranda and hot wind this week it is hard to believe we are into the second month of autumn. It has been as much as 8 degrees above the average and extraordinarily unhelpful for creating the best of the autumn colours we have hoped for the festival next week. Little rain over the last six weeks has not helped either. While the weather could help more the enormous amount of work gone in to the preparation for the festival is giving us every chance of another big success on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Very special thanks and acknowledgement is due to everyone who has been working to make it a great day.</p> <p>We have another long agenda and must commit as much time as possible to the festival matters so I'd like to move through the routine items as quickly as we can.</p>																																		
<b>Present / apologies</b>	<p><u>Present</u> – Richard Beattie (President), Alison Halliday (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Sue Woolfenden (Secretary), Lorraine Barrett, Nancy Fox and Ted Griffin.</p> <p><u>Apology</u> – Peter Laving</p>																																		
<b>Confirmation of minutes</b>	<p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting of 12 February 2016, at Kirk's Corner, Hillcrest Lane, were accepted without amendment.</p>																																		
<b>Treasurer's report</b>	<p><u>Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc</u>  <u>Statement of Accounts 1-02-16 to 31-3-16</u>  <u>Working Account</u></p> <p><u>Receipts:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>BMCC Maintenance</td><td>8,800.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td><td>300.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Website: Repayment for usage</td><td>150.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Autumn Festival (see below)</td><td>1,625.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td><td>205.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total receipts:</b></td><td><b>\$11,080.00</b></td></tr> </table> <p><u>Expenditure:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Mount Wilson Rural Contracting</td><td>1,320.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Micah Fink: maintenance</td><td>640.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>PSC Insurance Voluntary Workers</td><td>1,060.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>CW Print: newsletters</td><td>32.51</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary: stamps etc.</td><td>132.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>IVent: new website host deposit</td><td>1,872.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Oley Media: Website</td><td>137.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>A. Halliday: printing for meeting</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>P. Laving: Vehicle Counter repayment</td><td>596.86</td></tr> <tr> <td>Festival: Flyers, Posters (see below)</td><td>1,042.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank Fees</td><td>24.00</td></tr> </table>	BMCC Maintenance	8,800.00	Membership	300.00	Website: Repayment for usage	150.00	Autumn Festival (see below)	1,625.00	Interest	205.00	<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$11,080.00</b>	Mount Wilson Rural Contracting	1,320.00	Micah Fink: maintenance	640.00	PSC Insurance Voluntary Workers	1,060.00	CW Print: newsletters	32.51	Secretary: stamps etc.	132.20	IVent: new website host deposit	1,872.20	Oley Media: Website	137.50	A. Halliday: printing for meeting	50.00	P. Laving: Vehicle Counter repayment	596.86	Festival: Flyers, Posters (see below)	1,042.50	Bank Fees	24.00
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	<p>rubbish</p> <p>31-03-16 Elizabeth Montano, to President responding to Daryl Maguire's letter</p> <p>01-04-16 BMCC Media Release, to Secretary notifying of applications for Community Grant Funding</p> <p>03-04-16 Miguel Alvarez to President re removal of advertising sign from Bebeah at the time of the 2015 Mount Wilson Autumn Festival</p> <p><b>Out</b></p> <p>14-02-16 President to MWRC re follow up issues from the Committee Meeting 12.02.16</p> <p>15-02-16 President to MWPA Committee regarding the withdrawal of Bebeah from the Autumn Festival</p> <p>15-02-16 President to Alison re input from Jane and Phillip Beeby on Founders' Corner and the Bebeah section of The Avenue</p> <p>15-02-16 President to Ash Phillips regarding the traffic counter</p> <p>18-02-16 President to David Howell RFS re additional toilets and the MWPA storage</p> <p>27-02-16 President to David Howell RFS re MWPA storage shed</p> <p>28-02-16 Lorraine Barrett to various garden owners re insurance cover for the Autumn Festival</p> <p>04-03-16 Secretary to Anne Hardy re accessing the website</p> <p>11-03-16 President to Shed Extension Committee members re RFS fuel storage and MWPA general storage</p> <p>16-03-16 President to Western Sydney Airport EIS submission</p> <p>22-03-16 President to MWPA Committee re celebration of the village hall renovations</p> <p>23-03-16 President to Judy Tribe agreeing to celebration of the village hall renovations following the MWPA general meeting</p> <p>05-04-16 President to Miguel Alvarez re acknowledgement of message about removal of advertising sign from Bebeah at the time of the 2015 Mount Wilson Autumn Festival and the request for statement will be passed on to the committee.</p>
<p><b>Business arising from minutes of the meeting held on 13.11.15</b></p>	<p><b>1. Bilpin to Mt Irvine fire trail</b></p> <p>Daryl Maguire, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services responded to our letter last year saying the NSW RFS is supportive of the bridge and easterly section of Bowens Creek Road being repaired and well maintained by the responsible agencies as it could be used for hazard reductions. He said he was advised that its potential use for operational purposes is limited, in particular if there was a large fire in the valley, as the risks attached would be high. The Fire Control Officers from Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury, through their Bush Fire Management Committees, will now seek to arrange for the two Councils to meet to discuss this</p>

issue.

Richard provided Elizabeth Montano with a motor cyclist's helmet mounted camera video which dramatically shows just how very dangerous some sections of Mt Irvine Road route are on the HCC side, how bad is the disrepair and overgrowth elsewhere and how there are satisfactory sections, especially on the BMCC-responsibility side.

Richard to write to Parliamentary Secretary in response

## **2. Mobile phone and data service in Mount Wilson and Mount Irvine**

The federal government released its guidelines for round two of the mobile black spot programme on 26 February. There have been no proposals for any further steps to be taken after writing to earlier volunteers who had suggested carrying out a survey to determine those locations in Mount Wilson and possibly Mount Irvine lower than line-of-sight with the proposed Mount Tomah tower which may not get quality mobile phone and data reception. The committee will not make further submissions without specific data.

## **3. Western Sydney Airport noise issue**

There have been no further substantive developments.

## **4. Coal waste discharge into the Wollangambe River**

Briefing at GM on coal waste discharge into the Wollangambe River with question as to whether MWPA should pursue the issue or leave to more specifically focused environmental groups. Alison will get updated information prior to the meeting.

## **5. MWPA/BMCC current issues report and responses**

Including

- Traffic counter purchase and installation
- Reclaiming Tony Crawford's costs from BMCC – To be followed up – PL
- Request for quotes from Tony Crawford – To be followed up – PL
- Project Swamp
- Zig zag gutter clean up – CSN 218970 issued.

Libby will replace the dead nyssa outside MCR. She will follow up with feeding, mulching and monitoring.

Project Culverts requiring a record/spreadsheet of all culverts to be made by Richard and Peter has still yet to be given substantial consideration, however, Peter has obtained CSN 218972 requiring the culverts to be cleared asap and Richard has taken pictures of more culverts.

## **6. Marcus Clarke Reserve RFS environmental report cost claim:**

Richard sought advice from David Howell (RFS) before approaching Trish Doyle MP about pursuing the claim for the \$2,859 for the MCR environmental report. David Howell recommended pursuing through RFS hierarchy. Peter L to follow up.

## **7. Toilets**

Richard has still to write to the BMCC General Manager expressing our

	<p>disappointment with the lack of material response to the request to achieve the same standard of toilets as the rest of the mountains and asking for further action.</p> <p>The Silva Plana water is gravity fed from a tank to the west of the toilets, which is supplied by a pipe from the Breenhold water system. Tom Breen has no record of an agreement between BMCC and Breenhold to supply the water. Recently the Breen bore started to fail because of over use. A break in the supply line to the toilets was suspected, investigated without result so the line was shut off. Ted was informed and passed the message on to Peter Laving.</p> <p>BMCC plumbers were called out (maybe by the BMCC cleaners-maybe because of MWPA's fall-back application to use Silva Plana for the AFD), found a fault in the cistern, fixed it and the Breenhold supply was restored.</p> <p>Tom is willing to keep the supply going provided it does not impact him. He also feels that BMCC should not receive a free service like this from ratepayers who are underserved for the rates that they pay.</p> <p>The committee resolved MWPA should broach with BMCC that there is a formal agreement with Breenhold. <b>Ted to follow up with Peter L. One toilet is locked; both need to be open for the Autumn Festival.</b></p> <p><b>8. Proposal for MWPA, MWMIRFB, VH and Bush Care calendar</b></p> <p>Update on the organisation secretaries' liaison on the website annual calendar in <i>The Mounts</i> and website with the dates of their public events. <b>Yet to be actioned. Sue to follow up.</b></p> <p><b>9. MWPA work for BMCC</b></p> <p>Work done since January by MWRC: Mowing/Slashing: Cathedral Reserve &amp; Founders Corner, Sloan Reserve, The Avenue road edges, Village Hall &amp; Marcus Clarke Reserve, Silva Plana/Queens Ave &amp; Cathedral Reserve Cathedral Reserve, Davies Lane, Waterfall Reserve &amp; Gregson Park; Other Works: Cut &amp; chip fallen branches in The Avenue, School fence removal &amp; trim trees at Silva Plana, APZ work below School and Fire Station, APZ work below School and Fire Station. Peter has constructed a road from the Wollangambe track up to du Fours lookout.</p> <p>Peter R has sent Richard a list of other suggested significant work that he will discuss further with Peter R before bringing the ideas to the Committee. The area around Founder's Corner could be a future major project. This will be progressed at a later date. There are opportunities for grant applications that may be long term. Plans should go to the community at GM and AGM.</p> <p><b>10. Marcus Clark Reserve – surrounds and street trees</b></p> <p>Trees have been purchased and will be planted when it's cooler. Waratahs will be planted end of April/ early May. They will be delivered to Sydney and then transported to Mt Wilson. Micah F will maintain the plants.</p> <p>The dead eucalypt at Milparra is yet to be removed. Libby has poisoned the ivy growing up the trees with Milba's consent. Large holly trees have also been poisoned.</p> <p>There is further clearing of underbrush to be done at the corner of The Avenue and Queens Avenue. Richard and Peter R have agreed on the work still to be done. BMCC Landcare is not keen for the rainforest to be cleared.</p>
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### **11. Mt Irvine Road golden elm and copper beech lopping.**

Ted proposed we ask a private contractor quote on what could be done – Richard to follow up. Richard proposed a community representative be on site when the trees are pruned. Both items still yet to be actioned. The committee reaffirmed its support for obtaining a quote for undergrounding the powerlines. The committee agreed to request the relevant property owners Mary Holt, Robert Chesney & Leonards to request Endeavour Energy to tell them when they are pruning street trees and then advise Libby so we can have a community representative present. Sue to follow up.

### **12. Weed eradication**

Libby and Tracy (BMCC Bushcare leader) surveyed the Bushcare areas. Wynnes Reserve has weeds from Koojanup Park; Waterfall Reserve under control; outside Windyridge is the biggest problem. Peter R will remake the track, which has been covered by thornbush. BMCC has sprayed holly and ivy in Wynne's Rocks Road.

### **13. Proposal of Barry Byrne for tables and pole removal outside Bebeah**

On 18 February 2016, Roger Pfund and Dean Fordham wrote supporting Barry Byrne's request for the removal of the tables and logs, and requesting maintenance be done more regularly in that area of The Avenue. Richard has spoken with Peter R about this and proposed discussion at the next meeting on a proposal for repair work at Founder's Corner and the area outside Ashridge to be a major project.

The committee decided Richard advise Barry that he is welcome to raise the issue at the general meeting. Visitors parking on the corner of Waterfall Road is a safety concern and a log needs to be permanently put on the corner. Temporary sign to go up for the Autumn Festival and through to the ANZAC weekend. Nancy to ask Peter L.

### **14. Report on Mount Wilson Festival preparations for 16 April 2016**

The hall committee will have access from 12 April to transfer goods to the new store in the Village Hall. There will be a gardening day, hall cleaning and then commissioning and handover on the following Friday with community access for set up for weekend's activities.

Nancy briefed the committee on general organisational matters:

\$6500 has been raised through the Tribooking website. Gardens are in order. Market 22 stands: all have been given a map and instructions about setting up; Iris tearoom will be set up for sit down meals/snacks; 2 carts hired; Sefton also has coffee available. Next Friday setting up the marquee and final working bee at the Study Centre. If the weather is fine we can expect to make a similar amount as in 2015. We have made investments for future events, which will affect the net amount. Nancy tabled a report for different sites on preparation for the event. Temporary food stall checklist to be completed. At the next meeting the committee will decide how to support the other groups in the village such as St George's Church, Turkish Bath, Museum and the Village Hall.

### **15. Garden Owners Policy with Active Insurance.**

Tabled were acceptances from the six participating domestic garden owners (John Teulon, James and Annemie Stein, Segmark PL (Graham and Beverly Thompson), Merrick and Barbara Howes, Matt Mason and Richard Prentice) of the terms under which the gardens will be opened and acceptances the policy being offered by Active Insurance previously circulated. Tabled were acceptances from the three business gardens (Breenhold Gardens, Elizabeth Raines and Lorraine Barrett) of the terms under which their gardens would be open to the public.

Resolved that the Active Insurance policy be accepted by MWPA as an Interested Party and that the premium of \$1,200.00 be paid by MWPA.

### **16. Study Centre Hiring Agreement.**

The following documents were tabled:

1. Draft Community Use Agreement submitted by Mount Wilson Study Centre Inc.
2. Report by the Association of preparatory work undertaken to date in connection with the proposed use of the Study Centre.
3. Letter from Haviland Architects to MWPA dated 6 April, 2016
4. Checklist of matters to be undertaken in connection with the Study Centre.

Resolved that:

- (a) Such members of the committee as are available inspect the Study Centre premises with Nancy Fox as Chair of the Autumn Festival Sub Committee
- (b) The checklist be completed by the Association and a completed copy handed to the Secretary before the premises are opened to the public on 16 April 2016.

Resolved that the Community Use Agreement be executed by MWPA and delivered to Study Centre Inc. which is to provide MWPA with a copy signed by Study Centre Inc. and a letter confirming that MWPA's Insurance policy with QBE No 15A670249BPK complies with CI 5 of the Community Use Agreement.

### **17. Village Hall Hiring Agreement.**

The Conditions of Hire, User Guide and Public Liability Insurance Form were tabled. Resolved that MWPA hire the Village Hall on those terms on 16 April and that the Public Liability Insurance Form be executed.

### **18. Communications and April issue of *The Mounts***

Richard raised the need to contribute more to *The Mounts* to encourage the community to engage and support the work we are doing. With the festival coming up he asked for volunteers to write a sparking article and be responsible for getting great pictures to illustrate it. Nancy to ask Rosie & Linda to write a piece. Steve Woolfenden will take photos on the day, which can be used. Richard will write something and get pictures of a good example of Peter R's work.

Graham Tribe has advised our new website service provider iVent in Katoomba has been sold to a new owner. He and Tim Gow are comfortable with the change. The iVent office will remain in Katoomba with the same staff. Changes to our site

	<p>will not take place until after the autumn visitor season is over. The contractor changeover has been advised to the current provider, Oley in Melbourne.</p> <p><b>19.MWPA interest in MWMIRFB shed extension</b></p> <p>Richard spoke to David Howell on the RFB consideration of the MWPA proposal for the storage shed at the fire shed. Owen Havilland is designing a facility on the low side. The original arrangement was that the cost would be divided between RFS and MWPA.</p> <p><b>20.Village Hall Committee request for MWPA to pay for pergola extension</b></p> <p>There has been a problem with BMCC on the proposal for the VH pergola extension that MWPA has agreed to pay for. A follow-up meeting on the issue is scheduled for 18 April. The problem regards to the square meterage. The work is not included in the current renovations but is a separate project.</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Silva Plana Maintenance – Ted</b> would like to see the following undertaken:</p> <p><b>Minor items</b></p> <p>(a) There are three tables with attached seats-one in the car parking area and two together lengthways on the grass. The two on the grass should be separated and whipper snipped underneath when the field is mown. One table is anchored via a star picket.</p> <p>(b) Regrowth out of a stump on the western side should be dealt with.</p> <p>(c) On the eastern side a limb from Breenhold has fallen across the fence. MWPA should at least deal with it on the Silva Plana side so the grass can be cut along the fence line. We could also help Breenhold by removing the entire limb if that is not too much trouble.</p> <p><b>Timing/frequency of mowing</b></p> <p>Ted said he would like to see Silva Plana used more frequently. Young children learning to ride bikes, flying kites, hitting a ball, kicking a ball –grandparents picnicking at the tables. I would like to give the <b>Build and they will come</b> approach a try. This means ensuring that the field is mown for peak holiday periods-it was a foot deep in dandelions over Xmas and unsuitable for any activities. During the growing season it probably should be mown twice as frequently as currently. Once residents know that the field is suitable for activities they are more likely to use it.</p> <p>Ted suggested installing a set of goal posts (soccer/rugby) at the southern end.</p> <p>The committee decided signage should be moved and made more visible. An article in <i>The Mounts</i> for residents could highlight the area. The grounds to be mowed more often and especially prior to the school holidays. Richard to discuss with Peter R.</p> <p><b>2. MWPA recognition of the centenary of St George’s Church – Lorraine</b></p> <p>The Committee decided to donate \$1500 for the purpose of recognising the Centenary. Libby to ask the church committee to make a proposal of how the funds</p>



	<p>may be spent.</p> <p><b>3. General Meeting – Richard / Sue</b></p> <p>The General meeting will be held on May 7, at 5pm in the Village Hall. Invitations are to be sent to MPs and Councillors. Sue to coordinate with Judy Tribe (MWVHC) as the renovation celebration will follow the GM.</p>
<b>Date/location next meeting</b>	<p><b>General Meeting: Saturday, 7 May 2016 at 5pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Committee Meeting: Friday, 10 June 2016.</b></p> <p>Location: Packwood, Mt Irvine Road</p>
<b>Close</b>	<p>The meeting closed at 10.35 pm. Lorraine was thanked for hosting the meeting.</p>