

## Minutes of Committee Meeting of Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc.

**14th November 2014, at Maple Lodge, The Avenue Mount Wilson**

<b>Opening remarks</b>	<p>Brian Abrahams' absence and resignation was noted. His work in organising Remembrance Day Services and Clean Up Australia Day for many years was recognised. It was recommended a letter of thanks be sent to him.</p> <p>Lorraine Barrett was welcomed to the Committee.</p> <p>Spring has been wonderful with good rain. Gardens are as good as anyone remembers and despite the snowstorm Peter had a near-perfect weekend to produce our video – <i>Mt Wilson – Discover the Beauty</i>.</p> <p>The AGM was successful with a large attendance. The Melbourne Cup lunch organised by Judy Tribe for the benefit of the Village Hall had a modest attendance last week and raised about \$500.</p> <p>There has also been other significant Progress Association committee work under way including on the Bowens Creek and Mt Irvine roads access issue; a proposal for bringing the people of Mt Irvine and Mt Wilson together in the one association; the new constitution Ted's been working on; assistance for the Historical Society; a great Remembrance Day marked with the distribution of Alison's revision and publication of the War Memorial history booklet; Nancy and Peter have worked on the marketing plan; Moira has endless communications, minutes and inquiries to handle, and Libby never stops with her finally seeing years of work rewarded with the green beech trees now planted by BMCC in The Avenue.</p> <p>Mention was made of the passing of Alan Gun who died so tragically aged 74 last month. Alan was a real icon of the Mt Irvine and Mt Wilson communities, the backbone of the Progress Association's responsibilities and tasks for maintaining the appearance of the public areas. He is sorely missed by his family and everyone in the community who knew him. It was recommended that a note of condolence be sent to Ellie on behalf of the Association acknowledging the family's grief and recognising Alan's invaluable work over so many decades.</p> <p>On a much happier note, Jack Matty Raines was born on 11.11.14</p> <p>After being seriously ill following surgery and spending days in intensive care Margaret Dean is now out in a ward but likely to be in hospital for some time.</p>						
<b>Present / apologies</b>	<p><u>Present</u> – Richard Beattie (President), Alison Halliday (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Lorraine Barrett, Nancy Fox, Ted Griffin, Peter Laving.</p>						
<b>Confirmation of minutes</b>	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 at Noonameena, Queens Avenue were accepted as a true record.</p>						
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Libby Raines presented the following report:</p> <p><u>Mount Wilson Progress Association</u>  <u>Statement of Accounts 1-8-14 to 31-10-14</u>  <u>Working Account</u></p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1937 1133 1971"><u>Receipts:-</u></td><td data-bbox="1133 1937 1495 1971"></td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1971 1133 2004">Blue Mountains City Council</td><td data-bbox="1133 1971 1495 2004">11,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 2004 1133 2036">Membership</td><td data-bbox="1133 2004 1495 2036">875.00</td></tr> </table>	<u>Receipts:-</u>		Blue Mountains City Council	11,000.00	Membership	875.00
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	<p>Historical Society for website fee 300.00</p> <p>Grant for RFS from bushfires 9,070.60</p> <p>Interest 35.12</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Total receipts:-</u> \$21,280.72</p> <p><u>Expenditure:-</u></p> <p>Mount Wilson Contracting – slashing Avenue, near Hall 1,067.00</p> <p>Micah Fink - raking, spraying 270.00</p> <p>C.W. Print – newsletters, nomination forms 603.40</p> <p>Department of Fair Trading – fee 53.00</p> <p>Finsure Insurance 1,440.00</p> <p>A.T.O. G.S.T 429.00</p> <p>Oley Media - extra gigabytes 144.00</p> <p>Bay Tree Nursery – 2 cherries 95.00</p> <p>Emma Leslie – film for website 6,500.00</p> <p>Grant for RFS from bushfires to RFS 9,070.60</p> <p>Bank fees 36.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Total Expenditure:-</u> \$19,708.50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total receipts 21,280.72</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Total expenditure 19,708.50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">= 1,572.22</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+ carried forward <u>12,497.36</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">= <u>14,069.58</u></p> <p>Bank statement 1-11-14 \$14,069.58</p> <p>Fixed Term Deposits \$20,000.00</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was accepted.</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><b>In</b></p> <p>13-8-14 Peter Raines to MWPA President – price estimation for work between Hall and Memorial, suggested jobs and upgrade of walks</p> <p>21-9-14 Judy Tribe to MWPA President – congratulations to MWPA Committee</p> <p>22-9-14 Andy Turner, BMCC, to MWPA President – signage for toilet use not recommended</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Suggest we produce laminated toilet proper use graphic images and place in all public toilets for autumn peak season – <b>Richard</b></p> <p>25-9-14 NSW Government to MWPA Secretary – notice of transfer of \$9,070.60 for Blue Mountains Bush Fire Grant</p> <p>Sept.-14 Louise Markus MP to MWPA Secretary – Congratulations in receiving Bush Fire Grant</p> <p>30-9-14 Paul Koen, BMCC to MWPA Secretary – notification of filming in Mount Wilson</p> <p>8-10-14 Keith Ralston to MWPA Secretary – offer of nomination of MWPA for grant</p> <p>28-10-14 Wil Langevad, BMCC, to MWPA Secretary – conclusion of Draft LEP 2013, Council meeting 11-9-14</p> <p>4-11-14 Brian Abrahams to MWPA Secretary – resignation from MWPA Committee</p> <p>6-11-14 Elizabeth Montano to MWPA Secretary – Meeting Mt. Irvine/Bowens Creek Road</p> <p><b>Out</b></p> <p>16-8-14 MWPA Secretary to Tim Gow – plan to alter constitution at next G.M.</p>

	<p>18-8-14 MWPA President to Peter Raines – acceptance of price estimate</p> <p>18-8-14 MWPA President to Alan Gunn – plans for village maintenance</p> <p>18-8-14 MWPA President to BMCC – requests for multiple CSRs</p> <p>19-8-14 MWPA Secretary to Bill Ryan – thanks for involvement and service to community</p> <p>24-8-14 MWPA Secretary to L. Markus, R. Sage, Councillors – invitation to AGM</p> <p>10-9-14 MWPA President to garden owners, Nooroo, Bebeah, Breenhold, Merry Garth, Bisley – thanks for access to gardens for filming</p> <p>15-9-14 MWPA President to NSW Government – tax invoice for bush fire signage grant</p> <p>19-9-14 MWPA President to Kathleen Oakes – obligations for MWPA as grant recipient</p> <p>22-9-14 Peter Laving to Emma Leslie Films – acceptance of quote for \$13,000</p> <p>24-9-14 Elizabeth Montano to Roza Sage, Council Mayors and Councillors –Mt. Irvine Road and Bowens Creek Bridge restoration</p> <p>27-10-14 MWPA Secretary to Rev. T. McIver &amp; others – invitation to Remembrance Day Service</p> <p>28-10-14 MWPA President to Stuart Buller, BMCC, - request for transportation and installation of logs in Cathedral Reserve</p> <p>2-11-14 MWPA President to David Howell, Judy Tribe – rationalization of fundraising activities</p> <p>3-11-14 MWPA President to Sue Bell – Green Beeches for The Avenue</p> <p>7-11-14 MWPA President to residents, Bell, Mt. Irvine, Mt. Wilson – invitation to Remembrance Day Service</p> <p>12-11-14 MWPA President to Des Barrett – legal status of Historical Society Inc</p> <p><u>Business Arising from Correspondence</u></p> <p>It was decided that the offer of an application by Keith Ralston to Toyota for a grant be accepted and seats at the War Memorial and outside Withycombe be applied for.</p>
<b>Business arising from minutes</b>	<p>1. <u>MWPA/BMCC current issues report and responses</u> – Peter Laving reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dump bottom of Zigzag – still in progress, as resources allow</li> <li>• Repair of road at corner on Church Lane – crew will attend when resources available, inspection this week to determine materials needed</li> <li>• Fenced compound at Fire Shed slab – action as resources allow</li> <li>• Frequency of toilet cleaning – letter sent to MWPA requesting details</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer dispensers – have been ordered and will be installed when delivered. It was suggested that a sign be put up saying that there is no need for paper to be used</li> <li>• Use of <i>rabbait</i> in Cathedral of Ferns – this is not permitted due to the risk to native animals. Graham Thompson is laying <i>rabbait</i> on Bisley.</li> </ul> <p>Peter will follow these up with BMCC next week.</p> <p>Also, a request from the March GM and August Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verges and road side markers on Mt. Wilson Road. MWPA to monitor them. BMCC will remove road markers when slashing is done and replace them. Spraying (first) at road marker locations is necessary to prevent regrowth.</li> <li>• One of the culverts on the lower side of Zigzag is blocked due to washed down debris. It was decided that Ted discuss with the Fire Brigade the possibility of clearing it with a water hose.</li> </ul> <p>2. Libby reported that the green beeches have been planted and David Gunn will</p>

	<p>water them. She will supply wettsasoil. His insurance will be checked out. On the issue of insurance, Ted reported that he had checked MWPA policies some time ago but has received a letter from Finsura to the effect that it can provide no cover for the Committee and public liability. He will analyse the policies again and check David's position.</p> <p>There was discussion about options for mowing in place of Alan. David Gunn has chosen not to do it. Libby will speak to Peter Raines. Ted will advise us on insurance cover for the short term. Gardeners being considered would need to be endorsed by Council as our contractor.</p> <p>3. War memorial booklet revision – Alison reported that booklets had been delivered the Mount Wilson, Mount Irvine and Bell residents, extra copies will be held by Moira. Alison apologised for the corrupted file.</p> <p>4. New MWPA Constitution – Ted reported that it has been approved by Alex Halliday. The proposed name change to "Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc" was approved. Basic changes in adopting the current model rules rather than the 1998 ones are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notices can be issued electronically</li> <li>• Residential qualifications extended to include sons and daughters</li> <li>• Residents who move can retain membership if they have been members for 5 years or over</li> <li>• Requisition to call a Special G.M. is changed from 10 members to 20% of membership</li> <li>• Committee meetings can be attended electronically. This was questioned and Ted will clarify the wording on this</li> <li>• Quorum for a committee meeting is changed from 4 to 50%</li> </ul> <p>Any amendment will be checked with Alex. It will be endorsed at the next committee meeting before going to the Special G.M. on 28 March 2015</p> <p>5. Mount Irvine Progress Association proposal – Richard presented a report to consider inviting members of MIPA to join MWPA and change the name to reflect both communities. There was discussion highlighting potential difficulties and it was decided that MIPA President be informed that it was not in either community's best interest at present.</p> <p>6. Mount Wilson/Mount Irvine Historical Society – Richard presented a resolution that the MWMI Historical Society become a dormant sub-committee of MWPA. Since this was presented it was discovered that this would not be easy because The Historical Society is an Incorporated Association and the HS President informed Richard today that he is sure a committee can be formed. Alison proposes to raise some issues, i.e. newsletter, keys for the archives, at the H.S. AGM. It was proposed that MWPA offer to be of assistance if required in the future.</p> <p>7. Mt Irvine/Bowens Creek Road and Bridge – Richard reported that Elizabeth Montano continues to have success arranging high level meetings to discuss the issue. On December 11 at Louise Markus' office in Windsor Elizabeth reports the NSW Minister for Finance as well as the Mayors of HCC and BMCC and the State MPs for Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury will be there. Elizabeth will be there with Brian Carrigan from Mt Irvine, David Howell and perhaps Beth. Peter Laving offered to attend on behalf of MWPA Committee.</p> <p>8. Mobile Coverage – Richard reported that he and Graham Tribe met with residents whose properties had been indicated as a location where poor or no mobile coverage had been reported and where a mobile tower might most successfully be installed, even though the chances of this happening are low. The owners were appreciative of the advice and were told they would be kept up to date.</p>
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<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Possible emergency use generator available from Transport NSW – Ted had contact with a State Rail employee responsible for disposing of an operating generator that might be able to be transferred to Mt Wilson for Endeavour Energy to use during electricity outages. Thanks to Ted for identifying the possible opportunity but Endeavour said it was too small, only a 11KVA unit while Endeavour is currently seeking a 70-80 KVA for Mt. Tomah.</li> <li>2. Clean Up Australia Day – Brian has looked after Clean Up Australia Day. For next year their website says the Day will be Tuesday 24 February. Brian advises: he has lots of Australia Day material including information and collection bags; in the past there has been a big problem with RFB training on first Saturday of month and Australia Day on the first Sunday; only 4-5 people have been involved; if we are to continue he suggests not bothering about a skip beforehand but advise council of the pile of bags after event; there is not much “real” public rubbish collected or in the skip – it is mostly private throw-outs. It was decided that MWPA would not be involved next year.</li> <li>3. Proposed Committee dates 2015 – Dates proposed by Richard were accepted, 13 Feb, GM &amp; SGM 28 Mar, 10 Apr, 12 June, 21 Aug, AGM 19 Sept, 13 Nov.</li> <li>4. Organisation for Christmas Party – Alison and Alex will purchase wine, RFS Provide beer, soft drinks, champagne, tea, coffee. All committee are requested to bring food. Set up of Hall will be from midday on the day of the function following RFS meeting. All who can are requested to help.</li> </ol>
<b>Date/location next meeting</b>	<p>Fri 13 February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Location – Wollemi, Wynnes Rocks Road.</p>
<b>Close</b>	<p>Thanks to everyone for all the good work done during the year and to Ted and Deb for hosting the meeting. The meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.</p>

Signed as a true record

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**Richard Beattie (Chairman)**