

**Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc.**  
**Committee Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**  
**At New Bywood, Hillcrest Lane, Mount Wilson.**

<b>Opening remarks</b>	<p>The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. Peter Laving, who has joined the Committee following the resignation of Kim Gow, was welcomed.</p> <p>Richard Beattie commented that Mt Wilson is indeed an extraordinary community! We have often commented on the tremendous contribution so many people here make to supporting many aspects of the community of Mt Wilson but the turn out during the fires in October demonstrated the collegiality perhaps like nothing has previously. Kathleen Oakes, the RFS Community Engagement Officer, has some statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between 100 – 138 residents were present in the two villages during the fire. Of these 87 (63%) assisted the effort in some way (crews, station officer, catering, community engagement etc)</li> <li>• The RFS emailed 190 addresses which represented 120 households. Of these 120, 56 were in the village and 64 not even in the village during the fire. Of the 64 households who were not in the village, 43 (67%) sent messages of support and thanks to all.</li> </ul> <p>We are extremely fortunate to be here and I'm sure everyone will be forever thankful for the efforts of all the people – local and those from further away who came to help.</p>																												
<b>Present/apologies</b>	<p><b>Present</b> – Richard Beattie (President), Alison Halliday (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Peter Laving, Bill Ryan</p> <p><b>Apology</b> - Ted Griffin,</p>																												
<b>Confirmation of minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at Kirk's Corner, Hillcrest Lane, were confirmed as a true record																												
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Libby Raines presented the following report:-</p> <p><u>Statement of Accounts 1-7-13 to 31-10-13</u></p> <p><u>Working Account</u></p> <p><u>Receipts:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>BMCC maintenance</td> <td>5,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership (including \$100 for Hall)</td> <td>4,683.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website payments for advertising, donation</td> <td>626.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A.T.O. G.S.T. repayments</td> <td>213.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td>50.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Receipts:-</b></td> <td><b>\$11,073.52</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments:</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Alan Gunn maintenance</td> <td>3,856.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Raines Waterfall Track (labour)</td> <td>1,380.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Micah Fink Du Fours Track, spraying, watering</td> <td>610.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C.W. Print printing</td> <td>244.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BMCC Village Hall functions</td> <td>286.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Over donation</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary office supplies, stamps, groceries</td> <td>330.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website</td> <td>69.00</td> </tr> </table>	BMCC maintenance	5,500.00	Membership (including \$100 for Hall)	4,683.00	Website payments for advertising, donation	626.66	A.T.O. G.S.T. repayments	213.00	Interest	50.86	<b>Total Receipts:-</b>	<b>\$11,073.52</b>	Alan Gunn maintenance	3,856.00	Peter Raines Waterfall Track (labour)	1,380.00	Micah Fink Du Fours Track, spraying, watering	610.00	C.W. Print printing	244.01	BMCC Village Hall functions	286.00	G. Over donation	100.00	Secretary office supplies, stamps, groceries	330.79	Website	69.00
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	<p>Bank fees 63.00</p> <p><u>Total Expenditure:- \$6,938.80</u></p> <p>Total receipts 11,073.52</p> <p>- Total expenditure 6,938.80</p> <p>= 4,134.72</p> <p>+ Carried forward 11,990.14</p> <p>= <u>\$16,124.86</u></p> <p><u>Bank balance 1-11-13 \$16,124.86</u></p> <p>Fixed Term Deposits \$18,000.00</p> <p>It was decided that \$2,000 be returned to fixed deposit. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><b>In</b></p> <p>26-8-13 Bruce Scoble, Endeavour Energy – apology for AGM</p> <p>28-8-13 Carol Haitzler to MWPA Secretary – removal of advertising from website</p> <p>8-11-13 MIPA Secretary to Louise Markus – Bowens Creek Road aftermath of bushfires</p> <p>11-11-13 John Lee to Roza Sage – sealing of Danes Way</p> <p>13-11-13 MIPA President to Roza Sage – funding request for Danes Way and Bowens Creek Road</p> <p><b>Out</b></p> <p>19-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Leslie &amp; Raoul Wilson- request to remove obstacle from verge</p> <p>20-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Miss Egan – request to have foliage cut back from road</p> <p>20-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Johanna &amp; Tom Renton – acceptance of MWPA membership</p> <p>20-8-13 MWPA Secretary to website users – outstanding payments for private advertising</p> <p>21-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Graham Tribe – review of website payment plan after 5 years</p> <p>21-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Vic Zhukov – BMCC response to road name change</p> <p>21-8-13 MWPA Secretary to Beth Raines – advice on pursuing irregularities of road names</p> <p>30-8-13 MWPA Secretary to MWPA members – reminder of outstanding membership fees</p> <p>28-9-13 MWPA Secretary to Kim Gow – thanks for service on MWPA Committee</p> <p>14-10-13 MWPA President to Libby Raines – Alan Gunn's plans for soil at war memorial and plinths at Cathedral Reserve</p> <p>27-10-13 MIPA President to Laetitia Lemke – ABC TV News request</p> <p><b>Business Arising from Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. C. Haitzler, R. Daly haven't paid for website promotion so it will be removed from the website. P. Pigott was absent so further notice will be given.</li> <li>2. No action has been taken by the Wilsons or Miss Egan to remove overhanging vegetation so BMCC will be requested to take action.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Business arising from minutes &amp; matters requiring ongoing attention</b></p>	<p><b>BMCC Current Issues</b></p> <p>Alison Halliday reported that it had been difficult getting information from Council as people were involved with meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collapsed embankment – BMCC said that it had been acted upon but nothing has been done. It has been on the urgent list for 8 months.</li> <li>2. Waterfall bridge - this has been repaired.</li> <li>3. Road sealing – has started in Wynnes Rocks Road and Applecot Lane.</li> <li>4. Logs and plinths – have arrived but a gravel pile has blocked access.</li> <li>5. Foliage over roads outside Wyndham and Koojanup Park will be referred to Council and 2 CSRs are to be requested.</li> <li>6. Following a suggestion from Michael Begg, the Councillors will be given copies of an updated list to keep them informed of our communication with Council to facilitate their assistance.</li> </ol> <p><b>MWPA/BMCC Current Issues</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mt Irvine/Bowens Creek Road and bridge –Next step for MWPA is to follow up HCC decision to withdraw closure application and escalation process and determine how MWPA can assist with the campaign for funding repairs. Brian Carrigan seems to be taking the lead for MIPA on issue.</li> <li>2. Remembrance Day – thanks to Brian and Alison for the organisation and address for the day. It was a good day despite the inclement weather.</li> <li>3. War memorial booklet – The original was done by Florence Smart and there is no electronic copy. Alison will type it up adding full names of those on the memorial. There was discussion of the inclusion of their biographies and the responsibility of funding. It was decided that this should be referred to the Historical Society and references to biographies be made available on the website.</li> <li>4. War memorial site maintenance – Thanks to Ted Griffin for organising the removal of the tree stumps at the back of the memorial. Richard Beattie asked Alan Gunn to weed and tidy the area about the memorial for Remembrance Day but leave the soil piles which could not sensibly be spread and seeded during the extended dry, windy conditions of the last few months. Alan will wait on advice before recreating the natural ground contour using the Mt Irvine Road gutter clearance soil, seeding and maintaining the area as part of his routine work for MWPA/BMCC. Alan is waiting on advice from Micah Fink re preparation of soil, grass species to be purchased, and suggestions for watering seeded area until it is self-reliant. The bollards removed to make the entrance way to the Fletcher property will be replaced as soon as the work is completed.</li> <li>5. Weed eradication – Work has been done at Founders' Corner, Silva Plana, top of Zigzag outside Breenhold. Council noxious weed representative has visited properties out to Mt. Irvine. BMCC weed team is keeping Waterfall Reserve free of weeds. It was decided that the sprawling rhododendrons at Founders' Corner should be cut back next spring and a note be put in the newsletter prior to it being done.</li> <li>6. Signs repainting – The painter will come to Mt. Wilson about February.</li> <li>7. "No BBQ" signs for Wynnes Rocks Lookout. Nothing has been done as more signs may be required. It would be best for them to be done at</li> </ol>
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	<p>the same time. It was decided that “No Fires” is preferable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Waterfall Road mulch – Peter Raines has not moved it yet.</li> <li>9. Cathedral Reserve – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Gunn is yet to replace decaying logs at top entrance with the 16 large vehicle barrier logs from Peter Dempsey’s property. The plinths have been delivered but access to the logs is now stymied by the big gravel pile of material for the road sealing project.</li> <li>• BMCC’s Paul Creelman has agreed the substantial area in the centre of the reserve that is eroding down to the underlying rock will have any and all soil that needs to be removed from road for the sealing program placed there. We still to have Alan to have on the To Do list the task to test the usefulness of using the Mt Irvine Road gutter clearance soil at Mt Irvine to top-dress the thin still grassed area and fill the areas with exposed rock depending on what happens with the sealing program soil, if any.</li> </ul> </li> <li>10. Silva Plana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan’s work still to be done involves removing the remaining fallen timber, metal and dirt piles on the western side to allow the area to be slashed, and mowing the field once the grass grows to a condition it is ready to be cut.</li> </ul> <p>The picnic tables not yet been moved so there is one outside and two inside nearby and near the shade of the big tree near the gate. New gate lock has not been provided by BMCC.</p> </li> <li>11. Waterfall Reserve – Libby will ask Alan to move the fallen branch and tables.</li> <li>12. New power poles – The old power poles have all been removed to Cathedral Reserve. Libby will ask Peter Raines to take one back to The Avenue for a vehicle barrier.</li> <li>13. Fallen tree in Gregson Park – The timber will be left in the park.</li> <li>14. Tap(s) in toilets at Founder’s Corner – Alan Gunn reports the tap in the male toilet leaks and has emptied the water tank. Needs to be checked and CSR requested.</li> <li>15. Rabbits or dogs – This is not a widespread issue although rabbits have been sighted in Hillcrest Lane.</li> <li>16. Website – There are no issues with this.</li> <li>17. The Mounts – Councillors and G.M. are receiving mailed copies, MPs are to be sent newsletters also.</li> <li>18. Alan Gunn needs additional bins customarily stored at fire shed for use when required, especially at Cathedral Reserve. Spare bins were removed by BMCC. A CSR is needed to have them restored.</li> </ol>
<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bushfire follow up – It was decided that walking tracks need to be checked, particularly Du Fours steps. Libby and Micah will inspect them. It may be possible to claim money that is available for rebuilding. A formal letter will be written to the RFS, thanking them for all that was done during the fires, on behalf of the Association and the whole community. A donation will be considered for a specific project or equipment.</li> <li>2. Beowang Road – Jeanette Lawrence has raised issue of fire threat of vegetation under power lines on Beowang Road and from Hillcrest Lane to Cathedral Reserve following an emergency call out last week</li> </ol>

	<p>requiring Endeavour Energy to send two crews to remove a branch over the lines. She says the land is owned by BMCC, Katoomba RFS is coming out to inspect but could MWPA assist to keep risk area cleared? It was decided that this was Endeavour's responsibility.</p> <p>3. Suggestions for new initiatives – Peter Laving tabled a report on 4 possible projects, to be considered next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A community café</li> <li>• Researching current visitor numbers</li> <li>• Attracting new residents</li> <li>• Improving street scapes around the Hall and Fire Station</li> </ul> <p>4. 2014 Proposed Committee meeting dates – these were discussed, with possible changes to the February committee meeting and the General Meeting. Moira will check possible clashes with the RFS.</p> <p>5. Christmas Party – Combined event for the MWPA, MIPA and the RFS being run while the Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine Photography and Art fund raising exhibition is on during the days (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) on Saturday and Sunday, 30 November and 1 December. The Committee's involvement includes: assistance with the set up for the party from 4.00 pm on Saturday, bringing along a plate of finger food (each of the other two committee members will do likewise), and providing the drinks. The idea of having the two events on the same weekend is to hopefully maximise attendance after the fires and raise as much as possible for the three organisations.</p> <p>6. New LEP – This has been published by council. Moira Green will check it out to see if there are any potential problems for our village.</p>
<b>Date/location next meeting</b>	Friday, 21st February, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Kirk's Corner, Hillcrest Lane.
<b>Close</b>	The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. Bill Ryan was thanked for providing the venue and supper.

Signed as a true record

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Beattie

Chairman