

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
THE MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD AT MAPLE LODGE, THE AVENUE,
ON FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2013**

Opening remarks	<p>The last couple of months have been an intense period for the MWPA: we achieved a meeting with the senior management of BMCC and had a good hearing on the issues raised in our presentation. There has already been action: the damaged Armco Guard on the zig zag has been replaced and the program for replacing the failing elms in The Avenue is under way.</p> <p>The proposal of the Hawkesbury City Council in its letter to MWPA of 13 May 2013 to close Mt Irvine Road / Bowen's Creek Road triggered a storm of objections and our two submissions arguing against the proposal. A further submission addressed to the councillors of HCC was sent on Monday after Mark Bancroft, President of the Mt Irvine Progress Association, and I met with a reporter and photographer from the <i>Hawkesbury Gazette</i> for them to get a story and pictures which appeared on page 1 of Wednesday's paper. There is interest also with the television 7.30 Report.</p> <p>Tim Gow has produced another excellent issue for us with the June edition of <i>The Mounts</i>.</p> <p>On 10 May on a perfect Autumn morning there was very well deserved recognition for Libby as the BMCC's "2012 Bushcare Legend" for her many years of work on the preservation of the community's bushland.</p>																								
Present/apologies	<u>Present</u> – Richard Beattie (President), Alison Halliday (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Kim Gow, Ted Griffin, Bill Ryan																								
Confirmation of minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 12 th April, 2013, held at Nooneameena, Queens Avenue, were confirmed as a true record.																								
Treasurer's Report	<p>Libby Raines presented the following report:</p> <p><u>Mount Wilson Progress Association Statement of Accounts 1-4-13 – 31-5-13 Working Account</u></p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>BMCC Maintenance</td> <td>5,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website payment for property listing</td> <td>75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra phone books</td> <td>46.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A.T.O. G.S.T. refunds</td> <td>29.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rabbait refunds</td> <td>77.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td><u>.17</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Total Receipts:-</u></td> <td><u>\$5,727.17</u></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Expenditure:-</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Alan Gunn - maintenance</td> <td>3,052.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Gunn - Marcus Clark Reserve</td> <td>3,102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Micah Fink - plant tree ferns Waterfall track & Waterfall Road</td> <td>540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CW Print - newsletters, brochure</td> <td>670.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ATO - GST payment</td> <td>1,385.00</td> </tr> </table>	BMCC Maintenance	5,500.00	Website payment for property listing	75.00	Extra phone books	46.00	A.T.O. G.S.T. refunds	29.00	Rabbait refunds	77.00	Interest	<u>.17</u>	<u>Total Receipts:-</u>	<u>\$5,727.17</u>	Alan Gunn - maintenance	3,052.50	Alan Gunn - Marcus Clark Reserve	3,102.00	Micah Fink - plant tree ferns Waterfall track & Waterfall Road	540.00	CW Print - newsletters, brochure	670.58	ATO - GST payment	1,385.00
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	<p>Bank fees 21.50</p> <p><u>Total Expenditure:- \$ 8,780.58</u></p> <p>Total receipts 5,727.17</p> <p>- Total expenditure <u>8,780.58</u></p> <p>=-(3,053.41)</p> <p>+ Carried forward <u>15,965.43</u></p> <p>= <u>\$12,912.02</u></p> <p><u>Bank balance on 1-6-13 \$12,912.02</u></p> <p>Fixed Term Deposits :- \$18,000.00</p> <p>Money held for membership and weed control \$1,426</p> <p>It was reported that BMCC is happy with the way MWPA is operating as agent for Council in employing local contractors.</p> <p><u>Website</u> expenditure and receipts have been divided between MWPA, RFS and Historical Society since April 2010.</p> <p>In 2012, Receipts \$4,698</p> <p>Expenditure \$7,605.75</p> <p>Resulting deficit \$2,907.75</p> <p>In 2013, \$950 was received from those advertising and \$869 was spent. It was decided that RFS and Historical Society be asked for their share in this expenditure and advertising fees not be reduced.</p> <p>It was decided that the Website Sub-committee be asked to report to the AGM and Graham Tribe be asked to explain the liability limit.</p>
Correspondence	<p>In</p> <p>29-4-13 Beryl Madden to MWPA President – complaint re. toilets Waterfall Reserve</p> <p>1-4-13 Beryl Madden to MWPA President – thanks for action taken</p> <p>13-5-13 Hawkesbury City Council to MWPA Secretary – road closure application</p> <p>20-5-13 Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre to MWPA Secretary – request for brochures</p> <p>21-5-13 Endeavour Energy to MWPA Secretary – notification of work at Wollartukkee</p> <p>23-5-13 Steve Corbett, BMCC to Libby Raines – elm tree plans in The Avenue</p> <p>3-6-13 Dan Long BMCC to MWPA President – response to request for clarification of cutting down of elms</p> <p>6-6-13 Robin Wheatland to Tim Gow – thanks for “inspiring” newsletter</p> <p>Out</p> <p>24-4-13 MWPA Secretary to G.M., BMCC - request for road name change</p> <p>26-4-13 MWPA Secretary to Peter McDonald & Keith Ralston – invitation to join MWPA</p> <p>30-4-13 MWPA President to BMCC Staff – complaint of toilets in Waterfall Reserve</p> <p>5-5-13 MWPA President to BMCC Staff –damage to DuFaur's Rocks Road</p> <p>6-5-13 MWPA President to Paul Creelman, BMCC – Armco barrier &kerb repair on zigzag</p> <p>6-5-13 MWPA President to Committee & Judy Tribe – meeting with BMCC re. village issues</p> <p>6-5-13 MWPA President to Michael Begg – MWPA meeting with BMCC,</p>

	<p>Village Hall Stage 2</p> <p>6-5-13 MWPA President to Robert Greenwood – thanks for meeting with MWPA</p> <p>7-5-13 MWPA President to Libby Raines – discussion with Damien Drew re. Avenue elms</p> <p>16-5-13 MWPA President to Robert Parkinson – inquiry re. updated village map</p> <p>22-5-13 MWPA President to GM Hawkesbury City Council – submission re. Mt Irvine Road closure</p> <p>1-6-13 MWPA President to Councilor Don McGregor, Louise Markus MP – provision of information re. submission to Hawkesbury City Council</p> <p>2-6-13 MWPA President to Robert Greenwood, GM BMCC – request BMCC oppose closure of Mt. Irvine Road</p> <p>3-6-13 MIPA President to GM, Hawkesbury City Council – submission re. road closure</p> <p>3-6-13 David Howell to MWPA President – meeting with councilors re. road closure</p> <p>3-6-13 MWPA President to Dan Long, BMCC – request for clarification of cutting down of elms</p> <p>3-6-13 MIPA Secretary to MWPA President & Secretary – invitation to MIPA G.M.</p> <p>7-6-13 MWPA President to GM Hawkesbury city Council – submission addendum re Mt Irvine Road closure</p> <p><u>Business Arising from Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dan Long agreed that woodchip be placed in Cathedral Reserve. 2. In future the newsletter will be sent to Ward 1 Councilors and BMCC General Manager. 3. Michael Begg’s suggestion about a bunker and helipad will be passed on to Beth Raines and David Howell for comment. 4. Sealing of roads will be completed in Mt. Wilson and Mt. Irvine before the end of the 2014 financial year. 5. MWPA membership fees have been received from Peter McDonald and Keith Ralston. Their membership was approved.
Business arising from minutes& matters requiring ongoing attention	<p>MWPA/BMCC current issues report and responses – Richard Beattie reported:</p> <p><u>Cr Michael Begg& MWPA presentation to BMCC management: 10/06/13</u> in response to email of 09/06/13 – “With regard to CSRs I suggest you send one for each problem and cc me/us with each request. I feel it would be easier to track as each job gets done.” Note sent to Cr Robert Stock re confirmation of agreement to be copied. CSR for the toilet sign was shared with toilet cleaning so was deleted after the cleaning was done. New CSR has been issued.</p> <p><u>Du Fours Road</u> – a separate CSR has been issued</p> <p><u>Zigzag damage</u> – Armco barrier has been replaced.</p> <p>Alison Halliday reported:</p> <p><u>Tree trunk across Waterfall Creek</u> – BMCC intends to leave this until heavy equipment is in the area. It was decided that it is not a real problem. The bridge is still awaiting repair.</p> <p><u>Concrete plinths</u>– have been ordered but not yet manufactured.</p> <p><u>Key for Silva Plana</u> – it was agreed that originally a BF4 key was used. This advice and picture of the locking device will be sent to BMCC.</p>

	<p><u>Landslip repair</u> – Council is about to submit a natural disasters claim. Hopefully the repair will be done by the end of the year.</p> <p><u>Gutters</u> – none have been cleaned.</p> <p>It was decided that the General Manager be given 3 months to follow up on the issues raised at the meeting with him, including bridge in Gregson Park</p> <p>Other Village Issues</p> <p><u>Mt Irvine/Bowens Creek Road and bridge</u> – MWPA submissions and apparently many others including from MIPA x 2MW&MIRFS and individuals. Next step for MWPA: follow up request for advice of HCC decision re withdrawal of application or, if not withdrawn, escalation process. Compliments were expressed to Richard Beattie for an excellent submission.</p> <p><u>Vision for Mt Wilson 2012-25 initiatives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Booklet, <i>Mount Wilson Walks</i> – revision to be postponed for 2 to 3 years as there is still many available for sale. (Libby Raines) 2. Upgrade village plan and information board – it was recommended that nothing be done. (Richard Beattie) 3. Brochures – these should be updated every 2 years or when supplies ran out. (Moira Green) 4. Booklet, <i>The Story of Mount Wilson</i> – it was decided that the publication doesn't warrant re-printing. The Historical Society may be publishing a new history of the first 100 years. (Alison Halliday) 5. Invitation for visitors to make donations to be placed on the website home page. Tim Gow will be asked to do this. (Richard Beattie, Libby Raines) 6. Establish contact with NPWS – Acting Area Manager, Arthur Henry, is receptive to a regular contact point with MWPA. Ranger for Mount Wilson is Neil Stone. A liaison is to be set up with him. (Ted Griffin) 7. Unmade roads and fire trails – despite no response from Dept. of Lands to a previous letter, it was decided that the issue should be maintained in the corporate memory. Libby Raines will make a list of the roads and Moira Green will provide copies of all correspondence for the next meeting. <p>It was noted that bollards at the end of Hillcrest Lane have been removed and the track damaged. Alan Gunn will be asked to put them back with chains. Council has access from the bottom. Libby will notify Bill Madden of Endeavour of our intention and reasons for doing this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Install road sign to indicate B&Bs – no need for action. 9. Address issue of Council being unresponsive and inefficient in meeting requests – no need for further action at this time. (Richard Beattie) 10. Sealing of roads – BMCC has plans for completion by the end of 2013/2014 financial year. (Richard Beattie) 11. Replacement of elms in The Avenue – issue addressed with meeting with BMCC management 6 May, 2013. Work to commence June 2013, finish winter 2014. (Libby Raines, Alison Halliday) 12. Finalisation of planning approval and construction of Village Hall toilets – there was a good meeting with BMCC. Village Hall Committee needs to get plans and statistics organised then a meeting with Roza Sage. (Ted Griffin) <p><u>Weed eradication</u> – Council has been working during summer, Bush Care is working in Wynne Reserve and will then move to Sloan Reserve.</p>
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War memorial site maintenance -Libby has suggested it might be possible to have the Fletcher stumps ground out allowing level ground which can be easily mowed rather than a mound that would require brushcutting. Peter Raines will be asked to do this before the AGM, if he is unable to do so, Ted Griffin's contact will be approached. Alan Gunn will wait on advice before approaching the job which entails recreating the natural ground contour using the Mt Irvine Road gutter clearance soil at Mt Irvine, seeding and maintaining the area as part of his routine work for MWPA/BMCC. The bollards removed to make the entrance way to the Fletcher property will be replaced.

Signs repainting – waiting on contractor to be doing work in Mt Wilson. Libby to request contractor to ensure work is done before AGM.

Waterfall Road mulch – Peter Raines is still to do this.

Cathedral Reserve

- Alan Gunn yet to replace decaying logs at top entrance with the 16 large vehicle barrier logs from Peter Dempsey's property
07/06/13: Richard advised Alan not to wait for plinths if available machinery can be used to move the new logs into place. The logs can be lifted on to plinths when they are supplied by BMCC.
- More concrete plinths required say 30 – Alison has ordered them.
- The substantial area in the centre of the reserve that is eroding down to the underlying rock is to be tested for 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.
07.06.13 Richard agreed Alan will dump a pile of the Mt Irvine soil on the affected area, allow embedded timber to be taken for BBQ firewood, then spread and seed shortly before spring 2013.
- Alan Gunn has dug out and removed the ash from the Cathedral Reserve BBQs.
- Tim Gow replied to a public inquiry: "Unfortunately, the Cathedral Reserve is the only designated place for BBQs as the other areas in the village have an unacceptable fire risk. We are very aware of increased numbers of people visiting the village - I am sure the Progress Association will look at installing more BBQs or even new areas." It was decided that because of the fire hazard BBQs would be restricted to Cathedral Reserve and a sign "No BBQs" be installed at Wynnes Rocks Lookout and Silva Plana.
- Richard installed corkboard noticeboard on toilet block.
- "Toilet full (western end) – do not use" – Alison was asked to lodge a CSR.

Uncovered water well – Richard and Libby inspected the uncovered well adjacent the walking track on the low side of Linden which is clearly a hazard. It was agreed once the owners of Linden are consulted Libby will arrange for the well to be covered with reinforced steel mesh and logs or sleepers to ensure neither people nor animals could fall into it. Peter Raines will be asked to do it.

Burned car on Bells Line of Road – the car has been removed.

Silva Plana

- Alan's work involves removing the remaining fallen timber, metal and dirt

piles on the western side to allow the area to be slashed; reinstalling the missing pine bollards along the entrance barrier; reinstalling the NO CAMPING sign; and leaving the newly seeded grassed area uncut until the new grass can seed and increase the grass cover.

07.06.13 Alan has replaced the missing and loose bollards, reinstalled the NO CAMPING sign, and still to do the other work. He recommends moving the three picnic tables to the road/parking side of the gate and bollards, or perhaps one outside and two inside nearby and near the shade of the big tree near the gate. The latter was agreed.

On the subject of picnic tables, with the recent big increase in visitor numbers, Alan suggests MWPA consider working to have more of the tables available in the areas the public uses for picnics. Alison will undertake a survey of numbers of tables and locations. Bill Ryan will make inquiries of NPWS about sourcing and costing of new ones.

- New gate lock to be requested from BMCC (see above and previous minutes)

New power poles – Libby has spoken with Bill Madden at Endeavour re.our requirement for the use of the old power poles for vehicle barriers. He has agreed but the workers may need to be reminded of this. Alan Gunn will be asked to take down the pole at Tolimount Cottage.

Waterfall Reserve walking track reopened – following the substantial landslide that blocked an area of the Waterfall walking track during the February/March heavy rainfall, the track has now been reopened following work done for the MWPA by Peter Raines and David Gunn. A bridge is still to be built across a boggy section. Peter also removed a log from across a track outside Chimney Cottage to allow water to flow and has improved drainage.

Speed limit signs –Roads& Maritime Services in response to the MWPA request of 28 March 2012 for speed limit signs on Mt Wilson Road and in the village have signposted an 80 km/h speed limit on Mt Wilson Road between Bells Line of Road and one kilometre south west of Queens Avenue, Mt Wilson, installed 50 km/h Ahead warning signs on the approach to Mt Wilson and additional/upgraded 50 km/h speed limit signs within the Mt Wilson town centre to ensure the urban speed limits are apparent to motorists.

There has been mixed response to the new signs with argument they spoil the country/old village atmosphere and 80km/h is too fast for Mt. Wilson Road. While the MWPA has responded to the suggestion for the signs agreed at an AGM several years ago, it appears clear the community is not looking for any further signs of “modernisation”, especially any more road signs. The problem of vehicles speeding on our roads is the absence of any regular police enforcement, not signage.

Gutter outside Chimney Cottage – while BMCC did gutter work to prevent water from Waterfall Road undermining the stone wall at Chimney Cottage, the diverted water would then run down Waterfall Track. Following discussion between Richard and Libby, Peter Raines has repaired the area so as to avoid storm water damaging the track.

Thefts – Tim Gow distributed another email to the community of 4 June 2013 saying there had been recent reports of suspicious activity in very early hours of the morning involving cars with headlights off sitting outside residences and it would pay for people to be on alert and to immediately report any strange

	<p>activity to Katoomba police.</p> <p><u>Rabbits and wild dogs</u> – foxes are around. George Mayne has lost some sheep.</p> <p><u>War memorial booklet</u> update with Historical Society – Alison confirmed that it would be done by the 2014 centenary.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Day preparations</u> – Brian Abrahams reported that Alison will do her talk, the minister and hall are booked.</p> <p><u>Yulefest night</u> – 13 July 2013 at 6.30 pm</p>
General Business	
Date/location next meeting	<p>Fri August 16.</p> <p>Location – Kirk's Corner</p> <p>Richard will be away 9 Aug to 16 September, Alison will chair the meeting.</p>
Close	<p>The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to TedGriffin for the venue for the meeting</p>

Signed as a true record

Date: _____

Alison Halliday Acting Chairman