

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
THE MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD AT NOONAMEENA, QUEENS AVENUE,
ON FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2013**

Chairman's opening remarks	The meeting commenced at 7.37. The chairman commented that the last eight weeks have seen the heaviest and most destructive rain seen in Mt Wilson in a long time, there has been a big clean up and preparation of the public areas for Easter, ideal weather over the holiday weekend that attracted a large number of visitors, and the MWPA general meeting with a turnout affected by the RFS Six Foot Track Marathon fundraiser.																																														
Present/apologies	<u>Present</u> – Richard Beattie (President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Kim Gow, Ted Griffin, Bill Ryan <u>Apology</u> – Alison Halliday (Vice President) Bill Ryan apologised for not attending the General Meeting																																														
Confirmation of minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 15 th February, 2013, held at New Bywood, Hillcrest Lane, 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 1-1-13 – 31-3-13</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Working Account</u></p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u></p> <table> <tr><td>BMCC Maintenance</td><td>16,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Membership</td><td>25.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Website refunds for advertising</td><td>450.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Donation to website (Mt. Irvine Progress)</td><td>200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>A.T.O. G.S.T. refunds</td><td>1,043.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Interest</td><td><u>309.32</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Total Receipts:-</td><td><u>\$18,327.32</u></td></tr> </table> <p><u>Expenditure:-</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Alan Gunn - maintenance, Christmas mowing</td><td>731.50</td></tr> <tr><td>Peter Raines – slashing cathedral tracks</td><td>800.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Micah Fink - maintenance, spraying, whipper.</td><td>540.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Finsure Insurance – Volunteers Workers</td><td>890.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Oley Media – Annual fee</td><td>349.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Jess Delbridge – Design new brochure</td><td>360.00</td></tr> <tr><td>CW Print - newsletters, printing</td><td>120.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Bank fees</td><td>34.50</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Expenditure:-</td><td><u>3,825.00</u></td></tr> </table> <table> <tr><td>Total receipts</td><td>18,327.32</td></tr> <tr><td>- Total expenditure</td><td>3,825.00</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>= 14,502.32</td></tr> <tr><td>+ Carried forward</td><td><u>1,463.11</u></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>= <u>\$15,965.43</u></td></tr> </table> <p><u>Bank balance on 1-4-13</u> <u>\$15,965.43</u></p> <p>Fixed Term Deposits :- \$18,000.00</p> <table> <tr><td>Money held for membership</td><td>\$945.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Money held for weed eradication</td><td>\$481.00</td></tr> </table>	BMCC Maintenance	16,500.00	Membership	25.00	Website refunds for advertising	450.00	Donation to website (Mt. Irvine Progress)	200.00	A.T.O. G.S.T. refunds	1,043.00	Interest	<u>309.32</u>	Total Receipts:-	<u>\$18,327.32</u>	Alan Gunn - maintenance, Christmas mowing	731.50	Peter Raines – slashing cathedral tracks	800.00	Micah Fink - maintenance, spraying, whipper.	540.00	Finsure Insurance – Volunteers Workers	890.00	Oley Media – Annual fee	349.00	Jess Delbridge – Design new brochure	360.00	CW Print - newsletters, printing	120.00	Bank fees	34.50	Total Expenditure:-	<u>3,825.00</u>	Total receipts	18,327.32	- Total expenditure	3,825.00		= 14,502.32	+ Carried forward	<u>1,463.11</u>		= <u>\$15,965.43</u>	Money held for membership	\$945.00	Money held for weed eradication	\$481.00
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Correspondence	<p>In</p> <p>22-2-13 Michael Begg to MWPA President – money for hall, road sealing</p> <p>22-2-13 Chris Brogan, BMCC to MWPA Secretary – Audit of On Ground Results</p> <p>5-3-13 Michael Begg to MWPA President – update on Bowen Creek Bridge</p> <p>6-3-13 Catherine Knapman, Bazmark to MWPA Secretary – inclusion of Mt. Wilson in <i>Great Gatsby</i> credits</p> <p>15-3-13 Vic Zhukov to MWPA Secretary – confusion on our roads</p> <p>26-3-13 Ashley Ahern, RMS to MWPA President – speed signposts</p> <p>Out</p> <p>17-2-13 MWPA Secretary to Dr. V. Coleman - response to parking problems on Mt. Irvine Road</p> <p>19-2-13 MWPA Secretary to MIPA Secretary – MIPA and Website</p> <p>20-2-13 MWPA Secretary to BMCC Councillors – invitation to General Meeting</p> <p>1-3-13 MWPA Secretary to Ian Connell – invitation to join MWPA</p> <p>1-3-13 MWPA Secretary to Andrew Ross – invitation to join MWPA</p> <p>18-3-13 MWPA Secretary to Finsura Insurance – additions to business description in insurance policy</p> <p>3-4-13 MWPA President to Rosemary Dillon, BMCC – request for meeting with General Manager</p> <p>Business Arising from Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confusion on Roads – It was decided that the committee support a name change for Farrer Road East to Smarts Lane following agreement from both residents of Farrer Road East. A sign “To Smiths Road” will be requested for the entrance to Farrer Road West. A separate letter will be sent requesting Council remove “Roads to Recovery” signs on the basis of the visual environmental detracting (ask for CSR). 2. Insurance – An amended policy has been received 3. Rosemary Dillon has undertaken to set up a meeting with the General Manager next week. As a result of our submission, remote villages are being included in Council planning.
Business arising from minutes & matters requiring ongoing attention	<p>Current issues update – Richard Beattie reported:</p> <p><u>General Meeting follow-up</u></p> <p>Attendance was modest and affected by the RFS fundraiser, the Six Foot Track Marathon, which was well supported by Mt Wilson people who were then unable to attend the GM. When setting the general meeting date in future years we will need to consider other important community commitments MWPA members may have and book the hall well in advance.</p> <p>The meeting requested the committee consider organising spraying of the vegetation obscuring the roadside markers on Mt Wilson Road. As Alan Gunn no longer has spraying insurance it was decided that it be left till Council replaces the posts and ask that new growth be sprayed then.</p> <p><u>Marcus Clark Reserve tree removal and entrance tidy-up</u></p>

	<p>Alan Gunn has done a good job removing a number of large fallen trees near the entrance of the reserve opposite the fire station and making that area clear and tidy prior to the anniversary celebration in the Village Hall of the Clark family, the donors of the reserve property to the community.</p> <p><u>Cathedral Reserve</u></p> <p>BMCC was requested to provide 12 additional garbage bins to Cathedral Reserve to complement the existing 11 bins for the rubbish likely to be left there by campers over the Easter weekend (29 March – 1 April 2013). Only nine additional bins were delivered. A considerable volume of rubbish was left piled on top and beside the bins and scattered elsewhere by Tuesday morning. After Richard Beattie discussed issue with BMCC and Alan Gunn, Richard Beattie agreed that Alan should provide large plastic bags, collect all the garbage not in closed bins and leave the filled bags adjacent the bins for council collection. 10/14: Council collected extra bins leaving only 9.</p> <p>A substantial area in the centre of the reserve is eroding down to the underlying rock. Richard Beattie asked Alan 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.</p> <p><u>Silva Plana</u></p> <p>At the completion of the council work in March on the gutters and sides of Mt Irvine Road, the crew moved the heaviest of the three old vehicle barrier power poles onto concrete plinths in the location MWPA had marked at the end of the new road base entrance for the existing steel gate to be moved to. Clearly council is not prepared to move the gate to our preferred location. Apparently no other work was done at the playing field by the crew.</p> <p>Ted Griffin, Alan Gunn and Richard Beattie have made a number of visits to Silva Plana and have agreed Alan will complete the restoration work as follows: remove the remaining fallen timber, metal and dirt piles on the western side to allow the area to be slashed; reinstall the missing pine bollards along the entrance barrier; reinstall the No Camping sign; and leave the newly seeded grassed area uncut until the new grass can seed and increase the grass cover. Currently the new grass does not appear to be developing seeds following its difficult start with the extended dry spell.</p> <p>The only thing we need from council is a new lock for the gate. (Alan “locked” the gate with a twist of fencing wire on 2 April after it had been opened over Easter and a vehicle driven onto the field.) Council will supply a lock soon.</p> <p><u>New concrete power pole</u></p> <p>The concrete power pole to be installed near Wallartukkee has been delivered by Endeavour Energy to the roadside on Mt Irvine Road. We need to follow up the issue on the timing of the closure of the road for the installation and see if there is a pole being replaced that might be able to be placed at the top of The Avenue outside Bebeah to extend the vehicle parking barrier there. Libby Raines will ask Mr. Madden to leave the old poles for MWPA use. It appears that they have been given for private use as fence poles.</p> <p><u>Mt Irvine Road embankment collapse</u></p> <p>BMCC advised it has recorded a CSR number in their database after someone</p>
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	<p>had reported the issue two weeks ago. Paul Creelman has agreed it is a high priority. It has been given to an 'asset manager' who handles infrastructure rather than maintenance. It is felt they will replace the bank with 'Gabion baskets' further beyond the collapsed section. The gutter will be cleared once the bank has been repaired.</p> <p><u>Fallen tree in Gregson Park</u></p> <p>This was removed within ten days of the CSR lodgement.</p> <p><u>Dangerous disrepair of timber bridge in Gregson Park</u></p> <p>The bridge has been inspected and work has been ordered to be carried out. The necessary material has been ordered so should be done relatively soon.</p> <p><u>War memorial area restoration</u></p> <p>Following the finalisation of the removal of timber from the Fletcher property behind the war memorial, the way is now clear for Alan Gunn to recreate the natural ground contour using the Mt Irvine Road gutter clearance soil at Mt Irvine, and to seed and maintain 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.</p> <p>Alan's view on the health of the oak at the memorial is that the February/March rain water moving down and through the Fletcher hillside waterlogged the soil and brought on the rapid leaf fall. Because similar big wets had not had a long-term effect on the tree, Alan believes it should be OK in the spring.</p> <p><u>Waterfall Reserve walking track landslide</u></p> <p>A substantial landslide has blocked an area of the Waterfall walking track during the February/March heavy rain. Signs have been erected warning walkers of the landslide. Peter Raines and David Gunn have laid a new track and steps bypassing the old section. Some work is still to be done. The sign requesting people to return the way they have come will remain until the new track has settled. Thanks to Libby, Peter and David for their quick response.</p> <p><u>BMCC community forum for the Sustainable Blue Mountains 2025 plan development</u></p> <p>Richard Beattie attended the forum at Lawson on 16 February 2013 which addressed a broad, high level perspective on the current and future issues of Looking after the environment, Moving around, Sustainable economy, Using land, Looking after people, and Civic leadership. It was conspicuous that issues of remote areas such as Mt Wilson are absent from the general discussion on the needs and wishes of the communities along the more highly populated areas of the mountains. Much of the community member comment was on suggestions for more council spending on social, environmental and economic development attraction issues despite the mayor spelling out the need for council to cut spending and avoid deficits. The meeting did provide the opportunity for catching up our local councillor Michael Begg, who turns out to know Mt Wilson well, and senior members of the council staff.</p> <p><u>Speed limit signs</u></p>
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	<p>In response to the MWPA request of 28 March 2012 for speed limit signs on Mt Wilson Road and in the village Road & Maritime Services will signpost 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, install 50 km/h Ahead warning signs on the approach to Mt Wilson and additional/upgraded 50 km/h speed limit signs will be installed within Mt Wilson town centre to ensure the urban speed limit is apparent to motorists. The signs are expected to be installed from 18 April 2013, weather permitting.</p> <p><u>Armco railing</u> – listed for repair when resources are in the area and will be replaced “in due course”. Council will not use Bazmark bond money as there is no clear evidence that show that Bazmark caused the damage. When there is a full week’s work in Mount Wilson, this will be included with other jobs. It will not be soon, but if it becomes dangerous it will be done “immediately”.</p> <p>Other issues</p> <p><u>Signs repainting</u> – Libby has spoken to Bruce McClintock. There are 33 signs and he will do them as he can, most important ones first.</p> <p><u>Waterfall Road mulch</u> – Peter Raines will move it when his equipment is in the right place.</p> <p><u>Golden elms pruning</u> – Latest communication from Endeavour indicated that there were many sites listed for ABC for improved power supply but the request for improved aesthetic appearance would not be considered. It was decided that it would not be worth pursuing the issue further at this time.</p> <p><u>Cathedral Reserve</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Gunn is yet to replace the decaying logs at the top entrance with the 16 large vehicle barrier logs from Peter Dempsey’s property • More concrete plinths are required, say 30 – Alison to ask BMCC • Richard Beattie is yet to install a corkboard noticeboard on the toilet block – it has been measured up
<p>General Business</p>	<p><u>Survey & submission presentation for BMCC</u> - Rosemary Dillon, Manager Corporate Strategy, has committed to next week to organising MWPA meeting with Robert Greenwood, GM BMCC. Dillon says MWPA submission has led to the first ever inclusion of remote township issues in council’s future development plan. In the presentation reviewed and supported by the Committee, the slide 20 “What would Mt Wilson like of BMCC” item 5 on bushfire hazard reduction by BMCC was deleted and replaced with “Council establish a plan & capital commitment for the eventual replacement of the iconic old failing elms in The Avenue, Mt Wilson”.</p> <p><u>BMCC news release</u> – BMCC has submitted an application to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a continuation of special variation to rates for infrastructure. Rates will rise by 3.4% in 2013/2014 to allow for inflation.</p> <p><u>Theft</u> – email notice has been sent by Tim Gow of further theft at Bowen Lea of mower and gardening equipment. There is little more that can be done beyond informing people in this way and report any suspicious activities to the police.</p> <p><u>Wells</u> – Libby Raines reported that some time ago wells were dug for water supply. There are two remaining not filled in, outside Wynstay and Linden. The covers have deteriorated and are dangerous. It was decided that it was</p>

	<p>inadvisable to do more than refer it to BMCC due to legal responsibility. Richard Beattie offered to send photos of the holes to Council and put in a CSR.</p> <p><u>Action on MWPA initiatives proposed in the submission to BMCC</u> <u>A Vision for Mt Wilson 2012 – 2025</u> – Suggestions due at next meeting.</p>
Date/location next meeting	<p>Friday, June 14.</p> <p>Location – Maple Lodge, The Avenue (Ted Griffin's home)</p>
Close	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30. Thanks to Moira for the venue.</p>