

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
THE MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD AT 'NEW BYWOOD', HILLCREST LANE,
ON FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2011.**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was convened at 7.30 p.m. by Bill Ryan.

2. PRESENT

Bill Ryan (President), Richard Beattie (Vice President), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Kim Gow, Alison Halliday.

APOLOGIES

Libby Raines (Treasurer), Ted Griffin.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 28th January, 2011, held at 'Packwood', Mount Irvine Road, were confirmed as a true record.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report, prepared by Libby Raines, was presented:

<u>Statement of Accounts 1-1-11 to 1-2-11</u>	
<u>Working Account</u>	
<u>Receipts:-</u>	
Interest	.08
<u>Total Receipts:-</u>	<u>.08</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Alan Gunn - maintenance	1,640.10
Micah Fink -trimming Avenue trees	250.00
C.W. Printing - newsletters	110.50
Brian Abrahams - drinks for party	88.00
G.S.T. - payment	685.00
Bank fees	10.00
<u>Total Expenditure:-</u>	<u>\$2,783.60</u>
Total receipts :-	.08
Total expenditure -	<u>2,783.60</u>
	= 2,783.52
+ Carried forward	<u>11,105.67</u>
	= <u>\$8,322.15</u>
<u>Bank Balance 1-2-11</u>	<u>\$8,322.15</u>
Fixed Term Deposits:-	\$18,000.00

The report was accepted by the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

Feb-11 **M. Reynolds** – Thank you for letter of congratulations

15-2-11 **G. Tribe** – Invoice for second payment of website

15-2-11 **Integral** – Tree Pruning

Outgoing

4-2-11 **M. Reynolds** – Congratulations on receiving OAM

16-2-11 **BMCC, R. Dillon** – Dangerous roads after grading and rain,
with subsequent correspondence with R. Beattie

28-2-11 **S. & S. Wolfenden** – Invitation to join MWPA

2-3-11 **Ward 1 Councillors** – Invitation to General Meeting

4-3-11 **MIPA** – Invitation to General Meeting

Business Arising from Correspondence.

5.1 MWPA Membership. It was agreed to approve any application for membership by the Wolfendens.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Each member reported on progress in their areas of responsibility. Refer to the schedule of *Matters Requiring Ongoing Attention*.

MWPA Items

6.1 Street Tree Policy. This was tabled by A. Halliday and was written in collaboration with K. and E. Raines. It was decided that it be attached to the President's report at the General Meeting for distribution. It will be included in the next newsletter, the Progress Association section of the website and issued to new residents.

6.2 Membership. Associate Membership for non-residents was considered as well as Life Membership for F. Smart and A. Delbridge. The need for constitution amendment was discussed. It was decided to float the issue at the General Meeting and possibly a formal presentation be made at the AGM.

6.3 Unmade Roads. It was decided that if there is a change in government the issue should be taken up again. It was suggested the road from the end of Shadforth Lane be considered for opening up.

6.4 Weeds. Micah Fink helped Libby at the Church, then sprayed in The Avenue, trimmed back vegetation from the roadsides in The Avenue, Waterfall Road and Marcus Clark Reserve. He will be absent all March. Blackberries have been sited growing on the Mount Irvine Road towards the Northern Fire Trail near the Old Mill block.

6.5 Trees. The dogwoods outside Tollimount have been removed.

6.6 Village maintenance. Alan Gunn has been given a list of jobs to do and will do them when it fits into his programme. He will be asked to give priority to placing the poles in Cathedral Reserve before Easter.

6.7 Signs. Weather conditions for cleaning the signs have not been suitable. The repositioning of the walking signs for Anniversary Walk has not been done. NPWS has positioned new signs on the Wollangambe Track and an exit sign from the canyon.

6.8 Clean Up Australia Day. Everything is organised – a skip is located in front of the Fire Shed, 50 bags, a sharps container, 10 bright vests have been provided and the paper work completed.

6.9 Remembrance Day. There is a long term plan for the publication of the histories of servicemen. Financing of this could be sought from community grants from the Federal Government or the Department of Veteran Affairs.

6.10 Website. A progress report from the Website Committee was tabled. At the General Meeting, the Committee will be publicly acknowledged for the work done. G. Tribe will be asked to address the meeting. A training day for website editors is arranged for 1st April. K. Gow, A. Halliday and M. Green will attend.

6.10 Australia Post. M. Green reported that she received a reply to personal correspondence that the Postal Delivery Co-Ordinator at Katoomba Delivery Centre has been directed to arrange for the delivery contractor to be given small articles for him to determine whether delivery is feasible.

BMCC Items.

6.11 R. Beattie reported that he met with R. Dillon, who reports directly to the General Manager. No further up updates have been received. A suggestion that MWPA seek contractors and volunteers to do more work around the village with Council payment, was rejected by the Committee because manpower is limited. This has been tried in the past but there are insufficient contractors available.

6.12 Roads. The further grading and placement of gravel on Farrer Road East and West and on Danes Way has improved the road quality. Vegetation between Cathedral Reserve and Hillcrest Lane has been cut back.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Federally Prohibited Plants. W. Ryan presented information regarding proposed legislation designed to eliminate propagation and sale of plants with the capacity to produce hallucinogens. It was decided that a submission be made indicating that the MWPA is unable to support the intent of the legislation as many plants listed are native to the area and many are already growing in well established, heritage gardens. The proposed legislation is unnecessarily restrictive.

7.2 General Meeting. This will be on 19th March. A. Halliday will take minutes and organise food. K. Gow will collect keys and organise the hall set up. W. Ryan will organise drinks.

7.3 Barbecues at Happy Valley. B. Abrahams reported that the remains of a brick fire place are being used. He suggested that it be removed or repaired. It was decided that it be removed so that for safety, the lighting of fires be restricted to Cathedral Reserve. This should be put on A. Gunn's list of jobs and perhaps a "No fires" sign be erected.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The General Meeting will be held on Saturday 19th March.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on:

Friday 29th April, at 'Noonameena', Queens Avenue.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record

Bill Ryan

President