

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
THE MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD AT 'PACKWOOD', MOUNT IRVINE ROAD,
ON FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2011.**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was convened at 7.35 p.m. by Bill Ryan. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting for 2011. Richard Beattie was thanked for chairing the previous meeting and Ted Griffin was welcomed to his first Committee Meeting.

2. PRESENT

Bill Ryan (President), Richard Beattie (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Kim Gow, Ted Griffin, Alison Halliday.

APOLOGIES

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 19th November, 2011, held at 'Bebeah Barn', Waterfall Road, were confirmed as a true record.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Libby Raines tabled the following report:

Statement of Accounts 1-10-10 to 31-12-10
Working Account

Receipts:-

B.M.C.C. Maintenance	16,500.00
Membership	200.00
A.T.O. GST refunds	45.00
RFS and Historical Society refund - website	1,957.84
Silent auction – Christmas party	650.00
Rabbait refunds	79.20
Interest	261.04

Total Receipts:- \$19,693.04

Expenditure:

Alan Gunn Maintenance	4,221.80
Micah Fink Maintenance	750.00
Oley Media Group – website	2,963.00
C.W. Printing Copying, printing	346.51
George Mayne – rabbait	134.95
Robert Chesney – War Memorial service	192.99
Finsure Insurance - Broadform	1,360.00
Bank fees	34.50

Total Expenditure:- \$10,030.00

Total receipts :- 19,693.08

Total expenditure	-	<u>10,030.00</u>
	=	9,663.08
+ Carried forward		<u>1,442.59</u>
	=	<u>\$11,105.67</u>
Bank Balance 1-1-11		\$11,105.67
Fixed Term Deposits:-		\$18,000.00

Money held in this account :	Membership	\$2,400.00
	Weed control	\$986.00

Questions were asked about the coverage of the insurance policies. Ted Griffin has agreed to examine the policies.

The report was accepted by the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- 8-12-10 **Integral Energy** – Underground cabling in The Avenue (Hillcrest to Davies)
- 12-12-10 **J. & E. Montano** – Opposition to pruning of rhododendrons outside ‘Hollyridge’
- 14-12-10 **Australia Post** – to K. & E. Raines re. delivery of parcels
- 1-1-11 **Aust. Post** - Copy – Letter of complaint re postal deliveries from R. Green
- 26-1-11 **Aust. Post** - Copy – Letter of complaint re postal deliveries from M. Green
- Jan-11 **NSW Valuer General** – Valuation of 43-45 The Avenue
- 5-12-10 **S. Hope** – Want no payment for brochure box & quotes received for Fire Shed
- 21-1-11 **Tim Gow** – Removal of tree at Sefton Cottage
- 21-1-11 **Tim Gow** – Proposed electronic distribution of newsletter

Outgoing

- 22-11-10 **L. Markus**- Thanks for providing new flag
- 23-11-10 **G. Tribe** – Thanks to Website Committee
- 23-11-10 **M. Hitz** – Thanks for work on newsletter and information re. MWPA membership
- 23-11-10 **O. Haviland** – Thanks for installing brochure box
- 30-12-10 **M. Thompson**– Thanks for donation of plants for Christmas Party
- 30-12-10 **B. & G. Thompson**– Thanks for donation of plants for Christmas Party
- 10-12-10 **R. Beattie to E. & J. Montano** - Pruning of rhododendrons outside ‘Hollyridge’
- 14-12-10 **M. Green to R. Beattie** – Pruning of rhododendrons outside ‘Hollyridge’
- 11-12-10 **Rev. J. Gaunt** – Thanks for leading Remembrance Day Service
- 11-12-10 **C. Carey**- Thanks for participating in Remembrance Day Service
- 11-12-10 **R. Beattie to P. Mann (BMCC)** – Failure by BMCC to fulfill commitments re. village maintenance
- 14-1-11 **B. Abrahams/R. Chesney** – Information re. Clean Up Australia Day

Business Arising from Correspondence.

5.1 Montanos and rhododendrons –R. Beattie advised not to pursue the issue further but to leave responsibility of keeping the road safe to the Montanos as they have committed to do. E. Raines corrected the impression given in the correspondence about the initial planting i.e. that G. Thompson was directed by the Committee at that time to ask them not to plant them. The result of his meeting with them is not known. It was decided that the Committee keep a watching brief on the development of the rhododendrons. If the property is sold in future, the MWPA needs to step in. At the next General Meeting the policy of maintaining pedestrian and vehicle safety and the need to

maintain the character of the early plantings will be restated. A. Halliday will confer with E. Raines to draw up a policy.

(Early 2010 BMCC were asked to trim back rhododendrons which were close to the edge of the narrow road. There was concern for road safety. This was commenced but was stopped by the Montanos, who complained of lack of consultation. MWPA apologized for lack of consultation and it was agreed that Montanos do the pruning to keep the road safe. When this was not done, they were invited to meet with R. Beattie and a representative of BMCC. A letter was sent by E. Montano stating strong objections and threatening a community petition if anything was done by MWPA Committee or BMCC to the rhododendrons.)

5.2 Tree at Sefton Cottage – while removing the tree, P. Raines cleared the fallen tree from Ferny Corner and cut up the rhododendrons

5.3 Australia Post – people are encouraged to write regarding complaints to:

Ms. Amanda Gibson,
National Resolutions,
Australia Post,
G.P.O. Box 9911,
Brisbane, Queensland 4001.

It will be raised at the General Meeting.

5.4 Newsletter – approval was given to Tim Gow's proposal for electronic delivery where possible. This would be conferred to him with the Committee's compliments for the standard of previous issues.

5.5 Integral – When new owners take over Integral we should write to express our appreciation of the service provided in the past to establish a relationship with them due to the current issues i.e. the tip at the bottom of the Zigzag, the generator and trees.

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*.

BMCC Items.

6.1 No requests relating to trees nor most other issues have been acted upon. R. Beattie reported that he has spoken to P. Mann on a number of occasions and had arranged a meeting with the person responsible for trees but it didn't eventuate. He will continue to communicate but will insist that a meeting be arranged with the General Manager.

It was agreed that A. Halliday remove tree fern seedlings near Cathedral Reserve and replant them in her rainforest before roadside vegetation is removed.

6.2 Roads. The subsidence on the Zigzag has been filled, potholes filled and sections of The Avenue and Mount Irvine Road have been resurfaced (the first section and Zircon Creek to Farrer Road East). Gutter outside the hall has not been done.

6.3 Concrete plinths. The plinths and poles will be put in place by A. Gunn when he has his equipment in the location of Cathedral Reserve.

6.4 Trees. E. Raines reported that in Church Lane foliage from 'Koojanup Park' and outside 'Wyndham' is also encroaching on the road and needs trimming.

MWPA Items

6.5 Village Shed. Two quotes for the new extension to the fire shed include building the MWPA storage shed. BMCC and Fire Control have approved the extension.

6.6 Rabbits. These are still in Hillcrest Lane. W. Ryan will put out *rabbait*.

6.7 Integral Energy. It was decided that a report to Integral about the meeting relating to the generator was not necessary. When Origen takes over Integral, it was decided that a letter be sent to inquire if the progress in the plans for the generator is on schedule.

6.8 Weeds. Micah Fink has done some spraying but the weather has not been good. He will continue with it.

6.9 Website. A report from the Website Committee was tabled and the proposal discussed. The danger of disseminating information by publishing the phonebook despite the use of a password was considered. This and other secure issues will be discussed at a later time. Payment for advertising private properties was considered and it was decided that the Website Committee be asked to provide a recommendation in view of other commercial enterprises. It was agreed to commend the website and approve "going live" on the initial public section.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Bells Line of Road Improvements. B. Abrahams reported that the Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan, community consultation meeting was a waste of time.

7.2 Clean Up Australia. This will be on 6th March. B. Abrahams reported that the Committee is registered, notice sent to the newsletter.

7.3 Remembrance Day. Robert Chesney has passed on organisational information to Brian Abrahams. This will be placed on file for future reference.

7.4 Trees. It was agreed that the claret ash in front of 'Linden' be trimmed up and a dying blackwood in front of 'Sylvan Close' and two sick dogwoods at the end of Hillcrest Lane be removed. Notification of this will be put in the newsletter. P. Raines will work on the linden outside 'Wynstay'.

7.5 Signs. It was agreed that walking signs be placed at the end of Galwey Lane and Davies Lane. The Anniversary Walk sign will be moved to a more appropriate position.

7.6 Order of Australia. Mary Reynolds has been awarded this. A letter of congratulations will be sent to her.

7.7 Rubbish Bins. A. Gunn has asked that people be asked not to overfill rubbish bins at Happy Valley but proceed to Cathedral Reserve and use bins there. They need to be firmly closed to prevent animals being attracted to them. It was decided that a notice be put in the newsletter without conveying that the Committee condones the use of public bins by property owners.

7.8 Waterfall Track. On the track to the bridge there is a culvert where the timber is rotting and is slippery when wet. It was agreed that it would be safer to remove the timber and leave an open drain.

7.9 Speed in Village. It was reported that residents as well as workers are speeding. Notice will be put in the newsletter asking people to observe the speed limit.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 4th March at 'New Bywood', Hillcrest Lane.

Libby Raines has given her apologies

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

Moira Green has given her apologies. Alison Halliday will take minutes.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Signed as a true record _____

Bill Ryan

President