

Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc.
Committee Meeting, 13th June, 2014
at Kirk's Corner, Hillcrest Lane, Mount Wilson.

Opening remarks	In the four months since our last committee meeting we had this year's General Meeting with 36 members present; and there have been the big and by all accounts very successful Autumn garden opening and festival events; the completion in Mt Wilson of the BMCC's road sealing project; and the repainting of the white lines on Mt Wilson Road. Importantly, our local members Roza Sage and Louise Markus have been in the area— Roza attended the GM, was at the RFS AGM last Saturday and again at the Mt Irvine GM on Sunday along with Louise.																																						
Present/ apologies	<u>Present</u> — Richard Beattie (President), Alison Halliday (Vice President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Brian Abrahams, Ted Griffin, Peter Laving, Bill Ryan																																						
Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 21 st February, 2014 at Packwood, Mt. Irvine Road were confirmed as a true record.																																						
Treasurer's Report	<p>Libby Raines presented the following reports, one prepared for the April meeting that was cancelled.</p> <p><u>Mount Wilson Progress Association</u> <u>Statement of Accounts 1-2-14 to 31-3-14</u> <u>Working Account</u> <u>Receipts:-</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Membership</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rabbait</td><td>99.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td><td>243.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><u>Total receipts:-</u></td><td><u>\$392.40</u></td></tr> </table> <p><u>Expenditure:-</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Alan Gunn</td><td>2,300.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Peter Raines - Waterfall materials</td><td>1144.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Slashing & clearing</td><td>1418.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Micah Fink - Du Fours Trail spraying</td><td>540.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Oley Media</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>OMNLINK - Maps for phone & communication</td><td>220.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Finsure Insurance - workers cover</td><td>890.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank fees</td><td>20.50</td></tr> <tr> <td><u>Total expenditure:-</u></td><td><u>\$6,582.20</u></td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <td>Total receipts :-</td><td>392.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total expenditure:-</td><td>6,582.70</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>- (6,190.30)</td></tr> <tr> <td>+ Carried forward</td><td><u>17,813.16</u></td></tr> </table> <p><u>\$5,622.86</u> <u>Bank Balance 1-4-14 \$5,622.86</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Accounts 1-4-14 to 31-5-14</u> <u>Working Account</u> <u>Receipts:-</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>BMCC - maintenance</td><td>3,787.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td><td>50.00</td></tr> </table>	Membership	50.00	Rabbait	99.00	Interest	243.00	<u>Total receipts:-</u>	<u>\$392.40</u>	Alan Gunn	2,300.00	Peter Raines - Waterfall materials	1144.00	Slashing & clearing	1418.00	Micah Fink - Du Fours Trail spraying	540.00	Oley Media	50.00	OMNLINK - Maps for phone & communication	220.00	Finsure Insurance - workers cover	890.00	Bank fees	20.50	<u>Total expenditure:-</u>	<u>\$6,582.20</u>	Total receipts :-	392.40	Total expenditure:-	6,582.70		- (6,190.30)	+ Carried forward	<u>17,813.16</u>	BMCC - maintenance	3,787.30	Membership	50.00
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Correspondence	<div>In</div> <div>20-2-14 Philip Smurthwaite to MWPA President – information about Mobile Coverage Programme</div> <div>27-2-14 Barry O’Farrell to MWPA President – invitation to NSW Community Cabinet visit</div> <div>27-2-14 Philip Smurthwaite to MWPA President – submission for M.C.P. included in database</div> <div>28-2-14 Brad Kitschke, Vodafone, to MWPA President – information about submission to Mobile Coverage Programme</div> <div>3-3-14 Tracey Aitken, BMCC, to MWPA Secretary – receipt of submission to Draft LEP</div> <div>18-3-14 Cassandra Hill, CNC TV to Website Manager – inquiries about autumn filming & gardens</div> <div>5-3-14 Beth Raines, RFS, to Louise Markus – responsibility for Bowens Creek Road and Bridge</div> <div>21-3-14 Sue Bell, BMCC to MWPA President – Green Beech planting</div> <div>31-3-14 Church & Grace to MWPA Secretary – encroaching vegetation, Koojanup Park</div> <div>2-4-14 Roza Sage to MWPA President – Support for mobile coverage submission</div> <div>4-4-14 BMCC to MWPA Secretary – CSR 192642 for bins and cleaning Cathedral Reserve</div> <div>28-4-14 Finsura Insurance to MWPA Secretary – New financial services guide & privacy statement</div> <div>28-4-14 BMCC to L. Raines - Trees in Gregson Park</div> <div>19-5-14 Rosie Walsh to MWPA President – toilet usage during peak period</div> <div>6-6-14 BMCC to MWPA Secretary – Council meetings for Draft LEP</div> <div>Out</div> <div>22-2-14 MWPA Secretary to BMCC – submission to Draft LEP 2013</div>

	<p>22-2-14 MWPA President to Peter Raines – request to remove dead eucalypt from Milparra</p> <p>27-2-14 MWPA President to Optus, Vodafone, Telstra, BMCC G.M., P. Smurthwaite – MWPA submission to Mobile Coverage Programme</p> <p>24-2-14 MWPA Secretary to Miss Egan – encroaching vegetation, Koojanup Park</p> <p>24-2-14 MWPA Secretary to L. & R. Wilson – encroaching vegetation, Wyndham</p> <p>24-2-14 MWPA President to Graham Tribe – rejection of electronic payment of membership fees</p> <p>24- 2-14 MWPA Secretary to Louise Markus – request for new flag</p> <p>26-2-14 MWPA Secretary to Councillors, MPs – invitation to General Meeting</p> <p>26- 2-14 MWPA Secretary to Louise Markus – thanks for new flag</p> <p>2-3-14 MWPA President to Louise Markus – submission to Mobile Coverage Programme</p> <p>4-3-14 MWPA President to Sue Bell, BMCC – no more signs in Mt. Wilson</p> <p>13-3-14 MWPA President to Andrew Bogg – meeting re. mobile phone black spots</p> <p>18-3-14 MWPA President to Ken Phillips, BMCC – public garbage & recycle bin numbers</p> <p>19-3-14 MWPA President to Peter Raines – authority to remove dead eucalypt from Milparra & clean round fire station & school</p> <p>20-3-14 MWPA President to Alan Gunn – work to be done at memorial</p> <p>20-3-14 MWPA President to BMCC – cleaning & maintenance of toilets</p> <p>25-3-14 MWPA Secretary to Deidre & Michael Wren – MWPA membership</p> <p>2-4-14 MWPA secretary to BMCC G.M. – garbage bins and toilet cleaning at Easter</p> <p>10-4-14 MWPA Secretary to BMCC – dangerous tree near Jefferson Bridge</p> <p>27-5-14 MWPA President to Blue Mountains Lithgow & Oberon Tourism – application for membership</p> <p>10-6-14 MWPA Secretary to MWPA Members – fees due 2014/2015</p> <p><u>Business Arising from Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vegetation has been removed from outside Koojanup Park and Wyndham 2. Louise Markus has sent a replacement flag. 3. BMLO Tourism – any information relevant to Mount Wilson is to be circulated.
Business arising from minutes& matters requiring ongoing attention	<p><u>MWPA/BMCC current issues report and responses</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asphalt gutter outside hall – plan to install pipe across road but needs approval from Assets branch. Members expressed concern and request a diagram of the proposal. Peter Laving and Stephen Dean met to measure levels. They discussed it with BMCC's Greg Stewart, who proposed grading to create a swale drain to be done within 2 weeks. This has not been done and Peter will follow up it with Greg Stewart. A letter of thanks will be sent to Stephen. 2. Dump at bottom of Zigzag – this needs to be followed up. 3. Road edge washaways – current road sealing crews will fill & seal the deep washaway on The Avenue down from Church Lane. This hasn't been done but could be linked with the hall gutters. Peter was asked to follow up both. 4. Cleaning gutters on Zigzag – new CSR required. Alison will follow up as gutters need to be completely cleaned out. 5. Saplings on Zigzag – MWPA & BMCC to monitor. We no longer have the assistance of BMCC Weed Team member, Tracy.

	<p>6. Beech trees for The Avenue. Libby has spoken to Sue Bell. The trees haven't been ordered, Libby will follow up on these. Sue mentioned the plan to install a walking track map at Founders' Corner. The Committee rejected this proposal as information is already available and there are too many signs already in the village. Libby to communicate with Sue.</p> <p>7. Verges on Mt. Wilson Road. MWPA will monitor them. BMCC will remove road markers when slashing is done and replace them. Spraying is necessary to prevent regrowth & a discussion with Council is necessary.</p> <p>8. Re-painting of lines on Mt. Wilson Road has been done.</p> <p><u>Mt Irvine/Bowens Creek Road and bridge</u> –Next step for MWPA: follow up with Mt Irvine Progress Association HCC decision to withdraw closure application and escalation process. Brian Carrigan is continuing to take the lead for MIPA on issue. Louise Markus reported at MIPA G.M. (attended by Richard Beattie and Moira Green) that her office is trying to organise a meeting with Mayors, State Members and herself. Federal funding is available in the budget and in subsequent years for black spots and the Roads to Recovery programme. She suggested that it would be easier to get a fire trail than a road repaired but the meeting wanted the road option. Louise agreed to support that.</p> <p><u>War memorial booklet</u>– Alison Halliday reported that as this is a historical document in itself, it will not be altered but an addition made explaining discrepancies between the booklet and the war memorial and a statement of names of those researched and explanation of where documents relating to these can be located with the Historical Society and on the Mt Wilson Community website. It was agreed that a copy of the booklet be distributed to each household in Mt Wilson, Mt Irvine and Bell with 50 extra copies, and that it be placed on the website.</p> <p><u>War memorial site maintenance</u> – Richard Beattie reported that the re-contouring of the area behind the War Memorial has been completed and seeded by Alan Gunn and is looking very much better for the work. The missing bollards have been replaced.</p> <p><u>Tree issues opposite War Memorial</u> – Peter Raines has been asked to remove the acacia growing in the conifer and the nearby dead eucalypt opposite the War Memorial to improve the area and remove the threat of the eucalypt falling and damaging the conifers.</p> <p><u>Eroded area at War Memorial</u> – the washaway in front of the War Memorial is a hazard. It is suggested that Alison ask BMCC to fill and seal the area during the current road sealing works project.</p> <p><u>Weed eradication</u> – Libby Raines reported that Bush Care worked at Silva Plana today and that tree ferns will be planted between the road and the bush. Council team do not work during winter but they have previously worked behind Jamine.</p> <p><u>Signs repainting</u> – nothing has been done.</p> <p><u>"No Fires" signs for Wynnes Rocks Lookout</u> – Libby will arrange for four signs, additional ones for Silva Plana and Happy Valley and a directional sign for Boronia Point.</p> <p><u>Waterfall Road mulch</u> – this is still to be done.</p>
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	<p><u>Cathedral Reserve</u>– Richard Beattie reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Gunn is yet to replace decaying logs at top entrance with the 16 large vehicle barrier logs from Peter Dempsey’s property and the old power poles Richard is to meet with Alan to agree on the layout – outside the trees, in the middle or inside. Alan is also suggesting there may be some large rocks available from Mt Irvine that could be put between trees to prevent vehicles driving on to the clear areas. Richard will ask if Alan would prefer Peter Raines to do it. • The pile of road clearance soil at the lower end of Cathedral Reserve for spreading on the Reserve thin soil areas may no longer be available. • “Toilet full (western end) – do not use” – The toilet has been in used during autumn. Council wants to remove it. Libby recommends not removing any toilets. <p><u>Silva Plana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silva Plana is looking much better with the grass growing pretty well except in quite a few patches. Alan will allow the grass to grow again and seed before it is cut to improve the chance of the bare patches seeing grass grow on them – probably in summer. • There is only a small pile of old timber around an old tree stump yet to be cleared. Alan will burn the pile and stump this pile fire season. • Beth Raines has proved a BF3 lock for the gate padlock. <p><u>Waterfall Reserve</u> – re-siting of the picnic tables has been considered and will be done when lifting equipment is available in the area.</p> <p><u>Power pole barriers</u> – Peter Raines has been asked to locate old power poles for vehicle barriers, especially in The Avenue but is still to do it.</p> <p><u>Rabbits</u> - Graham Thompson told the GM in March rabbits have moved into Cathedral Reserve and requested an elimination program before they get worse. It was agreed the Committee will take on the task, first investigating the issue of use of Rabbait in public areas. It was decided that Alison will approach Council regarding regulations.</p> <p><u>Website</u> – it is being well used.</p> <p><u>Fire Station additions / village shed/garbage bins</u> –Alan Gunn needs additional bins customarily stored at fire shed for use when required, especially at Cathedral Reserve. The bin has been removed from the Hall. Discussion is required with Council.</p> <p><u>Visitor numbers research/marketing/attracting new residents</u> - Peter Laving reported that he has been doing some research and is looking into the costing of a video on U-tube. It was agreed that he would postpone the proposed plan for the community until next year.</p> <p><u>Streetscape improvement around Village Hall and Fire Shed</u> - It was agreed in February the area does need to be improved although the poor soil is a problem. The removal of native shrub outside Milpara was discussed. Peter Laving will do a feasibility study and costing. The possibility of the Village Hall being allocated by RFS as a safe place during fires will mean that clearing will be required.</p> <p><u>ADSL ports in the Mt Wilson Exchange</u> – The only development reported was the response to Alex Halliday’s request that none are available. It is up to individuals to pursue this as recommended in the newsletter.</p>
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	<p><u>Wireless broadband telecommunications at Mt Wilson</u> –The Government received 170 submissions and intends to commence a competitive selection process in the second half of 2014 once the design of the programme is finalised and programme Guidelines are released. At the MIPA meeting Louise Markus reported that she has made a submission for part of the \$100 million available for areas like ours where telcos won't act. Mount Wilson/Mount Irvine is one of her three priority areas.</p>
General Business	<p><u>Phone book</u> - Moira reported that there were no more hard copies available and that it is two years since the last one was printed. It was agreed that a new one is to be printed for distribution to property owners.</p> <p><u>MWPA membership renewal</u> – It was agreed that membership fees remain the same.</p> <p><u>Bins and toilets</u> – Rosie Walsh's letter regarding these was discussed. It was decided that because of the scale of the problems and the difficulties we've had that a paper should be presented to Council. A face to face discussion at a more senior level will be sought by Richard and Libby.</p> <p><u>Streetscape at Maple Lodge</u> – Ted Griffin sought advice regarding trees for planting outside Maple Lodge. Libby will assist him.</p> <p><u>Pavements Walk</u> – Libby reported that work needs to be done following the fire. She requested that if NPWS are not prepared to do it that MWPA do so. It was suggested that as it is in Mount Irvine area, she should consult with MIPA.</p> <p><u>Boronia Point</u> – It was agreed that an indication sign consistent with others in the area be acquired for it.</p> <p><u>Public Address in Hall</u> – Beth has requested that lapel mikes be provided. Moira pointed out that there are such mikes in the hall, but there is a problem of sound interference so are not used. This may be because the quality is inadequate. Barry Freeman will be asked to look into it. The AV system in the hall was purchased and is owned by MWPA.</p>
Date/location next meeting	<p>Fri 15 August 2014</p> <p>At Maple Lodge, The Avenue</p>
Close	<p>The meeting closed at 9.40p.m. Alison and Alex were thanked for their hospitality.</p>

Signed as a true record

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Richard Beattie (Chairman)