

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

**Held on Saturday, 17th March, 2012
in the Mount Wilson Village Hall, The Avenue, Mount Wilson.**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting opened at 5.35 p.m. when the Chairman welcomed everyone, with special welcome to Janet McDonald a new member and owner of 'Farcry'.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Other Members: Ron Green, Mary Reynolds, Tim Gow, Deborah Griffin, Lisbeth Gow, Janet McDonald, Robin and John Leonard, Beth Raines, Jane and George Mayne, Wendy Holland, Maureen Ryan, Elizabeth and Joe Montano

Visitors: Mark Bancroft, Bev and Phil Woodman

Apologies: Cr. Terri Hamilton, Judy and Graham Tribe, Nancy Fox, Bruce Arnold, Susie Hope, Owen Havilland, Sarah Hope, Ellis Reynolds, John and Judy Teulon, Diana and Joe Landsberg, Loretta Beattie, John and Mary Holt, Robert Chesney, Graham and Beverley Thompson, Alex Halliday

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Libby Raines presented the following report:

Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc.

Statement of Accounts 1-7-11 to 1-3-2012

Working Account

Receipts:-

B.M.C.C. - maintenance	5,500.00
Membership	1,320.00
Website - refunds from RFS and Historical Soc.- users	1,480.88
Extra phone books	36.00
Sale of tree ferns	290.00
Bazmark Films - donation	5,000.00
Interest	<u>842.31</u>
Total Receipts:-	\$14,469.19

Expenditure:-

Alan Gunn - maintenance	8,091.60
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Micah Fink - tree work, tracks, spraying	1,305.00
Peter Raines - tree work	445.00
C.W. Print - printing, copying	826.90
Finsure Insurance - Broadform	1,400.00
Department of Fair Trading - annual fee	49.00
Village Hall - meetings and functions	93.00
Website	409.75
A.T.O.- GST	196.00
Service at War Memorial	285.00
Secretary - stamps, office supplies	133.82
Bank Fees	<u>98.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$13,333.07
Total receipts	14,469.19
- Total expenditure	13,333.07
	= 1,136.12
+ Carried forward	<u>5,323.76</u>
	<u>\$6,459.88</u>

Bank Balance 1/3/2012 \$6,459.88

Fixed Term Deposits \$18,000.00

Money held for membership:- \$1,840.00

Weed control:- \$731.00

Website at Present

From 2-6-10 Payments	\$5,724.50
Receipts	\$4,875.60
Refunds from Rural Fire Service and Historical Society	\$3,750.60
Refunds from website listings	\$1,125.00
Total	<u>\$4,875.60</u>

It was moved, Jane Mayne, seconded Mary Reynolds that the report be approved. It was approved.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Emergency Generator – Mount Irvine

Formal discussions by MWPA and MIPA with Endeavour Energy confirmed that the emergency generator will never be installed. Investment of up to \$2 million over next 12-18 months will concentrate on reducing the vulnerability of the distribution network.

Bazmark Film – Damage to Village Fabric

Excessive rainfall and Bazmark's determination to try to maintain schedules despite the damage being done, has created the current mess. Restoration is the joint responsibility of the BMCC and Bazmark. BMCC is holding \$10,000 bond but some estimate that the likely restoration costs could be ten times that amount. The MWPA accepted a donation of \$5,000 from Bazmark as

recompense for the disruption to village life. The MWPA and the BMCC will jointly agree the standard required for the restoration. A meeting of all parties involved is planned for next week. Meanwhile Bazmark has arranged for picnic furniture and bollards to be restored within the next week, weather permitting.

Village Hall Gutter – Rain Water Ponding

BMCC has not addressed the problem although poor weather for many weeks has restricted council's capacity to act. Committee member, Ted Griffin, has determined what needs to be done to fix the problem and made a presentation. This will be referred to Council.

BMCC Re-direction of Approved Capital Expenditure

Capital funds allocated by council for an additional toilet for Cathedral Reserve (which was not requested by the MWPA) have been re-directed to repairs to the Village Hall roof and a new toilet block with disabled toilet, with internal access.

Wild Dogs and Dingoes

Following reported sightings in the village and environs the BMCC dogcatcher has been informed and is now making irregular patrols. No advice has been received of success. It was noted that some have been seen at Mt. Irvine and that successful baiting had been done at "Kookatonga".

Farrer Road West/East and Danes Way

Strong representations have been made to the BMCC following the heavy rains that made these roads highly dangerous and/or impassable. The BMCC seem finally to be aware that they face a potential public liability claim if the roads are not brought up to an acceptable standard and a special grant is being sought to complete the necessary improvements.

Remembrance Day 2011

Our thanks to Brian Abrahams for organising a successful Remembrance Day service and our particular thanks to Alison Halliday for her address on two earlier residents of Mount Wilson whose lives had been touched by war.

Toilets - Founder's Corner

Council contractors have at last carried out general repairs on these toilets and given the inside of the building a thorough high-pressure clean. Some shrubs remain to be pruned around the structure to assist ventilation.

Tree Pruning

The MWPA arranged pruning of street trees in Waterfall Road, The Avenue, Stephen Lane and Hillcrest Lane to assist pedestrian access and prevent damage to vehicles from low hanging branches.

Traffic Management

The failure of some drivers of motor vehicles to observe the village 50kph limit continues to be a concern particularly given the muddy condition of the verges and erosion of some road edges. The council has been requested to provide safety signage near areas of pedestrian activity e.g. Village hall and at the top of the zigzag. The possibility of on-road painted signs is being considered.

Post Boxes

The large rectangular country-style boxes appear to be unavailable despite there being an unsatisfied demand in Mount Wilson. The MWPA is investigating having a number of boxes made by an educational/training institution e.g. Mudgee TAFE. Having adequately sized letter boxes may assist a future resolution of current problems with Australia Post parcel deliveries.

Christmas Party

The community Christmas Party was held on Saturday, 3rd December, 2011. Whilst successful the numbers were down on previous years. Maintaining the practice of choosing the first Saturday in December means the date ranges from the 1st to the 7th December. Do Sydney-based pre-Christmas social activities, particularly in December, affect attendance at a MW function? Would a MW Christmas Party held on the last Saturday of November (date range 30/11 to 31/11) be more successful?

Website

The development of the website continues and provides an increasing range of benefits to residents and property owners. The addition of real time weather reports are especially valued by absent property owners. The website team, headed by Graham Tribe, are to be congratulated for their continuing achievements.

Clean-up Australia Day

Our thanks to Brian Abrahams for organizing this year's campaign and to the members of the community who took part despite the weather.

Mount Wilson Road/ "Five Miler" – Road Verges

A number of comments have been received that the low shrubby bush has re-grown since it was last slashed to an extent that the white reflective road perimeter markers are being obscured making driving in dark and foggy conditions hazardous. This together with other matters will be raised by Richard Beattie in scheduled meetings with council workers next week.

The Mounts – Community Newsletter

Tim Gow continues to provide the community with an outstanding local news service of great interest and for that we are extremely grateful.

Business Arising from the Report

4.1 Christmas Party – Late November/early December was discussed with support for both dates. It was suggested that a trial for one year of the last Saturday in November be made. This will be referred to RFS and MIPA for their consideration.

4.2 Mt. Wilson Road - It was suggested that on many country roads 4WDs deliberately knock posts down. While some posts are knocked down most are obscured by shrub.

4.3 Newsletter – There was acclamation of gratitude for Tim Gow from the floor of the meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Mount Wilson Post Box – New permanent residents in “The Post House” find that the noise made by vehicles driving up to the box which is located outside the bedrooms a problem. It was suggested that MWPA support a recommendation to Australia Post for an alternative location. The site favoured by the meeting was near the notice board. Before making any request the legal position with Australia Post will be investigated.

5.2 Alison Halliday announced that Tom Kirk’s elder daughter, Jill, died last week after suffering MS for a lengthy period.

5.3 Tim Gow mentioned the large amount of litter on the roadside between Bell and Mt. Tomah. It was decided that a letter be written to council to ask that it be removed.

5.4 Robyn Leonard raised the issue of the inappropriate pruning of the golden elms on Mount Irvine Road. In 2001 Integral Energy had said that priority would be given to installing bundled cabling in this area but it has not been done. In 2011 MWPA had written to Endeavour Energy asking for underground cabling to eliminate the need for pruning the elms. An inadequate reply was received. After discussion with a representative of Endeavour it was suggested that a further letter be sent to the manager. The secretary will do so.

5.5 Beth Raines requested that BMCC be asked to clear the verges from Mount Wilson to Mount Irvine to improve the safety for those travelling in large RFS trucks. Mark Bancroft pointed out that MIPA had already made such a submission but another one would be welcome.

6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record

Bill Ryan.

President

