

Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc.
Committee Meeting, 21st February, 2014
at Packwood, Mt. Irvine Road, Mount Wilson.

Chairman's Opening remarks	In the three months since our last meeting it seems our issues have been pretty quiet until the flurry of activity over the past couple of weeks with the need for a submission to the federal government arguing for investment for reliable mobile wireless coverage in Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine. Of course that is not to overlook the road sealing project now under way and the news Endeavour Energy has advised it will put its electricity cables underground in Wynnes Rocks Road, The Avenue and Waterfall Road. (It was pointed out that this is only earthing the wires for the transformers.) And of course the extraordinary recovery of the landscape after the October bushfire is truly a wonder.																																												
Present/ apologies	<u>Present</u> – Richard Beattie (President), Libby Raines (Treasurer), Moira Green (Secretary), Ted Griffin, Peter Laving, Bill Ryan <u>Apologies</u> – Alison Halliday (Vice President), Brian Abrahams																																												
Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th November, 2013 at New Bywood, Hillcrest Lane, were confirmed as a true record																																												
Treasurer's Report	<p>Libby Raines present the following report:</p> <p><u>Mount Wilson Progress Association</u> <u>Statement of Accounts 1-11-13 to 31-1-14</u> <u>Working Account</u></p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u></p> <table> <tr><td>BMCC maintenance</td><td>5,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Membership</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Repayment of property advertising (website)</td><td>75.00</td></tr> <tr><td>A.T.O. GST refunds</td><td>578.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Rabbait</td><td>88.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Interest</td><td>200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Receipts:-</td><td>\$6,491.10</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Expenditure:-</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Alan Gunn maintenance</td><td>3,213.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Johnstones Trees stump grinding</td><td>1,650.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Finsure Insurance (Broadform)</td><td>1,440.00</td></tr> <tr><td>A.T.O. GST payments</td><td>527.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Department of Fair Trading fee</td><td>52.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Micah Fink maintenance</td><td>540.00</td></tr> <tr><td>C.W. Print copying</td><td>99.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Adam's Shed Rabbait, Glysophate</td><td>298.80</td></tr> <tr><td>Oley Media website, extra gigabytes</td><td>251.00</td></tr> <tr><td>R.F.S. purchase of framed photo for Hall</td><td>400.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Remembrance Service</td><td>300.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Transfer to fixed term deposit</td><td>2,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Bank fees</td><td>32.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Expenditure:-</td><td>\$10,802.80</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Carried forward \$16,124.86</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Bank Balance 1-2-14</u> \$11,813.16 <u>Fixed Term Deposits</u> \$20,000</p> <p>It was explained that BMCC payment of \$5,500 four times per year is made when</p>	BMCC maintenance	5,500.00	Membership	50.00	Repayment of property advertising (website)	75.00	A.T.O. GST refunds	578.00	Rabbait	88.00	Interest	200.00	Total Receipts:-	\$6,491.10	Alan Gunn maintenance	3,213.00	Johnstones Trees stump grinding	1,650.00	Finsure Insurance (Broadform)	1,440.00	A.T.O. GST payments	527.00	Department of Fair Trading fee	52.00	Micah Fink maintenance	540.00	C.W. Print copying	99.00	Adam's Shed Rabbait, Glysophate	298.80	Oley Media website, extra gigabytes	251.00	R.F.S. purchase of framed photo for Hall	400.00	Remembrance Service	300.00	Transfer to fixed term deposit	2,000.00	Bank fees	32.00	Total Expenditure:-	\$10,802.80		Carried forward \$16,124.86
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	<p>requested by Libby, whenever invoices come from Alan Gunn. Invoices were presented from Peter Raines for work on Waterfall steps and bridge, clearing around the hall and fire station. The report was accepted by the meeting.</p>
Correspondence	<p>In</p> <p>26-11-13 Peter Raines to MWPA President – request for repair of Bowens Creek Bridge</p> <p>27-11-13 GP Capt Roger Parr to Peter Raines – inability to assist in repair</p> <p>11-12-13 MWVHC Secretary to MWPA President – thanks for donation of framed photograph</p> <p>Dec. -13 Instrotech to MWPA Secretary – promotion of power outlets</p> <p>Jan. -14 Valuer General to MWPA Secretary – valuation of 43-45 The Avenue</p> <p>30-1-14 MIPA Secretary to Louise Markus – repair of Bowens Creek Road and Bridge</p> <p>11-2-14 ATO to MWPA Secretary – assistance with activity statement</p> <p>21-2-14 Andrew Bogg (Telstra) to MWPA President – request for meeting re. ADSL</p> <p>Out</p> <p>18-11-13 MWPA Secretary to Peter Pigott – outstanding payment to website</p> <p>26-11-13 MWPA Secretary to RFS – thanks for work done during fires</p> <p>8-12-13 MWPA President to Peter Raines – status of HCC application for funding for Bowens Creek Road and Bridge</p> <p>4-12-13 MWPA President to Micah Fink – landscaping of War Memorial site</p> <p>23-12-13 MWPA President to MWVHC Secretary – acknowledgement of letter received</p> <p>24-1-14 MWPA Secretary to Coral & Ricky Delosa – invitation to join MWPA</p> <p>30-1-14 MWPA President to Graham Tribe – mobile tele-communications black spot project</p> <p>30-1-14 MWPA President to Andrew Bogg – insufficient ADSL ports at exchange for Mt. Wilson</p> <p>30-1-14 MWPA President to Abbey Engraving – plaque for donated photograph</p> <p>13-2-14 MWPA President to Omnilink – request for mobile wireless services</p> <p>17-2-14 MWPA President to Manager Mobile Coverage Programme – inquiries about the process</p> <p>20-2-14 MWPA President to Graham Tribe, Henric Nicholas, Brian Carrigan – new submission re. mobile coverage</p>
Business arising from minutes & matters requiring ongoing attention	<p><u>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. 2. Dump at bottom of Zigzag – gate will be a while. 3. Road edge washaways – current road sealing crews will fill & seal the deep washaway on The Avenue down from Church Lane. 4. Cleaning gutters on Zigzag – new CSR required, for Alison to do. 5. Saplings on Zigzag – MWPA to monitor. BMCC Weed Team member, Tracy, is trying to organise removal. 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

	<p>rejected this proposal as information is already available and there are too many signs already in the village. Libby to communicate with Sue.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 8. Re-painting of lines on Mt. Wilson Road – new CSR has been issued and note made of a recent head-on collision. 9. Other items – the status has to be checked. <p><u>MWPA Current Issues</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mt Irvine/Bowens Creek Road and bridge - Contact has been made with Hawkesbury Council about funding. Contact between HC & BMCC has not occurred. Brian Carrigan is continuing to take the lead for MIPA on this issue. There is little more MWPA can do at this time. 2. War memorial booklet– copy, design, printing and distribution proposal is to be announced. 3. War memorial site maintenance – The re-contouring of the area behind the War Memorial is to get under way soon with the approach of cooler weather and hopefully rain. Micah Fink has recommended top soil from Tunks at Katoomba to augment the basalt soil recovered from Mt Irvine and tall fescue as the best grass to seed the area. Alan Gunn advised there is a substantial pile of good soil at Milparra available to add to the other soils. Alan will do the work as soon as the weather outlook is favourable. The bollards removed to make the entrance way to the Fletcher property will be replaced as soon as the job is done. 4. Tree issues opposite War Memorial – An acacia growing in the conifer and the nearby dead eucalypt look as if they should be removed to improve the area and remove the threat of the eucalypt falling and damaging the conifers. Peter Raines will be asked to quote. 5. Eroded area at War Memorial–the washaway in front of the War Memorial is a hazard. Richard Beattie will ask BMCC to fill and seal the area during the current road sealing works project. 6. Weed eradication – Libby reported that Bushcare has been working in Sloan and Wynne Reserves. Micah has poisoned blackberries in Wynnes Rocks Road. He will be asked to poison agapanthus outside Kirk's Corner and blackberry behind the War Memorial. 7. Signs repainting– the painter is coming next week. Other signs have not been ordered as metal signs erected on star pickets are being considered as an alternative style. Wooden ones burned in the fires. 8. Waterfall Road mulch – Peter Raines is aware of it and will do it and also relocate the pole from Silva Plana to Cathedral Reserve. 9. Cathedral Reserve <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. It was agreed the logs be placed in the middle, between the trees. 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. This was approved provided there are enough to make it consistent. • The pile of road clearance soil at the lower end of Cathedral Reserve remains available for spreading on the Reserve thin soil areas.
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	<p>However, there is a fair bit of gravel, rocks and sticks in it that will need to be cleared. This work can be done after the War Memorial job.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Toilet full (western end) – do not use” – status to be checked – does it need a new toilet seat? <p>10. Silva Plana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass looks better despite some bare patches. It was suggested to Alan Gunn he delay mowing until the grass seeds. • 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 coming pile fire season. • There is still no padlock on the Silva Plana gate. Alan suggests asking the RFS brigade if there is a spare BF3 padlock that can be used for the gate. Libby will follow this up with the RFS. <p>11. Waterfall Reserve – Peter Raines has been asked to move the tables</p> <p>12. Waterfall Bridge has been repaired.</p> <p>13. Overhanging vegetation outside Wyndham and Koojanup – letters have been sent to property owners but there has been no response. Follow up letters will be sent. If there is no response to these, Council will be advised of the problem.</p> <p>14. Tap(s) in toilets at Founder’s Corner – Alan Gunn reports the toilet tanks are full so the tap must have been fixed!</p> <p>15. Rabbits – Richard England has been buying rabbit. Rabbits have also been sighted at Cathedral Reserve, Wildenstein and New Bywood.</p> <p>16. Website – this is working well and is helpful with administration.</p> <p>17. Fire Station additions / village shed/garbage bins – Alan Gunn needs additional bins customarily stored at fire shed for use when required, especially at Cathedral Reserve. Richard will request them from BMCC.</p> <p>18. Inspection of walking tracks following the fires–Micah Fink is working on Du Faurs tracks. They are not in bad condition and are the only ones affected by the fires.</p> <p>19. Draft LEP 2013 – A report was tabled recommending that there was no need to make a submission to Council. However, Moira will advise Council of the error of listing Tulip Tree Tea Rooms as a Heritage Item.</p> <p>20. Community Café – Peter Laving’s report was discussed. Problems were identified, i.e. insufficient domestic business, retaining volunteers over the long term, a large financial outlay for an indefinite market and competition for Margaret Wickins. It was decided not to pursue the proposition.</p> <p>21. Visitor numbers research/marketing/attracting new residents. There was discussion of whether we wanted to take the initiative in marketing the village and how we can better publicise open gardens. It was decided that Peter prepare a plan to circulate to the community before the AGM in September to obtain community support at the meeting.</p> <p>22. Streetscape improvement around Village Hall and Fire Shed –It was agreed that the area does need to be improved although the poor soil is a problem. A start will be made with the removal of the acacia and dead eucalypt in Milparra. Peter Laving was thanked for the considerable work he did in putting together his proposals.</p>
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General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean Up Australia Day – It was reported that Brian Abrahams has everything organised. It will be advertised in the newsletter. This has been delayed so Tim Gow will be asked to send out an email as well. 2. Wireless broadband telecommunications at Mt Wilson – A working party of Richard Beattie, Graham Tribe, Henric Nicholas and Brian Carrigan have been working on a submission to the Federal Government that Mount Wilson and Mount Irvine be included in its investment programme to provide a reliable, high quality service. An email response from the manager of the programme indicated that substantive submissions were not required at this stage. The Telcos – Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone – and firms which construct the towers are first invited to propose how the programme should be designed then substantive submissions will be considered. Richard will draft a new submission on the design of the programme in light of this. 3. ADSL ports in the Mt Wilson Exchange – Richard Beattie tabled a report to lobby Telstra to have additional ADSL internet ports installed at the Mount Wilson exchange. He is arranging a meeting with Sydney West Area General Manager and Graham Tribe, in Mount Wilson. Andrew Bogg is aware of the activity being taken with regard to mobile coverage. The argument to be taken in discussion is that health, safety, life and property should have priority in any move to improve communications. 4. Electronic subscription and donation payment system – it was decided that no action would be taken to change the present system. 5. Organisation for General Meeting – Judy Tribe has asked that the Village Hall AGM be held at 4.30, immediately before the MWPA GM. The A-V equipment will be set up before that meeting. The normal notice for the MWPA meeting will be sent out. Bill Ryan arrange drinks, Moira Green, food. 6. It was reported that there is mud and washaway below Windyridge. It was noted that action is being taken to fix it. 7. The flag at Founders' Corner needs to be replaced. Moira Green will request a new one from Louise Markus. 8. It was suggested that timber for BBQs be provided of behalf of MWPA for campers at Cathedral Reserve. Alan Gunn has taken a lot there. However, it was decided that others should not be encouraged to do this as we do not want a dump site on the wrong material e.g. stumps, green timber.
Date/location next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd March at 5.30 • The next Committee meeting will be on Friday, 11 April 2014 at 7.30 pm at Kirk's Corner. <p>Richard will be away and Alison will chair the meeting.</p>
Close	The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Signed as a true record

Date _____

Bill Ryan

Acting Chair