

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC
Held on Saturday, 15 September, 2018
in the Mount Wilson Village Hall, The Avenue, Mount Wilson**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting opened at 5.45 pm.

Thanks to everyone for coming. I include in this welcome those of you who may not be paid up members of the Mount Wilson Progress Association (MWPA). You are always welcome, and I hope you become members...just see one of us after the meeting.

I would like to give a special thank you to all members of the committee: Sue who copes with the necessary and often endless detail of being secretary with expertise and good humour, Robbie who has proven himself a worthy occupant of Libby's shoes, Ted who looks after the legal and insurance business and is our liaison with the Village Hall group and Nancy who discusses all the work done by Peter Raines and who fills in many gaps, not least being the organisation of the 150 year anniversary.

What the MWPA does for the whole community:

I talked about this last year but it is worth repeating as I am sure you may wonder what your annual subscription is used for.

- The local phone book: extra copies can be purchased from Sue for \$5.
- The community web site: the costs are shared with the RFB and the Historical Society. The whole community benefits from this.
- We represent the community to the BMCC (Blue Mountains City Council) and other institutions or government bodies as needed.
- Occasionally we raise money which is used for additional community benefits. Last year we added some local walking track guides to the web site and I urge all of you to make use of these tracks. The existence of these tracks needs to lodge in our collective memory and the tracks only survive when they are walked on!

2. ATTENDANCE

Committee: Alison Halliday (President), Robbie Feyder (Treasurer), Sue Woolfenden (Secretary), Nancy Fox and Ted Griffin (Committee members)

Other members: Richard England, Tim Gow, Alex Halliday, Owen Havilland, Susie Hope, Diana & Joe Landsberg, Stephen List, Janet McDonald, Joe & Elizabeth Montano, Robert Nicol, Beth Raines, Johanna & Thom Renton, Bill & Maureen Ryan, Rosie Walsh, Neville Whan, Steve Woolfenden, Deidre Wren

Guests: Trish Doyle M.P., Bruce Kerridge MIPA (Mount Irvine Progress Association), Bob Korogiannis, Mitch Woolfenden.

Apologies:

Members: Peter Anderson, Bruce Arnold, Martin Barge & Anne de Salis, Lorraine & Tony Barrett, Richard & Loretta Beattie, Jane & Phillip Beeby, Harriet England, Helen & Barry Freeman, Deb Griffin, Frances & Peter Griffiths, Mary Holt, Sarah Hope, Sarah & David Howell, Marilyn & Peter Laving, Maurice May, George & Jane Mayne, Peter McDonald, Katherine & Alexander Montano, Keith Ralston, Mary Reynolds, Alan Rose, Alice Simpson, James Stein Jnr, Graham & Beverly Thompson, Graham & Judy Tribe, Michael Wren

Invited Guests: Robbie Arnold, Matilda Halliday, Michael Hitz, Connie and Nino Pulice, Linda & Jim Sterling-Levis, Susan Templeman M.P.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting September, 2017

Proposer: Robbie Feyder
Secunder: Ted Griffin

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Minutes of the General Meeting March, 2018

Proposer: Janet McDonald
Secunder: Robbie Feyder

The minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no matters arising from either meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Chairman thanked MWPA member Richard England for his accountant's review of the accounts.

Susie Hope proposed a vote of thanks for Libby's work as treasurer for many years with great honesty. The vote of thanks was passed by acclamation.

The Treasurer outlined the future changes to the maintenance contract with BMCC.

Membership fees: Elizabeth Montano asked about unpaid memberships. If funds are needed in the future fundraising would be more effective than raising membership fees.

Proposer: Susie Hope

Secunder: Alex Halliday

The report was accepted unanimously.

Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc

Statement of Accounts 1-07-17 to 30-06-18

Note: Includes separation of MWPA Account & BMCC Maintenance Account

Maintenance Account Income & Expenditure

RECEIPTS

Blue Mountains City Council	41,712.99
MWPA Contribution to Founder Corner work ⁽¹⁾	1,662.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	43,375.89

PAYMENTS (Work Done)

MWPA Administration Fee	3,572.09
Mount Wilson Rural Contracting	34,573.00
Micah Fink	2,845.00
Insurance	Public Liability/Voluntary Workers 2,120.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	43,110.09

Maintenance Account Movement (Current Year)	265.80
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MWPA Income & Expenditure

RECEIPTS

Membership	1,611.00
Administration Fee	BMCC Maintenance 3,572.09
Website	Payment for Usage 1,385.00
ATO	GST Refund 1,347.00
Interest	1,386.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,301.55

PAYMENTS

Jimmy Web	Payments for Website	2,728.76
CW Print	Phone Book & Newsletters	522.40
Secretary	Incl Purchase of Copier for MWPA	576.22
ATO	GST Payments	1,720.00
Department of Fair Trading	Annual Fee	45.00
Drinks for Functions		513.75
Sesquicentennial Celebration		2,250.00
Contribution to Founders Corner Work		1,662.90
Bank Fee		128.50
TOTAL PAYMENTS		10,147.53

MWPA NET INCOME	-845.98
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Current Account Cash Flow

Opening Bank Balance 1 July 2017		18,476.09
Accruals		1,561.14
- GST Payment (GST Payment for Apr-Jun 2018)	1,018.00	
- Micah Fink (Work for June 2018)	340.00	
- Secretary	203.14	
Maintenance Account Movement	(current year)	265.80
MWPA Net Income		-845.98
Bank Balance 30 June 2018 (incl new cheques)		19,457.05

MWPA Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2018

ASSETS

Current Account (39398600)		19,457.05
Less Accruals		-1,561.14
Fixed Term Deposit (347895763)	2.45% pa Matures 23/06/19	50,000.00
Fixed Term Deposit (393188103)	2.45% pa Matures 05/02/19	5,000.00
Fixed Term Deposit (394110965)	2.15% pa Matures 03/12/18	10,000.00
Total Assets		82,895.91

EQUITY

MWPA	Opening Balance (1 Jul 17)	83,741.89
Net Income		-845.98
	Closing Balance (30 June 18)	82,895.91
BMCC Maintenance	Opening Balance (1 Jul 17)	-265.80
Maintenance Account Movement	(current year)	265.80
	Closing Balance (30 June 18)	0.00
Total Equity		82,895.91

Notes

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Founders Corner Work

- 2017/18 BMCC Maintenance Budget included ~\$3,000 for Founders Corner Works
- Actual work done was well in excess of this amount.
- There is still some more work to be done to complete this project.
- BMCC have provided and additional \$3,872 paid directly to MW Rural Contracting, and have provided the gravel
- MWPA has provided \$1,662 of funds for this specific project. This brings the BMCC maintenance account back to a zero balance.
- Work is to be completed within the next couple of months.

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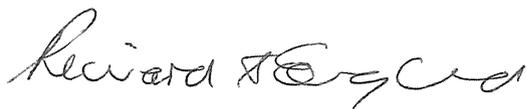
Dear Sir/Madam,

**REPORT to THE MEMBERS OF THE MOUNT WILSON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC
(" The Association ")**

I have reviewed the accompanying Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018. The statements have not been audited as this is not required for a Tier 2 Association under The Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

I have however performed sufficient testing and made enquiries of the relevant officers to be satisfied that the Financial Statements gives a true and fair view of the Association's financial position at 30 June 2018 and of its operations of the year ended on that date.

Dated this 6th day of September 2018.



Richard A.F. England F.C.A.

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5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Condolences and welcomes. I would like to offer our sympathy to the Raines family on the death of Libby, we continue to miss her wise and generous input as part of this committee; we have never doubted her genuine devotion to the community. I'd also like to offer our condolences to the family of Helen Naylor who recently passed away. Helen was the daughter of one of the three founding families of Mt Irvine. Our sympathy is also extended to the families of John Leonard and Robert Chesney who have contributed much to the community.

As I have done previously, I am going to ask those on the committee who have focused their attention on particular areas to talk about these but I wish to make a few comments to begin with.

This seems to have been a quieter year and while there were plenty of visitors in spring last year and in autumn this year we were not inundated as we have been in the past. Nevertheless, the state of the public toilets remains an issue during these busy times; and we had a letter from a visitor expressing dismay at the state of these facilities. We have complained to BMCC. There is no simple answer to this, and it is a problem experienced right across the mountains. It is a combination of being prepared and of education. We will put notices on the toilets and make sure they are pumped out, cleaned, and extra toilets are provided. We encourage garden owners to provide toilets. There will be extra toilets provided for the spring period. If you notice that these are not being adequately looked after please contact a member of the committee, and /or the BMCC directly.

Work on behalf of BMCC has been largely carried out by Peter Raines with help from Micah Fink. Thank you to both for making the mountain look well cared for. Their work at Founders Corner is looking particularly good and if anyone knows how to 'work' the flagpole, we now have a new flag to put there. Please go for a walk along The Anniversary Walk to admire the waratah buds ready to burst forth in October. The Council has once again deferred taking over full control of the maintenance work but we have now seen a draft contract which has been closely examined and feed-back given. Must say a thank you to Dan Long who is always willing to help in matters concerning the BMCC. He has been interested and extremely helpful. However, his areas of interest

have been altered and we find ourselves having to try to deal with other council officers and some of these are rather reluctant to engage.

The Mounts. Jess has continued to do an excellent job and we are most grateful to her for her desire to perfection! This newsletter is dependent on all of us making contributions so please don't think that someone else is doing it – send in your contributions please. I am now doing the first read-through to save Jess a bit of time. Next year we are going to produce it quarterly rather than every two months.

November 11 – Remembrance Day. Please come as this year it is on a Sunday, and it is the centenary of the end of WWI. This is a special community event shared by both us and Mt Irvine where we remember all those who fought and participated in far too many wars. There is a short service and then we recall the life of one or two listed on the War Memorial, and then morning tea!

Telstra and phone outages. MWPA and the RFB have been in communication with Telstra over their inadequate response to the phone outages in January. Their response to our detailed request for explanations was similarly inadequate and again we are following up with a letter directly to the CEO expressing our dissatisfaction with their services and the nature of their response to our complaints.

Areas of special interest. Nancy on the 150th Anniversary arrangements: The committee comprises Nancy Fox, David Howell, Susie Hope, Rosie Walsh and Sue Woolfenden. A cocktail party will be held on Saturday, 24th November at Dennarque. The event will be catered with wine and canapes served and the garden will be open. There are backup plans if it rains. The event will be limited to 150 people. There will be no Christmas party this year. Donations of wine are being accepted. MWPA has donated wine and money so we can keep the cost down to \$50 per person. If you have issues with disability access you can be dropped off at the gate. Please park at the church.

Bowen's Creek Firetrail Update.

Elizabeth Montano provided an update by the RFB on behalf of the three associations. (RFB, MWPA & MIPA)

Fire Season.

Beth Raines presented an overview of the conditions in the bushfire season which commenced in September this year. The 29th September is Get Ready Day.

Old School Precinct.

Joe Montano presented an update on the Mount Wilson Study Centre. The chairman congratulated Joe Montano and Sarah Howell for the successful Grant application.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

There were no matters arising from the President's report.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Trish Doyle M.P., thanked the committee and the association. She regards Mount Wilson as a best practice model for a community making things happen.

Libby Raines was honoured in the NSW Parliament. Trish's speech is recorded in Hansard and a copy is circulating in the community.

Trish addressed the issue of Bowen's Creek. She spoke on community grants, listening to the concerns of constituents and congratulated the Study Centre Trust on their successful grant application.

There were no questions raised by members.

Rosie Walsh asked if the MWPA committee could nominate an environmental officer. She raised concerns about recent lack of water flow in the creek on her property and the subsequent impact on the platypus living there and a species of fungi unique to Waterfall Creek. The committee agreed to inquire into the situation and to generally promote the sustainable use of water in the community.

Elizabeth Montano asked about the Blackspot Tower at Mount Tomah. She requested the committee write to the Minister to confirm which way the dish will be facing.

Robert Nicol asked about the maintenance of the copper network when the NBN is rolled out.

Beth Raines raised the poor condition of street furniture near Davies Lane.

Rosie Walsh mentioned the Church Service on the 25th November for the 150th Anniversary being organized by Helen and Barry Freeman.

7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2018/2019

The committee remains as you see in front of you, and I outlined our various duties at the beginning of this meeting. We are small but necessarily efficient! Everyone has agreed to remain on the committee in our present capacities. As the number of nominations for the respective positions does not exceed the positions to be filled a ballot will not be held and in accordance with CI 15(4) of our constitution I declare them to have been duly elected to their respective positions with effect from the conclusion of this meeting.

There remain three further positions available on the Committee namely Vice President and 2 Ordinary Committee members. I am delighted that Peter Raines (who needs no introduction) and Janet McDonald (from Farcry and bringing legal knowledge to our group) have agreed to join the committee. As we are still one short of a full house, Pursuant to Clause 15 (2) of the constitution I ask the meeting if there is any one member who would like to stand and if so will there be two proposers who would like to support the nominations? In the event there are no further nominations for an Ordinary

Committee member then the constitution provides that the Committee may fill such a position as a casual vacancy.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm. Everyone was invited to stay for drinks, cheese and biscuits.

Signed as a true record

Alison Halliday
President

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