



**MOUNT HELENA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS PROGRESS ASSOC (INC)**  
MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011,  
held at the C.W.A. Rooms, Keane St, Mount Helena

Meeting began at 7.45pm

Present: Members – Gwyn Dean, Valerie Jenner, Hazel Williams, Jenny & Mike Mackintosh, Eileen & Nick Elton, Bob Henfrey, Myles Harmer, Alison Bunker, Malcolm Miller, Jake and Jopie Petoom, Megan Evans, Mary Bennett and Angela Jeffers

Apologies: Crs Patrick, John & Stephen, Tony Simpson MLA, Bob Page, Phil Bourgault, and Mark Hauswirth & Liz Gilead (refer Correspondence).

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011, and distributed via email were confirmed on the motion of Jenny Mackintosh and seconded by Ali Bunker. CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Progress of BMX Bike jumps – Gwyn informed us that the project continues but the suggested location behind Mounties is managed by Regional Development & lands and the land's purpose is "government requirements". Discussions between relevant state bodies and the shire are continuing (refer Inward Correspondence). Does anyone know of any other land which may be suitable?

2. Shade/shelter in PP – inaccurate information – still working on it and will now combine with

3. Exercise equipment for PP – mis-communication again! The shire are installing play equipment for younger children but ignoring our request for adult exercise equipment similar to that in Chidlow. Request meeting with shire's Rec & Leisure Officer, Kirk Kitchin.

4. Aged Care – Val reported the Alzheimers Assn is petitioning government to have a single point of contact for the public to access all information about all the various assistance available. Aged care requirements within our location has been deferred but will now be our priority. Megan recommends that we access information available through the Seniors' Association

5. Main Roads have declined the request for any further traffic calming in McVicar Pl.

6. Tier 3 train lines – continue as necessary to support these not to be closed. Letters to paper re large petition. John Daw to move at Shire meeting that the Shire officially supports the push for retention of the railways.

7. Swan Hills Lets Trading scheme – Eileen reported her enquiries left her doubting the fairness of a straight swap situation – baby-sitting equalling a plumbing job – and felt the scheme may be suitable for younger people only. No further action.

Correspondence

Inward

Shire – Invitation to Annual Electors' Mtg – Shire offices 7 Dec 6.30pm – Myles our representative

Invitation to Swearing In of Councillors – attended by Gwyn & Valerie

Invitation to opening Mt Helena Aquatic Centre Toilets and Change Rooms -Gwyn & Val to attend

Response – PP shelter & play equipment

Response – PP pedestrian signs

Response – McVicar Pl speed humps

Wage debacle with employees  
Kirk Kitchin – Jump track progress  
MH Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee – no one willing to fill the role  
CEO – fwd of submission for GEH upgrade works  
Pres. Helen Dullard – Whim Festival  
Crs Daw & Bertola – Whim Festival  
Darlington Ratepayers' & Residents' Assn Inc – Review of Local Govt. Boundaries – Gwyn to f/up  
inpublichands.com – community forum re privatisation of Swan Districts Hospital tonight - Mark &  
Liz gone as our representatives  
Min. Local Govt: Heritage – Invitation to complete survey – Myles & Ali will complete  
Judy Moylan MP – update contact information  
Volunteering WA – Int'l Volunteer Day Garden Party 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – cost of \$22 = no takers  
Seen & Heard Team – Survey – completed Gwyn  
Info about Bike Ride  
Youth Peak Body Meeting – 12-1pm 11<sup>th</sup> November – apologies sent  
Tier 3 train lines – responses from members to support the issue  
West Australian article fm Gidge Progress Ass  
Ken Travers MLC - Media release  
Brendon Grylls - Acknowledgement & thanks per his Exec Officer  
Frank Alban MLA – Hansard extract  
Copy - Rusty Geller to Troy Buswell support for Tier 3 Train lines  
Helen Morton MLC – buck passed to Troy Buswell!

### Outward

Shire – Nomination Myles as Volunteer of the Year- Myles reported that the event was a wonderful  
experience and a most enjoyable event.  
CEO – Whim Festival assistance  
Pres Helen Dullard – Whim festival support  
Mdg Rotary Club – donation thanks  
Aus National Preventative Health Agency – support for shire's work with children's binge drinking  
Troy Buswell Min Transport – Tier 3 train lines  
Emails – all members re Tier 3 train lines issue  
Myles re WTP precinct committee – sh/be an email Mon 21<sup>st</sup> about this – Ali has accepted  
the role so just waiting for more information  
Various replies as required

### Business arising – discussions resulted in the following:

It was decided unanimously that letters are to be sent to Mdg & Kalamunda shires, Water  
Corp, DEC and relevant government members requesting the land no longer required by WC for  
building of the WTP be returned to DEC who are in a stronger position to better maintain the land  
as public use areas.

### Reports

Treasurer's Report – Mike reported funds on hand of \$6038.12

With the Whim Festival over many accounts have been paid and these payments were  
ratified on a motion by Bob seconded by Malcolm **CARRIED**

Mike & Gwyn tabled the final Budget Report for the Whim Festival 2011 – copy filed

Whim Festival Report – Considered a great success, shortcomings (advertising, food, set up  
procedure etc) identified during debriefing sessions and will be addressed before 2013 festival. Bob

informed us that the Country Women's Assoc is processing a donation of \$200 to the Festival. Perth Airport money promised, but not here yet.

Next meeting - not decided but will be after June 30<sup>th</sup> probably. There will be a "Thank a Volunteer" event at the Mounties (Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - contact Gwyn for more details).

Report of Councillors & Executives discussion – yet to be arranged.

### **General Business**

Spread the word about Carols in the Park 7pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December Elsie Austin Reserve.

Father Xmas, Eastgate Band, bring a picnic

The Shire is repeating their popular Movie Nights during the school holidays. Elsie Austin Reserve will be the venue on January 7<sup>th</sup> and WE have accepted the opportunity to raise funds by running a Sausage Sizzle and tea, coffee and cool drinks. Bob has a Linley Valley contact for sausages. Volunteers so far are Megan, Mark, Gwyn, Hazel, Myles, Ali, Jake, Jopie, Bob, Margaret, Mike & Jenny. Please contact Gwyn on 9572 1447 for more information. Remember to let people know there is an alternative to bringing their own picnic or drinks.

Discussion about an 'Official' banner to advertise ourselves at the above events and in future resulted in the following **MOTION**: Gwyn, to source a suitable banner with a cost of up to \$150.00. Moved Valerie seconded Alison **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MHRRPA to write letter of support for the proposed Golf along the Pipeline project.

Insurance for Whim Festival events is to be investigated further by Gwyn & Mary to approach Ansvar Insurance. Cr John D has written to shire. Gidge Show organizes to be quizzed about their insurance.

MHRRPA to write letter of support to Shire for the need to have protection of evaporative coolers on local schools in the event of a bush fire emergency

Gwyn to follow up removal of weeds and clearance of dropped branches along the Railway Heritage Trail - particularly behind Mounties.

**Next Meeting date** - 7.30pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at CWA Rooms, Keane St Mt Helena  
**Whim Festival Committee meeting to be advised**

**Meeting closed** – 9.00pm and a taste-tempting social time was enjoyed by all.

**SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU & YOURS**