



Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association
The Old Police Station
196, Guildford Road
Maylands 6051

Minutes of the MHPA Committee meeting
Wednesday 11 September 2024 – the Old Police Station

The meeting was opened by Keith Cundale at 10.31am

1: The President welcomed attendees and gave the acknowledgement of country

2: Attendance

Keith and Sue Cundale, John McLennan, Greg Haughey, Bevan Marshall, Val Hately and Louise Queckett

3: Minutes of last meeting

Approved

4: President's Report

MHPA President's Report for September Committee Meeting

Our Association continues to be represented on the central Committee for the RWAHS Affiliates. This month the Committee had to consider the Annual Activity Reports (from those Affiliated Societies that submitted one!) and use them as the basis for deciding which group should receive this year's Award of Merit. As I was part of the group making that decision, it was difficult to be a vociferous advocate for MHPA! But many of the other Committee Members were impressed, once again, with what we had achieved over the previous year.

It was decided to give this year's Award to Busselton, but I am delighted that other Societies continue to recognise the hard work we expend and the creativity that we are showing. Incidentally, it is intended to review the way that the "Award of Merit" is decided and I have been asked to play a role in bringing together some ideas for alternative ways of recognising excellence amongst the 70+ organisations around WA. One aspect that makes the current process so hard to use are the significant differences between the purposes, scale of operation, membership numbers and resources available to different Societies. For example, some Historical Societies have a full-time paid official; some run more than one Museum; some welcome a large number of tourist visitors (and even Cruise Ship passengers!) and so on. Obviously, it is hard to make a fair comparison between such varied organisations and this is one of the issues that I hope we will be able to tackle before next year.

I am also the Representative of the Affiliated Societies on the Council of the RWAHS and am happy to make a contribution on matters that affect the Societies who are operating "at the coal face". However, recent meetings have been dominated by discussions on the Constitution of the RWAHS and progress updates on acquiring new premises: neither of which I could really contribute to. However, on more general matters I am making sure that the perspectives of the operating organisations are taken into account.

Sue and I represented MHPA at the WA State History Conference: hosted this year by Irwin and District Historical Society at Dongara. It was good to be able to connect with other Societies and explore how they tackle the challenges that face them. There were a number of interesting speakers and I will make sure to circulate the presentations when they are available. At least a couple of the speakers would be good options for next year and we made preliminary enquiries with them.

I have often been pleased with the support that we get from the City of Bayswater, but occasionally they can be frustrating! The issue of potential capital works is an example of needing to take the time and to have the patience to deal with them slowly.

Franco's talk was well-attended and, on the whole, well-appreciated. It certainly stimulated some animated conversations amongst the Pingelly and Italian contingents. Bevan's talk for the Stroke Support Group at St John of God Hospital Midland was very well received and I am delighted that we are able to become involved in this sort of activity as it increases the range and depth of our engagement with different communities.

I continue to represent MHPA at the Ratepayers and Residents' meetings, although these meetings are no longer held monthly due to lack of Volunteers and competing time pressures on CoB Councillors and MRRA members.

I am pleased with the way that the draft programme of speakers for our public talks in 2025 is shaping up and I am confident that we will have three more successful talks before the end of this year.

The recent technical hitch with the on-line map was frustrating and I was relieved that John was able to step in to work with the Zhamatix guys to try and fix the problem. I know that this snafu also created a lot of extra work for Sue and Greg has been helping out with various other technical gremlins and equipment problems.

Thank you to everyone who has worked on the IT / equipment issues this month.

Looking ahead, Sue and I will be overseas from 12-21 September and we are grateful to those other Volunteers who will ensure the September talk and open days go well.

5: Secretary's Report

Secretaries report – September Meeting 2024

Correspondence for August – emails

Squillions of emails from the Royals and Affiliates!

Tim Green re Winnie DeLacy interview

Tim Vidler on walk for students

Bobbie re Bill Bunbury talk

Aussie Broadband re invoicing and NBN

Tina Ackerman re lunchtime talks and various other ideas

Flora Ehrhardt re Central House

Request from police for information on Cascades Tavern

Anthony Tran with information on Ross's Auctions

Olivia from CoB re Flourish Arts Festival

Bill Bunbury confirming his talk

Richard Offen confirming his talk

Nathan from CoB re alterations etc at OPS

Emails re design of Maylands foreshore

Franco re his talk

Bevan re his talk

Johnny Ma re sign design

Josie confirming Sat opening in Sept

Numerous emails with Canva trying to get if for free...not successful

Brother support trying to fix printer

Ralph Baker re photo from Primary School

Greg Benjamin confirming talk for 2025

Penny Stevens re PLI for 2024/5

Karen McPherson with information on Post Office

Membership Renewals and new Members

Penny Lee
Phill Matson
Elizabeth Re
Carol Carlino
Val Hately

Facebook in last 90 days

Followers increased by 3 to 1139
Reach through posts 1322 with an engagement of 130

6. Treasurer's report – 1 Aug to 31 Aug

Opening balance as at 1 August \$10964.82

Income

Membership fees \$82
Donation \$42
Raffle \$154.32
Bank interest \$0.09
Total income \$278.41

Expenses

Stationery and IT \$49.83
Aussie Broadband \$23.03
Total expenses \$72.86

Total at Bank \$11070.37

Cash \$100

Total as at 31 July \$11170.37

Difference of \$205.55

Upcoming expenses?
Aussie Broadband
Signs
More Core flute

7: Review of Volunteer activities

John: Working on aerodrome half boards and thinking about the stories that could go in new display; front porch displays to be rotated

Keith: See President's report; Keith circulated ideas for pull up banners and permanent signs

Sue: See Secretary and Treasurer's report; SC reloading information onto the map after it crashed; Perth Airport grant applied for - \$1000 for OCR; resurrect volunteer hours form

Bevan: Massaging words for Oct 10th repeat of aerodrome talk and another to be given to the Old Flyers on Sept 25th; Gave the same talk at SJOG Midland to Stroke Group

Greg: Greg is reinstating the website links and has done people, places and aeroplanes but there are still many links that need fixing; GH attended the Foreshore Restoration Meeting – and represented the Tranby Foreshore area – SC/KDC to follow up to see if they have any indigenous history; digital signs are expensive (several \$1000); Johnny Ma looking at displays; KDC to ask CoB if we could be included in RISE digital display; may need to check with CoB for permission for new signage if digital is used. GH has purchased laser printer and will install and will look at JM's A3 printer

Val: Sorting files in Library – can see light at the end of the tunnel; SC to discuss raffle for Monday's talk

Louise: Doing research into constitution and will provide information for a motion to alter the constitution so that we can register as a Charity with the ACNC

8: Review of Events

Franco Smargiassi talk – an interesting talk with an excellent turnout.

Bevan gave a talk at SJOG to the Stroke Group

Open days – 4 people including Johnny Ma – pretty quiet

9. Future Programme 2024

Talks and member events:

Sept 16 th	The Rise and Fall of the Maylands Trams – Phill Matson
Oct 21 st	Bill Bunbury
Nov 18 th	Richard Offen – Heroes, Villains and Vagabonds
Dec 16 th	Rifos for Christmas Party

Terry Devereux will now do the introduction for the Phill M talk and Val will do the raffle and door.

John, Keith and Bevan to do talks at the RISE which have been advertised and Bevan to talk to Old Flyers on Sept 25th.

AGM – new date is Jan 20th 2025.

Launch of Aerodrome Room 2.0 to be on Wednesday 4th December.

Event at RISE on Sat 16th November called RISEUP – have offered for us to have a stall – let Keith know if you would like to volunteer.

MRRA will be having their meeting at OPS on December 9th.

10. Displays in the Old Police Station

Aerodrome Room to be put onto half boards; new Aerodrome display to be discussed – brainstorm what the stories/themes might be; ie people, disasters. Keith, Bevan and John to discuss ideas. Launch date for Dec 4th. Volunteers to come in and work on non-open days. How to use the back room which currently has the paintings – CoB basically don't have any opportunity to display the paintings and have asked them to store them for us. Have requested that the picture rails and upgrade of bathrooms be put on the 2 year Capital Works programme; can apply for a grant but would need to contribute 25%.

Status of Digital Mapping Project – map crashed and all information lost – Nij attended OPS last week and again on the 11th – uploaded Zhamatix map – Sue to upload all the lost information.

11. Publicity, Advertising, sponsorship, grants

CoB will see if they have any second hand storage for the underneath area but are unable to give access to locked area under the building.

LotteryWest to be discharged now we have broadband.

\$3000 for new signage – Johnny Ma to send in a quote – Grant to be discharged by end Oct 2024

12. General Business

12.1 Any other General Business

Alarm had gone off and CoB assumed it was MHPA – emailed them back to say it wasn't us but had no further response – SC to follow up again

Look at options for a roving mike for presentations to use with current set up – SC to follow up

Dan Bull called to ask us about any election promises he could put into his election manifesto; OCR, Sporting Walk of Fame and suggestions from others are welcome

The Parlour needs sorting out – long term plan

Working bee to clean up at the back of the OPS – long term plan

Possibility layers on the map for Parks (including the Wetlands) – KDC has written to secretary of various groups to ask for information for uploading but has zero response

Collections WA – discuss with TD

Constitution – ours does not have Charitable purposes in it so would need to change this to become a charity to accept tax free donations and not have to file a tax return; LQ to look at drafting a motion to change the constitution.

13: Date and Time of next meetings:

Next Committee Meeting: Oct 2nd

Next OPS open day is – Sat 5th Oct – Sue and Keith

Meeting closed 12.09pm

- JM, KDC and BM to review new layout for Aerodrome room
- Moving Aerodrome room onto half boards – JM – estimated delivery by end of month
- Working bee to be organised for under the OPS and back of OPS
- Working bee to be organised for the Parlour
- Follow up on use and moving of various rooms; Library/research to Frank Greenslade; Street Art to old Library, Creative Maylands to back room once Art Work has been removed
- GH to look at website links – ongoing
- SC to follow up with CoB re alarm
- KDC to discuss Collections WA with TD
- LQ to provide information for change to Constitution
- SC to resurrect Volunteer's hours form
- ALL – ideas for manifesto for Dan Bull and volunteers for RISEUP Market....