

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAYLANDS HISTORICAL AND PENINSULA ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2023

Meeting opened at 19.30

Apologies: Penny Lee, Josie and John Della, Donna Faragher, Greg Benjamin, Elizabeth Re, Franco Smargiassi, Terry Devereux, Fran Gilby

Attendees: Angela Loucaides, John McLennan, Sue Cundale, Keith Cundale, Kate Cornes, Tim Gooch, Phill Matson, Tony Lynch, John Gilby, Catherine Ehrhardt, Nat Latter, Colin Tyler, Val Hately, Joyce Haddon, Bevan Marshall, Pauline Basso

Acknowledgement of country given by President Keith Cundale

Minutes of previous AGM accepted – moved John McLennan and seconded Angela Loucaides

President's report was summarised by Keith Cundale using a PowerPoint (attached) – the full report is below:

I am delighted to start my second annual report as President by being able to summarise the situation thus: we have had a busy and very successful year!

We have been able to further implement the plans set out in the strategic plan and to achieve many of the goals that we had set out in 2021/22. This report is a brief summary of some of the key events and changes over the year and I will expand upon this in a presentation at the AGM

A year of growth and financial success

- The number of paid-up members has increased (from 35 to 53) and our social media presence grows by the month.
 - We now have over 1,000 followers for our Facebook page and our regular posts attract a large number of likes and comments each time.
 - The public talks also attract good sized audiences each month.
 - All these translate into good income through membership fees and raffles etc.
- We won a number of Grants and Awards, totalling nearly \$5000, enabling us to acquire much-needed IT and recording equipment and to embark on some exciting new projects. We are grateful to Perth Airport and Bendigo Bank for their support.
- In contrast we now have to pay more money to the City of Bayswater for the provision of services and no matter how hard we have tried to reduce it we still have to pay the Public Liability Insurance of \$800.
- Overall, we are in a sound financial situation - unlike some other Historical Societies around WA.

Summary of the year's events

Some of the events and actions over the last year included:

- **History and Heritage Month** - November 2022. This series of events and activities was a means of celebrating 30 years of activity by the Association and it was a great success with a lot of visitors taking part in the events as well as our members. Highlights included:
 - 3 new walks: Worshipful Maylands; Maylands Peninsula Walk, Heritage Buildings walk.

- We had 130 paying participants on 9 walks across 4 weekends and they are now documented on printed cards to enable visitors to follow the routes as self-guided walks.
- Four Lunchtime talks at Maylands Library in the RISE with c100 attendees
- Monthly Monday talk by a guest speaker on the geography and historical use of the Swan River attracted 22 attendees
- Open Day at the Old Police Station on the first weekend of the month attracted 25 visitors.

During History and Heritage Month, our Facebook posts reached 6,300 people and 1,400 people engaged with MHPA through likes and reposts.

- **Monthly talks:** An interesting combination of MHPA Members, local residents and guest speakers helped to deliver some very interesting and well-attended talks over the year:
 - Keith and John also gave talks to other organisations: John to Mt Lawley Society and Keith at Rail Heritage WA (Bassendean Railway Museum) and St John of God Hospital Midland.
- **New displays** were opened at the Old Police Station and John made a number of changes to the existing displays, room layouts and storage of displays.
- A morning tea /breakfast event for Members only at the opening of a new display.
- **ANZAC Day**

During the week of ANZAC Day, we held a number of activities for the broader community:

- We organised the morning ANZAC Day Service for Maylands with an attendance of approximately 200 community members, elected representatives, sponsors and City officers.
- We developed an extensive display telling the stories of some Maylands-linked ANZACs and a special display of “Maylands at War” was set up in the Library for the week, where we also gave a talk on that theme for around 20 visitors.

Growing engagement with Members and the broader community

- The core of our programme for Members and the general public continues to be regular monthly talks presented by Members or invited Guest Speakers.
 - Attendances have increased significantly over the year as a result of the choice of topics plus targeted publicity through local ABC radio, distribution of up to 1,000 printed flyers each month, informational items published in the West Australian and other local newspapers plus frequent postings on FaceBook.
 - We now expect up to 40-50 members and visitors to take part in each meeting.
 - In total we presented 16 talks (10 Monthly talks plus other special events) with a total of 450 attendees over the year.
 - Most of these talks are recorded on video and available on our YouTube channel for Members and non-members to view.
- All Members received a monthly e-mailed Newsletter, whilst a small number of hard copy Newsletters were distributed to local shops and cafes, the Library and a limited number delivered to the homes of a Members who do not have email.
- The website is gradually developing more functionality and we are continuing to add new materials.
- We have maintained close contact with the City of Bayswater: CEO and Officers, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors. Parliamentary representatives.

- We have made contact with the Reconciliation team at the City and we continue to try to establish links with local First Nations Elders.
- We have taken on a Work Experience student from Bold Park School.

Other external links

Sue and I were able to represent MHPA at the Annual Conference of the RWAHS affiliates in Bridgetown at the end of September. We came away with some interesting ideas for how MHPA can become even better in the years ahead and have identified some possible speakers for future talks.

We have also joined the Steering Committee for the RWAHS Affiliates in WA meaning that we will be able to keep informed about new ideas and activities in other Historical Societies..... and also to keep MHPA in the minds of other groups!

Award of Merit

During that conference we were pleased and surprised to be given the Award of Merit for 2023. It was particularly gratifying that our efforts to extend the reach and impact of the Association was recognised by the other Affiliates to the Royal Western Australian Historical Association who voted us as the most worthy Historical Society across the whole of WA to receive the Annual Award of Merit. It is on display in the Old Police Station and I see this Award as a testament to the contributions made by our Members, helpers and sponsors.

Looking ahead

I am willing to serve another year as President (if I am elected!) but I do need to point out that Sue and I will be overseas for an extended period from early February through to April.

- The new Committee will have to look at how the programme will look for 2023-24 and ensure that we have enough volunteers to make it happen.

I also think that it is a good time for the new Committee to take an objective look at what we are currently involved with and to see if we need to, or should, change any of the things we do now. For example:

- Do we continue to organise and deliver the ANZAC Day service?
- Can (and should) the layout of the displays in the Old Police Station be clarified? Simplified? Changed around? What should be the focus of any new displays?
- Do we need to open the Old Police Station every Wednesday and one Saturday a month?

I am going to raise these issues at the AGM to gauge initial reactions and I recommend that the new MHPA Committee examine these issues. If there is any major change in our activity we may need to look into the forecasted budget - income and expenditure - to see if any other fund-raising will be necessary through, for example, grant applications or even a sausage sizzle or two!

Conclusions

I want to end this Report by thanking the members of the Committee for all of their hard work throughout the year - researching and creating new displays, distributing flyers, setting up the Dining Room for our talks, managing the raffles, introducing guest speakers, making recordings of all the talks, opening the Old Police

Station on our Open Days, cleaning the OPS and maintaining the garden, keeping in contact with our sponsors..... and the many other tasks that need to take place to keep MHPA running.

I do want to specifically mention the contribution that Sue Cundale has made to every aspect of our work: in her formal roles as Secretary and Treasurer - which are pretty important by themselves - but also the tremendous amount of work that she has done on the Newsletters, the new website, preparing grant applications, making regular Facebook posts, following up on new Members etc etc etc. Thank you Sue.

A good year's work everyone!

In closing, I want to publicly acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors who, throughout the year, have helped us to continue our activities.

- Rifos
- Lyric Lane
- Clinicare Compounding Chemist
- Esteban's on Whatley
- NTY property
- Rabble books and Games
- Masstengo Wines from Liquorbarons on 8th Avenue.
- Maylands Park Shopping Centre

Thanks also to our local Councillors for their continuing support and encouragement and especially to the City of Bayswater for their continuing engagement with, and support of, our work and the maintenance of our premises at the Old Police Station

Secretary's report

A formal Secretary's report was not submitted as the details were covered under the President's report.

Treasurer's report

Sue presented the Treasurer's report using PowerPoint along with the budget for 2023-24. Kate Cornes noted that the expenditure did not include the printing of the stationery for the upcoming Walks. The full report is given below: Moved John McLennan; seconded Val Hately.

Opening balance	\$8,634.31
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INCOME

Memberships	\$735.00
Sponsors	\$1,050.00
Grants	\$4,965.00
Raffles	\$1,113.15
Donations	\$59.96
Talks	\$200.00
Walks	\$2,681.33
Interest	\$0.82
Total Income	\$10,805.26

EXPENDITURE

Displays	\$1,126.06
Stationery	\$692.83

History and Heritage month	\$2,934.97
Kitchen eqpt	\$11.00
Meetings/events	\$585.98
Hardware	\$4,401.77
Books	\$40.00
Web page	\$91.74
RWAHS fees	\$75.00
Bank fees	\$5.75
Public Liability Insurance	\$1,599.62
RWAHS Conference	\$597.00
Maylands Street Festival	\$60.00
Total	\$12,221.72

Cash at bank	\$7,117.85
Cash float	\$100.00
Closing balance	\$7,217.85

Budget for 2023-24

INCOME

Memberships	\$800.00
Sponsors	\$1,050.00
Grants	\$20,000.00
Raffles	\$1,200.00
Donations	\$100.00
Talks	\$200.00
 Total Income	 \$23,350.00

EXPENDITURE

Hardware	\$10,000.00
IT consultant	\$6,500.00
Displays	\$500.00
Stationery	\$500.00
Meetings/events	\$400.00
Insurance	\$800.00
RWAHS	\$75.00
Conference	\$150.00
Web page hosting	\$200.00
Internet	\$750.00
City of Bayswater	\$500.00
Other	\$300.00
 Total	 \$20,675.00

Variance	\$2,675.00
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Election of Office Bearers

President: Keith Cundale – Proposed Bevan Marshall, seconded Kate Cornes
Keith Cundale elected unopposed

No nominations for Vice President

Secretary: Sue Cundale – proposed John McLennan, seconded Val Hately
Sue Cundale elected unopposed

Treasurer: Sue Cundale – proposed Keith Cundale, seconded Colin Tyler
Sue Cundale elected unopposed

Committee

John McLennan
Bevan Marshall

A discussion then took place on looking ahead and where the focus should be – the information from the discussion will be passed on to the new Committee:

- ANZAC Day service – it was felt that it would be good to carry on holding the service given the outreach, popularity and proximity to MHPA. However with Keith and Sue being away in the lead up to the service next year it can only go ahead if people volunteer to organise and run it. Sue has a check list of what needs to be done. Catherine will ask around to see if there are any other groups that might want to take it over.
- Opening on a Saturday – not really enough people coming in to justify opening
- Refreshments at meeting – not felt to be really necessary – possibly only for special events

Other suggestions for the future:-

- Colin Tyler suggested that research be done on older families in the area
- John McLennan suggested a Sports persons' Walk of Fame in front of the RISE
- John McLennan suggested a project on who were the Station Masters
- Keith mentioned the CRG inputs on the Maylands Town Centre revitalisations where he suggested wresting the Parcels Office back from PTA and signage by the OPS as a Welcome to Maylands

Keith asked people to put forward suggestions for Speakers for next year.

Keith ran through the brochure for the History and Heritage Festival.

Keith mentioned the new facility where people can pay by credit card.

Next talk is on Monday 20 November

Christmas dinner on Monday December 18th at Rifos

Next AGM Monday 21 October 2024

Meeting closed at 7.44pm