



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

Minutes of the MHPA Committee meeting
Wednesday 4th June 2025 – the Old Police Station

The meeting was opened by Keith Cundale at 9.55am

1: The President welcomed attendees

2: Attendance

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

3: Minutes of last meeting - approved

4: Reports

4.1: President's Report for May

At the start of the month, Sue and I were able to meet with newly elected Member for Maylands, Dan Bull MLA, and discuss with him our overall plans and some of the areas in which he might be able to support and help us in the future. We were not seeking any funding for specific projects at this stage, although we would certainly appreciate financial support for such things as catering at Members' events. He remains a positive supporter of our work and I look forward to MHPA maintaining this relationship in the years to come.

The public talk in May by Allen Graham attracted a good-sized audience which was pleasing as we were not able to publicise it in the West Australian Newspaper - the 'Can You Help' column did not appear for a couple of weeks. His talk was well-received but I did give Allen some feedback later that some illustrations would help non-Fremantle residents appreciate the sort of places he was talking about. This talk covered the period dealt with in Volume 1 of his *magnum opus*, and he has promised two more Volumes in years to come. At some point we will need to decide if we want to invite him to speak again in future years. A copy of his book, "*The Inns and Outs of Fremantle*" (which incidentally was highly commended by the RWAHS in their annual book awards) was bought for our library and is an interesting read.

A couple of the projects that have been hanging around for some time also moved forward with the clean up of the lower-level area ("The Crypt") taking place and signing the agreement with Grace for the OCR/scanning project.

The next step for the storage area is to deal with the City regarding installation of suitable shelving. This clean-up could not have taken place without the hard work of Greg Haughey (and his trusty trailer), Bevan Marshall and Sue Cundale: all of whom got hot and dirty as we cleared out the area, disposed of a lot of junk and generally made the area ready for the next steps. Incidentally, it was intriguing when Sue discovered a whole suite of rooms under the Old Police Station – sadly, however, there is so much soil piled up in them that they could not be used at the moment!

The OCR /scanning project will require some work at our end to make sure that the documents that we wish to scan are sorted appropriately, but once the scanning has been done we will have an immense amount of information in a searchable format.

I am really pleased with the way that the students at Bold Park School have become involved with the interactive map. After their initial visit to the Old Police station, I then led a group of about 16 students from years 10, 11 and 12 on the “Heritage Buildings Walk”: although of course we were not able to go inside some of the key buildings such as WA Ballet or the old Primary School. They were able to peep through the windows of the reception area of the Old Peninsula Hotel and appreciate the beauty of the decoration. The following week the students used the map (previously downloaded onto their devices) to explore the Street Art. They really enjoyed the opportunity of discovering more about Maylands and investigating potential routes for future walks. They also had a number of useful suggestions: for example to also include other art installations as well as wall-paintings and to add other sites to the map: for example cafes and playgrounds for planning family walks. They had been scheduled to undertake the Peninsula Walk but bad weather has caused that to be re-arranged. I am delighted by the way that this group of young people have become engaged with the Heritage and History of Maylands and I value the different viewpoints and suggestions that are emerging.

We are continuing to talk to Bayswater Historical Society about ways in which we can work more closely together and I am becoming more convinced that ever that some form of merger is a good way to go for both Societies.

MHPA was represented once again at a Bunnings Family Evening – this one associated with Mother’s Day on 8th May. We took along some of the walk cards and they created interest in learning more about our suburb. I think that when we sort out some new pull-up banners and maybe some more walk cards, we will be able to generate even more interest. I enjoy the opportunity of engaging with a cross-section of Bayswater residents at the Bunnings Store and can confirm that producing a lot of bags of popcorn is not too onerous or unpleasant!

After a few months of not being able to fully engage with events at the Royal West Australian Historical Society I was pleased to get back in touch with some of the projects in which I am taking a significant role:

- Redesigning the Annual Merit Award for Affiliated Societies
- Supporting the project focussed on strategic planning and the re-branding of RWAHS/ History West

- Helping to plan and organise the 2026 State History Conference which is being hosted by the RWAHS itself as part of their 100-year anniversary. A key development that I have been pushing for - and taking a lead in organising, is to include Break-Out sessions for sharing of "best practices" amongst the Affiliates: in other words - learning from others.

Incidentally, Midland & Guildford Historical society has put forward a bid to host the State History Conference in 2029 – marking the Bi-Centenary of establishment of these inland towns. I hope that we will be able to promote the 2026 and 2029 conferences to our members as they will take place so close to Maylands.

Overall, I am delighted with the way that MHPA is active in so many ways in so many different fields of activity and the publicity that we get reflects well on the hard work of the Committee and the enthusiasm of our members and supporters.

4.2: Secretary's Report: May 2025

Correspondence - emails

Allen Graham regarding his talk

LotteryWest re confirmation of OCR grant

Grace Information re organising scanning

CoB Leasing following up on meeting with KDC

Bayswater HS re meeting held on 6 May

Tim from Bold Park re walks

Greg B re his talk in July

BHS plus others re CoB Strategic Plan no mention of History and Heritage

BHS re paid Heritage Officers in other Cities and Shires

Jill Nash re the Peninsula Hotel

Linda from CoB re invites to Citizenship Ceremony and National Reconciliation Week

Sophie Firth, President of Hillcrest Primary P&C looking for advise on grants

Hannah Ignacio re Busselton Conference

CoB re gutter cleaning and invoices

Allison and Michael from TenGolf following up on Maylands Aerodrome photos and raffle prize

Correspondence regarding volunteers for the August sausage sizzle

Membership Renewals and new Members

Alanna Clohesy

Franco Smargiassi

Elizabeth Re

Josef Ron

Facebook

1172 Followers

983 Likes

3271 Views in last 28 days

Facebook

1167 Followers

978 Likes

4710 Views in last 28 days

4.3. Treasurer's report – 1 to 31 May

Opening balance as at 1 May \$13778.23

Income

Memberships \$54

Donations \$43

Raffle \$155.54

Allen Graham Books \$90

Tea Towels \$40

LotteryWest grant \$14036

Total income \$14418.54

Expenses

Allen Graham books \$140

Tea Towels (for BHS) \$40

Sample Banner \$29.70

Aussie Broadband \$130

Transaction fees \$2.40

Total expenses \$342.10

Total at bank \$27754.67

Petty cash \$100

Total as at 31 May \$27919.67

Variance over previous month minus \$14141.44

Upcoming expenses

Signage - \$3000

OCR hardware/software \$1000

OCR scanning \$14036 + GST of \$1403.60

Remaining balance \$8380.07

5: Update of recent activities (not covered elsewhere)

- Update on individual projects and activities (round table)
 - JM: Working with Kris on a project re a roll of film that is in the FC collection – will be sending it away to see if anything can be retrieved; finished walls in backroom and will now work in the library
 - BM: Clearing out of the crypt; will help with sourcing the shredding of the documents to be disposed of
 - VH: Will continue to work through the boxes of files that came up from under the script – thanks to Val for the refreshments
 - GH: Dealt with all but 12 of the broken links and these relate to Flickr links; next is to look at putting all images into one database such as OneDrive. Autumn Club – Greg discovered a link to Flickr and noticed that there are duplicates – needs to be cleaned up. Will also contact the Royals IT people to discuss IT structures for information storage. Will look at OCR scanner
- May talk - Allen Graham talk went well – he was given feedback regarding visuals; Tony Lynch won the Golf raffle prize
- Engagement with Bold Park School - Bold Park engagement going well and we have received good feedback regarding the Street Art Walk
- OPS upgrades and changes - thanks to Bevan, Greg and Sue for help in clearing out the crypt. Metal cupboard with the Rohan prints – decision about what to do with them; Greg to look at them to see if they can be sold on eBay; Coreflute is all stacked under the OPS; KDC to contact CoB to suggest racking and shelving designs. Also look at how to store aerodrome room display too. Ask them to make good the walls after removing cabling
- Maylands Rotary Club event for WA Day – MHPA donated 48 sausages; well attended event

6: Potential merger with BHS

- Meeting today at 4pm with BHS – Glen has sent round a draft agenda; some discussion on clarifying how the merger could work and how it could look; Greg ok to attend the meeting with CEO of CoB in July

7: Document scanning/OCR project

- Waiting for archive boxes from Grace – SC to follow up with Mandy
- Need to sort out information to be scanned
- GH to look at scanners

8: Looking ahead

8.1: Maylands Golf Club

Meeting at OPS on Wed 11 June at 12.30 when Michael and Allison are coming in to look at photos for a display

8.2: Public talk: June 16th – Geoff Moor – Keith will send information to the West

Public Talk: July 21st – Greg Benjamin – flyers for each have been printed and Angela will Deliver

8.3: Saturday open days – June 7th from 10am until 1pm (Sue and Keith will open) and September 7th

8.4: Upcoming sausage sizzle/Popcorn machine at Bunnings

- Volunteer requests for Sausage Sizzle on August 23rd – volunteer request has been sent out and a good response; KDC to contact Dom and Dan Bull
- Popcorn machine – 4th September
- Popcorn machine – 30th October

8.5: CoB Citizenship Ceremony – no one available to attend – SC to let CoB know

9: Any Other Business

- Summarise individual actions agreed at the May meeting
- KDC to contact CoB to ask for list of Street Art (City wide) which we can upload onto our map

8: Next meeting and events

- MHPA Committee Meeting: Wednesday 6th August, 10.30
- Next Saturday Open Day: 7th June – KDC and SC to open from 10am to 1pm and then 6th September

End: 11.45am

ACTION ITEMS TO BE REVIEWED AT JUNE MEETING

Keith Cundale

- Contact Johnny Ma to sort out signage
- Contact CoB regarding shelving in the crypt and fixing the walls where they have removed cabling
- Contact Dom re current Manager of IGA
- Contact Dan re donating funds for the next Sausage Sizzle
- Strategic Plan to be looked at in August
- Find IT contact at HistoryWest for GH

Sue Cundale:

- Keep on top of Sausage Sizzle – roster, supplies, documentation etc
- Continue to upload information to the map
- Liaise with Greg on structure of documents/photos etc
- Collect flyers and deliver to Angela
- Inform Cob that no one can attend the Citizenship Ceremony

John McLennan:

- Continue to work on coreflute displays; follow up on Frank C film

Val Hately

- Working on MRRA and Peninsula Association documents

Greg Haughey

- Source OCR scanner
- Work with Sue on file structure – discuss with HistoryWest
- Will edit Autumn Club photo on the website

Bevan Marshall

- Providing support as required or requested
- Sourcing information for shredding the documents that need to be disposed of

