



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

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

The meeting was opened by Keith Cundale at 10.02am

1: The President welcomed attendees

2: Attendance

Keith Cundale, John McLennan, Val Hatelly, Gertie Murphy, Tony Parasiliti
Apology for absence from Greg Haughey, Bevan Marshall

3: Minutes of last meeting – approved

4: Reports

4.1: President's Report for October 2025

Following the AGM held on 20th October, I am pleased to serve another year as President of MHPA. There had been mention earlier of me stepping back from some leadership positions, but the situation has changed and I am happy to be looking forward to planning next year's activities!

I was very grateful to everyone who stepped in at the last minute to make sure that the talk on Perth Airport's development plans and the AGM were still able to be held – despite the last minute absence of Sue and myself. Of course, it is obvious that we are not indispensable to MHPA and things can, and DO, go on perfectly well without us. The problem was that we had assumed we would be there in person and we had planned to complete the preparation tasks during that Monday. Anyway, we are both grateful to Gertie, Val, Bevan, John and the others who made sure that the talk went well, and that the AGM was conducted successfully.

It seems that the talk was interesting – although there might have been rather too much detail..... something to bear in mind for any future presentation from Perth Airport?

Regarding the AGM, I was very pleased indeed that we have a new office bearer – **Greg Haughey** as our Treasurer, and **Gertie Murphy** has officially joined the Committee after having sat in on some of our recent meetings. Welcome to both of you! Welcome back John McLennan for yet another year on the Committee and to Bevan Marshall: both of these Gentlemen contribute so much to the work of MHPA. I am happy that **Val Hatelly** will also continue to work closely with us – although not as an official Committee Member!

I was pleased that we were able to work with Bayswater Historical Society to canvass the opinions of the candidates for election to Bayswater City Council, and most of the responses were reasonably positive regarding the importance

of “Heritage and History” in the City. The election results were good for our ward with Elli Petersen-Pik easily getting re-elected and also re-elected as Deputy Mayor. I am sure that Elli will be a strong supporter of matters relating to Heritage in our suburb and continue to be “a good friend” to MHPA!

Talks with BHS regarding the possible joint working have not progressed far recently, although we did have a Steering Committee meeting and discussed some possible alternative approaches for moving ahead. I will share some of these potential alternatives at the Committee Meeting and it is important that the Committee are in agreement on how we would like to see any future, city-wide, society work. We can then discuss this with our Members before we commit to a particular course of action.

MHPA were once again invited to a Citizenship ceremony at the City of Bayswater (as we are still currently the Community “Citizen of the Year”). It was a good opportunity to chat with one of the new Councillors and also with the Federal MP for Hasluck (Tania Lawrence). Incidentally, I was interested to learn that part of her very large constituency is within the City of Bayswater and I am hopeful that we may be able to engage with her about her family’s history in Maylands (including her time of living here herself: these are the sort of personal stories that we can add to the digital map.) If there are any more City of Bayswater events like this, I think it would be good for MHPA to be represented in order to introduce us to new Citizens and to keep our name in the minds of the Councillors and Officers of the City.

On that same day, Sue attended a Community Upskilling session at The RISE on “Effective Event Management” and I was able to join her for the latter part of the evening. The presenter had some interesting ideas and suggestions that we could keep in mind for any future events that we put on and the documentation is available for anyone who wants to read through it. The next training is on “Succession Planning” and it would be good if someone else on the Committee can attend that evening.

MHPA were asked to give a talk at one of the meetings of “Wider Vision” Morley: this is a very active social group that have an interesting range of activities. I went along earlier this week (30th October) and presented, once again, the talk on “Artistic Heritage of Maylands”, assisted by Sue who had to drive the laptop in the absence of a remote controller! This large group were interested in the topic with quite a few personal stories relating to some of the characters I had referred to. Sue was able to capture valuable information on some of the notable houses in Maylands to add yet more richness to the digital map.

The October event put on by the Tours and Events group of the Royal West Australian Historical Society was the “Maylands Peninsula Walk”. Sue and I led a group of about 20 people around the Peninsula – starting and finishing at the Golf Club. This followed the well-known route of the walk that John documented for the History and Heritage Festival of a few years ago and it proved to be extremely popular – with the full quota of places booked out very early. Feedback from the participants was very rewarding as they spoke so highly of the delight of “discovering” the charms of the Peninsula and learning some of its very rich history. I later mentioned to Elli Petersen-Pik the idea of offering to conduct the walk for the new Councillors and any officer of the city who might be interested and we plan to discuss this again later – especially in the context of creating the city-wide organisation.

Finally, I have started to give some thoughts to potential speakers for next year which we can discuss at the Committee meeting.

4.2: Secretary's Report: Covering October 2025

Correspondence - emails

Various emails with Grace and GM re digitisation and scanning of documents
Bayswater Historical re invitation to display opening, our next steering committee meeting, street names and FB posts
Receipt from GH re attendance x 3 for Digitisation Presentation
Jaxon Thomas re Pert Airport talk
Various emails from GH on MHPA stuff
AGM information sent out and responses received
Denise Cook on Royals Conference
CoB Leasing re water ingress
Deb Huff setting up a visit to OPS for book research
CoB accounts with invoices
Barbara – Collections WA with follow up information
Tarun Singh re talk in Feb 2026
Email to members and friends with talk flyer
Scott Dennis from National Trust re Peninsula Walk
Perth Web Hosting re domain name payment
Mount Lawley Society with information on next talk
Wendy Garstone with link to RAC magazine information on the Brickworks
Picnic Invitation from Peninsula Farm
Matt McVeigh re MHPA hosting an exhibition
CoB invite to Citizenship Ceremony
Barbara Simmons re talk for Wider Vision and information on Tony Carrier
Ginie Bristowe and Diane Pope on talk for next year
Fiona Bush on talk for next year
Richard Offen confirming talk for Nov
Stephen Hall (WACA) with video footage of flight
Email interchange with Elli and Nat on state of Aerodrome Memorial display
CoB re consultation on Windan-Guildford Locality Plan – focus group invite

Membership Renewals and new Members

Jos Gibson
Geoff Moor
Terry Devereux

Facebook

1201 Followers
9838 Views in last 28 days
10457 cumulative remote access views of the digital map

4.3. Treasurer's report – 1st to 31st October

Opening balance as at 1 October \$28684.61

Income

Memberships \$38.77
Total income \$38.77

Expenses

Aussie Broadband \$71.20
Blank cards \$13.99

Pens \$84
AGM refreshments \$95.23
Shredding \$77
Grace set up payment \$110
City of Bayswater \$172.13
UWA Digitisation presentation \$60
Total expenses \$683.55

Total at bank \$27939.83

Petty cash \$100

Total as at 31 October \$28039.83

Variance over previous month is minus \$644.78

Upcoming expenses
Signage - \$3000
OCR scanning \$14036 + GST of \$1403.60
Furniture for library/research room – circa \$3500

5: Review of recent activities (not covered elsewhere)

Review of individual activities (round table discussion)

John: All old CD Roms are now on JM's hard drive and he is slowly working through them to remove duplications. Up to date on YouTube videos except Perth Airport one which does not have great sound

Bevan: Organised the shredding of the latest lot of documents; realigned the weather vane

Gertie: Finished local identities and now moved on to Clubs – scanning photos on site which will reduce what will go to Grace but other documents could be found such as the Frank Colquhoun collection. This means the process will take longer – SC to ask for an extension from LotteryWest

Greg: Has been answering emails from over East – has booked Digitisation presentation

Val: Sorting out documents in back room and tidied up; organised catering for AGM – with grateful thanks!

Tony: Will be continuing with women in Aviation and Major Brierley book once eyesight issues are sorted out; also doing things around the OPS – hoovering and gardening

Review of other activities

September talk by Jaxon Thomas from Perth Airport – a little too much detail on figures and presentation could have been better tailored to a community talk – KDC to send feedback to JT

AGM and Committee Elections – thanks to everyone who took part – acknowledged in the President's Report

Responses from Councillor Candidates regarding 'History and Heritage' – in collaboration with BHS, questions were sent to candidates for the councillor positions in the various Wards. Some good responses received. Make up of current council looking quite positive

6: Creation of City of Bayswater Historical Society -

At last meeting Glen put forward a 'Cooperation Agreement' as a way forward for the 2 organisations. Discussion around this felt it was an unnecessary step as either we are moving towards an overarching organisation or we're not. Agreed to establish at the next meeting with BHS where exactly they stand on the formation of a new organisation and the name and go from there

7: Document scanning/OCR project – GM to do high level policy in early 2026 and then the procedures manual

Current status and next steps - See previous under item 5.

Update on Mosaic and meetings with Collections WA – once a procedure has been established through working with the first couple of boxes, the information on the Word doc will be transferred to a spreadsheet which will become our cataloguing system – this can then be used for working with Collections WA. Look at purchasing a laptop for GH who may have a spare screen to set up a dual screen display to make transferring of information easier

8: Furniture and Equipment

Update on projected purchases of new desks, storage and other equipment needed for the OPS – SC to provide figures after measurements have been taken. KDC to approach TenGolf to pay for new furniture

9: Looking ahead

9.1: Public talk – 17th November – Richard Offen

KDC to write information for the West; SC to do a flyer

9.2: November talks at the Rise

KDC talked to Tina; take Lest we Forget panels down to the RISE for the 10th; JM to remove from wall

9.3 Engagement with City of Bayswater – Succession planning presentation – 19th November anyone wanting to attend – KDC will attend

Citizenship Ceremony on 13 Nov at 12.30pm – Greg to attend

Popcorn Machine on Thursday 4th December from 4.30 until 7pm – KDC will attend; looking for a helper as SC can't go – TP may be available

Picnic Invitation from Peninsula Farm Volunteers for 16th November at 4pm – GH and KH to attend

9.4: Possible Speakers for 2026

Discussion on possible names and topics -

Tarun Preet Singh reconfirmed for Feb; Bob Nicholson – Federal Court Judge retired – can talk about his family history; Michael Ninn – works on State Library and Archives – how can local historical societies help contribute; Fiona Bush – written a book on stained glass in WA; Diana Pope and Ginie Bristowe on Enderslea Farm; Geoff Moor on printing presses; waiting to hear from WAYJO and WA Ballet; asked Louise to see if Malcolm Queckett would come and give a talk; KDC on A-Z of local identities – Part 1 (A-H); SC virtual walk around Maylands Street Art; Deb Huff on her book; look at sourcing someone who could give a talk on Maylands OPS; VH to talk to people at the WA Police Museum and Richard Offen

SC to Booking Dining Room for 2026

10: Any other business

Latest copy of HistoryWest available for anyone to read

Digitisation tour – 12th November; Bevan, Greg and Gertie to attend

Tour of Matt's Studio – Sunday Nov 30th

Christmas at Rifos – Monday 15th December at 6.30pm

Next committee meeting Wednesday 3rd December; Next opening Sat 6th December – 10am til 2pm

The meeting ended at 11.45pm

Summary of action items

Keith Cundale

- Contact Johnny Ma to sort out signage
- Chase up CoB Leasing Department regarding: shelving in the crypt; fixing the walls where they have removed cabling; attending to the damp issue; options available to us for securing book shelves to the wall – KDC to invite Anja to come to the OPS
- Finalise display for Library
- Continue to develop a schedule of speakers for 2026
- Contact Dan Bull re Matt Studio Opening
- Contact the West re Richard Offen talk

Sue Cundale:

- Continue to upload information to the map
- Support work being led by Gertie on structure of documents/photos etc
- Help define future requirements for furniture in "Reception / Secretary" area.
- Contact Dome Coffee to book Dining Room through 2026
- Flyer for Richard Offen talk
- Invite for Matt McVeigh Studio Opening
- Complete minutes for AGM
- Ask LotteryWest for an extension

John McLennan:

- Continue de-duplication of CD Rom information
- Continue creating YouTube videos for talks

Val Hatelly

- Continue working on miscellaneous documents as part of her work with Gertie on digitisation project

Greg Haughey

- Continue research into digitisation of VHS and cassette tapes

Bevan Marshall

- Provide support as required or requested
- Investigate possible speakers for 2026 from amongst his Aviation colleagues

Gertie Murphy

- Continue working with Val on preparing files for scanning
- Start to consider the work for preparing Policy statement and supporting documentation to define our approach to the storage and classification of information with a view to starting in early 2026