



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAYLANDS HISTORICAL AND PENINSULA ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 20th October 2025

Meeting opened at 8.10pm

Attendance and Apologies: Greg Haughey, Dan Bull, Rae Harris, Josef Ron, Averil Mackintosh, Bobbie and Ian Mackley, Pam Gunn, Sarah Murthy, Terence and Heather McVeigh, Franco Smargiassi, Keith and Sue Cundale (unfortunately Keith and Sue were held up in Thailand due to their flight being cancelled and Bevan Marshall kindly agreed to take over as Chair of the AGM.)

Attendees: Charles Lee, Pamela Lee, Kate Cornes, John McLennan, Val Hately, Bevan Marshall, Tony Parasiliti, Angela Loucaides, Penny Lee, Greg Benjamin, Elizabeth Re, Gertie and Steve Murphy, Denia Daffen, Roger Cooper, Amanda Langton, Pauline Basso, Carol Carlino

Minutes of previous AGM accepted – moved John McLennan and seconded Bevan Marshall

Matters arising: Nil

President's report

*** Note on dates and timing**

We held an AGM in January 2025 after choosing to postpone it from October 2024 in order to fit in an additional public talk. We subsequently decided to revert to our traditional timing of the Annual General Meeting to October. Therefore, this report covers a shorter period than normal.

Summary: another successful year for MHPA!

I am delighted to be able to report on another successful year for our Association, marked by strong membership levels, additional sponsorship, substantial fund-raising efforts, significant grant awards, high levels of attendance at our events, additional volunteers coming on board and recognition by the City of Bayswater for our contribution to the Community.

Public recognition

In January 2025 we were invited to attend the City of Bayswater Australia Day Citizenship ceremony – the biggest, and most significant, of such ceremonies held throughout the year – where it was announced that MHPA was recognised as **Citizen of the Year**, in the Active Community category. We were delighted that our efforts at outreach and community engagement had been recognised by the city. As a result of this award, invitations have been received for MHPA to take part in additional Citizenship ceremonies and other events – thereby keeping the name, the work and the goals of MHPA in the public eye of Bayswater residents.

Activities, displays and events

We have had another busy year based around a programme of regular monthly talks at the Old Peninsula Hotel, changing displays at the Old Police Station and other special events. We scheduled talks using speakers who had appeared at the State History Conference or whom we knew through the RWAHS: **Tarun Preet Singh** was invited to speak after we saw him at the State conference (although sadly a family bereavement forced him to cancel on the day itself. We plan to have him back next year); **Allen Graham** was runner-up in the RWAHS Lee-Steere book awards 2024 and told us about '*The Inns and Outs of Fremantle*'. Five more talks were given by other guest speakers; **Greg Benjamin** and **Bill Cutler** returned after having given successful talks previously and shared results of their extended research or to share some new stories. Local artist **Matt McVeigh** gave an interesting account of his many and various artistic projects; **Geoff Moor** entertained a very large audience as he spoke about '*Shop 'Til You Drop*'. We were also pleased to welcome our recently-retired Member for Maylands, **Lisa Baker**, who reminisced about her 17 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.¹

Keith Cundale and John McLennan presented a number of lunchtime talks at Maylands Library, presenting talks that had been given at one of the earlier monthly sessions at the Old Peninsula Hotel – we have found that these lunchtime talks attract a different demographic group and enlarges our range of contacts within our local communities.

As well as upgrading and renewing a number of the displays of images and information at the Old Police Station, we launched a major new display featuring the story of "*Perth's 1st Airport – here in Maylands!*" We completely stripped one of the rooms at the Old Police Station and installed this new display utilising a newer form of presentation and display. A striking feature was a continuous timeline around the wall indicating key dates in the development of air travel in WA, the establishment of the Aerodrome on the Maylands Peninsula and the eventual migration of air services to Jandakot and RAAF Guildford (later to become Dunreath Airport and then, of course, Perth Airport). We held a members' event to mark the opening which was performed by the COO of Perth Airport. This new display continues to fascinate visitors to the Old Police Station as they learn about the rich history of aviation in our suburb,

During 2025 we have worked hard to populate the digital map (set up in 2024 using the grant from LotteryWest). **Sue Cundale** has been leading the efforts to establish more and more links to places of interest, marking the routes of our walks and to record the history of some of the houses in the suburb. To date we have images and data relating to over 40 pieces of street art and, so far, over 75 interesting or "heritage" houses have been 'pinned'. This display links through to the information on our website and in a major step change in accessibility this year, the map is now accessible remotely using the link on our website. We have enjoyed a great deal of positive feedback from long-time residents as well as visitors and interested members of the public. As of writing this report (end of

September) we have had over 8,000 views of this map remotely – which shows the level of interest that exists around the suburb – and beyond.

Social media, communications and membership

Thanks to the efforts of **Greg Haughey** and **Sue Cundale**, we successfully overhauled and improved our website: a very large, complex project that had been too-long delayed and postponed. This was a catalyst for increased and improved social media presence: something that we see as a major opportunity for growth in the future – although such growth is limited by the availability of resources to manage social media accounts. This is one of the many areas where more volunteers would be helpful. Traffic to our social media account and website continues to be healthy. Membership numbers remain strong and our reach on social media continues to grow. We currently have 68 paid-up members (the same as last year with some comings and goings) and our “Followers” on Facebook have increased from 1058 to 1192. Since our digital map went on-line we have had a large number of visits via the internet as mentioned above.

Finances and fund raising

Fund raising has been successful again this year, headlined with a major grant from LotteryWest to support a large-scale project to scan and digitise all of our paper records and documents. This is another element of our strategic goal of transforming the **raw data** contained in various hard copy items into useful and useable **information** that the Members and the public can access and benefit from. We also used the grant we had been awarded by Perth Airport (at the end of 2024) to purchase a scanner so that we can create additional OCR-enabled documents in the future and scan our images to a very high level of quality, Thank you **Greg** for sorting out that procurement.

Other fund-raising activities were successful: we ran two ‘sausage sizzles’ at Bunnings, raising a total of over \$4,000; our raffles at the monthly talks raised around \$1,200 and we generated around \$2,300 in sponsorship from local businesses and donations from various sources

Our sponsors are a vital part of keeping the Association functioning and my thanks go to: Clinicare Pharmacy, Maylands Shopping Centre, Estebans on Whatley, Rifos, Lyric Lane, NTY Property, and Rabble Books and Games for supporting us this year.

We lost one of our sponsors recently: *Masstengo Wines* at Liquorbarons on 8th can no longer support us, as the business is closing as a result of the redevelopment of “Henry on 8th”, but we hope to be able to find other local businesses who will be willing and able to support us.

Indeed, a new sponsor is **Maylands Golf Club** with whom we now have a strong relationship – originating in their desire to learn more about the history of the Aerodrome which used to be located on what is now part of the Golf Course. We are working to develop some striking visual displays to help inform their members and visitors about the history of the lands on which they are playing.

We continue to have tangible support from our elected representatives: Alanna Clohesy’s office provides regular support through the printing of our flyers and occasional newsletters. Recently

elected Member for Maylands, Dan Bull MLA, not only turned up to help out at the most recent sausage sizzle, but also provided us with some valuable financial support. I am also grateful to IGA Maylands for their generous support of our sausage sizzles – by providing supplies for us to use or making a generous cash donation. Our local South Ward Councillors – Elli Petersen-Pic and Nat Latter are reliably supportive of our work (and Nat’s business is one of our regular sponsors when she donates a book token as a raffle prize every month)

My sincere thanks to all of the individuals and businesses who have helped us maintain our activities this last year.

I am grateful again this year to **Angela Loucaides** for maintaining contact with our sponsors, collecting vouchers each month as well as being our primary means of distributing flyers for our talks – thank you Angela.

External relations and community engagement

We have maintained a good and close working relationship with the City of Bayswater officers as well as good relationships with our elected representatives at the City Council and WA State Parliament. These relationships have enabled us to contribute our views on various consultations and we feel that we have a good conduit for voicing any concerns or queries that may arise.

Maintaining, and extending these relationships are key elements of our strategy as we seek to engage with local communities and organisations. This engagement will enable us to share the information that we have about the culture, heritage and history of our suburb, but also to learn from them.

We regularly participate in the family evenings organised by Bunnings Bayswater at which MHPA volunteers run the popcorn machine. As well as being an enjoyable couple of hours, we are able to engage with many residents of the Bayswater area who may not be familiar with our part of the city and to encourage them to undertake self-guided walks using the printed cards and QR codes that link to information on our website.

We worked with Bold Park School to enable some students from Years 11, 12 and 13 to explore the digital map; to provide feedback on some of the walks that we had developed, to locate the many pieces of Street Art and to come up with suggestions for additional walks and activities we could offer to young people and families.

Through my personal membership of the Affiliated Societies Committee at the RWAHS and serving as a member of RWAHS Council we have maintained a good awareness of what is happening in other Historical Societies and have been able to share our experiences and expertise with others. Later in October we will be hosting one of the regular RWAHS “Walks and Talks” focussing on the Maylands Peninsula Walk: another good opportunity to educate people from further afield than Maylands about the fascinating history of our part of the City.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Association

I am delighted to report that new volunteers have come on board to help us with various research and classification projects and I am very grateful to the various individuals who gave time to support the work of MHPA.

I am particularly appreciative of the contribution of the hard-working members of the Committee for keeping the Association flourishing and financially sound. **Bevan Marshall** contributes a great deal to our understanding the history of aviation in Maylands as well as providing much needed practical handyman help! **Greg Haughey** has become fully engaged with supporting the website and on-line profiles as well as helping develop business models for the possible new city-wide Historical Society. **John McLennan** is a reliable stalwart in terms of opening and closing the Old Police Station on our open days as well as working hard to maintain and revise many and various displays, and is the custodian of the recording of our talks and curation of our YouTube channel. **Val Hately** continues her sterling work in reviewing the masses of raw data that we have in old files and boxes, in order to identify that which is important and worth keeping. Val has also taken on the unpaid role of "Chief Catering Officer" and her home-made snacks and food are a very welcome addition to our committee meetings and other Members' events. **Tony Parasiliti** and **Kris Brimmell** continue to undertake their personal research projects and regularly add to our knowledge of local aviation history. **Tony** has recently become more involved in the day-to-day operations of the Historical Society and I welcome his increased engagement with us.

Quite recently we were approached by **Gertie Murphy** who, after her retirement, felt that she would like to help out at MHPA. Gertie's business experience and technical expertise is invaluable as we attempt to create a sensible architecture for all of the information we have. We need a sensible way of organising information and a systematic suite of key search terms for when we have digitised all of our paper files. Working together, Val and Gertie will help us get to that stage in the months to come.

Our sausage sizzles would not be possible without the wonderful team of volunteers who come along and cook, serve and clear up afterwards. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helps out at the sizzles!

I am grateful to all of those Volunteers for the help that they give, but I want to make special mention of **Sue Cundale** who works tirelessly in the demanding roles of both Secretary and Treasurer, as well as being our social media contact. I know that Sue would like to continue to help the Committee but, for constitutional and capacity reasons, it is not appropriate for her to continue as both Secretary and Treasurer: someone has to take on one of those roles from her. This has to be sorted out at the AGM.

Looking ahead: potential creation of the "*City of Bayswater Historical Society*"

During the year we have been talking with the Committee of Bayswater Historical Society with a view to the possible establishment of a new, city-wide, Historical Society. Provisionally, we have given this new body the working title of *City of Bayswater Historical Society* in order to make clear that this society will exist for, and on behalf of, ALL of the suburbs in the city. Even though some of the newer areas, such as Noranda, may not have many "Heritage" buildings, nonetheless, the residents there

have interesting stories to tell and, as we often say, "*History started yesterday*". It will be good if we can engage with residents from ALL the suburbs, help them to tell their stories and to get them fully engaged with a city-wide organisation. The Steering Committee meets regularly to help develop plans and programmes for this potential new organisation. I will be putting forward a motion at our 2025 AGM to seek support for our efforts in this area and I will only commit to progressing these talks if I think it will be of benefit to both MHPA and BHS and the wider community of the City of Bayswater. We are committed to maintaining the unique character of Maylands Historical and plan to continue to offer the same exciting range of events and activities into the future.

In the light of the potential creation of this new Historical Society and the realignment of responsibilities within what has been "MHPA" and "BHS", I have decided not to step down from my role in MHPA: contradicting what I had said at our meeting in January. I would like help achieve the creation of this new entity – if possible!- and therefore will be putting my name forward for election as MHPA President for 2025-26. There are still a lot of new ideas and projects that I would like to see progressed.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to another successful year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM.

President's report moved by John McLennan and seconded by Bevan Marshall

SECRETARY'S REPORT – no formal report as information included in the President's Report

Current Membership stands at 81

Facebook followers 1201

Correspondence is available on previous committee meeting minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening balance	\$10,150.96
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INCOME

Memberships	\$905.31
Sponsors and	
Donations	\$2,391.81
Grants	\$15,036.00
Sausage Sizzles	\$7,751.81
Raffles	\$1,378.31
Talks	\$300.00
Interest	\$0.58
Other	\$50.00
Total Income	\$27,813.82

EXPENDITURE

Displays	\$1,134.80
Stationery	\$531.00
Raffle prizes	\$132.79

Meetings/events	\$271.41
Hardware/software	\$1,031.52
Internet	\$665.20
Web Hosting	\$125.82
RWAHS	\$294.40
Public Liability	
Insurance	\$814.53
City of Bayswater	\$194.31
Books	\$90.00
Document disposal	\$88.00
Sausage sizzle	\$3,633.21
Other	\$161.98
Total	\$9,168.97

Cash at bank	\$28,695.81	29510.34
Cash float	\$100.00	
Closing balance	\$28,795.81	

Variance is an increase on the previous year of \$18,644.85

Things to note:

We still have a grant of \$3500 from Bendigo Bank to spend on signage and \$14036 for the digitisation project. Funds remaining will be \$11259.81

Keith and Sue are signing off on all finances - not really acceptable but would need a Treasurer to volunteer to rectify – Greg Haughey has volunteered but could not make the AGM

Sausage sizzles generated \$4118.60

Raffles generated \$1245.52

BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

INCOME

Memberships	\$900.00
Sponsors	\$1,050.00
Grants	\$1,000.00
Raffles	\$1,200.00
Donations	\$500.00
Talks	\$100.00
Sausage Sizzles	\$4,000.00
Total	\$8,750.00

EXPENDITURE

Displays	\$2,000.00
Stationery	\$500.00
Events	\$300.00
Insurance	\$900.00

RWAHS	\$95.00
Conference	\$400.00
Webpage	\$150.00
Internet	\$700.00
CoB	\$500.00
Others	\$1,000.00
Total	\$6,545.00
Variance	\$2,205.00

Treasurer's Report moved by Val Hately and seconded by Elizabeth Re

Election of Office Bearers

President: Nominations: Keith Cundale

Keith Cundale was elected unopposed by acclamation

No nominations for Vice President

Secretary: Nominations: Sue Cundale

Sue Cundale was elected unopposed by acclamation

Treasurer: Greg Haughey was nominated in and elected unopposed by acclamation

Committee

The following Members were elected unopposed to the Committee.

John McLennan

Bevan Marshall

Gertie Murphy

Creation of a City of Bayswater Historical Society – see President's report for more information

Penny Lee stated that she is a member of both societies. She trusts that if the Societies were to merge, it will be as an incorporated group, whilst keeping their distinctive characters and with the support of the City of Bayswater.

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None

Next AGM: Monday 19th October

Huge vote of thanks to Val Hately for the delicious spread.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm