



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

Minutes of the MHPA Committee meeting
Wednesday 1st April 2026 – the Old Police Station

The meeting was opened by Keith Cundale at 10.27am

1: The President welcomed attendees

2: Attendance

Keith Cundale, Sue Cundale, Tony Parasiliti, Bobbie Mackley, John McLennan, Bevan Marshall, Gertie Murphy, Val Hatley
Apology for absence from Greg Haughey

3: Minutes of last meeting on 26th February - approved

4: Reports

4.1: President's Report for February 2026

I was delighted that all the hard work undertaken by the Committee, our Members and supporters (along with our colleagues at Bayswater Historical Society) achieved some significant progress at the recent meeting of the Bayswater City Council. The unanimous vote by Councillors to move ahead with creating the position of History and Heritage Officer was a major step forward. Obviously there are still a lot of administrative hurdles to overcome: for example, the 2026-27 budget has to include this position and then City officers will need to manipulate positions to free up a '0.6 FTE' position for this role.

But we are moving forward with an issue that we had identified as significant for the city as a whole. Well done to everyone who sent in a deputation, e-mailed the Councillors or appeared in person!

Our talk in March was given by the eminent ex-judge and now history researcher, Robert Nicholson. The topic of the talk (Captain Laurie and the development of Fremantle Port) was not of immediate local interest to our Maylands residents, but we still got a fair crowd for the talk and I authorised the purchase of Bob's book for the MHPA Library.

I was also delighted by the great deal of money that we raised through the sausage sizzle on 14th March. It was a long day and a very busy one: we took approximately \$870 in cash, \$2,700 through the POS machine and we received \$400 in sponsorship from IGA and our local MP, Dan Bull. After deducting costs of \$2,730 we are able to record income of around \$2,500: a tremendous result! Well done to Sue for ordering the materials and arranging the roster. There were some relatively minor issues when we did not have enough Volunteers for the final stretch: but we will make sure that is addressed for the next time.

Also at Bunnings I was grateful to Bevan for coming along to help me run the popcorn machine at the Easter-themed Family Evening, Bevan showed himself to be a master at the making of the popcorn whilst I was happy to bag up the corn and distribute it to visitors – incidentally, we felt that it was a smaller, quieter, event than previous times and certainly there were not so many people there: this does not affect us, of course, but it might be concerning for Bunnings.

Our routine work of scanning our documents, welcoming visitors, building our collection and adding to the digital map has continued well and once again I am grateful to Sue Cundale for keeping on top of the administration tasks even while she was away in Adelaide.

We have a busy month coming up and I am hopeful that we will get some interested visitors to the Maylands Library talks.

4.2: Secretary's Report: Covering 25th February to 31st March 2026

Correspondence - emails

Emails with Royals regarding Landgate access – Keith to meet with Richard
Bob Nicholson re his talk
Deb Huff re book event
Numerous emails regarding the appointment of a History and Heritage Officer and the next steps – deputations, result etc
Jo Bower from Samphire Flats suggesting a meeting
Invitation from MLS to meet Minister for Heritage – Simone McGurk
Affiliates re ideas for map and displaying Historical Societies
Correspondence with Grace re next carton for scanning
Emails with Dome to set up Sarah Murthy talk on Researching your House History
Georgina at the Royals re Peninsula Walk – now postponed to 2027
Bayswater Bunnings – profit made and booking next SS for 29 August
Emails with Maylands Business Assoc regarding Maylands Mother's Day
David Dyke re use of a room for men's meetings
Wendy Garston re Falkirk Tavern
Penny Lee re Ruth Foley in Stone St
Various Councillors responses to invite to talks in April

Membership Renewals and new Members

Matthew Khazeni-Rad

Facebook

1230 Followers – up by 13
7708 Views in last 28 days – up 85%
Interactive map views in total 20336 (increase of 2349 over last month)

4.3. Treasurer's report – Year to Date

Category Description	1/02/2026- 31/03/2026
INCOME	
MHPA Income	
Bank Interest	0.00
Donations and Sponsorship	850.00
Membership Fees	109.77
Raffles	270.97
Sausage Sizzle	3,106.21
TOTAL MHPA Income	4,336.95
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EXPENSES	
MHPA Expenses	
Bank fees	0.00
Building	60.50
Furniture and Non IT Equipment	106.51
IT and Computing	209.30
Miscellaneous	48.92
Raffles	65.00
Reference Collection	50.00
Sausage Sizzle	1,557.55
TOTAL MHPA Expenses	2,097.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,097.78
OVERALL TOTAL	2,239.17

5: Review of recent activities –

John: Continuing with the Nurse Weaver story; will make a start on video for Tarun Preet Singh and Bob Nicholson

Bevan: Women's football poster has been completed and display put on the wall; preparing for talk on the 16th; thank you for helping on popcorn machine; has fixed shower taps and capped them off

Gertie: Been on leave but will not continue with digitisation project and look at organising policy for retention of items; will be starting some contract work which will keep her busy until end Sept but will continue to attend MHPA on Wednesdays; policy and procedures have been completed – step by step instruction is still a work in progress; use Belmont 'what's in and what's out' information as a basis for our retention policy

Greg: Currently on leave - developed items for Keith's talk on the A-Z of Maylands and organised the \$100 extra for the cash float

Val: Continuing with sorting of folders and files – de-duplicating etc

Tony: Keeping up with the cleaning and gardening

Bobbie: continuing with digitisation project; will tidy up the stationery cupboard

- **March meeting – Robert Nicholson** – talk went well and was well attended
- **City of Bayswater – efforts to establish a History and Heritage Officer** – see President's report
- **MHPA @ Bunnings: Sausage Sizzle and Popcorn at family evening – next events** – next SS on 29th August; next Popcorn event will be in the lead up to Mother's Day; Keith and Sue not here so please let Keith know if anyone is interested in running the popcorn machine
- **Upgrades and purchases for the OPS/Parlour** – John's electrical sockets have been installed; some old outlets have been removed and Bevan will do some running repairs on the walls; KDC chasing CoB for shelving in the crypt

Review of other activities

6: Looking Ahead

6.1 Updates on the programme of talks for 2026

- April talks: KDC and Bevan M – Maylands at War, A-Z of Maylands, Maylands 1st Aerodrome
 - Agree timing for flyers, 'Can you Help' etc – West notice to be sent; KDC invited Councillors to attend talks at the RISE and some very positive responses; advertise RISE talks to Members and Friends and FaceBook
- May: WA Ballet – KDC followed up with Tauí to ensure he is still OK for the talk – he has also offered to do a walk around for members

6.2 Co-Working with Maylands Business Group

- Update on discussions with MBA
- Next steps and allocation of responsibilities

6.3 Co-working with Sarah Murthy

- Update on discussions
- Next steps

6.4 Activities with Bold Park School

- Update on preliminary discussions
- Next steps

6.5 Book launch with Deb Huff

- Update and actions needed

6.6 Additional users of the OPS

- Update on potential users – David Dyke

7: Any Other Business

- **ANZAC Day** – 8.30am at the Memorial – JM to provide Last Post; SC to organise a wreath and rosemary
- **MHPA Library** – currently organised by title in alphabetic order – need to write a classification system
- **Boxes in back room** – some need to be relabelled; Grace boxes have an inventory which will feed into the excel spreadsheet and include the location of where the box and digital contents are stored
- Suzette Gould bought in an obituary for Sister Mary and would like us to include her in a newsletter – KDC to respond to SG

Next Committee Meeting and Open Days

- MHPA Committee: **10.30am Wednesday 13th May 2026**
- Next Saturday Open Day: **Saturday 16th May**

The meeting ended at 11.50am

Summary of action items

Keith Cundale:

- Finalise signage with Johnny
- Continue to liaise with Leasing regarding works at OPS
- Follow up other potential sponsors – Commune, Silly Goose etc
- Follow up with Jo Bower re Samphire Flats
- Follow up with Nick Drew on Landgate access

Greg Haughey:

- Source a new Lectern
- Develop template for a newsletter
- Continue to digitise the cassette tapes

Sue Cundale:

- Liaise with MBA
- Liaise with Sarah Murthy
- Organise Sausage Sizzle for August
 - Forms for Bunnings
 - Stocktake
 - Roster
- Follow up with Ruth Folley (see Penny Lee email)
- Follow up on Falkirk Tavern (see Wendy Garstone email)
- Prepare flyers and advertising for April talks
- Wreath for ANZAC Day

Bobbie Mackley

- Source a copy of the video of East Maylands School
- Tidy stationery cupboard

Gertie Murphy

- Review retention policy based on City of Belmont's information

John McLennan

- Last Post for ANZAC Day

Bevan Marshall

- Prepare talk for Aerodrome