

Minutes

Malmsbury Progress Association Inc.

Monday 3 March 2025 at 6.30pm

Malmsbury Town Hall

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

2.1.1.Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples.

3. Attendance

1. Apologies Nil

2. Present:- Jan A'Beckett, Jim Vale (Treasurer), Philip Flanagan (Secretary & minute taker), Ross Cornell (Chair), Mark Gamble, Sandy Fairthorne, Jose Ramos.

4. Previous minutes

4.1. Amendments Nil

4.2. Acceptance

"That the minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2025 be approved as a true record"

Moved J Valle/J A'Beckett Carried

4.3. Business arising

4.3.1. March Farmers Market & MPA launch

Roster circulated for the MPA market stall

Others to set up barbeque etc for launch commencement at 1.00 pm.

4.3.2. MPA Incorporated

Motion – "That the MPA adopt its Model Rules and statement of purpose as accepted by the CAV"

Moved S Fairthorne/M Gamble Carried

4.3.3. MPA Committee Members need to all take out membership – noted and agreed.

4.3.4. Malmsbury community groups & traders membership drive

R Cornell to draft a letter to traders, circulate to committee and run by some traders.

4.3.5. Committee member bios.

Secretary to forward to CAV and to J Ramos to include on website, with photos.

5. Confirmation of Agenda

5.1.1. Additional items and agenda order.

No alterations

6. Reports

6.1. Secretary's report & tabling of communications.

6.1.1. Outwards

6.1.2. Email re MAA assets transfer to CAV

Agreed that we need to keep pressure on CAV – P Flanagan to contact M-A Thomas's office, brief them and request a support letter be sent to CAV.

6.1.3. Inwards

6.1.4. RSL - Anzac Day 2026 & Wreath

Discussed future provision of scholarships to the primary school – no decision. MPA to provide morning tea after 2026 ANZAC ceremony.

6.1.5. Rotary Kyneton

R Cornall had contacted Rotary who had donated \$250 to the MPA launch for food. Gratefully received. MPA to acknowledge their contribution.

6.1.6. Malmsbury Town Activation Plan 27 March.

Several committee members will attend the meeting.

6.2. Chairperson's report

6.2.1. West Ward MRSC Councillors Meet & Greet Day

At the Bakery Friday 28 March 2025 from 10.30 to 11.30am

Members encouraged to attend

6.2.2. Malmsbury Mail & Midland Express articles about MPA

Noted with pleasure – a further article will be in the MR Star.

6.3. Treasurer's report

6.3.1. Bank account balance is \$1,465.00 (transaction list and balance circulated), with a further donation of \$1,000 expected.

Membership applicants have been recorded as paying the appropriate fee on the membership list.

Motion "That the treasurers report be received"

Moved J Valle/M Gamble

Carried

6.4. Other reports

Nil

7. Membership

7.1. Applications (List circulated prior and at meeting – with additions. List including additions attached.

7.2. Motion "That the membership applicants as circulated, with the addition of applicants J S Burnes Family, Victoria Garner & David Williams, Amy Pagett & Fernando, and Sarah Marshall be accepted as members of the Malmsbury Progress Association with the proviso that applicants with insufficient details be later confirmed as natural persons"

Moved P Flanagan/M Gamble

Carried

7.3. Record keeping

Discussed and agreed to stick with excel for membership list for the time being.

P Flanagan to advise J Ramos of an app some groups are using to receive membership applications, including names, address, contact details, family member names and accepting payments (its trybooking).

7.4. Editing authority

Motion "That the only the Secretary and Treasurer have the right to edit the membership list"

Moved P Flanagan/J Valle

Carried

8. Website development

J Ramos showed members a draft of the basic website via wordpress on his phone which members liked and thanked him for developing.

Additional sub sections could be added as required. Various available internet addresses were also canvassed.

Motion "That the internet address for the MPA malmsburyprogress.org.au be obtained and that up to \$100 be used to register the name and associated costs."

9. Publicity and community outreach

9.1.1.Membership drive

This was dealt with under communications and the Chairperson's report.

10. General Business

P Flanagan reported on a meeting he had with Roslyn Stephens, secretary of Granvue Park Association. Ros was happy that the conversation be reported. Ros basically repeated what she had told the community meeting in December 2024 that Granvue had in train to transfer the property (9 blocks) to the Malmsbury Community Trust - (this is likely Malmsbury Community Charity Pty Ltd ACN 624 430 888) and that this had begun in earnest several months ago via Melbourne solicitors who have now allocated a solicitor specifically to carry this out. Ros said that this would be complicated because of the types of titles and the fact that the original owners were all dead. An earlier quote from Kyneton solicitors was over \$73,000 apparently. Ros felt that if this didn't happen, the properties could go into general revenue and be lost to Malmsbury. Ros did not remember the solicitors company involved or the individuals only that an Andrew with the chair of the 'trust'. She was quite happy to discuss all this further another day.

11. Meeting

11.1. Closed at 8.12 pm

11.2. Next meeting Monday 7 April at 6.30pm