

Minutes

Malmsbury Progress Association Inc.

Monday 3 February 2025 at 6.30pm

Malmsbury Town Hall

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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

3. Attendance :

3.1. Jan A'Beckett, Sue Love, Jim Vale (Treasurer), Philip Flanagan (Secretary & minute taker), Ross Cornell (Chair), Lee Ferguson, Mark Gamble, Sandy Fairthorne, Jose Ramos.

3.2. Apologies : Jan Morgan

4. Previous minutes

4.1. Amendments

Noted that the email sent by Sue Love to CAV had actually been sent prior to that meeting.

4.2. Acceptance

Moved S Fairthorne/J Valle

Carried

4.3. Business arising

Nil

5. Confirmation of Agenda

5.1. Additional items and agenda order.

Confirmed

6. Reports

6.1. Secretaries report & tabling of correspondence.

6.1.1. No report

6.1.2, Letter: From CAV to S Love

6.2. Treasurers report

1. All account application requirements have been undertaken by the 3 signatories (Valle, Cornell & Flanagan) & awaiting processing by Bendigo Bank & provision of an account number.

2. Ross & Philip to download Bendigo Bank app which will allow visibility of the account.

3. Account will have over \$1000 thanks to donations

4. Treasurer has set up an account system for the MPA which should be transparent & easy to understand. Printed example of an invoice was circulated.

2. Chairperson's Report

2.1. Kyneton Historical Association has put an item on the formation of the MPA in their newsletter.

2.2. Draft of proposed Malmsbury Mail article on MPA circulated

2.3. Draft of proposed MPA pamphlet circulated – agreed to include a membership application.

2.4. That the MPA mail address is PO box 151 Malmsbury (same as Malmsbury Mail)

2.5. Discussed launch of the MPA – agreed that is be in the botanical gardens on Sunday 16 March 2025 @ 1.00pm, suggested that Council be approached for funding & ward councillors be invited. Action by Ross.

3. Other reports – Sue Love

3.1. Sue spoke to her circulated written summary 'MAA ... a brief summary of events" and her original letter to CAV about the Malmsbury Advance Association & its assets. Lee Ferguson contributed also. Sue & Lee described their correspondence & conversations with CAV staff. CAV had requested information about Malmsbury Advance Association's members involved with

the MPA. It was noted that a number of former MAA members had attended the November & December meetings of the MPA but also some have now left the area.

2. Malmsbury Advance Association assets.

7.1.Motion “That the Malmsbury Progress Association write to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) requesting the transfer of the assets of the Malmsbury Advance Association (now deregistered) and that this letter include the bios of the current committee”.

Moved P Flanagan/S. A'Beckett Carried

1. Agreed that committee members send pithy bios to Philip.

2. Association Membership requirements

- 2.1. There was discussion about a number of requirements to become members of MPA.
- 2.2. Motion “That initial membership of the Malmsbury Progress Association be for both the remainder of the 2024-25 financial year and the following financial year 2025-26 and that this be charged at the usual single financial year membership rate.

The membership rate per financial year to be as follows :-

- Individual membership \$10 pa entitled to 1 vote
- Family membership \$15 pa entitled to 2 votes
- Community group membership \$20 pa entitled to 2 votes”

Moyed J Ramos/P Flanagan Carried

9. Web site for MPA

9.1. Discussion about various website options: some free & basic, others with ads and others at a low annual payment rate but look professional.

Motion “That the MPA set up a website via wordpress at a cost of approximately \$80 pa”

Moved J Ramos/P Flanagan Carried

2. Jose agreed to arrange this.

2. Publicity and community outreach

10.1 At Malmesbury market. Agreed to distribute the MPA pamphlet at the March & April markets

10.2. Membership drive. Discussed approaching the Bakery to have a table outside on Saturday(s), to distribute MPA pamphlet encouraging membership. Perhaps pamphlets also permanently available in the Bakery.

3. General Business

3.2. Jan & Jim, are MPA members but also of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre (MYJC) Working Group which has requested that they become a sub committee of the MPA. As a group lobbying for Malmsbury residents in the re-use of the MYJ centre, they feel they would have more clout & prominence if a part of MPA. They are also looking for a more appropriate name for their group. The group will be writing again to local state member M-A Thomas soon to ascertain the Government's current plans for the facility.

Motion “That the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre (MYJC) Working Group be a sub-committee of the Malmsbury Progress Association”

Moved J Ramos/S A'Beckett Carried

4. Meetings

4.2. Agreed to meet monthly for the time being - 1st Monday of the month @ 6.30pm.

4.3. Next meeting Monday 3 March 2025 @ 6.30pm

4.4. Meeting closed 7.50pm