

Minutes

Malmsbury Progress Association Inc.

Committee Meeting Monday 4 August at 6.30pm

Malmsbury Town Hall

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung Peoples.
3. Attendance
 1. Present: Jim Vale (Treasurer), Ross Cornell (President & Chair), Sandy Fairthorne, Philip Flanagan (Secretary & minutes taker), Mark Gamble (Vice-President) Jose Ramos, Jan A'Beckett.
 2. Guests: Kim Bear, Lee Ferguson.
 3. Apologies: Nil
4. Previous minutes
 - 4.1. Amendments Nil
 - 4.2. Acceptance

Motion "That the previous minutes of 7 July 2025 as circulated be accepted"

Moved M. Gamble/S. Fairthorne Carried
 - 4.3. Business arising
Nil
5. Confirmation of Agenda
 - 5.1. AGM date was added
6. Reports
 - 6.1. Secretary's report & tabling of communications.

6.1.1. Outwards

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6.1.2. Inwards

6.1.2.1. Kim Bear re paper “Shaping the ranges” – Kim had been invited to discuss this. The document had been circulated to members recently, but no one had been able to study the document in detail, and the feed back date for comment is 20 August 2025.

It was agreed that Kim would identify issues in the papers relevant to Malmsbury and these would be circulated to committee members for comment. Discussion of a pamphlet/flyer to alert people to the document and possible specific implications for Malmsbury.

It was felt that MPA has a major role in responding to such strategic planning matters.

6.1.2.2. CAV 31 7 25 re MPA request to transfer MAA assets – “Still under consideration”

6.1.2.2.1. Long discussion about possible reasons for the delay in CAV making a decision, including whether they lacked the resources (and the implications of this), had not managed the MAA situation well, whether they actually had control of the ex-MAA resources etc. Also discussed a delegation to CAV but it was noted that CAV had not been amenable to this in the past.

6.1.2.2.2.

Motion “That the President and Secretary send a letter to CAV expressing disquiet about the delays in making a decision”.

Moved S. Fairthorne/M. Gamble Carried

6.1.2.3. FOI request papers from CAV.

The FOI documents were discussed. It was noted that the MAA had indicated to the CAV that they intended to apply for reinstatement and were sent the required forms for completion. A later inquiry from CAV as to whether MAA would continue with this apparently remains unanswered. All the documents need further study, likely raise more questions and perhaps lead to more specific FOI requests.

Motion “That the communications be accepted”

Moved S. Fairthorne/M. Gamble Carried

7. President’s report

7.1. Wombat sculpture repair. Ross to talk with MRS Council re ownership, repair processes etc.

7.2. Logo – Agreed to accept Sarah’s offer to produce one.

7.3. Automated External Defibrillator – Malmsbury Hotel. Ross to confirm its operation & thank raffle organiser(s) for raising the money for its maintenance.

7.4. PO box issue. MPA is PO Box 116, shared with Malmsbury Mail & Friends of the Gardens

7.5. Anzac Day ceremony to go ahead with MPA but there appear to be evolving issues between individuals, the MRSC, the RSL, funding, and traffic control.

7.6. Malmsbury Mail – MPA will have its own page.

7.7. Film night. Many Malmsbury groups and individuals are very keen on this and a meeting was held to advance film nights. Main issue is copy right. Ross will contact Glenlyon Forrest Film Society to gather ideas.

7.8. AGM date. Will usually need to be held within 5 months of end of our financial year (30 June) but as this is our first, can be within 18 months of formation.

Decision on a date deferred.

7.9. Motion “That the President’s report be accepted”

Moved S. A’Beckett/J. Vale

8. Treasurer’s report

1. Bank Balance is currently \$3,254. (Includes \$295 donation from Malmsbury Hotel raffle). Ross again to thank raffle organiser.
2. Printout of transactions given to members.

Motion “That the Treasurers report be accepted”

Moved M. Gamble/Jan A’Beckett Carried

9. Other reports

Membership payment program PayPal (Jose, Philip)

No report – Jose & Philip need to meet again

10. Membership

1. Philip will email members and request they provide MPA with their full details and provide them with our PO box 116.

11. Website development

1. Discussion of possible survey on the website re Malmsbury needs and particularly in respect to the “Shaping the ranges” report.

12. General Business

Nil

13. Meetings

- a. Closed at 8.12pm
- b. Next Meeting Monday 1 September at 6.30pm