

Minutes

Malmsbury Progress Association Inc.

Monday 7 April 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. Committee Present Jim Vale (Treasurer), Philip Flanagan (Secretary & minute taker), Ross Cornell (Chair), Mark Gamble, Jose Ramos.

2. Members Lee Ferguson

3. Apologies Jan A'Beckett, Sandy Fairthorne.

Motion "That the apologies be accepted"

Moved J Vale/M Gamble

CARRIED

4. Previous minutes

4.1. Amendments Nil

4.2. Acceptance

Motion "That the previous minutes be accepted"

Moved M Gamble/R Cornell

CARRIED

4.3. Business arising

4.3.1.Launch: Ross reported that the barbeque had been well attended and successful & aided by a break in the rainy weather. He thanked those who set up & ran the function. A report with thanks & photos was sent to Rotary for their funding.

4.3.2.Wreath Anzac Day 2025: Ross. Agreed to fund a wreath. Will apply for funding for traffic management for the event in conjunction with the Anzac day group.

4.3.3. Local traders & Community Groups. Ross reported that many local traders had joined MPA and we would follow up others. MPA wants to support traders. Discussed the community groups that needed to be approached.

5. Confirmation of Agenda

5.1.1. Additional items and agenda order.

Motion "That the agenda & order be accepted"

Moved R Cornell /M Gamble

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1. Secretary's report & tabling of communications.

6.1.1. Outwards

6.1.1.1. CAV request for reasons for refusal

6.1.1.2. M-A Thomas asking to follow MPA request to CAV

6.1.1.3. Email to M-A Thomas thanking for her follow up with brief recent history.

6.1.2. Inwards

6.1.2.1. CAV re new information under consideration.

6.1.2.2. M-A Thomas update from CAV

6.1.2.3. Tax Office giving our ATN

6.1.2.4. Tax office outlining our reporting responsibilities

6.2. Chairperson's report

6.2.1. Launch (See 4.3)

6.2.2. Press reports: Photo and article to Kyneton Connect & New Woodend Star.

6.2.3. Anzac Day 2026 (See 4.3)

6.2.4. Traffic application (See 4.3)

6.2.5. Cinema evening: Discussed – noted that the Hall Committee & Malmsbury Mail would jointly fund a screen & projector for the hall & that purchase was in train.

6.2.6. Ross had rung the CAV and discussed what appeal processes there are.

6.2.7. Ross read a draft letter to local legal practitioners seeking pro bono help.

Will circulate by email .

6.3. Treasurer's report

6.3.1. Jim reported that the current Bank account balance was \$2442 and circulated a printout of transactions.

Motion "That the Treasurers report be accepted"

Moved J Vale/P Flanagan

CARRIED

6.4. Other reports

6.4.1. Membership payment program PayPal. Jose & Philip reported they had spent a number of hours trying to set up a PayPal account for the MPA with the objective of linking to MPA website to collect membership application details and forward membership fees to our bank account. They encountered problem with re- accessing the new account and completing required information. Philip will ring Payal for assistance.

7. CAV update & discussion

- 7.1. Discussed further steps to obtaining more transparency about the fate of the MAA's assets, including the likelihood of a VCAT appeal and the necessity to gather information beforehand.

Motion "That the MPA proceed with a Freedom of Information request to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) for the period 1 January 2018 to the date of the request, for all transactions, communications and other dealings concerning the Malmsbury Advance Association (MAA), between CAV and the MAA, its office bearers, members and others."

Moved R Cornell/M Gamble CARRIED Action Ross.

- 7.2 **Motion** "That the MPA request detailed information from Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) about the assets it is holding from the deregistered Malmsbury Advance Association (MAA), including real property, capital, bank accounts and similar, and other, plus any transactions and committed expenditure since the MAA's last general meeting until the date of the request.

Moved P Flanagan/J Ramos CARRIED Action
Philip

8. Membership

- 8.1. Applications – none approved as application forms with signature need to be completed.

9. Website development

- 9.1. Jose reported that the Committee bios were now on the website.
9.2. Will purchase the url malmsburyprogress.org.au which is still available
9.3. Discussion about other features to be included in the website, such as links to other groups, list of events, member groups etc.

10. General Business

- 10.1. Defibrillator & CPR training. Issue raised by Sandy (apology) per email.

Discussion mentioned that there is a defibrillator in the Hotel & cfa has 2 – ring 000). Easy to use. We need to get info on number of CPR trained people & access to training and cost.

- 10.2. Draft application form. Philip circulated a draft form, will make changes and circulate via email. All members (including Committee) must complete and

sign form. If you know of friends etc who have paid. please have them sign the form and send to Philip.

11. Meetings

11.1.Closed at 7.58pm

11.2.Next Meeting Monday 5 May 2025 at 6.30pm