



General Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 28/09/2021 | 1800hrs | Meeting location Elsie Austin Pavilion

Meeting called by	Joan Quinn	Attendees		
Type of meeting	General Meeting	Anne Lynch	Jo Cicchini	Nikki Briffa
Note taker	Jessica Knight	Bruce Bulcher	Jo Sheil	Paige McNeil
		Debra Bishop	Joan Quinn	Rod Teale
Apologies		Freddie Hendriksen	John	Sam Ford
John Daw	Simon Cuthbert	Heather Meiklem	John Bell	Susan King
Gwyn Dean		Jessica Knight	John Karoll	Wade Isard
		Jessica Shaw	Neridah Zlahtnik	

The Mt Helena Residents & Ratepayers' Association acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Whadjuk Noongar people.

We recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their culture; and to the elders past, present, and emerging and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded – this always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

Time allotted | 15 mins | Agenda topic Whim Progress Report | Presenter Hannah Dyer

Discussion Final preparations are underway and stallholders are being organised. Last-minute sign ups are still open, those interested in holding a stall or running activities are encouraged to apply by contacting hdyer23@bigpond.com. Those with school-aged children are encouraged to check out the colouring competition (entries are downloadable from the [MH R&R website](#)).

Conclusion Please support the Mt Helena Whim Festival by coming down and joining us on the Sunday October 31st! If you are available for volunteering with set up/pack down/event co-ordination for the 30th or the 31st please contact hdyer23@bigpond.com.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Final Whim Preparations	Hannah Dyer	October 31 st

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic Roadwise Report | Presenter Joan Quinn

Discussion Bunning Rd has been officially determined to be a local jurisdiction road, not state. Therefore, we have continued liaisons with local government and are currently awaiting an update on the Roadwise program specifically as well as a Road Safety Council update.

Conclusion Mt Helena Residents & Ratepayers' Association continues to advocate for the community and work towards increasing motorist awareness of children on roads, as well as reducing vehicle speed and truck noise. We thank Kathy for all her hard work and support for this project.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Await update from Shire	Joan Quinn	N/A

Discussion

Save St Marks:

- Correspondence has been sent by State Government to Local Government on 20/09/2021 to the effect that the land the church is based on will no longer be sold as part of the State's asset refreshment process; seeking direction from Local Government on how they would like to proceed as the property now falls entirely under Local Government jurisdiction
- It is noted that the land is owned for public purpose under the planning scheme and biodiversity values and bushfire risk should be considered in maintaining and restoring the property
- Community restoration efforts continue to develop
 - Funding required
 - Potential funding available through bodies such as the National Trust or the State Government Heritage portfolio
 - In-kind contribution can be monetised at a rate of \$40/hour
 - Bruce Fulcher has kindly offered weatherboard fabrication as a labour in kind service
 - Community members are encouraged to consider how they may be able to assist with restoration efforts
 - Ken Wyatt and Jessica Shaw have kindly noted that they may be able to offer prizes for fundraising efforts as donations
 - Other potential funding sources need to be investigated, such as the Anglican Church
 - Heritage protection will help to ensure longevity and integrity of restoration efforts
 - Previously assessed at state-level for heritage protection in 2004 – assessment determined insufficient state significance
 - Report to be retrieved by Shire so that clarification can be sought on what the determining factors were for this decision
 - Alternately, the church may be able to be heritage protected at the local level, qualifying factors for local historical significance differ from those for state historical significance
 - Protection from vandals required to stop further deterioration
 - Action required from Shire either directly (by protecting the property themselves) or indirectly (by providing community members with permission to enact protective measures like boarding up entrances)
 - Community intent for usage of property once restored needs to be considered
 - What is the use? What is the function? What is the community purpose?
 - In terms of historical significance and potential tourism applications, relationship to Mahogany Creek Hall and Chidlow Hall as well as connections to Bunnings Mill and Sawyers Valley School House should be considered
 - Bullsbrook Sporting Centre is community operated and may therefore provide an exemplar

Wooroloo Fire Independent Inquiry:

- Enquiry is a joint effort from local Shires and State Emergency Recovery
- Post-public comment independent commissioner will review submissions made and prepare a report for publication and submission to the minister
- Submission date for public input extended to 08/10/2021

- Jessica Shaw is submitting anonymised data
- Jessica Shaw and team will be investigating why planning issues were excluded from terms of reference and highlighting issues raised by the community, including the management of increasing population density in relation to increased congestion on emergency egress routes

Bullsbrook Water:

- MH R&R continues to support the plight of affected Bullsbrook residents and will be submitting a letter of support to our Bullsbrook counterparts

Conclusion Although support may be available through state and federal representatives, further negotiations relating to St Marks will primarily happen at the shire level. Jessica Shaw will continue to advocate for local residents in the submission process for the Wooroloo independent fire inquiry.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Retrieve copy of correspondence + report from Shire	Joan/Owen	N/A
Compose letter supporting PFAS-affected Bullsbrookians	Joan/Jess	TBA

*Addit 16/11/21: Campaign for water for PFAS-affected Bullsbrook residents successful, letter no longer required

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic St Marks Report | Presenter Owen Briffa

Discussion Please see social media recordings from Save St Mark’s for live video recording.

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic Treasurer’s Report | Presenter Anne Lynch

Discussion Please see [Appendix 1](#).

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic Speech | Presenter Neridah Zlahtnik, Melanye Wawrick, Sharon Milton

Discussion Thank you to our wonderful prospective shire councillors! We wish you all the best in the upcoming election and look forward to continuing to work with you for the betterment of the local community.

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic Mt Helena Pool Update | Presenter Wade

Discussion Since its foundation two years ago, the Mt Helena Swim Club has expanded to 104 members. Recently, grants from Ken Wyatt have been used to secure new lane ropes, backstroke flags, and a marquis for use at swim meets. The new pool blanket is due for arrival – it was delayed due to a supply issue. However, the Mt Helena Swim Club remains the only Swimming WA affiliated club in the Perth metro area that does not have a year-round facility, which represents a serious disadvantage for our competitive swimmers and a service deficit for aquatic recreation. Currently, our swimmers have to travel to Belmont to train eight times a week – this is unsustainable and inequitable for swimmers whose parents are unable to support this travel. Despite this hardship, two of our swimming club members have qualified for state championships due to their talent and dedication, and we congratulate them on their achievement. In order to support continued engagement with and expansion of the Mt Helena Swim Club, the support of the shire is needed to increase availability of the pool for use.

Conclusion Lighting funding needs to be sourced to extend the season to 9 months alongside current solar heating and blanket. In order to extend to a full year season, a heat pump is needed, which will cost approximately \$50,000.

APPENDIX 1

Treasures report @ 28 September 2021

BANKING:

Credit:

CHEQUE (Club) ACCOUNT 129340626	\$15,298.77
SAVINGS ACCOUNT 134947142	\$13,561.72
TRANSACTION ACCOUNT – CARD	<u>\$ 93.95</u>
Total banking	\$28,954.44

Liabilities:

Grant for Skatepark works	\$ 9,330.00
Whim Starting Money	\$ 5,000.00
Shire Grant for Whim	\$ 5,000.00
Allocated monies per Lottery West Grant ((420174367)	\$ 3,968.00
Money from Bendigo Bank	\$ 520.00
Healthways Grant Whim	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$28,818.00

NET POSITION \$ 136.44 Credit