



Mount Helena Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association - General Meeting Minutes 20 November 2024 | Elsie Austin Pavilion – 21 Chidlow Street, Mount Helena

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

The President Joan Quinn declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mount Helena Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association Inc respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the region.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Attendance	
Executive Committee	
Joan Quinn	President
Owen Briffa	Secretary Media and Communications Officer
Angela Daw	Treasurer
Freddie Henriksen	Committee Member
Attendees	
Cr Neridah Zlatnik Narelle Thredgold Anna Lancaster Krys Lancaster Samantha DaSilva Matthew Elwood	Heidi Fisher Ryan Fisher Ellen Crane Amanda Norris
Apologies	
Paige McNeil, Shire President Adam Hort, Liberal Candidate for Kalamunda Cr John Daw Kellie Harwood, Vice President	



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2.0 REVIEW OF PREVIOUS GM MINUTES

The minutes from the previous General Meeting were reviewed for accuracy and completeness. There were no further amendments, and the minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Motion: Moved by Angela Daw, seconded by Freddie Henriksen.

3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Angela Daw. She provided an update on the current financial standing of the MHRRPA, including an overview of income and expenditure since the last meeting. The full detailed report was circulated for review.

Motion: Moved by Joan Quinn, seconded by Freddie Henriksen.

4.0 ELSIE AUSTIN CHANGEROOM UPGRADES

Project Overview: The redevelopment of the Elsie Austin Changerooms has been an ongoing priority for the MHRRPA, with a focus on improving facilities for the community.

Club Involvement: Junior and Senior Football Club members are set to participate in the

consultation process for the design and development of the new changerooms to ensure that their needs are adequately met. **Conceptual Designs:**

- David Clear from the Shire of Mundaring presented two potential designs for the new changerooms.
- The **Mount Helena Senior Football Club (MHSFC)** has developed a revised plan that eliminates one sink in each changeroom and replaces it with an additional shower. The alternative plan proposes removing a toilet from each changeroom and adding two extra showers, thereby improving the overall efficiency of the facilities and increasing capacity.

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- The **Mount Helena Junior Football Club (MHJFC)** raised concerns about the inclusivity of the disability changerooms. They proposed that the entry door should be positioned inside the changerooms, rather than directly accessible from the outside, to improve privacy and safety. Additionally, the inclusion of a sliding door within the wall cavity was suggested to enhance accessibility.

Funding Commitment: Karen Beale, the Labor Candidate for Kalamunda, has pledged \$400,000 to support the upgrades of the Elsie Austin Changerooms.

Further Considerations: Cr Zlatnik discussed the feasibility of reducing the number of sinks in the changerooms and mentioned that while a complete reduction may not be viable due to codes and regulation, the sink area could potentially be modified or re-arranged to accommodate the proposed changes.

Action: A collective message will be sent to the Shire from each club, rather than from individual members, to streamline communication.

- Feedback and suggestions on the changeroom design to be submitted to the Shire of Mundaring by Friday, 22 November 2024. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

Meeting with Candidates: Paige McNeil, Shire President, has met with all State and Federal election candidates to present the Shire's vision, "Our Plan for the Future," highlighting the importance of the Elsie Austin Changerooms project as a priority project.

Mount Helena Tennis Club: The Mount Helena Tennis Club has informed the MHRRPA that they do not wish to be involved in the Elsie Austin Changeroom upgrades discussions.

Storage Shed: A 50sqm storage shed will be constructed at Elsie Austin Oval, with a concrete pad, electricity, and security provisions.

Action: Plan to meet and greet all State and Federal candidates to request a commitment of \$400,000 or more for the project.

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5.0 WHIM FESTIVAL REPORT

Shire Grants Workshop: Owen, Kellie, and Joan attended the Shire of Mundaring Grants Workshop on 23 October 2024. This workshop was designed to assist local organisations in securing funding for community events.

Stallholder Update: Owen provided an update on the status of stallholder registrations for the Whim Festival. He outlined the next steps in securing vendors and the types of stalls that would be featured at the festival.

Planning Meeting: A follow-up meeting was held on 11 November 2024 at the Shire with Shekofeh, Cathy, Priscillia, Joan, and Owen to discuss event requirements, permits, and forms. The application forms for participation and the Facebook event page will be launched within two weeks.

Sandy Area Concerns: A concern was raised regarding the sandy area at the festival location. It was flagged with Shane Purdy and the Infrastructure team to address this issue and find a solution before the event.

Grant Writing: Joan has begun discussions with Lotterywest to secure funding for the festival. She has also received an email from Shannon Foster at the Shire to discuss potential funding from Shire event grants.

Cr Zlatnik's Recommendation: Cr Zlatnik suggested that meetings be held with Shannon Foster to explore the possibility of securing a multi-year event grant agreement for the Whim Festival. This would provide long-term funding stability for the festivals future.

Mural Possibility: There is potential for a mural to be painted in Pioneer Park as part of the Whim Festival in 2025. Cr Zlatnik proposed that this idea be followed up with the Shire, as it could become part of the broader Shire Mural Project. The mural would need to feature UV protection and anti-graffiti treatments. If painted on boards, it could be displayed inside the Elsie Austin Pavilion or other local venues.

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6.0 THE FUTURE OF MOUNT HELENA

Mount Helena Village Centre Precinct Plan: The 1997 Mount Helena Village Centre Precinct Plan will be made available on the MHRPA website for public review and discussion. [precinct-plan-mount-helena \(mundaring.wa.gov.au\)](http://precinct-plan-mount-helena.mundaring.wa.gov.au) This will provide an opportunity for the community to consider the original vision and compare it to current planning needs.

Shire Town Planning Update: Cr Zlatnik informed the meeting that the Shire Town Planning Scheme and Strategy are currently being reviewed. The Mount Helena and Glen Forrest precincts are flagged as priorities for long-term planning. It is important that the precinct plans align with the Shire's overall planning strategy, as these plans are interrelated. Cr Zlatnik encouraged everyone to review the Brown Park Precinct Plan, which is available on the Shire's website, to understand the broader vision for the area.

7.0 INSTALLATION OF FLAG POLES AT ELSIE AUSTIN OVAL

Grant for Flagpoles: A grant of \$1,939 from Bendigo Bank has been received for the purchase of three flagpoles.

Approval for Installation: CEO Jason Whiteaker has given approval for the installation of the flagpoles at Elsie Austin Pavilion during the Bendigo Bank Grants Awards Night Ceremony.

Installation Update: Holes have been dug, and one flagpole has already been cemented in place. The installation area is currently roped off for safety.

Stop Order: Megan Griffiths from the Shire issued a stop order notice for the flagpole installation. A meeting with David Clear and Steve Trillin is needed to resolve the issue and move forward with the installation. The flagpoles must be installed before ANZAC Day.

8.0 DISPLAY CASES AT ELSIE AUSTIN PAVILION

The Shire's approval is currently being sought for the installation of display cases at Elsie Austin Pavilion to showcase local history, artwork, and community achievements. This initiative will enhance the pavilion's cultural offerings.

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9.0 SHIRE UPDATE – CR NERIDAH ZLATNIK

Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation:

The Town Centre Concept Plan is currently open for public comment. The community is encouraged to review and provide feedback through the Engage Mundaring platform.

[Have your say: Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation](#)

A multi-purpose community cultural hub will be developed first in the Mundaring Town Centre. Further developments, such as high-density aged care or town housing, will be built around the town centre. This is to ensure that the lifestyle and environmental values of the surrounding Hills region are preserved.

10.0 2025 STATE AND FEDERAL CANDIDATES

State Election – Kalamunda Electorate

- Adam Hort, Liberal
- Karen Beale, Labor
- Janelle Sewell, Greens
- Lisa Logan, Nationals

Federal Election – Bullwinkel Electorate

- Matt Moran, Liberal
- Trish Cook, Labor
- Mia Davies, Nationals

No candidates were in attendance for this meeting.

11.0 2025 MEETING DATES

The 2025 meeting dates have been scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Elsie Austin Pavilion. These dates will be confirmed as either MHRPA General Meetings or Whim Festival Committee Meetings in 2025.

Additionally, the ANZAC Day service will be held on **April 25** at the Elsie Austin Pavilion, starting at **11:30am**, and the **Whim Festival** will take place on **Sunday, 26 October**, at Pioneer Park, from **9:00am to 3:00pm**.

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12.0 CLOSING PROCEDURES

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19 February 2025, 6:30pm at Elsie Austin Pavilion

Meeting closed at 8:17pm

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BANKING:

Credit:

Grants Received 23/11/23-21/8/24	
Department of Veterans' Affairs 16/4/24 - Roll of Honour Board WWII	\$5,137.00
Bendigo Bank 10/6/24 - Flag Poles	\$1,939.00
Total Grants Received	\$7,436.00

CASH IN HAND	\$ -
CHEQUE ACCOUNT ENDING 0626 Includes ANZAC Day \$539.60	\$ 9,966.17
SAVINGS ACCOUNT ENDING 7142 \$5,000 put aside for the Whim Festival	\$ 5,009.87
NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACCOUNT ENDING 1169	\$ 31.38
TOTAL	\$ 15,007.42

Outstanding:

Refund due from computer return	\$ 777.07
Invoice to be paid	\$1,389.00
Total Outstanding	\$2,166.07

NET POSITION 21/8/24	\$ 12,841.35
NET POSITION 22/11/23	\$ 10,718.98
DIFFERENCE	\$ 2,122.37

Assets:

Lap Top Computers x 2
Sundry items stored in cage
Square Reader x 2

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