



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Date: 22nd November 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Elsie Austin Pavilion

Meeting called by Joan Quinn, President

Minutes Secretary: Vincent Holdsworth

Attendees

Joan Quinn
Vincent Holdsworth
Angela Daw
Anne Lynch
Freddie Hendriksen
Owen Briffa
Rod Teale
Sharon Milton
Chip Marsh

Wade Isard
Lance Stannard
Christina Van Hese
Amber-Rose McQueen
Krys Lancaster
Shire President - Paige McNeil
Shire CEO - Jason Whiteaker
Cr John Daw
Cr Neridah Zlatnik

Apologies

Hannah Dyer
Anna Lancaster



1. Joan Quinn - **Acknowledgement of Country**



2. Joan Quinn - **Review of Previous AGM Minutes:** deferred to next General Meeting in 2024 as the former Secretary has them and is on holiday.



3. Joan Quinn - **President's Report:** see attachment 1.1



4. Anne Lynch - **Treasurer's Report:** see attachment 1.2, seconded by Joan Quinn.



5. **Election of Officer Bearers and Committee Members:**

- Owen Briffa was elected as Returning Officer for the election.
- Results of the election:
 - President: Joan Quinn
 - Vice President: Kellie Harwood
 - Secretary: Vince Holdsworth
 - Treasurer: Angela Daw
 - Committee Members: Freddie Hendriksen, Anne Lynch, Natasha Knight
 - Media & Communications Officer: Owen Briffa


General Meeting following AGM



6. Review of Previous GM Minutes & Action Updates:

- a. Joan Quinn - Whim Festival more volunteers always welcome and helpful. "Back to the Mill" history zone stall was appreciated, and 20 longstanding residents visited. Owen's book launch on history of schools in Mt Helena 1890 to present.
- b. Joan Quinn and Owen Briffa - WW1 & WW2 Roll of Honour. Ongoing
- c. Owen Briffa / Paige McNeil - Establishment of Mundaring Tourist Radio 87.6fm. No update.
- d. Vincent Holdsworth - Excessive Bullying at ESHS. No update, however new Principal for 2024 employed, so that may address this issue; to be monitored.
- e. Vincent Holdsworth - Improving Our Roads capital works request to be submitted for Sawyers Road, FB page consultation to get community feedback and suggestions. The S bend in Sawyers Road was done for the railway line crossing that was there to slow traffic down, however this is no longer required and could be straightened out. The bitumen needs another layer of asphalt. The trail crossing at the S bend is dangerous for horse, bike and people traffic as the view is obstructed in one way (towards SV), especially with the advent of electric cars, it's difficult to know when it's safe to cross.
- f. Vincent Holdsworth - Agenda schedule. Intermission addition to the schedule discussed and consented to, as was the timed agenda items.

 7. INTERMISSION – Toilet and Refreshment Break.

 8. Vincent Holdsworth – Permanent Whim Replica at Pioneer Park: Seconded to seek art grant and signage strategy by Shire for permanent whim replica, notify shire by 10th December 2023.

9. Vincent Holdsworth – Mt Helena Skate Park training sessions for youth: Cr Cook did something in Darlington. Youth engagement partnership fund can be sought to pay the wages of Matthew Rhodes who will teach kids skateboard lessons.

10. Mount Helena Aquatic Centre Discussion

Mount Helena Aquatic Centre opened in 1992, and many fund-raisers were held including students making a home, sold it, proceeds to pool.

10yr agreement with shire to open the pool to public to 2029. Up to shire when to open, however 7:30am-3:30pm is for school use only on school days. Health dept code re lighting and access. Shire has opened it up to swimming club and can open without lifeguards. Can't open past daylight, so lighting solution of 80k to extend open times. Solar heated pool with \$800 insurance annual currently in use however ineffective during cloudy weather (like last year's spring/summer). \$250k for heating and lighting solution quoted. At 10am school uses it but not by much. All year around aquatic facilities needed by community and this is the only club with no access for 6 months. Trial period had times when not staffed and only counted as entered (not those already in the pool before 6pm, like the 30 kids taking swimming lessons), so the trail survey was ineffective and the results were misrepresentative (as very few people came after 6pm; most came before 6pm but were not counted if they stayed past 6pm). School not putting the pool blanket on to keep it warm as too much hassle. Lane ropes at Bilgoman are old, but proper lane ropes at MtH but school requires the ropes removed daily by club volunteers, Shire approached to move lane ropes in pool gutter but was a \$10k quote, so club have fashioned a workable cheaper solution. School doesn't run any lessons and there's no "community of swimmers" in MtH. Education minister approached and in favour of heating, lighting and increased usability/accessibility. Lake closures during hot weather further restrict public access to water recreation options. No shire requirements to provide water recreation. MtH was designed for people with disability access however the pool is not accessible for most of the year. Young kids looking to get some pre-season swimming experience before swimming lessons start during term 1 and 4, which was made possible last year but it was a cold/cool summer. Concerns raised about timing, when is it open? Never sure when it is opened and unlike Lake Les, opening times are not readily ascertainable. Vince/Secretary to facilitate this feedback on the MtH FB Locals page and the CEO/Jason emailed with this feedback for further consideration of the community's concerns (also email CEO about the WW1-2 placement on RHS wall). Can a pool opening times sign by ESHS entrance (by deli) be installed?

11. Meeting dates: Feb 21, May 15, Aug 21 + AGM, Nov 20. Can it be video conferenced? Some were concerned it blow out the meeting duration and would reduce turnout, however in-person was always the effective way to get your point across and agenda items would continue to be monitored, with preference for questions given to in-house attendees. Additionally, there are people in the community, carers and parents, who can't leave their house at this time (Dinner, bed etc) but who would like to attend. Microsoft Teams, for e.g., allow people on VC to raise their hand and text a question.

12. Plaque on planting trees at Pioneer Park. These have eroded with age and needs cleaning

13. Joan - Prison labour can be coordinated for community projects; open for ideas on FB local page.

Meeting Closed at: 8:40pm.

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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.

Good evening and welcome to the Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting 2023.

The Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers are a group of volunteers who care about their community and who work together to make it a better place to live.

So far, we have work on or are working on the following:

WW1 Roll of Honor moving it into the Elsie Austin Pavilion of Mount Helena. This has been successful.

The Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers organized the First Anzac Service. The Anzac Ceremony was held to remember and honor the men and women of Mt Helena who served our great country of Australia.

A grant has been written to have a WW11 Memorial. This has been submitted and we are waiting for the results. All the workers and craft people have been contacted and organized. Our goal is to have it hanging in Elsie Austin Pavilion for our next Anzac Service. At this time both Memorials will be moved and be placed on the wall with the present fire hydrant. We have requested that the fire hydrant be moved.

Our Mt Helena Senior Football Club has celebrated its 75th birthday. The Mount Helena Residents and Ratepayers Association have had two of their 75th birthday shirts framed. These shirts will be hung on the wall in Elsie Austin Pavilion.

The Whim Festival was a huge success. The Whim Festival 2023 has been the most successful Whim Festival so far with over 5,000 visitors. The last Whim in 2017 on its own had 2000 attending. The Whim Festivals with the Billy carts which was originally started by the Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers Association had better attendance when both groups worked together.

The Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers have been given a donated by a local business of 2 display cases. We are seeking permission to place them in the hallway, so that all local clubs can display their memorabilia in a locked cabinet.

In July 2022 we started planning our Happy Birthday Party for Mt Helena.

On November 19, 2022, from 9-12 PM the Mount Helena Residents and Ratepayers Association organized a Happy Birthday Mount Helena reunion and gathering in Pioneer Park. This was a very successful event and a great celebration for past residents and present residents and ratepayers. Special thank you to Rose and Angela for making the yummy carrot cake!

Capital Works Submissions Not Completed:

- A memorial in Pioneer Park for our men & women who have served in the wars and some who have given their life in war.

- Sign Entrance to Pioneer Park to be established.

- Special THANK YOU to Gwyn Bell for keeping our community board in tip top shape. Thank You so much!

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- I want to give a great big thank you to all our volunteers. Allan Mason, Kellie Harwood, Anne & Danny Lynch, Hannah Dyer, Owen Briffa, Phil Bourgault, Freddie, Stephanie, Vanessa & Sam, Ken & Joan, and Ray Eddy. These are some outstanding volunteers who have worked hard to give the community of Mt Helena a great day out and to help build a stronger and healthier community environment.

- Thank you to all who have worked throughout the year to make our Mount Helena Community a great place to work and play.

Treasures report @ 22 November 2023

BANKING:

Credit:

CASH IN HAND	\$ Nil
CHEQUE (Club) ACCOUNT 129340626	\$ 11,201.67
SAVINGS ACCOUNT 134947142	\$ 1.83
NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACCOUNT 166051169	\$ 292.55
Total	<u>\$11,496.05</u>

Liabilities:

Refund due from computer return	\$ 777.07
Total Labilités	<u>\$ 777.07</u>

NET POSITION **\$ 10,718.98**
CREDIT

Outstanding Airport Grant	\$1,000.00
Outstanding WHIM sponsorship	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
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Assets :

Lap Top Computers x 2
Plus sundry items stored in the cage