

Minutes: 9th February 2026: 6.45 pm, Macclesfield Institute

1. WELCOME:

Acknowledgement of the traditional owners - the Peramangk people – and their leaders past and present, on whose land we meet tonight.

2. PRESENT: P. Worland (Chair), R. Davidson (Vice Chair), B. Smith J. Conroy (Sec), L. Boyd, T. Slack, K. Stephenson

3. APOLOGIES: G Harris (Treasurer),

4. GUESTS: Bella Gazard and Eleanor Ford attended to introduce themselves as the new Village Market coordinators. (Eleanor has experience in facilitating art workshops, is a creative – “Mini Mad Things”)
Aim to maintain same community spirit the market is known for, bring in energy and people by adding in art workshops, kitchen workshops in the supper room. Proposing affordable lunches - simple foods e.g. soups, local fare, long tables for everyone to eat at. Hope to encourage more people/families to attend, with initial focus on art workshops & food in supper room.
Eleanor passionate about linking generations, bringing in local artists and supporting them to run a successful workshop and showcase the work they do. Considering a ‘market mentoring scheme’ and offering for several months across the year, youth stalls and assist young people to run workshops. Discussion re MCA covering costs of youth market stall insurance.
First market to offer a community bake sale. Eleanor has completed ‘I’m alert’ training. (Has someone in mind who is coming to market to check if viable for them to run a kitchen.) Bella: first workshop, really simple and easy, a small craft activity. Artists to run workshop as a volunteer, unpaid – if MCA could cover materials \$50 - \$100 per workshops. Discussion re public liability insurance, costs.
Next market: meet and greet and canvas level of interest, what works, what might work.
Question posed if market items required, process to request. Both become MCA members for volunteer insurance cover.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion: “That the minutes of the meeting held 11/12/2025 be accepted”.

Agenda items		Discussion	Decision	Action
6. Business Arising from Minutes				
6.1	Movie 'Just a Farmer' (+ Future Drought Funds Communities)	-	Shelve suggestion due to cost and coverage available on free to air media	
6.2	Imagine Uraidla presentation + Town Teams Movement (Place Making)	-	Arrange sub-committee meeting to discuss Communications role Follow up on Town Teams	L. Boyd/J. Conroy P. Worland
6.3	Planning and budget for Institute Green Room and foyer improvements	- A/C in and working - Desk purchased	Paint walls/ replace quad MMS to sand and paint end table Assemble Desk Purchase new window blinds/kettle	R. Davidson/B. Smith R. Davidson J. Conroy
6.4	Noise in supper room.	- Panels can be stuck to ceiling which will baffle sound however concern will fail to meet fire ratings.	Check with MMS on panels made for other MBDC Halls. To further explore/consider options	R. Davidson
6.5	Allocation of funds to complete access paths	- Nil further		
6.6	State Election - Advocacy	- Reply received from J Teague office letter. Greens candidate in Maccy last week, had read and supported what asking for. No reply from Labor candidate.	Follow up in a week to see if any comment/feedback. Opportunity for action around public transport as State Govt issue and call for action from government. Courier media item – queue at bus stop, timing so younger people can be represented/ all generations 2pm Sunday 22 nd Feb. Find out if Journalist available.	P. Worland

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6.7 Township Plan update	- MBDC Township Plan from 2020. - Township plans have been downgraded, many actions not undertaken. When asked MBDC advised plans are 'aspirational', and 60 -70% have been actioned	As result of speaking with MBDC last year. Arrange to meet with Alison Hancock and also Acting Mayor Voogt. Trying to foster better relationships with MBDC. Committee members to provide feedback to Penny on Actions of importance within township plan	P. Worland All
6.8 MBDC Community Forum in Macclesfield 2 Feb	- Well-attended by locals. Issued raised: • MCA: Venables St upgrade, pedestrian safety south of Three Bros Arms • Parin St bridge and pedestrian safety • • D. Oldenhove – Council should prioritise making existing facilities fit for purpose eg open showers at Recreation Grounds bathrooms should be replaced with single showers - advised by a Councillor “that communities have to work harder to raise money for developments” • Trees on side entry roads - fire risk • Economic support for small business	Main St redevelopment – General Manager of Infrastructure MBDC advised township plan had been checked and couldn't see any commitment to complete whole of street redevelopment. P. Worland able to provide evidence of previous master plan that shows continuation to end of Venables	P. Worland
7 Correspondence			
Business arising from correspondence	- Nil		

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8 MCA Planner				
8.1	Working Bee - safety check tables & chairs	- Audit of damaged black card tables & white trestle tables. Check replacement required & action - Confirmed MCA have two trailers registered to Association. Only one at Institute.	Still to do Check with R. Milne	R. Davidson/B. Smith K. Stephenson
9.1	Sports trophy	- MCA advised Football club already have an award for volunteer - Tennis club – J. Milne advised last season MCA can sponsor volunteer community award - MCA want to sponsor awards that align with its purpose eg service to the Club rather than sports achievement	Follow up: Football club - find out if there is a sponsor Cricket and softball club	J. Conroy T. Slack
9.3	BYP	- South ward Councilors will be approached re making a Ward donation - Battunga Lions, RSL, Stirling Op Shop all provided contribution to partnership - MCA current program, planning a 'completion of first year' event to include skateboard instruction	Continue to explore ongoing grants - MCA current program – completion of first year event - \$1000 Motion: That MCA donate \$1000 to end of first year celebration and programming in year 1. Moved: K. Stephenson 2nd R. Davidson. Motion carried	P. Worland
9.4	Kitchen equipment	- H. Jewel advised broken urns One was thrown out due to damage	Agreed no need to replace as two others available.	

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9 New business			
9.5 Governance training	- Unsuccessful application for joint halls grant - aim of training is to uplift the collective – achieve sustainability though collaborative approach - Governance training workshop structure quote is \$8000 and a successful application for grant monies might reduce training costs to about \$600 per hall.	MCA committee expressed interest in continuing to pursue. Advise other halls and if interest apply for grant	P. Worland
9.6 Time capsule	- T. Slack met with P. Cotter who offered to remove stone and replace free of charge. - If time may also do some repairs on institute.	Speak with history group about their involvement	T. Slack
9.7 RSL Garage sale	- Sunday 1st March – organisers to take registrations before the event, create a map (pick up points) - MCA to sponsor – contribute to cost of ads in Courier/Argus	Social media promotion Motion: allocate \$350 support garage trail sale Moved P. Worland 2 nd : B. Smith. Motion Carried	L. Boyd
10. Finance			
10.1 Report		No report.	
11 Events update			
11.1 Carols on the Square	- Paper work done	Event report to be completed – contact B. Slack/C. Megson-McAllister for report/Budget reconciliation	J. Conroy

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11 Events update (cont)			
11.2 Australia Day	- Attendance -80 – 100	Event report to be completed.	J. Conroy
12. Grants update			
12.1 Social Impact Grant 2024/25– Battunga Youth Partnership	- Growing attendance – 50/50 gender split, 73 registrations, 67% attending - Outing to Milang – swimming, water slide/games egg & bacon	Need more volunteers. Time changed to Friday PM 5 – 6.30 pm Promote on social media.	P. Worland L. Boyd
12.2 PIRSA Thriving Regions Fund – Thriving Communities	- Nil to report		P. Worland
12.3 MBDC Community grants	-	Applying for MBDC grant for table sculpture installation at Crystal lake Park. Due 1 March 2026.	P. Worland
13. Reports			
13.1 Hall report	- Replace small shed - Book house – ready in next 1- 2 weeks. - New cabinet for Defib - Table & Chairs from history room, use for storage of other chairs from shed if freezer goes into shed	C. Prey/R. Milne notify to see if group would like to decorate final finish	R. Davidson B. Smith
13.2 School Report	- Nil report as no meeting until week 8		
13.3 Task groups	- Market – Donut van attended	New Market Coordinators – B. Gazard and E. Ford	

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13.3 Task groups	- Arts Group - Biochar Group Biochar report received by email - Resilience Group	Arts group – email previous participating artists to canvas level of interest and support to hold event Meeting Tuesday 17th Available on request Follow up response from MBDC P. McGinn, to give feedback on infrastructure proposal. Proposed event idea for Welcome new residents to Maccy BBQ (held on Neighbour Day) ideal for resilience group. Sun 28th March 4 - 7pm. Resilience group to be involved Allocation of funds from MCA to cover Lions BBQ costs. Resilience to set up. MBDC event documentation/fire permit Resilience Booklet needs to be updated Info can be add to booklet in PO	R. Davidson/J. Conroy/B. Smith L. Boyd P. Worland J. Conroy

Finish: 9.05 pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March, 7.00 pm start – Macclesfield Institute Supper Room

Supper provided by P Worland, next meeting – R. Davidson/G. Harris
Apology- K. Stephenson