



**SVAPA Parent Support Group
Minutes of Term 1 Meeting 1
Thursday 19th March 2026
in Green Room of Tricycle Theatre**



Meeting opened at 6.35pm

Attendees

Kristy Riches	Tomas Mawer	Cassie Netolicky	Kathi Moeller Lima
Celeste Pirouet	Shahna Gallagher	Paul Keogh	Angelo Pilla
Johnathan Drysdale	Preety Ramdoyd	Julie Eglin	Kerry Anderson
Ana Santos	Tracey Keary	Hang Nguyen	

Apologies

Amy Rudd

Welcome, acknowledgement of country and introductions

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

Mount Lawley Senior High School is a school that has as its core values **Excellence, Learning, Perseverance and Respect**. The school embodies these values in its approach to Teaching and Learning and its connectivity to students, teachers and parents.

Kristy would like to welcome all new members and attendees of the meeting and stress the committee's gratitude for ongoing parent contributions.

Conflicts of interest

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Tracey and Kathi seconded.

Lawley Arts Update

The LAA committee last met on Tuesday, 17th March and has recorded 63 pieces of art submitted. It has been decided that the Urban Gallery will open around one hour early to ensure that people who are unable to attend the auction can browse the artwork. This gives potential buyers more time to ponder a purchase. The no-fuss raffle is due to close on Monday.

Actions Arising from the Last Minutes

Kerry Anderson has set up the Year 7 WhatsApp group and is in communication with guardians.

Nabil has sent Meg and Celeste an invitation to Xero, and they will complete the handover with Amanda Greenman on Friday, 20th March.

Shahna completed the stock take for the Fairy Floss stand. Kristy is organising materials and will test the machine over the weekend. As Kristy has sourced a free machine, and motion is already in place for materials, no further motions are required. There are no motions required. Sign Up Genius is live with two volunteers still required for the 11 am to 1:15 pm time slot for Fairy Floss Makers. Kristy will send a message to the class representatives requesting that they send a follow-up message with a link to Sign Up Genius to call for volunteers to fill the spot. Meg will use Kristy's email address to log in to Square and click the 90-day login.

Kristy to send a message to the Class Representatives asking if anybody has or is willing to obtain a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate.

Teachers Report

The Year 8 Midsummers production is in full swing, with casting announced today. Mr Mawer has praised the students' high-quality work, and the students should be pleased.

The Year 7 workshop will be held on the first day of term 2 (21st April), with two groups of 16 students completing contemporary dance (movement, connection and improvisation). Students are asked to wear their SVAPA T-shirt and physical education shorts, and to bring a bottle of water. The workshops will be 90 minutes in duration.

The date for the Year 9 workshop is yet to be confirmed but is anticipated for 4th May and will be a half-day painting workshop with Visual Artist, Desiree Crossing.

The information session for prospective families for the 2027 school year will be held on Monday, 23rd March.

The Arts & Languages festival is being held on 27th March from 12:30 pm. Year 7s will take part in a Junkadelic workshop. All students are to wear their SVAPA T-shirt. Shahna will issue a confirmation email.

A renewed version of the SVAPA newsletter is currently being designed by the Marketing & Publications Officer. It is hoped to commence circulation early next term. The newsletter will include student feedback from workshops, photos, and details of upcoming events.

Treasurers Report

Unchanged from last meeting. An updated Treasurers Report will be presented by Megan Parker at the next meeting.

General Business

Midsummers

Tomas Mawer, Year 8 SVAPA drama teacher, confirms this year's Midsummers is sci-fi themed. There are 100 seats, with ticketsales of \$20 per ticket, and performances over 3 nights. Therefore, the expected income is \$6000. Expenses will include payment to assistant artists (for example, dance teacher Hannah Davidson), set design, paint, and costumes. Mr Mawer advised that most costumes will be inexpensive and accessible in places like Kmart; however, costumes like the fairies will need to be bespoke and will be more expensive.

Meg suggested a parent meeting to run through the concept so parents can assist. The production will run from 29th June to 1st July. Volunteers will be called on, and perhaps a Busy Bee will be organised via WhatsApp communication. Mr Moore advised that he needs some involvement from approximately 6 or 7 past SVAPA students (possibly year 10) for a portion of the performance.

Action required

- Tomas will speak to staff and reach out to prospective year 10 students for assistance in the performance. Shahna and Tomas will discuss options for the recording of the production and workshop the idea of turning a rehearsal (possibly tech) into a workshop, whereby media students film and create individual frames of students with the assistance of a mentor.

WAAPA buildings

Ana Santos advised that in 2020 the McGowan government promised Mt Lawley High School would have access to buildings at the WAAPA site. Three buildings won't be destroyed (one being the library, however, that is not viable). Clarity is required regarding what is happening with the other two buildings. Recent media releases have not mentioned Mt Lawley High School. There was a board meeting last month, and the minutes should be published next week. Then another board meeting will be held to authorise those minutes. Frank Paolino MLA advised that he didn't know about Mt Lawley obtaining space at the WAAPA site, so it is not in his control. However, then informally mentioned that there was no need to be concerned; it would be taken care of. At this stage, we must receive official confirmation of space being allocated to Mt Lawley, as it is not viable to build another primary school without providing more space for the high school. The P&C decided the President will write a letter to the Premier asking for clarity. There is an open day on the 25th of March at 5:30 pm at Terry Tizack. Tracey suggested setting up an online petition. Meg suggested that WACSSO may assist with lobbying. The P&C will provide a letter template that each subcommittee can use. Meg suggested a communications manager may be useful to assist the P&C going forward.

Action required

- Meg & Ana will draft a notice to explain the context that can be communicated via class representatives on how to help.
- Kristy will send a message to the class representatives to call on any parents who can attend to show support.

Meet and Greet

This year, each subcommittee held its own Meet and Greet. Tracey raised a concern that guardians receive overwhelming amounts of communication and invitations in term 1. Year 7 parents agreed and mentioned that some of the events clashed. It was suggested at the P&C meeting that all subcommittees hold a joint Meet and Greet at the beginning of term 1.

Action required

- Tracey will diarise to bring this up again towards the end of the year so subcommittees can start coordinating for the 2027 year.

Future Motions Required

Motion S2026.03.01 – Motion to allocate an allowance of \$4000 for set, costume and lighting costs for A Midsummer Night's dream which will be offset by a projected \$6000 ticket sales. Raised by Shahna. All in favour.

Motion S2026.03.02 – Motion to pay Amanda Humphries 2026 photography of \$1824. Raised by Kristy. All in favour.

Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 7:35 pm

Next meeting Term 2, Thursday 7th May 2026.

T1M2 SVAPA Treasurer's Report – no change from previous meeting