



**SVAPA Parent Support Group
Minutes of Term 3 Meeting 1
Thursday 6th August at 6:30pm in Green Room**



Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Attendees

Kristy Riches	Shahna Gallagher	Peter Cardy	Kathi Moeller Lima
Tracey Keary	Inga Kristoffersen	Megan Parker	Kerry Anderson
Paul Keogh	Julie Eglin	Andrea Cook	Celeste Pirouet

Apologies

Cassie Netolicky, Amy Rudd

Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and introductions

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present Traditional Custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Whadjuk Nyungar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country we all live in and share together – Australia. On a personal note, Kristy and Meg acknowledged their thanks to the rain being received in the Djilba season that is helping their gardens grow.

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 attendees of the meeting and stress the committee's gratitude for ongoing parent contributions.

Conflicts of interest

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Tracey and Meg seconded.

Actions Arising from the Last Minutes

Kristy will email Ana requesting the convenor email password to be reset.

Nabil advised we cannot use the treasurer email address for Xero as it's a shared email address. Celeste will continue completing Xero, and Meg will continue reporting. Meg advised she is finding having a separate treasurer email address easier.

Meg has access to Square; however, it is noted that the treasurer needs to be present at events to ensure volunteers have access. Shahna is locking the Square readers away, ready for the next event. Kristy will email Bec to advise where they are.

Teachers Report

Shahna noted that term three is a heavy music component. Please keep up to date via communication from Dijon given that each student is involved in different ensembles, which can be confusing. Shahna is happy to be approached if Dijon cannot be reached. However, the first reference point is to check upcoming dates in the school calendar.

Early morning classes are in progress for Year Sevens, and their sculptures look amazing. Students are having a great time. It can be difficult to fit everything in within the hour. Trenton is doing a great job keeping students on task. Trenton will be away for 2 sessions. Shahna will advise if there is relief during that period; however, notes extra sessions will be held in Term Four.

Year nines are currently doing early morning classes for Tiny Works with Moya.

Shahna extends congratulations to the Year Eights for an amazing Midsummers production. Also, thank you to all volunteers in the bake sale. Feedback from students has been great for their experience in Midsummers. We extend a thank you and congratulations to Tomas Mawer, who put in many volunteer hours to make it happen. Rehearsals were done from his heart, with help from Meg. Thank you to Amanda for the photos. The video is currently being edited and will be shared in due course. It is suggested that next year, savoury and vegan options are included at the bake sale. Meg will diarise to speak to the Cert students earlier next year to ensure they start getting involved in volunteering.

The Year Nine Saturday workshop is coming up on the 22nd of August. It will be run by Hannah Davison and comprises theatre games, improvisation and team building. The Year Nine Saturday workshop will be run by Desire in two sessions as she prefers smaller groups. If there are any scheduling issues, please speak to Shahna.

Treasurers Report

Please refer to the attached report. Balanced with \$58,408 in the bank – \$46,528.84 committed = \$11,879 to spend.

Meg advised that most of the Square income was from the bake sale. Meg queried if \$140 of ticket sales on the night needs to be differentiated. Shahna will check with Michelle. Total bake sale income was \$1,448.95. This was minus the \$140 ticket sales and two interest payments but also included the cash income banked in the Bendigo account. There are a couple more payments that Celeste authorised on the same day as the reconciliation that will be coming out.

Meg noted there are a fair number of 2025 motions that have been approved with funds committed, however are yet to come out of the account. Meg and Shahna will meet to go through what is still outstanding. One invoice for early morning classes was budgeted for \$1800; however, only one \$400 invoice has been received. Julie suggests perhaps because there were no early morning classes. Shahna and Meg will review.

General Business

Meg has written a proposal for the expression of interest to source artists for the CAHS truck wrap. It was decided it is best to do workshops in small groups with a mix of cohorts, with each artist having a side of the truck and the smaller panel to be less directed. Students will be able to sign up to a date, with a different date for each side. This gives students autonomy to decide which group they want to work with. Shahna would like to include alumni as it is a good mentoring opportunity. Kristy suggests EOI is more assertive with providing guidance on what we need, rather than asking artists for their preference. Meg will put forth the EOI to Rainbow Futures. Ana suggested we approach Cam from Junkadelic. The parade is on 28th November, so it is decided that workshops will occur on 31st October, 7th November, and 14th November. The artists' concept proposal will be due on 4th September, and successful artists will be notified on 11th September. It is noted that we will need to limit student participation to twenty students per session. Julie requested we use Jacksons for art supplies due to their support with the art auction. Meg will finish the EOI and send it to Shahna for approval by Leslie and ensure EOI is submitted by the end of this week.

Peter advised the total raised at the Lawley Art Auction was \$68,509, which broke last year's record. \$28,000 each will go to SVAPA and Music, with the balance going into a fund accessible by the school for any grants required for the wider community to support. The fund is to ensure awareness that the funds don't only go to SVAPA. Community feedback from the event was great, and artists are already saying they would like to submit again next year. Peter is taking over as convenor next year and is hoping for a volunteer co-chair to assist.

WAAPA buildings

Ana advised that the pressure put on Frank Paolino has had some impact. Previously, the Department of Education ceased communication with the school; however, they are communicating again, and we have been able to provide a list of needs of the school. Ana advised there has not been an official reply to letters to the premier and ministers, but is unsure if that is something that should happen. Ana is going to follow up to try to get a reply. It doesn't seem that anything is going to happen to the area for many years, given contamination of the floor needs addressing; also, to date, there are no investors interested in developing the space, and the community doesn't want high-rise developments. Ana noted that elections are coming up and should reveal more.

Future Motions Required

Motion S2026.08.06.1 – Motion to allocate an allowance of \$2000 to purchase t-shirts and bags for Year 7 2027. Raised by Karthi. All in favour.

Motion S2026.08.06.2 – Motion for \$800 to pay the MLSHS Home Economics Department to cater the Year 7 welcome night. Raised by Shana. All in favour.

Motion S2026.08.06.3 – Motion for \$400 to purchase refreshments for the Year 7 welcome night. Raised by Shahna. All in favour.

Motion S2026.08.06.4 – Motion for \$4,500 to fund the guest artists and grant assessor in term 4 for Year 9 Tiny Works. Raised by Shahna. All in favour.

Motion S2026.08.06.5 – Motion for \$850 to pay for food and refreshments for the Tiny Works preview day. Raised by Shana. All in favour.

Motion S2026.08.06.6 – Motion for \$2,325 for the purchase of 15 x \$150 gift cards, allowing for fees, for 2025 student grants. Raised by Shahna. All in favour.

Other Business

It is requested that the week three, term 4 meeting be moved to week 4 (5th November) to prevent a clash with the Welcome Night.

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm

Next meeting Term 3, Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Mount Lawley Senior High School		
SVAPA Sub-committee		
Treasurer's Report 2026 T3M1		
Meeting Date : 06/08/2026		
Balance at Bank as reported at T2M2		\$56,993.68
Current Bank Balance as at 06/08/2026		\$58,408.00
Committed Funds		\$46,528.84
Income since last report:		
Bake Sale proceeds 30th June		\$343.29
Bake Sale proceeds 1st July		\$434.51
July Interest		\$63.25
Bake Sale proceeds 2nd July	also includes \$140 ticket sales on the night	\$507.15
August Interest		\$66.87
Total Income since last report;		\$1,415.07
Payments made since last Report:		
	Motion Number	
Total Payments Made since last report		\$0.00
Starting Balance + Total Income - Total Payments Made:		\$58,408.75
Balance as at 06/08/2026 from Reconciled Xero Report		\$58,408.00
Balance Minus Committed Funds		\$11,879.16
Note: \$304.00 banked in Bendigo Account after bake sale		