

HAHNDORF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HCA) INC
MINUTES of COMMUNITY MEETING
Held on 13th May 2026 at 7.30pm
Hahndorf Memorial Institute Supper Room

1. **WELCOME:** Deputy Chair, Jeremy Roberts, introduced himself and welcomed Mayor David Leach, Councilors Anne Fordham and Darren Kelly, Mt Barker District Council staff members and residents to the meeting.
2. **PRESENT:** Jeremy Roberts (Deputy Chair), Donna Thomas (Secretary), Julie Klau (Treasurer), Deb Painter (Minute Secretary), Harold Gallasch (Committee), Greg Lomax (Committee), John Adcock (Committee), Pauline Annear (Committee), Mayor David Leach, Cr Darren Kelly, Cr Anne Fordham, Nathan Franklin (MBDC), Scott Thompson (MBDC), Ann Haines, Monique Lomax, Lyn Nitschke, John Nitschke, Cathryn Nitschke, Lindy Loose, Andrew Loose, Jenni Casey, Ian Barrie, Fiona Falzon, Angelo Pippas, Sharon Pippas, Tim Larkin, Peter Edmonds, Colin Best, Hamish..
3. **APOLOGIES:** Shirley Howe (Chair), Janet Kentish, Margaret Brook, Jan Adcock, Sarenah Gallasch.
4. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY MEETING:**
Moved: Julie Klau Seconded: Deb Painter CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

- **5.1 Update on Barn Project** – Greg Lomax reported:
 - Development Application has been lodged - some follow up needed on issues such as visibility into the Barn (for safety). Very slow progress. Sincere thanks to John Nitschke for allowing the Barn to be stored under cover on his property.

5.2 Event Planning:

- The annual High Tea Fundraiser is planned for August/September – committee to be formed to plan the event.
- Jeremy Roberts called for anyone interested in helping to organise the event to contact any member of the Committee to become involved.

5.3 Grant Application:

- HBTA and HCA are liaising with regard to completing an Infrastructure Grant Application for decorative lighting in the Main Street.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary Donna Thomas tabled a summary of incoming & outgoing correspondence:

- Incoming correspondence included: Agenda items relating to Hahndorf for Council meeting April 7th; from MBDC re Event Support Program, HBTA/HCA joint Community Infrastructure Grant, Community Leads edition, Township Plans Prospectus Update & Request, request to attend HCA meeting re Hahndorf Parking Management Plan, & Volunteer Movie Day; Multiple Mother's Day Market correspondence; from HBTA re

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community Infrastructure Grant application, Business Mentoring opportunity, position statement regarding protection of Hahndorf Heritage, & draft Community Engagement Policy; Hahndorf National Trust re Hahndorf's Planning & Heritage concerns/Media and Position Statement; Bene re Survey link request.

- Outgoing correspondence included to MBDC re Ward Donation request, the bridge over the Onkaparinga River and a Barn update; to HBTA re Main Street Lights; to Hahndorf Bowling Club re booking for High Tea event.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Chairperson: Jeremy Roberts reported:

- Shirley Howe unable to attend due to illness
- Observed that the Federal Budget on previous Tuesday contained a "Local Infrastructure Fund" worth \$2 billion, including \$500m for "regional infrastructure" including local roads and bridges, which could be applied to the need for a new bridge over the Onkaparinga River near Hahndorf. Jeremy pointed out to Mayor David Leach, in the audience, that this may be a source of funds to access for this purpose.

7.2 Treasurer: Julie Klau reported:

- Current total funds balance - \$12,743
- Income from the Mother's Day Market was approx. \$1500
- Other income included Anzac Day wreath donations and funds for the ReImagine Christmas Project, which HCA auspices.
- HCA funds total \$4626

7.3 Councilor's report: Cr Anne Fordham & Cr Darren Kelly present, & reported:

- At the recent Council meeting, Cr Kelly moved a motion to update the local weather station reporting, to be more relevant and in real time for Hahndorf. The BOM have agreed.
- Climate Risk Assessment.
- Funded projects include the upgrade of the mosaic base of the Alec Johnston Park fountain, and the upgrade of the Captain Hahn Plinth, which is underway.
- Councilors are still canvassing other projects.
- Possibility of a 'user charge' for events in Council Parks (potential for this to affect HCA's Remembrance Day ceremony)
- Cr Kelly has raised the issue of the impact of fireworks displays on animals and property – animal deaths and injury have occurred
- The Community Engagement Policy is out for consultation.
- Event and Community Grant Programs are currently active - applications open until May 24th.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

8.1 Hahndorf National Trust Branch/HBTA/HCA

- Combined position regarding Hahndorf's Heritage – position statement developed, and representatives from each organisation will jointly meet with Minister Nick Champion on 2nd June.

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8.2 HCA

- Jeremy Roberts said the HCA were trying to arrange a meeting with the Minister for Transport.

8.3 Consultation regarding Street Lighting

- Harold Gallasch commented on the poor lighting in Main Street – lamps need cleaning, and lack of lights in the northern area
- HCA to consult further with the community re decorative street lighting options – Comment that a Facebook survey only gave Yes/No response options with no capacity for further feedback on the survey.
- Deb Painter commented on the red lighting which she felt does not enhance the streetscape at this time of year – suggests a design similar to Adelaide's North Terrace tree lighting. Cr Kelly suggested a soft warm white light would be preferable. HBTA/HCA following up.

8.4 Traffic matters

- Colin Best commented that he had met with community members in Mt Barker re traffic concerns, and MBDC staff had been helpful in providing details of traffic diversion via Hawthorn Road to Echunga Road
- Potential for significant impact for traffic in Hahndorf

9 GUEST SPEAKERS

- Scott Thompson, A/Manager Infrastructure, Planning and Engineering, and Nathan Franklin, Strategic Projects Officer, Mt Barker District Council, presented an overview of the Hahndorf Parking Management Plan
- The presentation noted that the Integrated Transport Plan is available on Council's website and includes:
 - the Transport Lead Strategy,
 - Themed Action Plans, and
 - Summary Actions & Implementation Plan with Timings, Estimated Costs and Criticality/Priority
- Key Principles include:
 - balancing the need for additional parking vs implications of facilitating increased traffic volumes
 - Promotion of sustainable transport options
 - Fair and equitable process for allocation of spaces
 - Optimise use of on-street parking
- Actions:
 - Short Term – better manage existing parking supply
 - Medium Term – investigate measures to assist plan future decisions
 - Long Term – provision of additional parking supply if justified
- Current Status of ITP Actions (Hahndorf Parking)
 - Budget to develop a Hahndorf Parking Management Plan

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- Parking Survey completed in April/May 2025 in Hahndorf
- In December 2025, Council endorsed the 108 Mt Barker Rd Concept Design; concept design for additional on-street carparking from Ambleside Rd to Carl Nitschke carpark; design a variable message board carparking 'wayfinding' scheme
- Draft Parking Management Plan has been developed for consultation, with key stakeholder engagement commencing May 2026, Council briefing planned for June 2026, Council endorsement in July 2026 for broader community engagement, final Management Plan proposed to be presented back to Council post community consultation later in 2026.
- Parking Principles were outlined, including possible paid parking
- Increased parking supply options – short, medium and long term outlined, including short term carpark development of approx. 100 carparks at 108 Mt Barker Road, and additional on-street parks adjacent Carl Nitschke Carpark
- Opportunities for improved parking utilization in the short, and medium/long term, were outlined
- Current actions in progress for Hahndorf Parking are:
 - Concept design for 108 Mt Barker Road is in progress – consultation planned for mid-2026
 - Concept design for kerbing renewal and minor road widening of Hahndorf Main Street in progress – Stage 1 construction likely 2028 subject to funding
 - Wayfinding Signage Project – 2027/2028
- The Council staff are engaging with key stakeholders, including members of the HCA and HBTA, before opening the Plan for community consultation.
- Deputy Chair Jeremy thanked Scott and Nathan for their presentation on behalf of the meeting.
- The print-out of their presentation was provided to the Committee and they asked that it be for reference only, not for public circulation/publication.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm and was followed by light refreshments

Next meeting:
Wednesday, 10th June 2026 at 7.30pm
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