



MICHELAGO REGION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 22 June 2017

Minutes Prepared By: Libby Melton

1.1 Attendance at Meeting

Romney Kelly

Libby Melton

Kerry Rooney

Brony Gattringer

Steve Melton

1.2 Apologies

Cate Spencer

Maureen Morgan

2. Previous minutes from May 2017

| Moved By: | Seconded By: | |
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| Action Items | Responsibility | Status |
| Liaise with Mark Edmonson to fix the surface of the multipurpose courts | Cate | Pending - Cate emailed Mark on 19 June to follow up, awaiting his response. |
| Obtain quote for clubhouse repairs from Combined Rural Services | Romney/Steve | Pending - Steve to look into what items are required for the repair and price at Bunnings for Romney to do up the quote. |



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| Look into reallocation of participation grant to fund other sports | Kerry | Pending - Kerry to investigate reallocating the funds towards basketball hoops and line markings and the completion of the clubhouse. |
| Price basketball hoops and line markings for expenditure approval from participation grant | Brony | Pending - measurements have been sent to a line marker who will quote when next in the area, Brony to follow up. |
| Discuss sign off of road work with Dean Lynch | Romney | Email sent 25/5/17 awaiting response. |
| Look at producing a stall holder form for the Spring Fair | Steve | Pending - Romney has produced a hard copy form, Steve to look at integrating it onto the website. |
| Provide dinner for next meeting | Kerry | Completed |
| Return train station sign from the Hall for re-hanging | Brony | Pending |
| Request update on Micalago Bridge from Dean Lynch | Romney | Email sent 25/5/17 awaiting response. |
| Approach John Holland to repair door stoop, drainage pipe above kitchen door and internal wall leak. | Cate | Email sent 19/6/17 awaiting response. |
| Ask Derek Gucci to quote for electrical repairs at Station. | Brony | Pending |
| Do up cleaning roster for Station | Libby | Pending |
| Pay domain name registration fee | Kerry | Completed |
| Approach Bredbo and Jerangle to discuss Council elections | Romney | NFA discussed at item 7 |

3. Correspondence In/Out



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Correspondence In:

- Email from Tim Coen on Rail Trail (Attachment A)

Correspondence Out:

- Letter of support to Monaro Rail Trail (Attachment B)
- Email from Romney to Dean Lynch on several outstanding issues (Attachment C)
- Email from Romney to John Barillaro in relation to recent dog attacks in Michelago (Attachment D)

4. President's Report

- Nothing to report on this month.

5. Treasurer's Report

MRCA Financial Position as at 22 June 2017

| Assets | \$ |
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| Petty Cash | 244.90 |
| Cash at Bank | 12,425.07 |
| Equipment | tba |
| Total assets | 12,669.97 |
| Liabilities | |
| Participation Grant | 6,765.00 |
| DSS Grant project (to be determined) | 1,614.59 |
| Accounts payable: public liability insurance | 850.00 |
| Uncashed cheques | 290.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 9,519.59 |
| Net Assets | 3,150.38 |

There is no substantial change to our financial position over the last month. Our net assets are \$3,150.38, down just \$290.



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We are awaiting advice from John Holland Group (JHG) about the lease payment for the railway station.

Our public liability insurance has lapsed, and I will shop around for the best deal available and make sure we have it in place before the Spring Fair. Landmark, the previous provider, was difficult to communicate with. Our first contact point was a stock and station agent in Braidwood: very nice people but they could not answer questions about insurance. I also need to investigate the best rates for electricity as our annual contract with Origin will be expiring shortly.

6. General Business

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| <i>6.1 - Spring Fair</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held on 17 June with community groups, was a disappointing turnout and the shop is not a good venue due to noise, will look to hold the next meeting, scheduled for 15 July, at the station. • Discussed that pipers play from 10am-10:30am followed by the Monaro Folk Society until 12pm and that Urban Drover will then play until the fair completion at 4pm. Suggested taht we look at finding a sponsor for Urban Drover, it was suggested that Kerry may be able to look at this during her shop around for insurance and electricity providers. • Romney asked everyone to think about any possible sponsors for the event. • DA has been sent to Ross and the council planning committee for agreement to change of date. • It was suggested that Landcare run a quiche and salad stall. RFS will be running the BBQ, smoke house and RFS Bus. • Romney has done up a hard copy stall holder form which Steve will look into intergrating onto the website. Facebook event has also been set up. Discussed doing up flyers to take to other markets to hand out to prospective stall holders. |
| <i>6.2 - DSS Grant</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romney raised buying a laptop for the Committee to help the Secretary with minute taking. It was agreed by all present that Libby will look into purchasing a laptop with a \$500 budget. Moved: Romney Seconded: Kerry Carried • The outstanding money will remain until we determine the outcome of the reallocation of the participation grant or if it is determined that items are needed for Spring Fair, for example, a marquee or BBQ. |



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| 6.3 - Train Station Lease | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Holland Group have emailed in relation to our application for the station lease requesting that we confirm the size of the land we want to have included in the lease. Originally we applied to include all the land up to and including the shed, however, we do not really have a use for the shed which is unsecure and does not have access from the road. proposed that we go back to John Holland with a revised land request for just the station building area.• Libby advised she noticed Monday lunchtime that the sign for the ladies toilet had been vandalised, Romney to provide photos of the damage back to John Holland for repair. |
| 6.4 - Front Entrance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pending |
| 6.5 - Rope Playground | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pending |
| 6.6 - Update on Micalago Bridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pending |

7. Any other business

- Kerry advised that John Rooney has decided against running for Council due to the unrealistic amount of time required to attend meetings and committee seatings, most of which occur late at night and a long distance from Michelago. It was agreed that due to this Romney will no longer contact Bredbo or Jerangle in relation to putting together a group ticket.

8. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27th July 2017, **5:30pm** at Brony's house. Dinner to be provided by Libby .
- Meeting closed 6.50pm.



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Action Items - 22 June 2017

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| Look into reallocation of participation grant to fund other sports and completion of clubhouse | Kerry | |
| Price basketball hoops and line markings for expenditure approval from participation grant | Brony | |
| Integrate stall holder form for the Spring Fair to website | Steve | |
| Provide dinner for next meeting | Libby | |
| Return train station sign from the Hall for re-hanging | Brony | |
| Follow up with John Holland to repair door stoop, drainage pipe above kitchen door and internal wall leak. | Cate | |
| Ask Derek Gucci to quote for electrical repairs at Station. | Brony | |
| Do up cleaning roster for Station | Libby | |
| Obtain quotes for new providers for Public Liability Insurance and Electricity and discuss possibility of sponsorship for Spring Fair | Kerry | |
| Look for sponsors for Spring Fair | All | |
| Contact John Holland with photos of damage to ladies toilet sign | Romney | |



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Attachment A

Great News for Rail Trails in NSW today..!

The NSW Upper House passed amendments almost unanimously (35 FOR and only 2 against) to the

'TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (CLOSURE OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN ROSEWOOD AND TUMBARUMBA) BILL 2017'

The amendment was moved by the Hon. Mick Veitch MLC, a consistent advocate for rail trails in our state. It gained great support not only within the Labor Party but across the political spectrum.

We thank the Labor Party, Mick Veitch, Jodi McKay and Penny Sharpe for this important amendment which gets the process RIGHT for this and future rail trails, ensuring these valuable routes are retained in public ownership for generations to come. See the attached press release.

This outcome will restore the faith of many Rail Trail supporters around the State in our Parliamentary system. It demonstrates that multiple parties can deliver outcomes that will benefit the people of regional NSW and thus all the citizens of NSW.

Rail Trails for NSW also thanks the local member for Albury, Mr Greg Aplin (Lib) for his great support and work in helping bring the Tumba rail trail so close to fruition. We also thank the Government of NSW, for initiating and backing the pilot rail trail process. There have been many Government members, both Liberal and National Party, who've worked to bring it this far, including former Deputy Premier Stoner, current Deputy Premier Barilaro, Minister Constance and former Transport Minister now Premier Gladys Berejiklian. Special thanks to the former member for Ballina, Don Page.

Rail Trails must also acknowledge and thank The Christian Democrats, who have been consistent yet quiet achievers. Their practical advice, good counsel and assistance has been most appreciated and been a great help in bringing about this great outcome for the people of NSW.

We must also acknowledge and give great thanks to the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail team, their local council and all their supporters in and around the Tumbarumba district. This is their success and it is no 'overnight' event. Several of the the Tumba to Rosewood team have been working to bring the rail trail into reality for almost 14 years! *Congratulations.*



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And thank you dear supporter of NSW rail trails. There is still a long way to go and you can still help mightily, by ensuring the Tumba to Rosewood rail trail is a great success and by being active supporters of your local rail trail team wherever it is around this large and beautiful state.

Patron: The Hon. Tim Fischer AC



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6417 Monaro Highway
MICHELAGO NSW 2620

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support - Monaro Rail Trail

The Michelago Region Community Association supports the Monaro Rail Trail in its proposal to put together a feasibility study, with the aim of implementing a rail trail on the disused rail corridor between Michelago and Bombala.

The Michelago community would welcome increased tourism benefits, which are proven and associated with the implementation of other rail trails both interstate and overseas, to our small village. Our community has invested time and money into the restoration of the Michelago Railway Station, which provides a beautiful gateway to the rest of the rail corridor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Kelly', written in a cursive style.

ROMNEY KELLY
President
Michelago Region Community Association
25th May 2017



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Attachment C

From: Romney Kelly
Sent: Thursday, 25 May 2017 11:27 AM
To: dean.lynch@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Michelago updates

Hi Dean,

I hope this email finds you well, just wanted to touch base with you on a couple of things!

1. One of our committee members heard you on the radio about community consultations happening, but were concerned nothing was mentioned about Michelago. When I told them that my other half had received a survey about the region, they looked at me with blank faces because no one else had received one. Is there something that I can send out to my community email list?
2. There has been some concern about the standard of the road works and footpath recently done in the village. Residents are concerned that the road isn't properly finished off and the edges will break off with rain and traffic. The footpath is very gravelly so we were wondering if there were plans to seal the top so that kids can ride their bikes etc without sending stones flying everywhere! I have to say that it is a huge improvement on what we had, so a HUGE thank you!
3. Are there any updates for the heritage listing of the Michelago Road railway bridge from Council's end?
4. Funding which was open for comment recently included the installation of the rope playground and also the beautification of the main street. We were hoping we could have an idea of when the rope playground installation looks like it may be going ahead? Also with the beautification, is there scope to negotiate that these funds be used to pay for a front entrance to the village? I would say in terms of aesthetics in the village, its front entrance is in dire need of attention.

Thanks in advance for your assistance on these.

Kind regards

Romney



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Attachment D

Dear John,

I am writing regarding a recent spate of animal attacks in and around the village of Michelago.

On the 12th June, residents were notified about 2 dogs running around the village via the community Facebook group. This quickly became information about how the dogs were seen to be pulling sheep down and also a pony in the village. Nearby residents raced to chased the dogs off the pony and another got footage of them pulling down a local farmers sheep. The Cooma police were called but the dogs could not be found, statements were taken and residents were assured something would be done and when the dogs found they would most likely be destroyed. I am told by another resident that she contacted these dog owners and they told her that the dogs often roam around and don't come home until the early hours of the morning.

Fast forward to the 16th June when a local resident said she had caught one of the dogs in the paddock with her alpacas, she tried contacting Cooma police who didn't answer the phone, she then rang the Council Ranger who said he knew nothing about the issue and told her to contact 000. The Cooma Ranger ended up coming out and picking up the male dog, the other dog (female) was still missing.

Today (19th) I was informed that the owners paid a fine to get the male dog returned from the pound and that the female dog had come home on her own. I immediately contacted the Cooma Ranger and asked why this had happened and he stated that it is not 'illegal to own a dangerous or menacing dog in NSW'. The ranger also stated that he had not received any witness statement forms from residents (despite people giving statements to police), and I can tell you the reason he has not received any forms is because he told me he has yet to send them out yet! Apparently, even if people send through statements and the dogs are found to be retrospectively found dangerous and menacing, the owners are still able to keep them.

Will and I have lost about 30 sheep over the last 12 months to dog attacks, but have no actual proof of what dog did this. As we have not witnessed it, we are not eligible for compensation, (which is between \$3000 - \$6000 in lost income, and does not account for the flow on losses such as lower lambing rates etc from being terrorized by dogs). To hear that the owners have been able to retrieve their dog from the pound for a mere \$300 fine is very upsetting. I also



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wonder what would have happened if these dogs came across children playing at the park instead of a pony?

I feel like the residents of Michelago have been let down on so many levels, from the lack of communication between Police and Council, to ridiculous legislation that allows people to keep these dangerous animals in return for paying Council a petty fine. I am asking for representations to the relevant Ministers regarding this issue on behalf of the community of Michelago.

Kind regards

Romney

**President
MICHELAGO REGION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**