



MICHELAGO REGION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 30 March 2017

Minutes Prepared By: Libby Melton

1.1 Attendance at Meeting

Romney Kelly

Libby Melton

Brony Gattringer

Steve Melton

Andrew Carter - Monaro Rail Trail Committee

1.2 Apologies

Kerry Rooney

Maureen Morgan

Cate Spencer

2. Previous minutes from January 2017

Moved By: Romney Kelly	Seconded By: Brony Gattringer	
Action Items	Responsibility	Status
Liaise with Mark Edmonson to fix the surface of the multipurpose courts	Cate	Pending
Price PA and Esky for Community Grant	Romney	Pending - Agreed that <u>Brony</u> will approach Dave Ferris to obtain prices of esky. Libby will look into prices of PA systems and a printer for MRCA use.
Draft a schedule of activities for the year	Libby	In progress - Collating items for a 2017 list of activities, NFA at this time.
Look at size of boat offered for rope playground	Romney	Pending



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Organize Australia Day Breakfast	Romney and all	Completed
Meet with Rural Fire Service, Michelago P&C, Hall Committee and Landcare inviting fuller participation in organization and revenue sharing for Mayfair	Romney Kelly	Meeting took place 31 January
Circulate questionnaire to gauge community views on saving the railway bridge	Romney	Completed
Arrange a small meeting to discuss the approach and who would speak on behalf of the Michelago community at the meeting with John Holland and NSW Transport.	Romney	Completed; and letter to NSW Heritage Minister submitted seeking Interim Heritage Order
Place on AGM agenda, the issue of pricing of courts for MRCA members and non-members	Romney	Completed

3. Correspondence In/Out

Correspondence In:

- Copy of letter received by Dean Lynch from Office of Environment and Heritage relating to Council's IHO request and listing of Micalago Bridge on the council's local environment plan. Promising correspondence, awaiting further notification once council meets with Office of Environment and Heritage.

4. President's Report

- Romney advised nothing to report at this time.

5. Rail Trail

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- Andrew Carter from the Monaro Rail Trail Committee provided us with an update on the progress of the Monaro Rail Trail:
 - In late 2015 the NSW Government approved the development of the Tumbarumba Rail Trail, this is still not fully operational yet but is acting as a model/pilot for further rail trails.
 - MRT are conducting talks with representatives of the areas involved and it has all been positive. Queanbeyan Palarang are developing a tourism strategy which will include cycling. ACT government have also announced that they are supporting cycling tourism.
 - NSW government has announced funding for tourism infrastructure but this will not cover the cost of feasibility studies. MRT will be conducting fundraising in the next six months to cover the costs of these studies. Andrew advised that MRCA will not be required to contribute to the cost of the study but if we could support them by amping up their fundraising activities within the community that would be helpful.
 - Discussed proposed heritage listing for the Michelago bridge and the affect this would have on rail trail track. Andrew advised there would need to be modifications made to the bridge to provide safety for people using it, ie. handrails, and will need to await outcome of heritage listing to determine what modifications will be allowed.
 - The NZ rail trail in Atargo is seeing up to 15,000 people using it a year including school groups. The MRT are anticipation up to 50 people a day would be travelling on the trail through Michelago providing tourism for our community and train station. With the increased use of the lines would come better maintenance and funding.
 - MRT asked for MRCA to provide a letter of support for them to submit with their application for the feasibility study, this does not lock MRCA in for any financial assistance but merely states that we support MRT to investigate further into feasibility of the project.
 - Romney thanked Andrew for coming along and clearing up any confusion around MRCA's involvement and will look into doing up a letter of support.

6. Update on Website

- After much run around Steve has finally managed to obtain the password needed to begin work on updating the website and has started playing with the layout. He now has the Facebook feed loading to the page meaning that we only need to post in one place and he has updated the Committee members list which hadn't been done since 2015.
- We have been approached by our provider WebCity advising that our membership is up for renewal middle of April, Steve has approached them for a discount after their recent system failure leaving us without access to a website for over three days. Although we were looking to possibly change providers with the short time frame Steve feels we will be better off staying with WebCity for the time being.
- Romney asked Steve to look into producing a fair stall holder form for the Spring Fair.



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7. General Business

<i>7.1 - Anzac day service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Knoles has offered to play bagpipes • Reverend James is unfortunately unavailable but has arranged a replacement • MRCA to put on morning tea after the service, please bring a plate to share • Kerry to look at obtaining a new PA system from the DSS Grant prior to the event
<i>7.2 - Multi Purpose Court - including tennis lessons and clubhouse vandalism</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romney has followed up with Ross in relation to the vandalism of the clubhouse toilet door. Council have agreed to pay for repair, MRCA to obtain quote for repairs from Combined Rural Services • Libby's girls have been the only attendees at the lessons this term and Tom has shorten lessons to subsidise for having less than 5 participants. There is little communication and confusion around when terms start and finish. Romney will email Tom cc. Cate to advise that due to lack of interest MRCA will no longer be subsidising lessons and will look to revisit this decision in term 4 when the weather warms up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Romney Seconded: Libby Carried • Discussed putting up "Use of Courts is at own risk" signs on the courts to cover MRCA liability, need to look at options for this • Discussed use of remaining participation grant, with nearly \$6,000 remaining and no one taking up tennis lessons can we look at channel the money to encourage use of the courts for other sports? Kerry will look into if the grant can be reallocated to purchase basketball hoops and line markings. Brony will talk to Blake Gattringer around the cost of hoops and line marking. Libby advised she has seen portable hoops at Costco for \$500 each.
<i>7.3 - Spring Fair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romney has emailed other community groups to arrange a meeting this week to discuss, Abby McPherson and Hayley Butler have offered to help • Council have advised there is a lot on in the area on the proposed weekend so may need to discuss moving it



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<i>7.4 - Station function in May</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romney has been approached by a lady from Bredbo, Heather, who wishes to hold her 70th birthday at the station on 6th May. She has also asked if the MRCA can provide catering. All present agreed to catering the event but were mindful of the weather at that time of year, we need to be able to ensure we can cater for wet and cold weather and fit everyone inside if need be. • Heather has asked for us to provide nibblies, roast meats with potatoes in their jackets and salads followed by cake (which she will supply) and tea and coffee. • Agreed that Romney will advise that the cost will be \$30 per head and \$100 for hire of the station and hall supplies of tables and chairs
<i>7.5 - Front Entrance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council have advised the grant application for the entrance is open to comment, will await outcome
<i>7.6 - Rope Playground</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending funding for instalation
<i>7.7 - Update on Micalago Bridge</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received by Dean Lynch from Office of Environment and Heritage relating to Council's IHO request and listing of Micalago Bridge on the council's local environment plan. Promising correspondence, awaiting further notification once council meets with Office of Environment and Heritage.
<i>7.8 - DSS Grant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that we need to look at spending and finalising this, Libby will look at printers, Brony will talk to Dave Ferris about pricing of esky and Kerry will look at purchasing a PA system before Anzac Day to be used at the service

8. Any other business



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- Brony raised that the MRCA's yearly hall fees are now due. There are several options of rates but all present agreed that the best option was to pay a one off rate of \$190 which will cover all meetings and hire of the hall as well as any need to hire hall items such as tables, chairs, cuttlery etc.
 - **Moved: Romney Seconded: Libby Carried**
 - Several years ago Brony found a sign on the train tracks that had been dumped there after being taken down from the station. She has had it stored in the hall for safety. Need to look into hanging it back up somewhere at the station, probably inside for safety.
 - Following on from the AGM where people present commented on the poor workmanship on the new road and footpath, Libby raised that she used the footpath for the first time and was shocked at the poor surface quality. The gravel is only loose laid on top so will wash off over time and is quite rough to walk on. It could be an ok surface for bike riders but could prove dangerous for kids using scooters or skate boards. Romney to discuss with Dean Lynch beofre Council sign off on the work.
 - Libby raised the idea of bringing the meeting time forward due to the fact that both she and Steve will be attending meetings meaning that their children will have to come along too. It was discussed that it would be nice to put on a dinner at the meetings to be provided by one member on a rotation basis and bring the meeting time forward to 5:30pm which in colder months will be a better time too. All agreed to new time and proposal of dinner with Romney agreeing to cater for the first meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25th May 2017, **5:30pm** at Brony's house.
- Meeting closed 9:05pm.



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Action Items - 30th March 2017

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Price printer for Community Grant	Libby	
Look at size of boat offered for rope playground	Romney	
Price PA and purchase from Community Grant before Anzac day service	Kerry	
Obtain quote for clubhouse repairs from Combined Rural Services	Romney	
Look into reallocation of participation grant to fund other sports	Kerry	
Price basketball hoops and line markings with help from Blake Gattringer	Brony	
Advise Heather of pricing for station event in May	Romney	
Send invoice to Kerry for \$190 for hall fees	Brony	
Discuss sign off of road work with Dean Lynch	Romney	
Look at producing a stall holder form for the Spring Fair	Steve	
Provide dinner for next meeting	Romney	