

**Minutes Michelago & Region Community Association
Meeting 1 April 2009**

Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
Meeting opened 7.15pm	<p>Present: Tony Robinson (President), Carmel Birch, Martin Hughes (Chairperson), Paul Kennedy, Gill Robinson, Mareeca Steer.</p> <p>Apologies: Charles Gannon, Bronwyn Gattringer, Trish Grice.</p>				
<p>1. Minutes 4 February 2009</p>			<p>Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2009.</p> <p>Tabled: Tony Robinson</p> <p>Moved: Carmel Birch</p> <p>Seconded Mareeca Steer.</p> <p>Carried.</p>		
<p>2. Matters Arising</p>					
<p>2.1 Woody Weeds</p>	<p>Email from Elizabeth Price about the woody weeds opposite her house asking that this be brought to council. It is uncertain who owns the land. The fire brigade has been looking at ways to minimize the weeds – but nothing can be done during the hot weather. It will be looked at during winter. Mareeca will ask if land is owned by the railway society.</p>			<p>No further action at this stage from MRCA</p>	

2.2 Monaro Rural Health Service	Janine Robertson is asking the community to complete a survey on health issues and access to services.	Survey was poorly prepared and aimed at groups rather than individuals. Questions weren't relevant and there was a lack of time to complete the survey or discuss.		no further action	
	The Pit-stop is a travelling promotional stand on men's health – could be good to have at the May Fair.			Martin to follow up for Mayfair	
2.3 Oval Exercise Track	Council has allocated \$50,000 to the oval plan to put in a track. This money has to be spent – ie works have to be completed by September. Mark Cooper, Council staff member needs a copy of the oval plan with the exact location of the exercise track. Council has requested a meeting with Mareeca to discuss the issue. Mareeca and Paul Kennedy will meet with them and report back to the committee. The committee would like to see a letter confirming the grant approval.	Martin confirmed that the walking track Federal funding has been approved. He also said other all other applications for funding have been approved No official word yet from Council.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Mareeca to followup with council	
2.4 Heritage Brochure		Ines has some information but it seems that Michael Lees has	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Ines to contact Caroline Fox and	

		not got anything to pass on to her.		Heather Jauncey in Bredbo.	
2.5 Onsite sewage management.	Tony contacted all the community chairs and a joint submission was put in on 19 January 2009.	<p>Tony received a email from Council in response to questions about aerated systems and the need for any inspection in addition to the inspections already carried out as part of regular maintenance. Council has not received any written request that Aerated systems be specifically excluded.</p> <p>He also raised the issue that the the current legislation does not contain any requirement for mandatory inspections.</p> <p>Martin supposed that the inspections were needed to cover a future claim of negligence on Council's duty of care. He suggested a pamphlet/info to be sent out on the dangers of malfunctioning septic systems.</p>	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	<p>Tony to write letter to John Vucic to explicitly exclude aerated septic systems</p> <p>Martin to pursue risk assessment strategy</p>	
2.6 Management Plan	Tony presented the Michelago Management Plan at the Council meeting on 9 February.	Community meeting to publicly announce Draft Managemnt plan and discuss with Council members on 4 th June. 14 th May is release date	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Tony to get copy of Draft Management Plan for Mareeca to copy	
2.7 Roads Submission	Martin (as Councillor) put in a submission to the Management Plan for an increase in the budget for rural roads.	CMSC has over 2mill in Federal funding available		Tony to write letter to Council to improve local roads	

2.8 Pony Club		Martin contacted Graham Plath, forwarded to Peta Hall. DA has been refused due to RTA concerns over dangerous entry. Grant money returned. Club wants to remain in Michelago.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Martin to talk to Graham Plath Mareeca to followup with Peta Hall. And SEATS	
2.9 Village Plan		Tony reported no response from UNSW Planning. He will chase this up.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Tony to followup	
2.10 Rural Broadband Connection	DRSD are putting out a funding program over 5 years, giving small communities the opportunity to put in an expression of interest for their own community for a Mesh network.	Upcoming Federal funding will cover whole region. 3-phase power has been brought to the village.		Mareeca to followup	
2.11 MRCA Newsletter	The aim is to publish quarterly.	Mareeca talked to Cathy Morison to publish in a week. Harvey Norman bbq for preschool, under MRCA banner and Public Liability insurance. Dependent on joining MRCA. Feature someone from Village put off til next issue. Flyer for Mayfair. Charles to do Police column. Presidents Report. Cycle track. Community meeting 7pm 4 th June.	The April edition will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's column • May Fair • Police column • Pre-School feature with photos. 	Gil to contact insurance re PreSchool BBQ	
3. Correspondence		Letter from Peter Smith, Ross Lawley Arthur Wilkinson re Sign		Jeremy to followup	
4. Treasurer's Report	Martin deposited \$130. Gil sent check off to Office of Fair Trading for returns. No	Outstanding checks Michelago \$827, Colinton \$53 RFS and \$200.20 Mareeca Steer	Motion: To pay \$1213.99 to GIO for Public Liability Insurance	Gill to followup unbanked checks	

	change		<p>Moved: Gill Robinson Seconded: Mareeca Carried Motion: Treasurer to check statements re unbanked checks Moved: Carmel Seconded: Jeremy Mears</p> <p>It was agreed that the signatories on the account will be: Gill Robinson, Mareeca Steer and Jeremy Mears</p>	<p>Gill to organise forms for bank. Martin to send Gill spreadsheets Gill to send all membership data-base</p>	
5. General Business					
5.1 Submission to Sport and Recreation		No response yet.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>		
5.2 Publicity Officer/Committee Roles		During discussion on improving communication of MRCA's activities, and meetings, Bronwyn suggested a poster in the shop and on the fire community notice board advertising each meeting of the MRCA, and that all are welcome.			
5.3 Membership List		Membership list for 2009 to be prepared. This has been done.		Gill to email list to committee	.Membership list received
5.4 Council Business	This will be a regular item when councilor Martin Hughes reports to the Committee on Council deliberations.	<p>Martin encouraged the MRCA to build on the links with other local community associations, developed recently. Mareeca suggested the chairs meet regularly.</p> <p>Martin pointed out that Council has a page in the Monaro Post every other week (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).</p>			

6. Other Business					
6.1 Harvey Norman BBQs	This is an essential a fund raiser.	<p>Bronwyn suggested MRCA runs one for the pre-school which can only continue if it either gets more children or pays the equivalent of three? children's fees each week.</p> <p>Mareeca suggested the Michelago Servo in the ski season for pre-school sausage-sizzle.</p>	<p>Carmel will continue to coordinate them.</p> <p>Mareeca moved that preschool BBQ be run under MRCA PL insurance as long as parents are financial members. Second Tony Robinson</p>	<p>Gill to send copy of insurance certificate and confirm dates for 2009.</p> <p>Carmel to ask if there is a cancellation at Harvey Norman.</p> <p>Bronwyn to ask Bunnings' Facilities Manager if there is a cancellation.</p> <p>Tony to write letter to Charles Gannon re PLI cover for Preeschool BBQ</p>	
6.2 Mayfair	10am-3pm	<p>No Beer Will Goggins sheep trial Stalls K2C Whip crackers. Police RFS education trailer Weeds Landcare School Alpacas Cowpat guessing</p>		<p>Trish and Martin to followup funding. Jeremy to do mailout with Martins email list Trish publicity</p>	

6.3 Attendance at Council Meetings	Raised by Peter Bobroff to Tony that MRCA should keep a watching brief and attend Council meetings.		Tony will look at Council agenda for relevant issues; Martin will keep him informed also. Someone from the committee will attend meeting when necessary.		
6.4 Murrumbidgee River	Tony reported that the river is extremely muddy and that the UMCCC is coordinating investigations.	Noted			
6.5 Apples taken	Tony reported that apples have been taken (2 trees were stripped) from a property down on the river.	Charles was interested to receive this information, and encouraged the reporting of any other unusual activities.			
6.6 Fred Smith		Possible Fred Smith fundraising event in the future. Dimboola?			
6.7 Rates complaint Petition		Would like to reduce rates by 20%. Group in Cooma.		no further action	
6.8 Sign		Jeremy contacted Arthur Wilkinson at CMSC obtained contact details for Signwriter. Will call to get specs for supplying artwork.		Jeremy to followup	

Meeting closed at 9.40pm