

## MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 1 AUGUST 2007

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Present: Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Jeremy Mears, Inés Pintos-Lopez, Carmel Birch, Vern Drew, Sue Drew, Trish Grice.

Apologies: Michael Da Roza

### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2007

It was noted that there was an error in the 4 July minutes. Under the Treasurer's Report, it was stated that there was \$724.48 in the MRCA's assets. This should have been \$7124.48

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2007 with the above change.

**Moved** Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes

**Carried.**

### 2. Business Arising

(i) Management Plan. Mareeca stated that most of the things that the MRCA had asked for had not been granted. There is no funding for any projects, apart from \$3.3k being allocated to the Hall Committee. All small communities in the region appeared to be in the same boat. Mareeca is waiting for the new General Manager of the Shire to be appointed and will then send a formal letter stating that the MRCA is disappointed in the plan.

**Action:** Mareeca

(ii) Victor Chang Heart Talk. Martin spoke to them, and they are happy to give a talk to the community. It was agreed that information about this should go into a newsletter to go out to everyone in the community asking for expressions of interest in attending. If there is enough interest then the talk will be organised, with a sausage sizzle. Attendees will be asked for a gold coin donation that will be given to the Victor Chang Heart Foundation. Martin will ask them if they have any promotional material that can be used to promote the talk. Trish to also put the information in the Colinton Courier, and promote the talk to people in Smiths Road and Royalla.

**Action:** Martin & Trish

(iii) Newsletter. Trish will put together a newsletter and committee members to give her articles to put in it. So far we have information on the School Trivia Night on Sept 8 at 6.30pm at \$20 per head, information about the Cemetery tree planting, CWA Sydney Hospital Accommodation, asking for any ads for a Buy & Swap, and asking for ideas about the Oval development and put the proposed plan into it. Also to ask for expressions of interest from local businesses for the Michelago Mayfair.

**Action:** Trish to put together newsletter, all committee members to come up with articles to put into it.

(iv) Grant money. The grant money has been spent on a laptop, multifunction centre and software. The total spent was \$2100.00 at Harvey Norman.

### **3. Correspondence**

(i) Heritage. Inés tabled an email from Caroline Fox. She would like to meet to discuss the issue of promoting the region. Inez will invite Caroline to the next meeting.

### **4 Treasurer's Report**

Martin tabled the Treasurer's report. As at the 31 July the net assets of MRCA is \$5024.48.

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's report.

**Moved:** Trish Grice, **Seconded:** Vern Drew  
**Carried.**

### **5 General Business**

(i) Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct for all Committee members was signed and a copy given to each person.

(ii) Constitution. A copy of the Constitution was also given to each Committee member. The position of Chairman was discussed, and it was agreed that the position would be left as is on the Constitution. It was noted that the Constitution states that if a member has not attended 3 meetings without the approval of the Committee then they could be deemed to have resigned from the Committee. Mareeca will contact Michael De Roza as he has not been heard from for some time. (after meeting note – Mareeca had an email from Michael that had been sent the day before the meeting, but not seen until the next day – Michael sent in his apologies)

(iii) Rules governing non Committee members attending meetings. This was discussed at some length and it was agreed that the MRCA wishes to encourage members of the community to attend the meetings.

Motion: Anyone can attend the meetings, but if they wish to speak at the meeting they must submit an agenda item for inclusion prior to the meeting. Otherwise, with the permission of the President they may have 5 minutes to speak to an issue at the end of the meeting.

**Moved:** Carmel Birch, **Seconded:** Inés Pintos-Lopez  
**Carried**

## 6 Fundraising Opportunities

- (i) Harvey Norman Barbeque. This will be held on Sunday November 11.
- (ii) Michelago Mayfair. Carmel will write a letter to her contacts asking for expressions of interest. Requests for expressions of interest will also go into the newsletter. Carmel will also book rides for the day.

**Action:** Carmel

- (iii) Christmas Concert. Trish explained that the concert will hopefully start to take shape in the next few weeks. It is hoped that the school will be able to have some of the children performing, and Trish is looking at having a number from the Queanbeyan Players. More information will be available at the next meeting. This is also something that will go into the newsletter.

- (iv) Grants. The grant application has not been decided as yet – but it is hoped that it will be in the next few months.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting Wednesday 5 September at 7.00pm