

**Michelago Region Community Association  
Meeting Minutes: August 2012**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Meeting opened 7pm					
<b>1. Present:</b>	Leanne Pattison, Carolyn Burton, Cate Spencer, Wayne Landford and Janeta Morison.				
<b>2. Apologies:</b>	Jeremy, Sandra and Martin.				
<b>3. Minutes</b>	Meeting held on 4 July 2012.	Minutes of 'June and July meeting accepted - Moved Leanne, seconded Carolyn, accepted	<b>Motion:</b> June and July minutes	Minutes accepted	Complete
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>					
4.1 Litter issue	<p>Introduction: Glenn Fowler, new member. Glenn raised the issue of litter, including on the Michelago Road. This poses a safety risk.</p> <p>Glenn suggested that signs be put up to encourage people to put bottles in the bins, such as 'Keep Michelago beautiful, take your rubbish with you'. Committee to investigate other methods to reduce littering.</p> <p>Martin wrote to council re: 'Keep Michelago beautiful' signs. Ross Lawley replied and advised if MRCA provides locations for signs, Council will investigate.</p> <p>Martin advised money for signs would come from the general maintenance budget.</p>	<p><i>Potential locations and wording</i> Signs to be placed on main roads Baroona Road, Clearview Rd, Michelago Rd, close to school area (double sided) and corners of highway.</p> <p>Potential wording options: 'Please do not litter, take your rubbish with you'. "Keep Michelago litter free". "Do not trash Michelago". "Bin in or take it. Do not drop it"</p>	<p>Three signs in village and on main roads off highway.</p> <p>Leanne discussed competition with school Principal. Children to design and do their own poster and perhaps come up with a slogan. Posters could be displayed at school, hall and local store.</p> <p>Martin Hughes advised MRCA of \$9,000 of funding from Cooma Council. MRCA to send Martin a thank you letter.</p>	<p>Wayne to discuss with council signs and bins.</p> <p>School to think about this project and <b>Leanne</b> to follow up.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> to send Martin a thank you letter re: funds and contribution to MRCA and region.</p>	In progress

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<p>4.2 Heritage Brochure</p>	<p><b>Item to remain on agenda. Carried over from April:</b></p> <p>Gay Lawler is writing a history of the village and surrounding area. Gay is continuing to prepare historical info. for placement on the website. Gay is continuing to work on her book.</p> <p>Request for photos was in newsletter and is on the web-site</p> <p>Committee is considering putting together a calendar incorporating Michelago history and photographs. A cookbook has also been proposed.</p>	<p>Vern Drew has provided Wayne with information about the history of the Anglican Church.</p> <p>Anglican Church is having their anniversary of 110 years.</p>	<p>No decision.</p>	<p><b>Leanne</b> to ask Greg and <b>Maureen</b> will ask Michelago police station about photos (Alex Fookes).</p> <p><b>Janeta</b> and <b>Sandra</b> to meet with Gay re: research and calendar.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>4.3 Multi- Purpose Court</p>	<p>The second-hand tennis court surface in Macquarie has been lifted and is in storage in the railway shed. Thanks to Cate Spencer for this achievement.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> has been advised to contact Tennis Australia for a grant, as other organisations have had success, especially if there is potential tennis talent in the village.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> and <b>Leanne</b> looking into grant application strategies.</p>	<p>Need to find out status of money from John Barilaro to find out if it is worth selling court surface. This could then mean that someone could do the court with new materials.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> and <b>Wayne</b> to meet with John Barilaro to discuss funds. Wayne suggested we do a tennis court and multi-purpose court (ie. Basketball). To onsell the court surface and use for multi-purpose court. Significant funds may be available.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> and <b>Wayne</b> to discuss what funding will be available at meeting next Monday with John Barilaro.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>4.4 Fire Brigade</p>	<p>New fire brigade shed has been put on a two year plan. Fire brigade members are frustrated by the lack of progress on the land lease. Chris Allen and Ross Lawley are the FireCom and Council contacts. No further news on shed site or land use.</p> <p>Council has installed a drain and a minor levee bank in front of the shed to try to fix the drainage OH&amp;S problem, which has not resolved the</p>	<p>Carolyn suggested that a joint school holiday program over 2 days for a small fee.</p> <p>A ministerial has been sent from John Barilaro to the Minister's office following representation from John Barilaro. Leanne spoke to Langdon Gould who expects that a response will be provided shortly. Council's Ross Lawley has established</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Council, Minister and other parties.</p> <p>Junior Fire Brigade: Bronwyn is the coordinator but can revive the JFB only with help from another adult volunteer.</p>	<p><b>MRCA</b> to await response from Cooma Council and other parties.</p> <p><b>Carolyn</b> to ask if Michael is interested in Junior Fire Brigade and if</p>	<p>Pending</p>

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	<p>drainage and related OH&amp;S issues.</p> <p>John Barilaro's office is involved in discussions with the Cooma Council re: land issue.</p>	<p>contact with John Holland Constructions.</p>		<p>so, he will contact Bronwyn.</p>	
<b>5. Correspondence</b>	<p>Correspondence to Cooma Council re: Fire Brigade need for shed.</p> <p>Treasurer provided a statement of breakdown of the Mayfair fundraising payments and costs. Mayfair profit was \$6,261.74.</p> <p>Feedback paper from Fire Brigade re: Mayfair. Leanne provided written feedback from Fire Brigade which was provided to Mayfair Committee.</p> <p>As requested, Bunnings were sent a certificate of appreciation for the goods they donated to Mayfair. Leanne designed and sent certificate to Bunnings.</p> <p>MRCA members to contact Sandra if they can volunteer for Driver Reviver or provide website content.</p>	<p>Large profit from Mayfair, as previously advised.</p> <p>Completed by Leanne.</p> <p>Nil</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Council and relevant parties.</p> <p>Cate will discuss with <b>Fiona</b> re: who will do the other certificates.</p> <p>MRCA Members encouraged to: 1) Get involved in the Driver Reviver program and 2) Provide website content.</p>	<p>Nil – awaiting response.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> to discuss with Fiona and provide detail to Leanne.</p> <p><b>Carolyn</b> to give <b>Wayne</b> email addresses and Wayne to send out email request.</p> <p><b>Leanne</b> to discuss process/template with Sandra re: website:</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p>
<b>6. Treasurers Report</b>	<p><i>\$6,261 in term deposit and balance of \$360 in working account as of 15 March 2012 (review 15 June)</i></p>	<p>Term deposit is \$6344.64 and it will mature on 15 September 2012 (rolling over).</p>	<p>To transfer funds to term deposit to increase interest (cheque to be coordinated for next</p>	<p>Carolyn to provide update at September</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>Carolyn advised of Treasurers Report, \$85.30 rolled over and in interest and has been re-invested.</p> <p>\$6,261.23 in term deposit and balance of \$7,891.52.</p>	Account balance, \$7193.10	<p>meeting)..</p> <p>To review in September.</p>	mtg.	
<b>General business</b>					
7.1	<p>Councillor Martin Hughes made the following points:</p> <p>a) It's possible he won't re-nominate for Council in the November election.</p> <p>b) Nominations are due 8 August. Desirable to have someone local: Hans Saxinger or Jenny Lawlis of Bredbo could stand again – if she's the most local rep., we should acquaint her with our interests.</p>	Nil.	Nil.	Advise MRCA members.	In progress.
7.2 Mayfair feedback	<p>Mayfair was held on 6 May 2012.</p> <p>Leanne provided written feedback paper from Fire Brigade. Leanne suggested that the fire brigade could pay their stall fee and wanted clarification about this requirement.</p> <p>MRCA Committee agreed that payment would not be necessary.</p> <p>Treasurer advised that Mayfair profit was \$6,261.74 . There are a few outstanding payments yet to be received.</p>	Review as part of Treasurers update. Remove from agenda until later in the year?	Review as part of Treasurers update.	N/A	Update to be provided as part of Treasurer's report
7.3 Fund-raising	Received a letter from Bunnings, who advised that they are booked out to Mid-November 2012, although we can go on their randomly drawn list.	<p><b>Ongoing – agenda item</b> - For discussion at August meeting.</p> <p>Cate suggested a movie night at hall, early session for kids and</p>	<p>Cate to complete paperwork and investigate license/cost for this event.</p> <p>MRCA members to provide</p>	<b>Cate</b> to lodge paperwork and check costs to determine if it is feasible.	Ongoing

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	<p>Bredbo Markets are another option (last Sunday each month), as well as Driver Reviver. Janeta has registered our interest. Unable to do the June booking but have a vacancy on 25 November.</p> <p><b>Janeta</b> to recruit volunteers for November or see if Driver Reviver is an option.</p>	<p>later sessions for older people. Need to get a license and Cate has paperwork. Only MRCA members can attend or small cover charge. Also good for community building. There could be a theme, ie. PJ party, pizza night or dress up.</p> <p>MRCA members could bring a friend and join on the day.</p>	<p>ideas to Cate.</p>	<p><b>MRCA members</b> to provide ideas that might work for movie night to <b>Cate</b>.</p> <p><b>MRCA Members</b> to put 25 November date in diary for Bredbo Markets fundraiser.</p> <p><b>Janeta</b> to recruit volunteers for November. and check with Sandra re: driver reviver option.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>7.4 MRCA Notice Board</p>	<p>To provide a professional notice board, other than on the shop door. Would have website address and handwritten details of next meeting date.</p> <p>Key achievement: signage on highway to various side roads, including Pony Club Road and Michelago Road.</p> <p>We can use fire brigade on highway noticeboard for MRCA promotion.</p> <p>Agreed that sign should be steel with</p>		<p>Signage placed on roads and we can use the fire brigade noticeboard.</p>	<p>Ongoing work to find suitable signage locations.</p> <p><b>Wayne</b> to place sign on fire brigade notice board.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>magnetic letters and Perspex cover. Only permanent lettering to be <i>Michelago Region Community Association</i> at the top and <a href="http://www.michelagoregion.org.au">www.michelagoregion.org.au</a> at the bottom.</p> <p>There are different locations for signage to raise MRCA role and meeting profile.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highway Fire Brigade sign (right hand side)</li> <li>2. Sign in front of Fire Brigade shed</li> <li>3. On outside of village shop building</li> </ol> <p>MRCA to focus on the promotion of the Michelago Community website.</p>				
<p><b>8. Other business</b> 8.1 MRCA</p>	<p>New MRCA Committee established</p> <p>Cate suggested we look at putting something together to tell the community what our role is (ie. your community voice...) and ideas to attract more members.</p> <p>Discussed a multi-pronged approach, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• letterbox drop with newsletter;</li> <li>• sign up form via website;</li> <li>• shop door sign;</li> <li>• primary school; and/or</li> <li>• set up table outside the village shop.</li> </ul> <p>Agreed to put a notice on the windows of Community Hall regarding MRCA and other community memberships/activities such as Fire Brigade membership.</p>	<p>For discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>For discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Carolyn</b> to put together list of current member and list of potential future members.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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<p>8.2 – Other business</p>	<p>Key Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• signage on highway to various side roads</li> <li>• most of the money for the bike/walking track</li> </ul> <p>In progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colinton RFS Station – highway access</li> <li>• support for land for Michelago Fire Brigade's new station site see Cooma-Monaro Express (tabled and given to L.Pattison) – there's \$150K funds for various projects. \$9K is reserved for each of the other eight community groups, including Michelago.</li> <li>• New LEP (Local Environmental Plan) includes zoning plans. Due in September. Covers all the shire and will replace the present three LEPs covering the shire, so making conditions uniform.</li> </ul>	<p>MRCA to look at putting in a project plan to get project funding. Could apply for 'a bit extra' if necessary.</p>	<p>For discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>Defer to next meeting.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>8.3 Railway</p>	<p>Rail Land has been taken over by John Holland Group and are responsible for maintenance. Rail link is not happening. No funding is available. Walking/Cycle track has much more support. Queanbeyan/Cooma Council have agreed to in principal to track of some sort. There is also a group in Qbn wanting to convert it.</p> <p>Cooma and Queanbeyan Council have suggested we put in a proposal</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	<p><b><i>Brought forward from April mtg</i></b> To further investigate the potential use of the shed as a multi-purpose indoor tennis/squash court.</p> <p>See 4.3.</p>	<p><b>Committee</b> members to start talking to community about what might work.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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	<p>to use the track for cycle use. People could camp overnight as a pit stop before proceeding to Cooma.</p> <p>Robyn has a suggested use for the Railway, an indoor sports/multi-purpose sports centre. The shed is owned by the Railway Historical Society, who has received a substantial grant for refurbishment but has yet to use it.</p>				
8.3 Welcome Pack	<p>Fiona has suggested following up on last meeting's suggestion of a welcome pack for new residents.</p> <p>Add the Michelago Phone Book if available. <b>Motion: That MRCA pay for Michelago phone books for new-comers</b> <b>Cate/Gill</b></p>	<p>Janeta to research what resources and information would be useful for new people.</p> <p>Potential content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Map</li> <li>- Regular events: Australia Day on oval Mayfair Services</li> </ul>	<b>Janeta</b> to research what resources and information would be useful for new people.	<b>Janeta</b> to contact Fiona to see what information she has.	In progress
8.4 Access to ACT schools	<p>Janeta Morison brought up the issue re: reports (personal and other residents) re: difficulties accessing pre-school and primary school services in the ACT.</p>	<p>General discussion about more stringent ACT school policy re: out of area enrolments and option to use local schools.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Date for next meeting</b>	<p>Wednesday 5 September 2012 730pm Meeting <i>closed 8.45 pm</i></p>				