

**Minutes Michelago Region Community Association
Meeting 2 March 2011**

Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
Meeting opened 7.05 pm	<p>1. Present: Tony Robinson (President), Gill Robinson, Jeremy Mears, Julie Giucci, Cate Spencer, Fiona Maguire, Wayne, Peter Schroedl, Di Phelan</p> <p>2. Apologies: Sandra Lauer, Maureen Morgan, Toni Schroedl, Martin Hughes</p>				
3. Minutes 2 February			Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February be adopted. Tony/Gill	Tony to put minutes in store.	Done
4. Matters Arising					
4.1 Heritage Brochure	Gay Lawler is writing a history of the village and surrounding area. She is making good headway on this.	Committee pleased to hear of Gay's progress and keen to see it published in a format that is not too expensive. Also a shortened version which could be made into a brochure. Request for photos has been put in the last newsletter (none forthcoming). Gay has been writing some terrific articles and work is ongoing. Brochure format will be folded A3.	<i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>		Done: Gay has provided preliminary articles
4.2 Management Plan	At meeting re Draft Mgt Plan held with Council members and Staff May 26. Council will be seeking submissions to draft management plan shortly. Tony has circulated a draft for the 2011 plan and comments have been received.	Waiting on response from Council. Martin has raised his concerns about the delay in community consultation. Has a meeting with Peter Smith shortly to discuss the issue. Micalago Road entrance has been upgraded as requested. Some concern has been raised	<i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Tony to present submission to Council 7 March	Done

		<p>by residents about the poor quality of road repairs opposite catholic church and Ryrie Street entrance.</p> <p>Pony Club Road entrance will be upgraded as requested from our previous Mgmt plan submissions. Extension of Village Zone out to highway. Footpath and lighting along Ryrie Street. Old toilet block has been put on the agenda to be dealt with in some way.</p>			
4.3 Village Plan	At the meeting in July, the Committee decided that there is a need for a Strategic Plan similar to ones supplied to us by Mareeca for other communities.	Need to keep this moving. Tony would like to include the railway land into the plan, perhaps taken over by Council or sold. Has met the Australian Railway Historical Society Canberra Branch to enquire about their long term plans for the upkeep and maintenance of the land around the station. Tony met with them and they are responsible for the buildings, there is some doubt about who is responsible for the land. Landcare has been brush-cutting the long grass. MRCA has been asked to develop a long-term plan for the Village and region.	Item to be kept on the agenda.	Fiona, Julie, Cate, Di and Wayne to form a subcommittee to develop a plan of action. Talk to Council (Ross Lawley) about current zoning. Tony to follow up with Railway people, about Fire Shed location. Discussion is ongoing. Get Richard Stone's village plan.	
4.4 MRCA Newsletter	The aim is to publish quarterly.	Autumn Newsletter to be planned. Ideas for articles include Cricket Club and History of Michelago and region.	Item to be kept on the agenda	Tony and Gill will compile the next one.	
4.5 Multi- Purpose Court	Need to replace the fence and possibly resurface. We can do the labour. Look into grants. Ross Lawley suggested we replace the fence and then check on usage before investing in a more advanced surface. Quote	Jeremy, Gill and Tony sprayed the court for re-growth. Needs further spraying to keep grass and weeds down. Would be good if Mich. fire brigade burnt off dead grass.	Item to be kept on the agenda.	Sandra to get quotes for materials and organise working bees.	

	\$8,591 materials only Looking further into other courts it seems an upper rail will not be needed, just use wire. ~\$6000 now for materials. Ross Lawley had put in a grant for us (unsuccessful) for BBQ table and benches near the track. Will pursue this.			Tony to check with Council for requirements.	
4.6 BBQ		Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 22 nd May. We've signed off on the details so will be going ahead.	Item to be kept on the agenda.	Maureen to look into a garbage day BBQ every now and again.	
4.7 Mayfair 2011	Date for next May Fair: Sunday 1 May 2011.	Mayfair meeting happened with lots of good input. Planning is ongoing. Martin has asked if we can borrow the Council PA system for free. We have 3 acts so far for music. Paul Kennedy has got LJ Hooker to provide 20 signs for directions. Still need larger signs for the highway.	Item to be kept on the agenda.	Mayfair subcommittee planning for 2011	
4.8 Driver Reviver	Michelago and Colinton Fire Brigade and MRCA are running driver reviver stop at Colinton rest stop. Inaugural one held on Australia Day. Next one will be over the Easter long weekend.	Had a successful Australia Day. Not huge numbers stopping, but lots of visibility and interest from passing traffic. Main volunteers were from Colinton RFB and MRCA. Raised \$18. With further promotion we expect many more stopping. A good time was had by all. People stopping were very appreciative. Thanks to Noreen for providing her generator. No response yet from Brent from Michelago or Baden from Bredbo.	Item to be kept on the agenda. Sandra is requesting more help. Maureen has offered to help, more is needed.	Sandra to follow up	
4.9 Michelago Fire Shed	Fire Brigade has a preferred location next to existing shed on railway land.	Railway land has to be transferred to Council first if they agree. Still waiting for Council. ARTC has been contacted	Item to be kept on the agenda.		
4.10 Michelago Website	Have organised helpers to keep website updated and take over from	Login details have been received and will organise with	Item to be kept on the agenda.	Sandra to follow up	

	Cathy Morison.	Janeta to start updating. Update committee details asap. Upload newsletters. Check for old content. Check email account re bouncing emails.			
4.11. Australia Day	Breakfast held at the Hall.	Had good numbers turning up for the BBQ ~50 people. Tony brush-cut the long grass beforehand. Photos were taken for the Cooma Express by Lisa Ashurst. Thanks to Martin and his committee for their work on the day.			
4.12 Railway Track	To bring back the train to Michelago	Di Phelan is interested in getting the track upgraded so the trains come back to the Michelago Station		Di Phelan to take on the project. Jeremy to look up any details from previous meetings	
5. Correspondence	Out: Letter to Greg Lonergan asking for status of donation to Smith Road Fire Brigade. In: Anonymous letter about problem with feral/abandoned cats in Village				
6. Treasurer's Report	Balance is \$5,293.61 in working account.	Insurance needs to be paid in May ~\$700	Motions: that the treasurer's report be accepted Gill/Sandra. Moved: Gill/Wayne		
7. General Business					
7.1 Fire Appeal Money	MRCA conducted an appeal to help those affected by the December 2009 Tea Tree Creek fire. It is now over six months since the fire and donation tins have been removed from the Store, the Servo and the Inn. Total raised was \$2120.	Talking to community members and those affected by the fire a decision was taken to divide it equally between the four local fire brigades. Alysoun Boyle of the Calabash Rd committee agreed.	Michelago has used the money for a Magellan GPS. Anembo have put the money towards new fire shed. Colinton has donated \$200 to Bredbo to replace a UHF radio lost in the burn over of their fire truck; the remainder has been assigned to the training shed. Smiths Rd no response as yet.	Tony/Gill follow up with Smiths Road.	Done
7.2 Playground area	To provide some sort of cover for playground from sun. Council has indicated they don't want a permanent		Committee will continue to investigate shade structures.		

	structure and would prefer shade from trees. Trees however take many years to grow and the site is quite hostile for trees. If a few areas were dug up/ripped a few trees could be established with some supplementary watering.				
8. Other Business					
8.1	Railway Station land - grass overgrown	Landcare has slashed around the plantings. ARTC did minimal slashing around the area.		Tony to look into Conservation Volunteers to do a major cleanup.	

Meeting closed 9:06pm