

MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 2 MAY 2007

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present: Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Michael Da Roza, Jeremy Mears, Inés Pintos-Lopez, Trish Grice.

Apologies: Carmel Birch, Jill Stone, Vern Drew

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2007

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2007

Moved Martin Hughes, **Seconded** Mareeca Steer

Carried.

2. Correspondence

(i) Letter received from Cathy Morrison, with the final draft for the Michelago phone book. Jeremy to send Cathy the new MRCA logo. Mareeca to send Trish a copy of the draft.

(ii) Newsletter received from "Our Community Matters". The newsletter offers an "Easy Grants Prim Package" which comprises of the Easy Grants newsletter as well as information on grants available. This would cost \$100.00.

Motion: To go halves with the Hall Committee in obtaining this grant package.

Moved: Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes

Carried

(iii) Draft Social Plan has been put out by Cooma Monaro Shire Council. Martin noted that the points about Michelago from a meeting held with the Council have been picked up. Martin will draft a response to send back to the Council.

3. Treasurer's Report

Martin advised that there has been no movement on the accounts since the last meeting. He has received the funds from the Harvey Norman Barbeque, but has not done a final reconciliation as yet.

4. Business Arising

(i) Michael Da Rosa informed the committee that he has done some preliminary costing on a laptop and printer for the committee. There was discussion about the specifications required and Michael will obtain a costing on these specifications and email Mareeca with the total cost for approval. The

committee agreed that a Dell laptop would be the most suitable and asked Michael to find the best brand of printer for the needs of the committee.

(ii) Landcare has asked the committee to help in selling trees for planting at the cemetery. The trees are \$10.00 each, and the committee will send an email asking residents in the community to buy the trees. It is anticipated that the school will plant the trees.

(iii) Mareeca has received a complaint from a member of the MRCA about the behavior of two gentlemen at the last committee meeting. Both gentlemen were disruptive, aggressive, extremely argumentative and rude to the committee's guests.

The committee offers a formal apology to all members that attended the meeting for the inappropriate behavior of the two gentlemen, and steps will be taken to instigate a more formal approach to future committee meetings.

Motion: Future meetings will not be held in an open forum at the Inn. A more formal venue such as a private room will be found in instances where the hall is not available.

Moved: Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes
Carried.

5. General Business

(i) The Harvey Norman Barbeque was a great success and thanks go to Martin Hughes, Jill Dobkin, Mareeca Steer, Alex Steer and Trish Grice. Particular thanks go to Jane & Melissa Granter, Anna Bunston, Richard and Mandy Stone, as well as Alex and Keith from MRFB. A special thanks also to the Erindale Fruit Market for giving us a great deal on the eggs and onions. The takings for the day were around \$1700.00 and the profits will be shared equally with the MRFB.

(ii) Multi purpose court – a public meeting needs to be organized for this.

(iii) Ryrie Street planting – hasn't happened as yet. Jeremy spoke to Elizabeth Price about this recently – waiting for rain.

(iv) Roads – nothing new to report.

(v) Newsletter. Thankyou to Jeremy for the article in the Colinton Courier. It is anticipated there will be more articles in the future.

(vi) Cemetery – the working bee at the cemetery was held in May.

(vii) Spring Fair. The committee discussed the possibility of holding a spring fair and agreed that there was too short a time frame for this to happen this spring. After further discussion it was agreed that instead we will hold a "Michelago

Mayfair" in May 2008. Michael will conduct an audit on what products and services are offered by residents of the community and the fair could be a showcase of these. Mareeca will contact all the local groups and businesses about supporting the fair. It was agreed that the fair would be a day time family event and be alcohol free.

A steering committee was formed that will begin organisation of the fair. Trish, Michael and Mareeca will be on the steering committee.

(viii) Christmas concert. There was brief discussion about holding a Christmas concert. Trish will begin looking at how this can be done and report back to the next meeting.

(ix) Letter box drop. The committee agreed that there needs to be a letterbox drop to all residents informing them of recent and upcoming events.

6. Committee Reports

Heritage Committee – Inez informed the committee that she had been researching this issue and had been talking to a group that looks after tourist sign posting. There will be a meeting held in Yass on 17 May and Mareeca and Inez will go to this meeting to look into the possibility of having Michelago included in this scheme. There could be funding available, but this also needs to be looked at.

Next meeting Wednesday 6 June at 7.30pm at the hall.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm