

**Minutes Michelago & Region Community Association  
Meeting 2 September 2009**

Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
Meeting opened 7.15pm	<p><b>1. Present:</b> Tony Robinson (President), Charles Gannon, Mareeca Steer, Gill Robinson, Carmel Birch.</p> <p><b>2. Apologies:</b> Jeremy Mears, Trish Grice, Ines Pintos Lopez, Martin Hughes, Bronwyn Gattringer</p>				
<p><b>3. Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009</b></p> <p><b>Minutes 5 August 2009</b></p>	As only one of the quorum (TR) present at the August meeting attended the meeting of 1 July 09, it was not possible to approve the minutes.		<p><b>Motion:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July be adopted. <b>Gill/Tony CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August be adopted, with the addition of Carmel Birch as an apology. <b>Tony/Mareeca CARRIED</b></p>	<b>Tony</b> put minutes in store	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>					
4.1 Oval Exercise Track	<p>Council has allocated \$51,000 from the Federal Infrastructure incentive grants to put in a track around the oval.</p> <p>Ross Lawley has sent an amended plan indicating that this has gone to tender.</p>	<p>MS advised that the Cricket Club has gone directly to Council with its concerns. An amended plan has been put to tender without the MRCA being advised of the changes.</p> <p>Committee members voiced their concerns about the issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket club going directly to Council and not communicating concerns to MRCA during the community consultation process</li> <li>lack of communication from Council</li> </ul>	<p>Tony to seek meeting with Ross Lawley, Mareeca and Martin Hughes. Maybe include John Vucic if necessary.</p> <p><b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b></p>	<b>Tony</b>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new plan means that the track will not being a complete circuit</li> <li>• new plan seems to indicate that circuit would not be flat</li> <li>• Increase in cost due to altered plan</li> </ul> <p>Committee questioned % administration fees charged by Council and whether or not this would be taken from our grant.</p>			
4.2 Heritage Brochure	At June meeting, the Committee agreed to put information on the web site rather than print brochures. Ines has circulated a draft extract of the Road South by Ruth McFadden for web publication.	<p>Committee thanked Ines for work to date.</p> <p>Prefer to have text separate from the photos as it is hard to read.</p> <p>Mareeca would like to see a printable heritage map. She has examples from Tumut.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the main focus should be Michelago, with a link to the Road South extract.</p> <p>Would like to have the input of long-standing members of the community eg Colleen Cotter, Dick Lawler, Michelle Lees' mum.</p> <p><b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b></p>	<b>Tony</b> to brief Ines on discussion.	Email 3/9
4.3 Management Plan		Mareeca pointed out that the MRCA should soon be thinking about input into the 2010/11 plan.	<b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda</i></b>		
4.4 Pony Club highway turnoff	Turn-off is dangerous for those entering with horse floats. Martin has written to the RTA. Police have also raised the problem with the turnoff.	Letter received from Steve Whan.	<b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>		
4.5 Village Plan	At the meeting in July, the Committee decided that what was needed is a Strategic Plan similar to ones supplied by Mareeca for other communities.		<b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Mareeca</b> to continue to follow up	<b>Mareeca</b> has contacted the Dept of State and Regional Development.

4.6 Rural Broadband Connection	DRSD has put 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. We are awaiting the next funding roll-out.	Change of policy will provide cable to home, not wireless hubs. Village will get the upgrade; elsewhere will stay with existing wireless options.	<b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda</i></b>	<b>Mareeca</b> to continue to follow up	
4.7 MRCA Newsletter	The aim is to publish quarterly.	Next Newsletter in November as Spring issue. Summer issue will be in mid-January,	<b><i>This item to be kept on agenda</i></b>	<b>Tony</b> to advise Cathy of schedule.	
4.8 Multi- Purpose Court	\$9600 has been received from State funding.  Mareeca had an email from Ross Lawley indicating a cost of around \$45k after putting this project to tender.	It was noted that, as this would be a Council asset on council land, it has to approve the final tender.	Gill to complete the EFT form to be submitted along with the Bill of Works from the successful tenderer.  <b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Gill</b>	
4.9 Harvey Norman BBQs	This is an essential fund raiser.	It was agreed that we will not ask the servo but will ask the Inn for 10 October.	Gill to write to the Facilities Manager at Bunnings in Fyshwick and Tuggeranong to seek a date for a BBQ.  Tony to ask the Inn people.  <b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Gill</b>  <b>Tony</b>	
4.10 Sign		Jeremy has sent artwork to Sign Man.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda</i></b>	<b>Jeremy</b> to update.	
4.11 Mayfair 2010	Original concept was to showcase local business. Idea of having ethnic food stalls rather than the sausage BBQ. Would free up people and make money from the stalls to cover BBQ takings.	At July meeting, it was agreed to change the date from Mothers Day to the 1st Sunday in May. Fiona Tollis to be contacted to help, given her experience at Tharwa Markets. Trish agreed to coordinate the next May Fair with help from a sub-committee. Ines volunteered to help.	<b>Trish</b> to contact Fiona.  <b>Trish</b> to “kickstart” planning in October.  <b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Trish</b>	
<b>5. Correspondence</b>		In: Letter from Steve Whan re. Pony Club/Cemetery turn-off.	Noted.		

		<p>Emails from Ross Lawley re. track and multi-purpose court.</p> <p>Letter from the school about possible railway walking/cycle track.</p>	<p>Discussed under items 4.1 and 4.8.</p> <p>Discussed under item 8.2</p>		
<b>6. Treasurer's Report</b>		Balance is <b>\$1743.40</b> . No change from previous month.	<b>Motion:</b> That Treasurer's report be accepted. <b>Mareeca/Charles Carried</b>		
<b>7. General Business</b>					
<b>7.1 Council Business</b>	A regular item when Councilor Martin Hughes reports to the Committee on Council deliberations.	As Martin was an apology, no report. However he did circulate the Council page from the Monaro Post. No issues involving Michelago.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>		
<b>8. Other Business</b>					
8.1 Fund-raising			<p>The Committee would like to hold a bush dance on Australia Day.</p> <p><b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b></p>		
8.2 Railway Walking Track	Letter from the school received on August asking MRCA to present submission to Council and endorse it.	<p>It was pointed out that the C-M Council has agreed in principle the Nellie-Nanny Track from Queanbeyan as proposed by the Queanbeyan Council.</p> <p>Committee understands that the land is owned by State rail as it is still classified as an active track, leased to the Historic Railway Trust. We would like more feasibility study and clearer understanding of who might "drive the project" and what would be involved.</p>	<p>Committee would like to invite the proposers to address the MRCA so that we can be better informed about the project.</p> <p><b><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b></p>	<b>Tony</b>	

Meeting closed at 9:05pm