



## **MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Meeting opened 7.45pm

**Present:** Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Carmel Birch, Trish Grice, Charles Gannon, Paul Kennedy, Michael Lees, Jeremy Mears, Bronwyn Gattringer, Katrin Hackney, Brent Wallace, Tony Robinson

**Apologies:** None

### **1. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2008**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2008.

**Moved:** Martin Hughes **Seconded** Carmel Birch

**Carried.**

### **2. Correspondence**

- (i) Letter from Steve Whan
- (ii) Letter from Mike Kelly
- (iii) Subdivision to be discussed later
- (iv) Letter from Martin Hughes to Council (John Vucic) about Pony Club Road

### **3. Business Arising**

- (i) Roads – Martin wrote to Steve Whan and Minister Roozendaal
- (ii) Council sent an email out about where the money was being spent in Michelago – sent out to members.
- (iii) Martin meeting with Caroline Fox – discussion about what sort of heritage brochure is required. A brochure in combination with Bredbo – they would have a walking map and we would have a driving map. Email received from Heather Jauncy about ideas as to what could be included. Brochures being looked at to get ideas from what other communities do. Martin unable to do anything more about this until after the election. He would like a volunteer to help with it depending on the outcome of the election. Michael Lees will look at the information available at the moment and help.
- (iv) Heritage meeting. With Minister Kelly – will be discussed under general business.

#### 4 Treasurer's Report

Martin reported that nothing much has happened since the last meeting. Some reimbursements were paid for Harvey Norman BBQ and a donation paid to Martin for running for Council. \$4006.37 is current balance with \$3,169.98 in term deposit and \$190.00 cash. A note about Noel Teyes sponsorship. He was unhappy that he had agreed to sponsor us for Mayfair, and then another real estate agent was promoted in the signs about the Mayfair. Cheque from him has not been forthcoming as yet.

**Motion:** To write Noel Teyes a letter apologizing about the oversight on our part and suggest that if he would still like to donate the \$100 we would be grateful.

**Moved** Martin Hughes **Seconded** Trish Grice

**Carried**

**Action:** Martin to write the letter for Mareeca's signature.

**Moved:** Carmel Birch **Seconded** Mareeca Steer

**Carried**

#### 5 General Business

(i) Subdivision plans for 33 Ryrie Street. A plan was tabled that was given to Mareeca to talk to the committee about. There were concerns about the access road, that there was only one road for 34 plots. The full application has not been seen, and an extension was sought from Council – but only 2 days was given. A letter to go to Council asking for an extension of time so that the committee can study this more closely and have community consultation. Not all the neighbours that would be impacted have been notified and some people who were not immediate neighbours were notified. The letter to ask what Council's intended process will be as well as what impact this will have on the community – both pluses and minuses.

**Action:** Mareeca

(ii) Newsletter. Cathy would like to have a submission date for everything to be in by and a printing date. Everything submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> November and printing to be done by 14 November then everything can be included and next one in February 1<sup>st</sup> Feb for next one Send newsletters to each councilor. (9 copies) Let Mareeca or Cathy have anything for inclusions.

(iii) 2009 Mayfair No-one has offered to help as yet

(iv) Martin Hughes running for council – campaign going well so far. Martin thanked the committee for its support so far. Has dropped lots of voting flyers, and an inclusion into the newsletter. On polling day – 13 September – there are some volunteers for various polling booths. There are still some vacancies.

(v) Railway – historical society. Mareeca and Steven Buck met with Minister Kelly on Friday 31 August. Minister Kelly now wants a lot more information before looking at doing a feasibility study. When \$5million was raised, Minister Kelly was unimpressed, however there was a suggestion that some steel sleepers could be used to minimize costs. Next funding of Regional Community Infrastructure will be coming up – for up to one million dollars. Steven is putting

options together. Minister Kelly asked about opening the railway line to Cooma (for normal trains) – but that is more expensive and probably not feasible. Not as positive as first thought it would be. Martin reported that there was some interest in a bus commuter run from Cooma into Canberra each day – will be looked at near the end of winter. Blackberries have all been pulled out – from the railway. Lease holder needs to be identified before a tank can be looked at being connected to shed.

(vi) Harvey Norman BBQ November 9. Volunteers needed. Jeremy is available for the morning session. Trish, Carmel unavailable. Fire brigade will organize some people. BBQ isn't currently registered for use on the road, this is being looked at and the MRCA has offered to pay half the rego.

(vii) Arch/Sign on Highway. There is a new sign on the Canberra border. Our sign is almost ready, Jeremy is doing the design. The front of the sign was approved, it was suggested that something needs to be put on the back of the sign – perhaps "Please Drive Safely".

**Motion:** Approve sign

**Moved:** Trish Grice **Seconded** Martin Hughes

**Carried**

A sign about high kangaroo area needs to be put up – Mareeca will write to RTA about getting one put up.

Fire Brigade – Brett, flyer went out with newsletter. Form has gone out about becoming a Village 2 from Village 1. Open day is 20 September.

A number of break ins have been happening lately. Firestation, service station and railway shed.

Martin spoke about the committee becoming a 355 committee so that insurance wouldn't be an issue. There could be some problems with this – for instance we wouldn't be able to do any fundraising. Carmel will email out the 355 guidelines so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Tony Robinson talked about the fact that there is a number of big issues coming up and he thinks that there should be a position statement put out by the committee. Mareeca said that we operate on behalf of the whole community – and we need to have a community consultation meeting before this could be done. Katrin said that we need to wait until the LEP comes out before doing this. Mareeca says that we can't actually make "policy" statements, it all has to be done through the community. Martin – we need to be a "think tank" for the community and then go to them and say this is what we are looking at what do you think? Tony – no – a series of statements to go to the community and ask for input and consultation with them. Perhaps a sub-committee could look at something like this. Either now or when the draft LEP comes out. Especially about things like – are we for or against development of the village. This will help us be proactive rather than reactive. A sub committee to be formed to look at

this. Tony Robinson will chair the subcommittee which will include, Bronwyn and Paul and Mareeca.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1 October at 7.00pm