

**Michelago Region Community Association
Meeting Minutes: 4 July 2012**

Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
Meeting opened 7.05 pm					
1. Present:	Martin Hughes, Maureen, Cate Spencer and Leanne Pattison.				
2. Apologies:	Wayne Landford, Janeta Morison and Carolyn Burton.				
3. Minutes	Meeting held on 6 June 2012.	Minutes of 'June meeting not accepted.	Motion: June minutes could not be accepted as there was only person present who was also at the June meeting,	Defer to August mtg	Pending
4. Matters Arising					
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 methods to reduce littering, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - getting involved in Clean up Australia day - adopt a street day, - raise awareness through school; - community projects, including signage. <p>Wayne to bring up with Martin Hughes. Leanne to discuss with school principal re: designing posters.</p>	<p>Martin wrote to council re: 'Keep Michelago beautiful' signs.</p> <p>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>Posters could be laminated for public display? Idea of Primary School poster competition was raised.</p>	Leanne will investigate proposal for Primary School poster competition. Leanne will talk to teachers after school holidays. If there is a competition, Martin might judge.	Further discussion at next meeting.	In progress

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<p>4.2 Heritage Brochure</p>	<p>Item to remain on agenda. Carried over from April:</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.</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>Gay is continuing to work on her book.</p>	<p>Item to be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Item to be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Leanne to ask Greg and Maureen will ask Michelago police station about photos (Alex Fookes).</p> <p>Janeta and Sandra 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>Fence and scrap metal has been removed. Cate has asked for quotes for clubhouse rebuild. Sport and Rec. grant is an option. Cate has registered the name with this org.</p> <p>Cate 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. Cate and Leanne to look into grant application strategies, including with Tennis Australia and talking to Tony.</p>	<p>Item to be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Item will be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Leanne and Cate to continue to work together on potential grant application options and processes.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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<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 purchase. Chris Allen and Ross Lawley are the FireCom and Council contacts.</p> <p>A drain has been placed in front of the fire shed to try to address the water drainage issue. No further news on shed site or land use.</p> <p>John Barilara's office is involved in discussions with the Cooma Council re: land issue. The MRCA President has submitted a formal letter and email to Cooma council requesting a decision in relation to the case put forward for a new shed and site options.</p>	<p>Update: John Barilaro has acknowledged Wayne's letter to John Vucic (J Barilaro was cc'd) and says he has made representations to the minister.</p> <p>Ross Lawley emailed Leanne – Council now knows what it has to do to contact John Holland Constructions and the project manager will do so.</p> <p>Leanne rang Langdon Gould (CM Fire control) . Leanne considers pressure on Council from various points is having an effect.</p>	<p>Await response from Council, minister and other parties.</p>	<p>MRCA to await response from Cooma Council and other parties.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>5. Correspondence</p>	<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. Awaiting a few payments.</p> <p>Feedback paper from Fire Brigade re: Mayfair. Leanne provided written feedback from Fire Brigade.</p> <p>Feedback re: Mayfair to be provided to Cate Spencer.</p>	<p>President of recent correspondence to Cooma Council.</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Council.</p>	<p>Nil – awaiting response.</p> <p>Carolyn to update at next meeting.</p> <p>Janeta to provide copy to Cate Spencer via email.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Complete</p>

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	<p>Bunnings have sent a letter, requesting a certificate of appreciation for the goods they donated. Leanne designed and sent certificate to Bunnings.</p> <p>Sandra provided some feedback re: Driver Reviver. It has started again, all set up and needing more volunteers. Has requested more information for MRCA website.</p> <p>MRCA to contact Sandra if they can volunteer or provide website content,</p>	<p>Fiona Tollis, part of sub-committee also sent Bunnings a certificate.</p> <p>Nil</p>	<p>Committee agreed that Mayfair sub-committee best placed to do this.</p> <p>Nil.</p>	<p>Nil.</p> <p>MRCA members to contact Sandra (where relevant).</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
6. Treasurers Report	<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>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> <p>Awaiting three payments from Mayfair.</p>	Treasurer absent.	Treasurer absent.	Carolyn to provide update at August mtg.	Ongoing
General business					
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 Lawless</p>	Nil.	Nil.	Advise MRCA members.	In progress.

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	<p>of Bredbo could stand again – if she's the most local rep., we should acquaint her with our interests.</p>				
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 members 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>	<p>Review as part of Treasurers update. Remove from agenda until later in the year?</p>	<p>Review as part of Treasurers update.</p>	N/A	<p>Update to be provided as part of Treasurer's report</p>
7.3 Fund-raising	<p>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> <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>Janeta to cancel June booking and recruit volunteers for November.</p>	<p>For discussion at August meeting.</p>	<p>Update at August meeting.</p>	<p>MRCA Members to put November date in diary.</p> <p>Janeta to cancel June booking and recruit volunteers for November.</p> <p>Janeta to check with Sandra re: driver reviver</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Pending</p>

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7.4 MRCA Notice Board	<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>It was decided that the best place for a notice board is beside the current Fire Brigade one just off the highway. It was reasoned that many residents in the area don't go into the village so the highway is the best position for all to see it.</p> <p>Agreed that sign should be steel with magnetic letters and Perspex cover. Only permanent lettering to be <i>Michelago Region Community Association</i> at the top and www.michelagoregion.org.au 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"> 1. Highway Fire Brigade sign (right hand side) 2. Sign in front of Fire Brigade shed 3. On outside of village shop building <p>MRCA to focus on the promotion of the Michelago Community website.</p>	Key achievement: signage on highway to various side roads, including Pony Club Road and Micelago Road.	Signage placed on roads.	Ongoing work to find suitable signage locations.	Ongoing

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<p>8. Other business 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"> • letterbox drop with newsletter; • sign up form via website; • shop door sign; • primary school; and/or • set up table outside the village shop. <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>Carolyn to put together list of current member and list of potential future members.</p> <p><i>MRCA member to discuss with Bronwyn?</i></p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Pending</p>
<p>8.2 – Other business</p>	<p>Key Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage on highway to various side roads • most of the money for the bike/walking track <p>In progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colinton RFS Station – highway access • support for land for Michelago Fire Brigade’s new station site • see Cooma-Monaro Express (tabled and given to LPattison) – there’s \$150K funds for various projects. \$9K 	<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>

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	<p>is reserved for each of the other eight community groups, including Michelago.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 				
8.2 Railway	<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 to use the track for cycle use. People could camp overnight as a pit spot 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>	Nil.	<i>Brought forward from April mtg</i> To further investigate the potential use of the shed as a multi-purpose indoor tennis/squash court.	Committee members to start talking to community about what might work.	In progress
8.3 Welcome Pack	Fiona has suggested following up on last meeting's suggestion of a	Nil	Nil	Fiona to draw up a list of	In progress

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	<p>welcome pack for new residents.</p> <p>Add the Michelago Phone Book if available.</p> <p>Motion: That MRCA pay for Michelago phone books for new-comers Cate/Gill</p>			<p>suggested things for welcome pack.</p>	
Date for next meeting	Wednesday 1 August 2012 at 7pm				

Meeting closed 9.00 pm