

**Michelago Region Community Association  
Meeting Minutes: 6 February 2013**



Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
	Meeting opened 7.40pm				
<b>1. Present:</b>	Cate Spencer (Vice President), Wayne Landford (President), Fiona Tollis, Maureen and Janeta Morison (Secretary).				
<b>2. Apologies:</b>	Leanne.				
<b>3. Minutes</b>	Meeting held on 5 December 2012.	Minutes of December meeting.	Minutes accepted. Motion: Wayne moved, Cate seconded.	Minutes accepted	Complete
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>					
<b>Update from Martin Hughes</b>	<p><b>Community Fund</b> Cate wrote to the Council requesting \$9,000 funding for small community Infrastructure projects. This funding was approved by Cooma-Monaro Shire Council at their 12 November meeting.</p> <p>An <b>Australia Day</b> event was held at Michelago Memorial Hall on 26 January which was attended by approx.. 40 residents. The unofficial Ambassador Kevin Dunne a local Cooma resident and former school principal opened the event with Martin Hughes. Event was supported by Cooma Monaro Shire Council.</p> <p><b>Wayne</b> posted letter on behalf of the MRCA supporting the beautification and landscaping of Sharp St and Centennial Park in Cooma (part of the Regional Development Australia Fund).</p>	Cate has written to Council requesting additional funds or support available. Waiting to hear back from Council.		<b>Cate</b> to provide receipts to <b>Martin Hughes</b> so costs can be reimbursed.	Pending
<b>4.1 Litter issue</b>	Glenn Fowler raised the issue of litter in Michelago which poses a safety risk. Signs to be placed on main roads Baroona Road, Clearview Rd, Michelago Rd, close to school area (double sided) and corners of highway.	Wayne will provide update once Council provides signs.		<b>Wayne</b> awaiting signs. Will follow up with Council as required.	Pending

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<p><b>4.2 Heritage Brochure</b></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 and for her book.</p> <p>Request for photos was put in newsletter and is on the web-site. A cookbook has also been proposed.</p>	<p>Sandra met with Gay Lawler and Janeta to follow up on any further work required to get information on website.</p>	<p>All <b>MRCA members</b> to source more photos for future display in the Michelago Memorial Hall.</p>	<p><b>Janeta</b> to progress website content with Sandra and Gaye.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p><b>4.3 Multi-Purpose Court</b></p>	<p>Michelago Community Forum held on 4 October at 7.30pm. Reviewed plan that included multi-purpose court. May need to be a staged development process.</p> <p>Community grants of up to \$35,000 are available. The Sports and Recreational Grant to be submitted in January 2013 for tennis court, lights and plumbing. Grant application open so will put those in. We are discussing quotations and ways we can reduce costs.</p> <p>Cate also applied for a Community Building Project Grant for just under \$40,000 for shed, flooring etc. Awaiting Council response.</p> <p>Committee agreed to defer septic assessment until we hear back from council regarding grant.</p> <p>Cate received a quote indicating that the likely cost is \$71,000 for tennis/multi-purpose court.</p> <p>Cate to lodge DA for tennis court lights, quote was for around \$20k. Trenching could be done by Ken in kind. Quote from Mark Edmundson to build tennis court, quote is \$15k less than other quote. Power at oval also needs to be upgraded.</p>	<p>Cate expects to hear back from NSW Government in March regarding Community Building Project Grant.</p> <p>Cate will also investigate additional funding opportunities.</p> <p>The soil testing was undertaken by a contractor which was agreed at the last meeting to be deferred but contractor wrongly assumed that we required the testing. Report to be tabled at next meeting.</p> <p>Cate will submit a participation grant from NSW Sports and Recreation for \$5,000 to help with subsidising tennis lessons. May also fund holiday programs.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> to check eligibility for funding and lodge relevant funding applications.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> to submit Sport and Recreational grant.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> to ask Mark Edmundson for tennis court quote.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> to ask <b>Ken Bowman</b> for backhoe work.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> to lodge receipt and <b>Treasurer</b> to reimburse <b>Cate</b> for costs, including soil testing.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>

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<p><b>4.4 Fire Brigade</b></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 lease. Chris Allen and Ross Lawley are the FireCom and Council contacts. No further news on shed site or land use.</p> <p>Council has installed a drain and a minor levee bank in front of the shed to try to fix the drainage OH&amp;S problem, which has not resolved the drainage and related OH&amp;S issues.</p> <p>John Barilaro's office is involved in discussions with the Cooma-Monaro Council regarding land issue. Council's Ross Lawley has established contact with John Holland Constructions.</p> <p>Ross Lawley has requested the approval request for the siting of new shed following Brent's conversation with John Holland's representatives about the OH&amp;S issues and voluntary role of the brigade. Brent spoke to Ross who is now hopefully making progress. Brent will keep us updated via Leanne.</p>	<p>Leanne advised that Michelago Fire Brigade was commended for their work on the Cooma Fires, particularly their roster and volunteer management system.</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	<p><b>MRCA</b> to await response from Cooma Council and/or update from Brent.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p><b>5. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Cate has received letter regarding the \$9,000 approval the allocation of Community Infrastructure Funding. Funds have been approved for the upgrade of tennis courts.</p> <p><b>Sandra</b> sent an email thanking the MRCA for donating half of the Driver Reviver proceeds to the Colinton Fire Brigade.</p>	<p>Cate suggested that the Hall Committee combine with the MRCA. Martin advised that as the Hall is owned and insured by the Cooma Monaro Shire Council it would be more appropriate that the Hall Committee become a sub-committee of the MRCA.</p>	<p>Committee to further investigate the sub-committee option to improve communication.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> to discuss with Bronwyn Gattringer.</p> <p><b>Maureen</b> to discuss Michelago Primary P&amp;C Rep. to attend MRCA meetings.</p>	<p>Pending</p>

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<p><b>6. Treasurers Report</b></p>	<p>MRCA members agreed to transfer portion of banking account funds (\$4,000) to term deposit to increase interest (Motion moved by Carolyn, seconded by Wayne).</p>	<p>Term deposit current balance at \$6,800</p>	<p><b>Carolyn</b> to coordinate transfer as agreed.  <b>Carolyn</b> to reimburse Cate for website signs.</p>	<p><b>Carolyn</b> to coordinate transfer of funds.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p><b>General business</b></p>					
<p><b>7.1 Fund-raising</b></p>	<p><b>Cate's</b> suggested movie night at hall and Jo Gaha's 'pot luck' dinner idea to be deferred until 2013.</p> <p>All the Michelago calendars printed were sold and more have been ordered which will be available for sale for \$20 in the Michelago store.</p> <p><b>Mayfair 2013 Organising Committee</b> met on Saturday where good ideas were discussed.</p> <p><b>Bunnings BBQ</b> will be held on 10 February at their Tuggeranong store.</p>	<p>Next Mayfair Meeting on Saturday morning 23 February after AGM (AGM starts at 10am)</p> <p><b>Cate</b> has written to Woolworth's Manager requesting small gift voucher to help with purchasing some food supplies such as bread.</p>	<p>Put events on next meeting agenda.</p> <p>Members agreed that it would be worth submitted to Woolworths.</p>	<p>Wayne to put on Feb. meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>Carolyn</b> to provide letter to Woolworths.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p><b>7.2 MRCA Notice Board</b></p>	<p><b>Cate</b> has put up the signs with the full website address. There is more active promotion of the MRCA MRCA which now places regular community notices at the front of the Michelago Store which seems to be a good communication tool.</p>	<p>Signs are on the fire brigade notice board and on Monaro Highway Michelago sign.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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<b>8.1 Railway</b>	<p>Rail Land has been taken over by John Holland Group which is responsible for maintenance. Rail link is not happening. No funding is available. Walking/Cycle track has much more support. Wayne mentioned that John Barilaro had said that the council was still decided which railways to open/close so no movement or decisions yet.</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 stop before proceeding to Cooma.</p>	Nil.	For discussion at next meeting.	Nil.	N/A
<b>8.2 Welcome Pack</b>	<p>Motion: That MRCA pay for Michelago phone books for newcomers, motion moved Cate, seconded Gill Robinson. New phone directory available from shop.</p>	<p>Group agreed that an information sheet about local services and rural living tips would be useful, ie. Doctors, dentist to support newcomers to the area.</p>	<p><b>Janeta</b> to put together information.</p>	<p><b>Janeta</b> to draft information sheet.</p>	In progress
<b>8.3 Annual General Meeting</b>	<p>2013 AGM to be held Saturday 23 February 2013.</p>	<p>AGM will be held on Saturday, 23 February 2013 at 10 am (morning tea from 9.30am).</p> <p>Audit needs to be conducted and Treasurer's report put together before the next AGM.</p>	<p>Need to promote AGM to local community.</p>	<p><b>Cate</b> to put up signs.</p> <p><b>Carolyn</b> to discuss audit with <b>Gill</b> and put together Treasurer's Report.</p>	In progress
	<p>Meeting closed at 9pm</p>				
<b>Date for next meeting</b>	<p>Next meeting: Wed. 6 March. 2013, 7.30pm</p>				