

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



Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
	Meeting opened 7.06pm.				
1. Present:	Cate Spencer (president), Fiona Tollis (vice president), Sandra Lauer (secretary), Chris Higgins (treasurer), Leanne Pattison (committee), Maureen Morgan (committee), Vern Drew, Carolyn Burton, Michael Lees, Michelle Lees				
2. Apologies:	Martin Hughes, Jenny Goldie, Janeta Morison, Tony Robinson, Gill Robinson, Jeremy Mears, Bronwyn Gattringer, Sue Drew				
3. Minutes	Meeting held on 6 February 2013. Draft minutes tabled.	Minutes amended: 4.0 26 January 4.3 NSW Government	Motion: that the amended minutes be accepted. Moved Leanne , seconded Maureen . Carried.	Amended minutes accepted.	Completed
4. Matters Arising	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
4.0 Update from Martin Hughes (Council Matters)	Community Fund 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.	Martin not at meeting. Cate reported that \$9000 has been put aside by council.	Nil	Nil	In progress

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<p>4.1 Litter issue</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cate reported that she would follow up with Council about the signs.</p>		<p>Cate to follow up.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>4.2 Heritage Brochure</p>	<p>Gay Lawler is writing a history of the village and surrounding area. Gay is continuing to prepare historical information 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>Cate reported that she contacted Gay and photos are being collated for a book to sell at Mayfair.</p>	<p>All MRCA members to source more photos for future display in the Michelago Memorial Hall.</p>	<p>Janeta to progress website content with Sandra and Gaye.</p> <p>Cate to chase up with Gay e book for Mayfair.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>4.3 Multi-Purpose Court</p>	<p>Michelago Community Forum held on 4 October 2012 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 was 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 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 reported that three grants are still pending.</p> <p>“Small Grants for Small Communities” (FRRR) also a possibility for \$5000 toward the playground etc. - application is due 2 April.</p>	<p>Cate to check eligibility for funding and lodge relevant funding applications.</p>	<p>Cate submitted Sport and Recreational grant.</p> <p>Cate to ask Mark Edmundson for tennis court quote.</p> <p>Cate to lodge receipt and Treasurer to reimburse Cate for costs, including soil</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>

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	<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>testing.</p> <p>Cate to consider and submit an application for "Small Grants for Small Communities"</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>4.4 Fire Brigade</p>	<p>New Michelago 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&S problem, which has not resolved the drainage and related OH&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&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 reported on the latest progress and explained the history of the search for a new location for the Michelago fire station (for attendees who did not know). The meeting attendees then discussed the various options under the guidance of Leanne.</p> <p>Council is still considering the various options.</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	<p>MRCA to await response from Cooma Council and/or update from Brent and Leanne.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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4.5 Hall Committee	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.	Cate reported that this is pending.	Committee to further investigate the sub-committee option to improve communication.	Cate to discuss with Bronwyn Gattringer.	Pending
5. Correspondence	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
5.0 Correspondence	Cate received two letters from the Council regarding the multi-purpose court redevelopment (discussed during 4.0 & 4.3). Cate also received/sent correspondence regarding Mayfair and sponsorship. E-mails received re Council (discussed during 7.9).	Sandra/Cate tabled correspondence received/sent. Cate reported that Mayfair progressing well but more volunteers always welcome.	N/A	N/A	N/A
6. Reports	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
6.1 Treasurer's Report	Bunnings BBQ held on 10 February 2013. Australia Day BBQ held on 25 January 2013.	Chris reported that he had taken over from Carolyn as treasurer. Cate reported that Bunnings BBQ net proceeds were \$1152. Left over sausages are in Jo Gaha's freezer. Climate Action Monaro \$40 from BBQ. Chris tabled the independent auditor report from Veronica	Motion: that the auditor's report be accepted. Moved Maureen , seconded Fiona . Carried.	Auditor's report accepted. Cate to chase up her reimbursements from Council.	Completed Pending

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		<p>Kingston. Audit was completed and all is ok for the period 01/01/12-31/12/12.</p> <p>Cate reported that she is still owed \$187.61 from the Council for Australia Day BBQ expenses.</p>			
7.0 General Business	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
7.1 Fund-raising & Social Events	<p>Ideas: Pot luck dinner. Movie night at hall. Cheese and wine evening for unveiling of local historical photos in hall.</p> <p>Michelago calendars sold over Christmas.</p> <p>Mayfair (discussed during 5.0).</p>	<p>The meeting attendees discussed various options for fundraising: Bredbo Markets (BBQ), Cooma showground (BBQ), McDonalds (family fun nights), Bunnings BBQ, Driver Reviver</p> <p>Cate suggested that the movie night at hall and Jo Gaha's 'pot luck' dinner idea to be deferred until later in 2013.</p> <p>Cate reported that most of the Michelago calendars have been sold (2 left).</p>	<p>Fundraising/social events (other than Mayfair) to be discussed at a future MCRA meeting, as Mayfair is currently the priority.</p>	<p>Sandra to contact Sue at Bunnings.</p>	Pending
7.2 MRCA Membership	<p>MRCA membership numbers are low. Cate is updating the noticeboards.</p>	<p>Cate suggested that we need to be more active in promoting membership of the MRCA,</p> <p>The attendees discussed options including a letter with</p>	<p>For discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	Pending

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		the upcoming newsletter letterbox drop to encourage membership.			
7.3 Railway	<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 undecided 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>	<p>Nil.</p> <p>Discussed during 7.9.</p>	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
7.4 Welcome Pack	Janeta e-mailed a draft information sheet for newcomers to the committee.	E-mail tabled by Sandra.	For discussion at next meeting.	Janeta to draft information sheet.	In progress
7.5 Annual General Meeting	AGM was held on Saturday 23 rd February and a new committee was elected. Draft AGM minutes are available on the MRCA web site.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Completed
7.6 Speed Humps	Maureen requested, on behalf of Bronwyn, that the committee consider options to reduce speeding in the village. Queanbeyan Police have been informed however it was advised to Bronwyn that a speed camera is not feasible along the main street.	The meeting attendees discussed various options including: speed humps, police presence, speed cameras, signage etc.	Committee to advocate for increased police presence in the village (particularly around the school) and to	Sandra to draft a letter to NSW Police requesting an increased police presence.	Pending

			put a message on the MRCA noticeboards and in the newsletter.	Cate to put a message on the MRCA noticeboards and in newsletter.	
7.7 Newsletter	Newsletter to be drafted.	Cate reported that this is in progress and all committee members should write a short blurb (100 words) to be included.	For discussion at next meeting.	Cate to organise the newsletter with Jeremy.	In progress.
7.8 Driver Reviver	Easter and Snow Season.	Sandra reported that Driver Reviver would run over Easter and during the Snow Season again (from June long weekend). Gill is organizing rosters for Easter.	Nil	Nil	In progress
7.9 Community Strategic Plan (Council)	<p>Cate requested that MRCA members and residents of Michelago for input toward the Council's ten year <i>Community Strategic Plan</i>. The request was for 'thoughts, ideas and suggestions' regarding projects and activities in Michelago.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Di Phelan (via e-mail) Di raised the issue of restarting the railway as an active transport route. 2. Janeta Morison (via e-mail) Supports the current plan – should consider extended playground, expansion of mobile playgroups, skateboard park and programs for older people. 3. Extension of Ryrie Street (as per previous plan) 	<p>Cate tabled two submissions received via e-mail.</p> <p>The meeting attendees and committee discussed the viability of the railway as a transport route. Prohibitive cost. Options for walking/bicycle track more appealing and viable.</p> <p>Cate tabled a previous submission from 2010/11, developed by the MRCA committee at the time and</p>	<p>Hall improvements not part of this plan – to be requested by hall committee as separate items.</p> <p>Items as discussed to be included in a draft submission to council.</p>	Cate and Sandra to draft a submission for Council and send to committee for review.	Pending

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bridge across creek to Micalago Road 4. Village footpath and lighting (as per previous plan) 5. Roads (as per previous plan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - guttering - stormwater - widening - maintenance of local roads -Monaro Highway entrance to village - underpass (railway) 6. Tennis courts, BBQ, toilets and playground improvements (as per previous plan) 7. Upgrades/improvements to Hall (as per previous plan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acoustics (Leanne) - lighting outside hall (Cate) 8. Village Zoning (as per previous plan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sewerage and town water (thresholds) 9. Garbage collection (Cate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better times and improved collection system 	<p>submitted to Council by Tony Robinson.</p> <p>The meeting attendees and committee discussed the various options in detail as per previous plan.</p> <p>Michael Lees suggested that the footpaths would be happening as part of the subdivisions.</p> <p>Cate reported that as part of the tennis court upgrade (subject to pending grants), the playground would be relocated closer to the tennis courts, with improved toilet/BBQ facilities etc.</p> <p>Cate reported that Peter Smith had advised her that various other garbage collection options are currently available such as a BOB (bank for bottles) and these could be trialed in the village and surrounds. Roadside collection is also available for residents at an additional fee per year.</p>	<p>Garbage collection (BOB) trials to be considered and discussed at next meeting.</p>		
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8.0 Other business	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
8.1 Farmer's market	Farmer's market.	Cate suggested a farmer's market near the railway station once a week could provide an opportunity for locals to swap produce.	For discussion at next meeting.	Nil	Pending
8.2 Marquees	One marquee is broken and needs repair/replacement.	Cate reported that Tony Robinson had offered to ask Peter Bobroff if he could weld the broken strut on the marquee. Tony will also investigate the cost of getting the spare part shipped if welding is not an option.	Committee agreed that Tony should go ahead.	Tony to repair marquee.	Pending
9.0 Date for next meeting	Next meeting: Thursday 4 April 2013, 7.30pm				
	Meeting closed at 8.50pm.				