

**Minutes Michelago Region Community Association  
Meeting 6 April 2011**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Meeting opened 7.05 pm	<p><b>1. Present:</b> Tony Robinson (President), Gill Robinson, Jeremy Mears, Sandra Lauer, Maureen Morgan, Carolyn Burton, Cate Spencer, Fiona Macguire. Wayne</p> <p><b>2. Apologies:</b> Martin Hughes, Julie Giucci, Peter Schroedl, Bronwyn Gattringer</p>				
<b>3. Minutes 4 March</b>			<b>Motion:</b> That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March be adopted. Gill/Carolyn	<b>Tony to</b> put minutes in store.	Done
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>					
4.1 Heritage Brochure	Gay Lawler is writing a history of the village and surrounding area. She is making good headway on this.	Committee pleased to hear of Gay's progress and keen to see it published in a format that is not too expensive. Also a shortened version which could be made into a brochure. Request for photos has been put in the last newsletter (none forthcoming). Gay has been writing some terrific articles and work is ongoing. Brochure format will be folded A3.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>		Done: Gay has provided preliminary articles
4.2 Management Plan	At meeting re Draft Mgt Plan held with Council members and Staff May 26. Council will be seeking submissions to draft management plan shortly. Tony has circulated a draft for the 2011 plan and comments have been received.	Tony met with Council and discussed the management plan. Maureen raised the issue of the damaged causeway across Michelago Creek and should be added to the Village Plan. Pony Club Road is being upgraded.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	Tony to enquire about the status of Micalago Road, wether it's finished or not	Done

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		<p>Some concern has been raised by residents about the poor quality of road repairs opposite catholic church and Ryrie Street entrance.</p> <p>Extension of Village Zone out to highway. Footpath and lighting along Ryrie Street. Old toilet block has been put on the agenda to be dealt with in some way.</p>			
4.3 Village Plan	<p>At the meeting in July, the Committee decided that there is a need for a Strategic Plan similar to ones supplied to us by Mareeca for other communities.</p>	<p>Village Plan committee has met and discussed the need for another road and possible subdivisions. Repairs and causeway on Ryrie Street to meet up with Micalago Road. Upgrade the railway land in some way, bit of a eyesore at the moment. Main focus should be on environmental and social sustainability. Economic sustainability is from jobs in Canberra. Have permanent garbage bins for drop-off. Aim for the railway station to be a commercial point. Move the fire shed past the railway station. Have a subdivision to the east of the Railway Station to move the residential zone away from the highway. Old fire shed land could be redeveloped. Proper childcare, preschool. Visiting healthcare. Make the school buildings multifunction.</p>	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<p>Write up a report for Peter Smith. Have a proposal for the shop for community feedback.</p> <p><b>Tony</b> to follow up with Railway people, about Fire Shed location. Discussion is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiona</b> Get Richard Stone's village plan.</p>	

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		Community garden near the railway shed. Need sound abatement for any development along highway, prefer a soil berm with plantings. Will meet with Council in late May to discuss.Meeting with Council 4 <sup>th</sup> May.			
4.4 MRCA Newsletter	The aim is to publish quarterly.	Autumn Newsletter to be planned. Ideas for articles include Cricket Club and History of Michelago and region.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda</i></b>	<b>Tony and Gill</b> will compile the next one.	
4.5 Multi- Purpose Court	Need to replace the fence and possibly resurface. We can do the labour. Look into grants. Ross Lawley suggested we replace the fence and then check on usage before investing in a more advanced surface. Quote \$8,591 materials only Looking further into other courts it seems an upper rail will not be needed, just use wire. ~\$6000 now for materials. Ross Lawley had put in a grant for us (unsuccessful) for BBQ table and benches near the track. Will pursue this.	Jeremy, Gill and Tony sprayed the court for re-growth. Needs further spraying to keep grass and weeds down. Would be good if Mich. fire brigade burnt off dead grass. Court renovations are available for \$9000 from a ad in The Land. Try to convince the Council of the need.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Cate</b> to follow up the ad in The Land  <b>Carolyn</b> to look into grants from Woolworths  <b>Tony</b> to check with Council for requirements.	
4.6 BBQ		Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May. We've signed off on the details so will be going ahead.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Maureen</b> to look into a garbage day BBQ every now and again.	

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4.7 Mayfair 2011	Date for next May Fair: Sunday 1 May 2011.	Mayfair meeting happened with lots of good input. Planning is ongoing. Martin has asked if we can borrow the Council PA system for free. We have 3 acts so far for music. Paul Kennedy has got LJ Hooker to provide 20 signs for directions. Still need larger signs for the highway. Carolyn suggested a foot race with a entry fee and the winner gets the combined cash as a prize. The after concert has been postponed for a separate event in July. Media coverage is being organised thru radio and TV.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	Mayfair subcommittee planning for 2011	
4.8 Driver Reviver	Michelago and Colinton Fire Brigade and MRCA are running driver reviver stop at Colinton rest stop. Inaugural one held on Australia Day. Next one will be over the Easter long weekend.	All setup for Easter Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday.	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b> Sandra is requesting more help. Maureen has offered to help, more is needed.	<b>Sandra</b> to follow up	
4.9 Michelago Fire Shed	Fire Brigade has a preferred location next to existing shed on railway land.	Railway land has to be transferred to Council first if they agree. Still waiting for Council. ARTC has been contacted	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>		
4.10 Michelago Website	Have organised helpers to keep website updated and take over from Cathy Morison.	Login details have been received and will organise with Janeta to start updating. Update committee details asap. Upload newsletters. Check for old content. Check email account re bouncing emails. Committee has approved the new webhost and costs (~\$9 month)	<b><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></b>	<b>Sandra</b> to follow up	

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4.11. Australia Day					
4.12 Railway Track	To bring back the train to Michelago	Di Phelan has been discussion with the Railway association and talking with Cooma tourist board. Working to get a cost proposal together.		<b>Di Phelan</b> to take on the project. <b>Jeremy</b> to look up any details from previous meetings	
<b>5. Correspondence</b>	<b>Out:</b> <b>In:</b> Letter from Allan Cairney at Council with their contribution for \$500				
<b>6. Treasurer's Report</b>	Balance is <b>\$6877.22</b> in working account.	Incoming will be Mayfair and the Bunnings BBQ. Outgoings some for Mayfair and insurance. Got Regional Arts NSW, Country Arts Support Program of Regional NSW grant for concert for \$1500. Election day BBQ made \$86.15. Pay Gill \$110.72 for BBQ supplies. Fire Appeal account has been closed and paid out.	<b>Motion:</b> that insurance be paid \$970 Sandra/Fiona <b>Motions:</b> that the treasurer's report be accepted Gill/Maureen.		
<b>7. General Business</b>					
7.1 Fire Appeal Money	MRCA conducted an appeal to help those affected by the December 2009 Tea Tree Creek fire. It is now over six months since the fire and donation tins have been removed from the Store, the Servo and the Inn. Total raised was \$2120.	Talking to community members and those affected by the fire a decision was taken to divide it equally between the four local fire brigades. Alysoun Boyle of the Calabash Rd committee agreed.	Michelago has used the money for a Magellan GPS. Anembo have put the money towards new fire shed. Colinton has donated \$200 to Bredbo to replace a UHF radio lost in the burn over of their fire truck; the remainder has been assigned to the training shed. Smiths Rd still no response as yet.	<b>Tony/Gill</b> follow up with Smiths Road.	Done
7.2 Playground area	To provide some sort of cover for playground from sun. Council has indicated they don't want a permanent		Committee will continue to investigate shade structures.		

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	structure and would prefer shade from trees. Trees however take many years to grow and the site is quite hostile for trees. If a few areas were dug up/ripped a few trees could be established with some supplementary watering.				
<b>8. Other Business</b>					
8.1	Railway Station land - grass overgrown	Landcare has slashed around the plantings. ARTC did minimal slashing around the area. Landcare has a working bee this Sunday to clean up the area.			

Meeting closed 9:06pm