

**Michelago Region Community Association  
Meeting Minutes: 6 June 2012**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Meeting opened 7.05 pm					
<b>1. Present:</b>	Wayne Landford, Leanne Pattison, Carolyn Burton, Janeta Morison and Glenn Fowler (new member).				
<b>2. Apologies:</b>	Cate Spencer, Martin Hughes and Sandra Lauer.				
<b>3. Minutes</b>	Meeting held on 2 May 2012.	Minutes of 'May meeting accepted.	<b>Motion:</b> Minutes of May meeting accepted by Wayne, seconded by Carolyn.	n/a	Complete
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>					
4.1 New member introduction	<p>Introduction: Glenn Fowler, new member. Glenn raised the issue of finding a significant amount of glass bottles and general rubbish whilst jogging in the area, including the Michelago Road. This poses a safety risk.</p> <p>Glenn also brought up the need for a footbridge.</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'.</p> <p>This issue has been investigated by the council and was rejected due to the high cost involved.</p>	<p>Committee to investigate methods to reduce littering, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- getting involved in Clean up Australia day</li> <li>- adopt a street day,</li> <li>- raise awareness through school;</li> <li>- community projects, including signage.</li> </ul> <p>Unable to progress with this action item.</p>	<p>Committee to follow up with various contacts and report back.</p> <p><b>Wayne</b> to bring up issue with Martin Hughes</p> <p><b>Leanne</b> to discuss with school principal re: designing posters.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>No action</p>

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	<p>Glenn Fowler is new to Michelago and interested in joining the fire brigade.</p>	<p>Leanne provided details about fire brigades and application process.</p>	<p>Glenn to continue to liaise with Leanne re: brigade.</p>	<p><b>Glenn</b> to seek further information, as required.</p> <p><b>Leanne</b> to advise Bronwyn about potential interest in a children's fire brigade group.</p> <p><b>Wayne</b> to discuss with Martin Hughes and <b>Leanne</b> to talk to school.</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 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><b>Item to remain on agenda. Carried over from April:</b> Source information and photos from Greg Wittall and Michelago Police Station (Constable Alex Fookes).</p> <p>Janeta and Sandra will discuss content and calendar with Gay.</p>	<p><b>Leanne</b> to ask Greg and <b>Maureen</b> will ask Michelago police station about photos.</p> <p><b>Janeta</b> and <b>Sandra</b> to meet with Gay re: research and calendar.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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4.3 Multi- Purpose Court	<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><b>Cate</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Cate</b> and <b>Leanne</b> to look into grant application strategies, including with Tennis Australia and talking to Tony.</p>	Leanne suggested that establishing a basketball type court area could be a popular option.	Item will be discussed at next meeting.	<b>Leanne</b> and <b>Cate</b> to continue to work together on potential grant application options and processes.	In progress
4.4 Fire Brigade	<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</p>	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.	It is an important community facility, so it is critical that MRCA support the fire brigade and help find suitable land.	MRCA awaiting a response from Cooma Council.	Pending

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	<p>drainage issue. No further news on shed site or land use. Leanne to draft a letter obo of MRCA to council and fine strategic plan.</p> <p>John Barilara's office is involved in discussions with the Cooma Council re: land issue.</p>				
<b>5. Correspondence</b>	<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.</p> <p>Feedback paper from Fire Brigade re: Mayfair.</p> <p>Bunnings have sent a letter, requesting a certificate of appreciation for the goods they donated.</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>President advised of recent correspondence to Cooma Council.</p> <p>Mayfair profit was \$6,261.74.</p> <p>Leanne provided written feedback from Fire Brigade.</p> <p>Leanne offered to design a certificate.</p> <p>MRCA to contact Sandra if they can volunteer or provide website content,</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Council.</p> <p>Awaiting a few payments.</p> <p>Feedback re: Mayfair to be provided to Cate Spencer.</p> <p>Leanne to design a certificate and send to MRCA for review.</p> <p>MRCA members who have information or can volunteer to contact Sandra.</p>	<p>Nil – awaiting response.</p> <p><b>Carolyn</b> to review and discuss with <b>Cate</b>.</p> <p><b>Janeta</b> to provide copy to Cate Spencer via email.</p> <p><b>Leanne</b> to design a certificate and provide to Bunnings.</p> <p><b>MRCA members</b> to contact Sandra (where relevant).</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>
<b>6. Treasurers Report</b>	<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>\$6,261.23 in term deposit and balance of \$7,891.52.</p>	<p>Treasurer to review account on 15 June.</p>	<p>Carolyn to review on 15 June 2012</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	Carolyn advised of Treasurers Report, \$85.30 rolled over and in interest and has been re-invested.	Awaiting three payments from Mayfair.			
<b>7. General business</b> 7.1 Mayfair feedback	Mayfair was held on 6 May 2012.  Leanne provided written feedback paper from Fire Brigade.  Treasurer advised that Mayfair profit was \$6,261.74 .	Leanne suggested that the fire brigade could pay their stall fee and wanted clarification about this requirement.  There are a few outstanding payments yet to be received.	MRCA members agreed that payment would not be necessary.  Review at next meeting.	<b>Wayne</b> suggested that no fee would be required and Cate to confirm in writing.  <b>Carolyn</b> to provide update a next meeting.	Pending  In progress
7.2 Fund-raising	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.  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.	MRCA members are not available to assist with June BBQ, so another organisation would be better placed to do this.	Cancel booking for late June and keep November booking.	<b>Janeta</b> to cancel June booking and recruit volunteers for November.  MRCA Members to put November date in diary.  <b>Janeta</b> to check with Sandra re: driver reviver option.	Pending
7.3 MRCA Notice Board	To provide a professional notice board, other than on the shop door. Would have website address and handwritten details of next meeting	Signs can be placed on existing noticeboard on highway.	Use noticeboard on highway.	<b>Cate</b> to get new quotes for signs.	Ongoing

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	<p>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 <a href="http://www.michelagoregion.org.au">www.michelagoregion.org.au</a> 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"> <li>1. Highway Fire Brigade sign (right hand side)</li> <li>2. Sign in front of Fire Brigade shed</li> <li>3. On outside of village shop building</li> </ol> <p>MRCA to focus on the promotion of the Michelago Community website.</p>			<p><b>Wayne</b> to check with council re: adding website to signage.</p> <p><b>Leanne</b> to check with fire brigade <b>and Cate</b> with village shop re: signage space.</p> <p>Signs can be placed on existing noticeboard on highway.</p>	
<p><b>8. Other business</b> 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><b>Carolyn</b> to put together list of current member and list of potential future members.</p>	<p><b>Carolyn</b> to put together list of current member and list of potential future members.</p>	<p><b>Carolyn</b> to put together list of current member and list of potential future members.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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	<p>Discussed a multi-pronged approach, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• letterbox drop with newsletter;</li> <li>• sign up form via website;</li> <li>• shop door sign;</li> <li>• primary school; and/or</li> <li>• set up table outside the village shop.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestion to put a notice on the windows of Community Hall regarding MRCA and other community memberships/activities such as Fire Brigade membership.</p> <p>Agreed to investigate option to put a notice up on the windows to promote MRCA.</p> <p>Mayfair had a display of community activities, including MRCA, local fire brigades and other org. such as the Pony Club.</p>				
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.</p> <p>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</p>	Nil.	<p><b><i>Brought forward from April mtg</i></b> To further investigate the potential use of the shed as a multi-purpose indoor tennis/squash court.</p>	<p><b>Committee</b> members to start talking to community about what might work.</p>	In progress

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	<p>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>				
8.3 Welcome Pack	<p>Fiona has suggested following up on last meeting's suggestion of a 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>	Nil	Nil	<b>Fiona to</b> draw up a list of suggested things for welcome pack.	In progress
<b>Date for next meeting</b>	Wednesday 4 July 2012 at 7pm				

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.