

**Minutes Michelago & Region Community Association
Meeting 7 October 2009**

Agenda Item	Background	Discussion	Decision	Action	Status
Meeting opened 7.05pm	<p>1. Present: Tony Robinson (President), Jeremy Mears, Martin Hughes, Gill Robinson, Carmel Birch, Trish Grice, Ines Pintos Lopez,</p> <p>2. Apologies: Paul Kennedy, Bronwyn Gattringer, Mareeca Steer,</p>				
3. Minutes 2 September 2009	As only one of the quorum (TR) present at the August meeting attended the meeting of 1 July 09, it was not possible to approve the minutes.		<p>Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September be adopted.</p> <p>Gill/Tony CARRIED</p>	Tony put minutes in store. done	
4. Matters Arising					
4.1 Oval Exercise Track	<p>Council has allocated \$51,000 from the Federal Infrastructure incentive grants to put in a track around the oval.</p> <p>Ross Lawley has sent an amended plan indicating that this has gone to tender.</p>	<p>MS advised that the Cricket Club has gone directly to Council with its concerns. An amended plan has been put to tender without the MRCA being advised of the changes.</p> <p>Committee members voiced their concerns about the issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket club going directly to Council and not communicating concerns to MRCA during the community consultation process lack of communication from Council new plan means that the track will not being a complete circuit new plan seems to indicate that circuit would not be flat 	<p>Meeting held with Ross Lawley, note email from Tony detailing the meeting. Only enough money for 300m, need 400m. Extra funding is needed. Suggestion is that we go with the 300m and look for other funding.</p> <p>Multipurpose court is underfunded. 46k will do only 1 court. Pk has been awarded tender for track. Agreed that there is not enough money for the multipurpose court. One option is to ask for variation on sport and Rec grant to spend money to finish track. For the multipurpose court we can restore the court to original condition using working bees.</p> <p>Tony proposes motion that we</p>	<p>Tony to contact s&r</p> <p>Martin will contact council to get John Colaric to clean it up as he did for Mayfair past.</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in cost due to altered plan Admin fees have already been allowed for	contact S&R ask them whether or not we can vary the grant to complete the cycle track. Jeremy seconded <i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	
4.2 Heritage Brochure	At June meeting, the Committee agreed to put information on the web site rather than print brochures. Ines has circulated a draft extract of the Road South by Ruth McFadden for web publication.	Committee thanked Ines for work to date. Prefer to have text separate from the photos as it is hard to read. Mareeca would like to see a printable heritage map. She has examples from Tumut.	It was agreed that the main focus should be Michelago, with a link to the Road South extract. Would like to have the input of long-standing members of the community eg Colleen Cotter, Dick Lawler, Michelle Lees' mum. Gaye Lawler has offered to write about Michelago. Ines has reiterated her wish that the e-brochure is a general guide from canberra to Cooma. That is short and entertaining and then provide links to more information (ie Michelago Region website), Bredbo etc. Geared to families travelling to snow etc. Motion: Committee to obtain the rights and to look into republishing "The Road South" by Ruth MacFadyn. Seconded: Ines <i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Ines to send email to committee about e-brochure.

4.3 Management Plan		Mareeca pointed out that the MRCA should soon be thinking about input into the 2010/11 plan. January 2010 is when Council starts proceedings. So start thinking now	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda</i>	Tony to revisit last years list and flesh out the points. Martin recommends brevity and conciseness	
4.4 Pony Club highway turnoff	Turn-off is dangerous for those entering with horse floats. Martin has written to the RTA. Police have also raised the problem with the turnoff.	Letter received from Steve Whan.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Martin to followup	
4.5 Village Plan	At the meeting in July, the Committee decided that what was needed is a Strategic Plan similar to ones supplied by Mareeca for other communities.		<i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Mareeca to continue to follow up	Mareeca has contacted the Dept of State and Regional Development. Nothing so far
4.6 Rural Broadband Connection	DRSD has put out a funding program over 5 years, giving small communities the opportunity to put in an expression of interest for their own community for a Mesh network. We are awaiting the next funding roll-out.	Change of policy will provide cable to home, not wireless hubs. Village will get the upgrade; elsewhere will stay with existing wireless options.	<i>This item to be kept on the agenda</i>	Mareeca to continue to follow up	
4.7 MRCA Newsletter	The aim is to publish quarterly.	Next Newsletter in November as Spring issue. Summer issue will be in mid-January	<i>This item to be kept on agenda</i>	Tony send out email for new content	Cathy is fine with the schedule
4.8 Multi- Purpose Court	\$9600 has been received from State funding. Mareeca had an email from Ross Lawley indicating a cost of around \$45k after putting this project to tender.	It was noted that, as this would be a Council asset on council land, it has to approve the final tender.	Not enough money, put money to finish the track. See walking track agenda item <i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Gill	

4.9 Harvey Norman BBQs	This is an essential fund raiser.	Will be held at Harvey Norman 7/11/2010	<i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>		
4.10 Sign		Sign will be installed next week	<i>Item to be kept on the agenda</i>		
4.11 Mayfair 2010	Original concept was to showcase local business. Idea of having ethnic food stalls rather than the sausage BBQ. Would free up people and make money from the stalls to cover BBQ takings.	At July meeting, it was agreed to change the date from Mothers Day to Sunday 2 nd May. Fiona Tollis to be contacted to help, given her experience at Tharwa Markets. Trish agreed to coordinate the next May Fair with help from a sub-committee (Tony, Gill, Sandra Lauer, Jeremy. Ines volunteered to help. To be held in	Trish to contact Fiona. Trish to “kickstart” planning in October. <i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>	Trish to follow up. Sub committee to go to various markets to contact stallholders	
5. Correspondence					
6. Treasurer’s Report		Balance is \$1768.40 . Term deposit earned \$48.80. Applied for FACSIA grant.	Motion: That Treasurer’s report be accepted. Gill moved Carried	Followup unrepresented firebrigade cheque	
7. General Business					
7.1 Council Business	A regular item when Councilor Martin Hughes reports to the Committee on Council deliberations.	Martin to receive council catchup email again. Martin to raise the problems with Tinderry Road. Bumbalong Road has been graded mostly satisfactorily. Radio tower has been approved to 30m. Martin has been unofficially approached by the Lions club for funding of 2-\$3000. MRCA to look into Shading for playground, BBQ area. etc Martin briefed us on Fire issues	<i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i>		

		<p>raised in the Captains meeting.</p> <p>Weeds committee will be inspecting for Serrated Tussock and Lovegrass.</p> <p>Australia Day theme will be Merino wool anniversary. Funding for \$200. Martin is always looking for suggestions and comment</p>			
8. Other Business	<p>Sandra Lauer is asking for suggestions for recruitment for people to be interviewed for her study into Community. Planning to do 30 interviews. David Ryrie, Colleen Cotter, Michelle Lees, Kelly's, Cheryl and Brian Kenyon, Vern and Sue Drew. Reg Have a mixion is Michelago and Colinton FB. Fiona Tolluss. Robin and Sue Spratt. Bobroffs, Dick and Gaye Lawler. Add request for interest in Newsletter. New residents as well</p>				
8.1 Fund-raising			<p>The Committee would like to hold a bush dance on Australia Day. Nobody has organised it so we will go with our normal BBQ. Perhaps P&C will be interested?</p> <p><i>Item to be kept on the agenda.</i></p>		
8.2 Railway Walking Track	<p>Letter from the school received on August asking MRCA to present submission to Council and endorse it.</p>	<p>Mary Bouma has submitted a proposal to have a walking track from Michelago to Baroona road . Martin has indicated Council is very interested in such schemes.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the C-M Council has agreed in principle the Nellie-Nanny Track from</p>	<p>Committee would like to invite the proposers to address the MRCA so that we can be better informed about the project.</p> <p><i>This item to be kept on the agenda.</i></p>	<p>Tony to write to proposers to organise presentation</p>	

Queanbeyan as proposed by the Queanbeyan Council.

Committee understands that the land is owned by State rail as it is still classified as an active track, leased to the Historic Railway Trust. We would like more feasibility study and clearer understanding of who might “drive the project” and what would be involved.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm