



MICHELAGO REGION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 26 May 2016

Minutes Prepared By: Libby Melton

1.1 Attendance at Meeting

Romney Kelly

Kerry Rooney

Libby Melton

Brony Gattringer

Maureen Morgan

Leanne Pattison welcomed
as a community member

1.2 Apologies

Cate Spencer

2. Previous minutes from April 2016

Moved By:	Seconded By:	
Matters Arising	Discussion	Action
2.1. Electronic banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kerry advised that electronic banking access has been finalised with Bendigo Bank for Kerry and Cate. Romney will need to go to the bank to collect her token as will Libby who will also need to be identified.	Pending



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2.2. Multi-Purpose Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been a delay with the fence completion due to a mix up with the company that the gates were ordered through and Will being sick. The gates should arrive soon for work to continue.• It was agreed by all present that a partial payment for the work on the fence so far should be paid to Combined Rural Services, Romney will arrange an invoice for approval of payment out of session.• Discussed further at item 7.2	Pending
2.3. Rope Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awaiting delivery of the ropes which should happen within the next week.• Work will be conducted by Paul Kennedy and will be completed as his schedule allows.	Pending
2.4. MRCA Hall Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fee has now been paid.	Closed
2.5. MRCA Executive details to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romney to provide details to Council this week.	Closed

3. Correspondence In/Out

1. Email from Cate - Letter of Offer for volunteer grant in the amount of \$4,196.85

4. President's Report

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- Thanks to Brony for allowing us to escape the cold!
- We had a busy start to May with Mayfair. The weather forecast threatened us the week before and Saturday started off not fantastic but turned into a glorious day when erecting the big marquee. A huge thank you to Brony and Dave for guiding us through erecting the marquee and a big thank you to those members of the community who came down to help provide the muscle power!

Thanks to everyone who helped before and on the day. Unfortunately the weather was not the greatest on Sunday with quite a big downpour in the morning whilst stall holders were trying to put up their stalls. Then the wind wreaked havoc, this seemed to contribute to a low number of people coming to Mayfair and whilst I haven't seen the final \$ number, I'm sure it was not as financially successful as in previous years. It would seem we may have taken the glorious weather we were fortunate to get in previous years for granted and we will definitely need to look at options for future years. One option we need to think about is if we in fact need to hold the event in May or look at another time of the year when the weather is more predictable and favourable.

A big thank you to Cate for her efforts in coordinating this event. We often take for granted that an event will just come together and unfortunately we had a few key people pull out this year and Cate took up the slack and got it to just happen. So thank you!

I think it is important that we have a re-think about the way Mayfair runs and hopefully some good ideas will be discussed in general business. We still have a few projects on the go, and I am hoping fingers crossed that they can be finished over the hibernation months.

- Tennis lessons started on the new courts 2 weeks ago. There are 2 lessons, one for primary aged children and the other is adults and high schoolers. Tom is a great coach and most people have made great improvements even in one lesson! We will need to discuss the fee structure tonight as we want Tom to be paid ASAP.
- Lastly, it has come to my attention that there has been talk and criticism within the community regarding MRCA in terms of accountability and also getting information out there. It makes me sad that this is public perception as the previous committee who served on the executive did so with what I believe as best intentions. That said, I take responsibility for this and acknowledge I could have done things better in my role as Secretary. Unfortunately, as with most community organisations, it is often left down to a small number of people and that was what we were left with at the end of last year. MRCA have been a part of achieving some really great things for this community, it is important that we continue to exist to achieve and advocate for the community. I always have an "open door" policy and would love for committee members and the community to feel like they can come and approach me with ideas, criticisms and requests. I want to do things better which is where I need you, the committee, to keep me accountable. Moving forward, let's work through what we need to, without dwelling too much on the past, move forward and continue to deliver for the community of Michelago.



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5. Treasurer's Report

- We are in a good financial position with the balance being around \$39,000. A number of grants have been implemented which will see this figure drop as payments are made.
- Still waiting for Kerry to obtain access to the term deposit balance as this can only be obtained by going into a branch.
- Mayfair did not do as well this year as we would have hoped, most likely because of the weather, total profit made \$3,600.59.
- There are still questions around the grants received for the multi-purpose court and how much of those funds remain, we may need to discuss further with Ingrid and Cate.

6. Mayfair Debrief

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- We may have been unlucky with the weather this year but the event was still successful, we now need to look ahead to next year and learn from our mistakes and successes to ensure the event continues to grow.
- It was discussed that we need to stop using the train station for stalls and the Devonshire tea as it is too confusing, everything should be contained to the oval. The canteen suffered this year in the clubhouse as it was too far away from everything and tucked behind the multi-purpose courts where people couldn't see it, if it continues next year it would need to be out in the open. It was also suggested that we simplify the food, the pulled pork rolls do really well, perhaps we could do another roast, such as lamb, in rolls or sandwiches. We should look to approach Richard Devine to make pies for the event and investigate possibly doing hot doughnuts.
- There was a lot of confusion with stallholders this year with their applications. The forms need to be revised and suggestion made to have an online EOI form for stallholders, which would have a closing date 2 weeks out from event and we would then let people know if they are successful and generate an invoice with reference number to make payment tracking easier.
- In moving forward with the event we possibly need to address if we even need to have it in May, we are in competition with the Collector Pumpkin Festival that particular weekend. We could look to move it to another month with more favourable weather?
- We would like to host a community thank you morning tea at the hall. Date set for Saturday 4th June from 8am - 11am while rubbish collection is on. Members to bring slices and cakes, Romney and Brony will arrange flyers and mailers to go out to the community.

7. General Business

Item discussed	Discussion Points
1. Election Day BBQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election day is on Saturday 2nd July, in the past the MRCA has put on a BBQ and the school runs a cake stall. It was agreed to continue to run the same this year. Volunteers would be needed from the community for the hours of 8am to 2pm. Romney will email the community asking for volunteers and coordinate a roster. • Brony suggested that the RFS get a good price on sausages and bread and she will find out where they get supplies.
2. Multi Purpose Court including tennis lesson fees and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been raised by members of the community that the multi-purpose courts should include basketball markings and hoops as the courts are currently only set up for netball and tennis. Apparently the community are unable to use the courts at



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basketball	<p>the school due to liability issues, we would like to confirm this is the case so Romney will email Claire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed that basketball needs to be included on the multi-purpose courts and further discussion to be had around how we do it and if we have the funds available or if fundraising needs to occur.• There is also some confusion around how much has been spent on the courts and how much of the funding remains to enable a clear picture of whether basketball hoops and markings can be sought. Romney will speak to Cate and Ingrid to clarify.• Brony and Leanne tabled a list of 7 proposed motions for consideration of the committee (see attachment A). The committee members present agreed on the wording and voted on individual motions however it was agreed to hold off on voting on the motions as a whole document until all members have had a chance to read them. Final voting will happen at the next meeting.• The current tennis court fees of \$50 a year per family for MRCA members and \$65 for non members was also discussed as too high and there was no recollection of when these figures were agreed to. There is concern that community members may not be able to afford it and the courts may not be used as a result. We do need to consider ongoing costs of maintaining the courts and clubhouse though so need to come to a happy medium. It was suggested that we might look to invite Tom out for a trial day where we have a set day that people can come down and play for free or a gold coin donation.• With affordability in mind it was also discussed as to offering a family discount for the tennis lessons currently being held by Tom on Sunday afternoons (Cate to provide Tom's payment details so we can arrange his payment.) <p>At this stage the lessons are being primarily attended by the members of three families. There must be a minimum of 5 people per class for Tom to continue coming out. We have a \$10,000 participation grant which currently subsidises 50% of the \$120 individuals fee. It was proposed that for the first term, the MRCA will subsidise 50% of the families first two players fees and the full 100% for the players after that. We will need to revisit this for the next term but hopefully this may encourage people to try tennis and get hooked.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion moved that the MRCA subsidise families 50% of the 1st and 2nd players and 100% of any subsequent players for the first 9 week term block with a view to revisit going forward. <p style="text-align: center;">Moved: Kerry Seconded: Maureen</p>
3. Grant Application Letter of Offer and Future Community Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cate has received a letter of offer for a volunteer grant for the amount of \$4,196.85. It is designed to make the work we do easier and help in the community. Items that had been considered for the grant are: an esky, a PA system, book shelves, fairy floss machine or similar for Mayfair etc , a printer, a defibrillator for community (this would need further thought as to where it is kept as the shop is inaccessible after hours. Perhaps at someone's house in the village who is First Aid trained), more seating- fixed for outdoors or chairs and tables or BBQs at the oval. Romney will send out an email asking for suggestions, please be sure to 'reply all' with your responses.
4. MRCA Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed this is a good idea but will require someone dedicated to working on it. Brony will discuss with Leanne Pattison if she would like to do it.
5. Greening Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed prior to meeting - no further action required.
6. Bush Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the poor weather at Mayfair the bush band that was booked to attend didn't come, they have approached us to possibly come out and do a separate event such as a bush dance. The Christmas cards from MRCA that were distributed last year did flag a bush dance this year for September. Romney has access to a second band called 'Urban Drover' who we could also invite to come out for the event for a nominal fee of \$800 to contribute a different style of music. It was suggested that we look to hold the event in the warmer months and have it as an outdoor concert at the oval with the marquee, where families can bring a picnic blanket, listen to some music and the MRCA can provide a BBQ and drinks. It was also suggested that we may be able to invite the owners of the nerf gun arena to come out too as their attempts to set up at Mayfair were dashed by the winds. Further planning will be required.
7. Hall Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refund of Mayfair stallholder fee paid to Brony for the Hall.



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8. Any Other Business

- It was agreed that the MRCA meeting minutes be made further available to the community. It was suggested that a copy be left at the shop for people to read there and that the minutes also be added to the MRCA website.
- Agreed by all that any email responses must be 'reply all' to ensure all committee members are aware of everything that is happening.

9. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23rd June 2016, 7pm at Brony Gattringer's house.
 - Meeting closed 9:20pm.
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Attachment A

Michelago Multi-Purpose Courts - Notice of 7 Motions

1. That the Michelago multi-purpose courts be amended to incorporate facilities for basketball, with appropriate basketball markings and hoops.

Moved: Maureen

Seconded: Brony

Carried

2. That basketball hoops for purchased and installed on the court not marked out for netball subject to finances being available, in the case that finances are not available the MRCA will look to fundraise to have them installed.

Moved: Kerry

Seconded: Brony

Carried

3. That the markings for basketball at the Michelago multi-purpose court be in a different colour from the netball markings that have already been made.

Moved: Maureen

Seconded: Libby

Carried

4. That no more money be spent on the multi-purpose court facilities without gaining approval via majority vote of the full MRCA committee.

Moved: Brony

Seconded: Kerry

Carried

5. That fees for the use of the Michelago multi-purpose court must be discussed and approved by the majority vote of the full MRCA committee before being advertised or implemented and that any changes to these fees in the future must also be discussed and approved by the majority vote of the full MRCA committee.

Moved: Libby

Seconded: Maureen

Carried

6. That the MRCA administer the multi-purpose court, including the clubhouse, to ensure the facility is used as per the grant specifications.

Moved: Romney

Seconded: Kerry

Carried



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7. That no MRCA funds (including grants and donations) be spent on any project or item without the formal agreement of the full committee.

Moved: Romney

Seconded: Brony

Carried