

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday 8th September 2021: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Di, Leanne, Cristina, and Jo.</p> <p>Apologies: Brent and Stuart unable to attend due to the Fire Brigade pre-season meeting.</p>	Jo
2.	<p><i>Previous Minutes- August 2021 Meeting</i></p> <p>*Minutes from the meeting held on 12th August 2021</p> <p>Moved: Leanne</p> <p>Seconded: Di</p>	Jo
3.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>*Email from Peter Forbes (resident of the old motel near the service station). Correspondence from Peter was considered by the MRCA yet no response was required.</p> <p>*Email from Aaron Brownless- donation of \$200.00 from the council.</p> <p>*Correspondence from Markus, the new Chair of the Landcare group.</p> <p>*Update required by Belinda for Message Stick. To be actioned by Di and Leanne tomorrow.</p>	Di
4.	<p><i>President's Report</i></p> <p><i>Apparent leak in railway station roof:</i></p> <p>Leanne contacted John Holland Group, which organised a plumber-roofer to check last week. He said the roof was in good condition apart from some empty nail-holes, which he filled with silicone.</p> <p>He found the downpipe at the corner near the fuse box was blocked and that this was causing water to back up in the pipe and guttering.</p> <p>Given the angle of the roof, water leaked onto the ceiling and down the walls of the main room and adjacent storeroom. This has caused the paint damage.</p> <p>He unblocked the downpipe and ensured it would drain by cutting a hole near its end just above the ground.</p> <p>He recommended that the gutters be cleaned out, a job he couldn't do because it wasn't on his JHG assignment list.</p>	Di and Leanne

	<p>Leanne will try to follow up with the contact at JHG to (a) thank him, (b) ask if JHG could fund cleaning the gutters and maybe gutter-guard, and (c) if JHG could fund fixing the non-flushing toilet.</p> <p><i>BBQ DA:</i></p> <p>We are still awaiting Aboriginal Land Claims and Native Title clearances, as well as Council (owner's) consent. Di is following up on this.</p> <p><i>Murray Darling Restoration Grant:</i></p> <p>Grant funding available for restoration works on Murray Darling basin, which includes the Murrumbidgee. Di discussed with Markus, who contacted Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare and Waterwatch, who in turn hooked us into a discussion with Bush Heritage. The above groups and others are planning to apply for a large grant to perform Willow, blackberry and box elder removal along a stretch of river from Bredbo to the ACT border. They suggest getting as much community support as possible, including from Bredbo Progress Association, MRCA and Smiths Road Neighbours Group, as well as the Landcare groups and RFS from each community..</p> <p>It was agreed in the meeting that the MRCA would support the application and agree to be named as a party to the grant application.</p> <p>Moved: Di</p> <p>Seconded: Jo</p>	
5.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>No Treasurer's Report was available for this meeting.</p>	Stuart
6.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>6.1 Bunnings Fundraising BBQ: Sunday 15th August</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the event being cancelled because of the ACT lockdown, Leanne has left two phone messages for Debbie at Bunnings. • This is to coordinate the collection of the \$500.00 in vouchers that Bunnings has offered us due to the cancellation of the event. <p><i>6.2 Election Day BBQ: Saturday 4th December</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRCA will wait to receive further updates on the upcoming election, depending on the lockdown situation around that time. <p><i>6.3 Xmas Markets: Sunday 28th November</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the current lockdown situation, we may need to postpone holding Xmas markets this year and put together a Xmas fundraising raffle instead. • We may be able to approach those who would be sponsors of our Spring Fair annual event to provide donations as gifts for a Xmas raffle. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The \$500.00 donation from Bunnings could also be used to purchase gifts for the raffle prizes. <p><i>6.4 BCRFF Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marquees have not arrived. Di is also continuing to follow up with the council in relation to the DA clearance required for the sports ground area. The MRCA is to report quarterly on the use of funds from the grant, but this may be pushed out due to the current lockdown restrictions in place. <p><i>6.5 Conflict of Interest and Statement of Values</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that this item will be parked until further notice. 	
7.	<p><i>Any Other Business</i></p> <p><i>Hall Committee: Report from Leanne</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hall Committee has not met for the past two months due to COVID. There is a current issue with the Colourbond gate on the right hand side of the hall not closing properly. Leanne has spoken to Will Kelly who said he could provide a quote to repair the gate and the closure mechanism. <p><i>Community Correspondence:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Di has recently been circulating emails to the MRCA members and Michelago community about current events and information. These emails are informative, and we agreed that, where appropriate, Di should continue this correspondence in her capacity as the President of the MRCA. <p>Meeting closed at 7:10pm.</p>	All
8.	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 13th October 2021	