

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Michelago Railway Station

Wednesday 11th April 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Leanne Pattison, Brent Wallis, Kerry Rooney, Jo Jackson, Tony DeSalis, and Stuart Peterson.</p> <p>Apologies: John Rooney, Ben Wickham, Di Fett, Gregg McFaul, Belinda Sierzchula and Cristina Huesch.</p>	Brent- Chairperson
2.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>*Wrote to the Council (twice) about construction certificate requirements for the Oval Project.</p> <p>*Email to Constable Cameron of Queanbeyan Police Station to follow up on their investigation re the railway station vandalism.</p>	Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Di-President)
3.	<p><i>President's Report</i></p> <p>I've been away quite a bit but have been so impressed by the action and initiative coming from the committee (see agenda item no.7)!</p> <p><u>BCRRF:</u></p> <p>Stuart and I prepared and lodged a progress report for the BCRRF grant. It's a challenge and requires explanation for delays and budget changes. My understanding is that it is permissible to adjust allocated amounts within outcome milestones (so, e.g. we can be flexible within the BBQ/shade structure budget allocations, but need to keep these separate from the Magpie and events).</p> <p>Thank goodness for the Magpie- it's the only outcome milestone that we are meeting. It's also received a great reception from the community with lots of positive feedback.</p> <p>The events milestones are seriously behind schedule, and as I pointed out in a recent email, we are at risk of losing funding if we can't get some community events happening. We certainly can't wait for the BBQ facilities to be completed.</p> <p>We have a quote from Troy McPherson, which is manageable, and are awaiting quotes from Gasnier and Sprocket. I am communicating with (pestering) Council about the construction certificate and hope to hear soon.</p>	Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Di- President)

	<p>Moved: Stuart Second: Kerry</p>	
4.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>The report is attached to these minutes for reference.</p> <p>Moved: Leanne Second: Tony</p>	Stuart -Treasurer
5.	<p><i>Anzac Day 2022: Monday 25th April</i></p> <p>The service commences 10.00. It will be held at the Cenotaph at the Railway Station. Gregg will be the MC, as he has in past years. Orders of service and the National Anthem will be printed Dee will have a PA and the music. Hopefully, Jade will come and lead the National Anthem. Gregg will read the Ode. Gregg has coordinated a serving member to come and give the keynote address. This year it will be a female serving member. One of the serving members can raise/ lower the flag. Wreaths will be invited and introduced.</p> <p>MRCA is assisting the ceremony with the following: Jo has spoken with Principal Smith at the Michelago Public School. Sophie Higgins will represent the school and read the traditional poem "In Flanders Field". Kerry is assisting with bringing the Australian Flag and background music to play after the ceremony is completed. MRCA will advertise on the new noticeboard at the store that there will be a service held and morning tea will be served at the Railway Station as well.</p> <p>The improvements to put a little garden around the memorial will be ongoing, will ensure it is tidy for the day, but will not be finished.</p> <p>Stuart is going to contact a local florist to obtain an MRCA wreath to lay at the service.</p>	<p>Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Gregg McFaul)</p>
6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <p>Leanne advised that no Hall Committee meeting was held in April, due to the school holidays.</p>	Leanne

	Jenny Wholohan is currently the acting Secretary for the committee.	
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p><i>7.1 Noticeboard placement</i> Jo advised that the noticeboard has been placed and secured on the wall outside the Michelago General Store. This provides us with prime location for local advertising of all notices relevant to the Michelago community.</p> <p><i>7.2 Railway Station</i> Security System: ongoing and can be moved for discussion to the May MRCA meeting agenda.</p> <p>Station Door Repairs: actioned kindly by Wayne, Belinda's husband, at a cost of \$178.55 for the materials to fix and secure the door. Thank you to Wayne for his assistance and expertise to resolve this concern.</p> <p>Water Pump: to purchase a reconditioned water pump would cost around \$500.00 Looking to obtain funds if we are successful in the Community Grant opportunity with Essential Energy currently underway to replace the water pump. A reconditioned water pump may not provide us the warranty required for the longevity and use at the Railway Station. In relation to the voting of the Community Grant process, we are currently coming 1st in the Zone 5 area.</p> <p>Council Donations and Grants: Grant process closes on the 14th May 2022. It would be appropriate to apply for this grant, based on our need to cover the ongoing running costs of the Railway Station. It was agreed to apply for \$3,500.00 to cover these ongoing costs.</p> <p>Donation Sign and QR code: Belinda and Stuart will discuss this further outside this evening's meeting.</p> <p>Roster: Do we look at an ongoing roster to assist in the maintenance of the railway station or do we look at ad hoc engagement from the community as required?</p> <p>Belinda met with a business mentor recently, which will assist in planning and understanding the best way forward to manage the Railway Station and engagement in the community.</p>	All committee members

	<p><i>7.3 BCRRF Grant: Update</i> Waiting on the construction certificate. Once received, this will allow the next steps towards the development of the BBQ area and shelters to be progressed.</p> <p><i>7.4 Community Events and Fundraising</i> With Belinda absent from this meeting, Jo mentioned that there was a very engaging meeting held with a range of residents from our community recently. We spoke of a range of events that could bring the community together yet also assist with fundraising for a range of projects and activities. The most popular events appear to be around gathering around the intake of food – pot luck dinners, high teas, BBQ etc. Further planning on these types of events, in line also with the funding received through the BCRRF grant, will be important over the coming months.</p> <p><i>7.5 Federal Election: Fundraising BBQ</i> Jo advised that confirmation of the election day has been received by all – Saturday 21st May. Kerry advised that there is an opportunity to list our BBQ on the ‘Democracy Sausage’ website. It allows people to find out where BBQs are being held at polling booths around the country. This is something we need to investigate. Jo has spoken with Principal Smith and he has no concerns with the MRCA hosting a BBQ on the grounds of the school, as no restrictions have been identified for this event. Jo will send out an email to seek volunteers for the BBQ at the school. We will ask Sal from the General Store if she would like to contribute onions to the BBQ. Brent, Stuart and Jo will coordinate the purchase of bread, sausages and drinks for the event.</p>	
8.	<p><i>Other Business</i> Receipts for Roscoe: given to Stuart, Treasurer, at the meeting.</p> <p>Michelago Magpie: discussion was held in relation to funding for the Magpie. Stuart and Brent have no concerns with the funding of stationary, ink and paper to support the production of this local publication.</p>	

	<p>Noticeboard: Discussion held as to whether we invite the local Federal Member, Kristy McBain to officially open the noticeboard in our community.</p> <p>A decision was made at the meeting to have no political alliance at all.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:30pm.</p>	
9.	<p>Next Meeting Date:</p> <p>Wednesday 11th May 2022</p> <p>To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station commencing at 6pm.</p>	