

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday 10th August 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Leanne Pattison, Kerry Rooney, Jo Jackson, and Tony DeSalis</p> <p>Apologies: Di Fett, Brent Wallis, Belinda Sierzchula, and Cristina Huesch</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
2.	<p><i>Previous Meeting Minutes- July 2022</i></p> <p>Minutes for the July meeting will be circulated shortly. They were unable to be prepared ahead of the August monthly meeting.</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
3.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>*Requests for information from the BCRRF regarding our funding, to which Stuart and I have responded, at some risk to our sanity (see below).</p> <p>*A barrage of emails with Vodien (our MRCA email provider) when my BCRRF report kept bouncing - sorry if you received multiple emails. I tried to contact them myself so as not to bother Markus, who I think had covid, but made it worse. Fortunately, Markus took over and the email system seems to be running again, but I think we've established that it's not fit for purpose. We may need to spend some money on a better email provider - I'll discuss with Markus.</p> <p>*Request received from Yless4u for our bank account details so she could deposit the proceeds of the Gaming and Internet event (\$40), to be used towards maintenance of the railway station. I have thanked them by email, but we should acknowledge the donation publicly - can someone volunteer do a Facebook post or something please?</p> <p>*Email from Elizabeth Price wondering whether we might be able to get a community battery project going in Michelago, and whether there would be community interest. She is putting together some relevant information for publication in the Magpie.</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Di-President)

	<p>*Email (via Facebook) from a Paul Batista, who says he is a retired Sergeant at Queanbeyan and is seeking 'little historical context about the early history of Michelago and its Police.' [Can anyone take this on?]</p>	
4.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>BCRRF</p> <p>BBQ facilities completed!</p> <p>As you have no doubt seen, our new barbecue and shelter facilities are finished and looking great. Huge thanks and congratulations to the team - this is something that will benefit the community for decades to come, and that the MRCA can be proud to have achieved.</p> <p>A replacement for the damaged roofing sheet has been delivered by Gossi. I'll ask Troy about how much hassle it will be to install it, hopefully at no cost. Alternatively, do any of the team have the requisite skills, or perhaps we should store the replacement sheet for now and look at doing the fix at a later time? Views please?</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Thanks to Kerry's amazing negotiation skills, and Stuart's (and my!) endurance of endless documentation requests, we expect to receive the remainder of our BCRRF funding soon. This is good, because our grant account bank balance is zero, and we have outstanding invoices from our builder Troy and our electrician Craig, both of whom have said they're happy to wait for the funds, bless them.</p> <p>Events</p> <p>One of the things we've had to do to obtain the above variation, and so to get the rest of our funding, has been to set out what events we are planning to fulfil the grant requirements. Belinda (thanks Belinda, very difficult task at short notice!) and I had to come up with a <i>draft</i> timetable, which is as follows:</p> <p>[Noting that our 'Christmas in July' event, which was to be held on Sunday 24 July, had to be cancelled due to illness of the caterers]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 27 August 'Welcome to Michelago Dinner' at lunchtime. This should be held at the barbeque, if possible, move this for COVID safety. • Saturday 17 September: community barbecue lunch facilitated by the Michelago Rural Fire Brigade 	<p>Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Di-President)</p>

captain, with guest speakers from the RFS and lessons on fire pump maintenance.

- Saturday 22 October: **community barbecue** lunch facilitated by the MRCA with guest speakers (to be confirmed).
- Saturday 19 November '**Welcome to Michelago Dinner**': barbecue dinner introducing other community organisations (school P&C, pony club tbc).
- Saturday 17 December: '**Welcome to Michelago Dinner**' and Christmas carols to be held at the grounds of the Michelago Historic Railway Station.
- One more **community barbecue** to be held in the new year.

Some of these dates need to be adjusted to suit key person Brent, which is no problem as long as we meet the required number of and type of events according to Project Plan. [I note that I am unavailable on 24 September because I'll be hosting my daughter's much postponed wedding, but no problem going ahead with events if this day suits others. I think it suits Brent.]

While these are MRCA events, according to the Project Plan, the RFS should be facilitating or at least have some members present:

Welcome to Michelago Dinners: *'to welcome and introduce new residents to other residents and community organisations e.g., Fire Brigade, Landcare, P&C, MRCA, Snowy Monaro Councillor. These would be facilitated by a member of the Fire Brigade'*

Community BBQ events: *'These would be large gatherings and would include a facilitator and guest speakers. The Fire Brigade would interact with the community to make new connections and to share information on lessons learned and bushfire preparedness.'*

[Please discuss at the meeting and if possible, settle on dates to suit Brent, at least for the first couple of events. Could we put together a subcommittee for the event planning? I don't want it to fall solely on Belinda or Brent, or anyone else.]

Trial put-up of the marquees?

Brent and I think it might be a good plan to have a committee bbq to congratulate ourselves and to do a trial erection of the marquees, so that we know how to do it for

	<p>wet weather contingencies. Is Sunday 21st August any good?</p> <p>Also, I might want to hire them for the wedding if the weather forecast is wet, so we should work out hire charges.</p>	
5.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>Stuart was not in attendance at the meeting and Jo will follow up on obtaining a Treasurer's Report.</p>	<p>Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Stuart - Treasurer)</p>
6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <p>The Hall Committee are currently working on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Putting together a list of jobs to be completed at the hall in relation to repairs and maintenance. *Looking to approach the council in relation to funding to sand and repolish the floor. *Obtaining quotes to place a sensor light at the front entrance to the hall. *Acoustic panels for the roof of the hall have been agreed to in principle. Consideration for the cost for the provision of and installation of the panels is now required. *Two sewing classes are booked in the hall for the month of August. 	<p>Leanne</p>
7.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>7.1 Railway Station- General Update from Kerry</i></p> <p>A spring clean up of the Railway Station is required. Kerry will look at some options for dates in the upcoming warmer months.</p> <p>The next area of the station that requires attention is the inside painting of all the rooms. Funding to action this could be obtained through grant funding, possibly Boco Rock or NSW State Heritage funding opportunities.</p> <p><i>7.2 BCRFF Grant</i></p> <p>Details of the status of the grant were covered in the President's Report.</p> <p><i>7.3 Community Dinners/Lunches</i></p> <p>This was covered in the President's Report.</p>	<p>All committee members</p>

8.	<p><i>Other Business</i></p> <p><i>Correspondence In Out: Feedback</i></p> <p><u>Michelago and its Police</u></p> <p>It was agreed in this evening's meeting to advise Paul Batista to contact the Queanbeyan Police Station to obtain details around the history of the Michelago area and its engagement with the police force. This is something that the police station would hold archived information about.</p> <p><i>President's Report: Feedback</i></p> <p><u>Roof Sheet Replacement: BBQ area at Oval</u></p> <p>It was agreed in the meeting that we should engage Troy and pay appropriately for his services, the cost to replace the current damaged roof sheet at the shade shelters. It is not Troy's fault that the sheet was damaged in transit to the community, and we should pay for the labour required to undertake the replacement work. This payment can be made from upcoming monies to be received through the BCRRF grant.</p> <p><u>Community Dinners/ Luncheon events:</u></p> <p>As it is still quite cold in our region, we should look to plan some upcoming events for when the weather is more favourable and warmer. Members of the MRCA understand the need to put forward the proposal of dates, as mentioned in the President's Report to the grant funding group.</p> <p><u>Hire of Marquees:</u></p> <p>We may need to consider as a committee the cost to hire out these marquees for rental purposes. It is important to use these marquees in the future for MRCA and community events.</p> <p>Other Items:</p> <p><i>Monaro Bicentenary:</i></p> <p>The potential concerns about the MRCA being involved in such an event were discussed at this evening's meeting. There is room for poor interpretation and a hurtful representation of the Michelago community if we were to promote and partake in this type of event.</p> <p>We agreed that we would advise those who queried our engagement in this event that we would not be able to assist, and that assistance may be sought or engaged through the Snowy Monaro Regional Council.</p>	All committee members
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	<p><i>Online Survey about Services:</i></p> <p>Recently correspondence has been circulated by our local representative on the council, Tanya Higgins, about the Council Survey that is available to complete and provide feedback on. The survey closes on the 2nd September 2022.</p> <p>The MRCA is happy to publish information about this survey on the MRCA Facebook page to help spread the word and seek engagement from those in the community who wish to provide feedback on services in our area.</p> <p><i>Railway Station: Grant Receipt</i></p> <p>Kerry asked if the \$1000.00 grant funding that we received in the recent grant process has been received into the MRCA account. Jo advised that she would contact Stuart to check on this and advise.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:10pm.</p>	
9.	<p><i>Next Meeting Date:</i></p> <p>Wednesday 14th September 2022</p> <p>To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station commencing at 6pm, unless otherwise advised.</p>	