

# Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Via Online

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<b><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></b>  Present: Leanne Pattison, Kerry Rooney, John Rooney, Tanya Higgins, Jo Jackson, Di Fett, Belinda Sierzchula and Martin Birrell.  Apologies: Jo Gaha, Brent Wallis, Stuart Peterson, Tony DeSalis, Gary Morris .	Jo - Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
2.	<b><i>Previous Meeting Minutes- May 2022</i></b>  Di and Leanne mentioned a couple of small updates to the minutes, to be actioned after the meeting.  Minutes of the May meeting were: Moved: Di Second: Kerry	Jo - Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
3.	<b><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></b>  - There has been a flurry of correspondence and phone calls from a small group of SMAG members about the Council IP&R drop-in consultation, asserting that they are deficient and should be withdrawn. I've forwarded a sample.  - Lots of emails from Vodien, our website hosts, about the migration of the website to the new platform and Markus working to restore our email address which they seemed to have lost in the process. Now they've lost the email addresses. Thank goodness for Markus.  - Lots of emails from Council about the IP&R documents inter alia. There was no appetite from the committee for an MRCA submission in response to the consultation	Di - President

	<p>documents. One Council email was headed 'Lots of comments, few submissions,' to which I replied in my private capacity as follows:</p> <p><i>"Hi Clancy (please feel free to pass on)</i></p> <p><i>The difficulty may be that the number of documents is daunting. To provide an informed answer the first question one would really need to read a 93 page document. Most people are time poor and will give up quickly if not immediately engaged. While the documents look well produced, I confess I've managed to look at a couple only, and only for a quick scan. I'll try to have enough of a look to respond to the survey (in my personal capacity only - there's no way I could obtain let alone collate any coherent views for an MRCA submission).</i></p> <p><i>This is not a criticism - I understand the timeframe and the need to consult and am not sure what the solution is.</i></p> <p><i>cheers, Di"</i></p> <p>Discussion about response to these documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John pointed out that what council is looking for is an indication of the appetite of the community for rates increases, and this appetite would be diverse in our community. However, we could possibly survey the question of what services the community most values/could live without.</li> <li>- We could possibly have put together a submission based on the sensible comments of Jo G and John R at the council drop-in session about core council expenditure vs more discretionary costs, but submissions have closed. (And Di thinks this would have been a difficult exercise.)</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b><i>President's Report</i></b></p> <p>*BCRRF: Oval Works</p> <p>All the gear for the shade structures at the oval has arrived and the barbecue will be here within days.</p> <p>Troy says hopefully next week or the week after he can start on the slabs, to have them ready for erection of the shade structures by the end of the month.</p>	Di-President

	<p>We have two quotes only for an electrician - Sprocket and Bingley (have sought four but the others seem to be too busy). Bingley is much more competitive, and I understand Sprocket is very busy, so I suggest we accept it. Bingley also made the excellent suggestion of adding lights, which we can't afford atm, but it would be good to look for a grant later.</p> <p>Moved by Di that we accept Bingley quote. Seconded: Leanne</p> <p>*Magpie It flies again, brilliant!</p> <p>*Council consultations As reported in the Magpie, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council staff attended a consultation on the draft IP&amp;R documents. We were assured that the Ryrie St - Micalago Road crossing would not be prejudiced by the council's situation.</p> <p>*Apology sought Defamatory statements about the Spring Fair bank account being a 'slush fund'! This account was set up in 2018 to allow the Michelago Brigade and MRCA to transparently and equitably manage the revenue and expenses associated with the Michelago Spring Fairs and the Michelago Music Musters. Funds remaining in the account following the most recent Spring Fair in 2019 were split equally between the Michelago Brigade and MRCA leaving only a balance of \$99 in the account. The account has been inactive since then. We have drafted a letter requesting an apology and propose to send it.</p> <p>*Di will be away for the rest of June I'm heading north for some sun. Will have access to email but unlikely to be spending much time on it and won't be available by phone. Volunteers sought for acting president, but none forthcoming, so please use WhatsApp to contact me if it's urgent.</p>	
5.	<p><b><i>Treasurer's Report</i></b></p> <p>The Treasurer's Report will be finalised by Stuart and circulated with the minutes of the meeting.</p>	<p>Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Stuart -Treasurer)</p>

6.	<p><b><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></b></p> <p>A meeting was held in May yet there was no quorum as only four (4) people attended. An informal discussion was held to discuss the proposed schedules of fees/charges for the hall. An out-of-sessions submission was made to the council and approved.</p> <p>The new fees to hire the hall have been published at the Hall and on the MRCA Noticeboard at the General Store. The Hall is in a good financial position and Belinda has drafted a budget for the 2022/23 FY to include repairs and maintenance required.</p> <p>Belinda is also looking at an online booking system to be established.</p> <p>The AGM for the Hall is being held next week.</p> <p>Leanne is happy to remain as an MRCA representative/liaison to the Hall Committee.</p> <p>Belinda also advised that she has registered the Hall to participate in the next Festival of Small Halls event.</p>	Belinda and Leanne
7.	<p><b><i>General Business</i></b></p> <p><b><i>7.1 Railway Station: Security System</i></b></p> <p>Martin advised that he has been monitoring the security system and recently there has been a patron sleeping at the station. The patron has not caused any damage/destruction to the station.</p> <p>Any activity at the station appears to occur on a Friday/ Saturday evening.</p> <p>Spider webs need to be cleaned from around the cameras.</p> <p>Martin is going to place an SD card in the north-facing camera.</p> <p>To place a camera facing the cenotaph, an outside power point would be required. Di mentioned that when obtaining some more funding, this could be something we look at. In the interim a quote will be sought to determine the costs of such installation.</p> <p>Martin posed the question of a backup person to have access to and review the footage, especially if Martin is detained with work or away.</p> <p><b><i>7.1 Railway Station: General Update</i></b></p> <p>Belinda provided an update on the ability to work with Southern Harvest, based on information circulated by Jo Gaha before the meeting this evening.</p> <p>By working with Southern Harvest, the MRCA could benefit under their insurance, to allow for markets to be run at the Railway Station that support local produce in the Michelago community. The exposure through Southern Harvest could bring long-term benefits to the area.</p> <p>The MRCA remains in control of setting the stallholder fees.</p>	All committee members

	<p>Events such as a car boot sale/second hand market fall under different insurance and Belinda advised that she is happy to continue discussing this with the insurance company.</p> <p>There may be opportunities to partner with the local Landcare group to determine other means of hosting events/markets at the Railway Station going forward.</p> <p><i>7.2 BCRFF Grant</i></p> <p>Update on the grant was provided in the President's Report. Stuart has provided a recent financial report to the Grant Committee.</p> <p><i>7.3 Community Dinners/Lunches</i></p> <p>Belinda and Jo have reviewed the timing of the events and decided to commence the Community lunches with the Xmas in July luncheon on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Belinda has set up an online booking system and Jo will shortly place the poster advertising the event on the MRCA noticeboard. The Board Game luncheon will be held in August. Catering has been sought through the General Store for both events.</p> <p>Jo also advised that the Michelago Moth evening, being coordinated by Ann-Louise (Pud), is being held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Community Hall.</p> <p>This event tying in with the Community Luncheons allows for the community to get together over the Winter months in the region.</p>	
8.	<p><b><i>Other Business</i></b></p> <p>Michelago Merchandise:</p> <p>Belinda has been looking at an opportunity to source Ethical t-shirts that could be purchased to sell to the community and visitors to the area.</p> <p>There would be an outlay first to then obtain a return on investment. We could look at a design competition for the print on the shirt.</p> <p>Crowd funding may be an option to have people pledge/fund the purchase of some of the t-shirts.</p> <p>Di advised that she ran the idea by her sister who works in this area and \$39.00 seemed a reasonable price to charge for the t-shirts.</p> <p>Martin suggested beanies due to the cold weather in the region. We discussed the idea of a design competition.]</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:25pm.</p>	

9.	<b><i>Next Meeting Date:</i></b> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station commencing at 6pm, unless otherwise advised.	