

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Michelago Railway Station

Wednesday 9th March 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Di Fett, Leanne Pattison, Brent Wallis, Kerry Rooney, Jo Jackson, Jo Gaha, Tony DeSalis, Cristina Huesch, Tanya Higgins, Belinda Sierzchula and Gary Morris.</p> <p>Apologies: Stuart Peterson, John Rooney, and Ben Wickham.</p> <p>Di asked that the meeting first attend to the election of nominees Cristina Huesch and Gary Morris, whose acceptance of nominations for the committee came through after the AGM.</p> <p>Moved: Brent Second: Kerry Passed unanimously</p> <p>Di thanked ongoing committee member Cristina and new member Gary.</p>	Brent - Chairperson
2.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>Letter to Council: Michelago Causeway</p> <p>Di has written a letter to Council to obtain an update on the works for the causeway.</p> <p>MRCA Facebook message from Danielle Young asking the MRCA to convene a meeting with Council about the Tinderry Road causeway. Danielle is questioning the upgrades and alleged waste of money on this infrastructure. Di replied and advised that she would raise it at this meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that Danielle has an opportunity to raise her concerns in a meeting with Tanya at the Michelago General Store on Saturday 19th March. Danielle can also contact Tanya via phone anytime as well.</p> <p>Tanya Higgins (Member for Michelago and Deputy Mayor – Snowy Monaro Regional Council) was able to provide some updated information about the Ryrie Street-Micalago Road crossing/causeway.</p> <p>Preliminary works:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Due to lots of rain there have been delays in getting works for the causeway underway.	Di - President

	<p>2. There has been a revised alignment of the bridge to avoid a deep hole in the creek.</p> <p>3. Telstra assets have been relocated.</p> <p>4. Consultation with the Department of Fisheries is underway.</p> <p>5. Design of the Ryrie Street extension is 80% complete.</p> <p>Due to recent heavy rain and flooding of the Tinderry Road causeway, works will be undertaken and actioned in this location before the commencement of works for the Ryrie Street extension.</p> <p>The date of operation for the new Ryrie Street extension remains the same.</p> <p>Tanya also advised that there is a Council meeting on Saturday 19th March, after which she will be available to speak with/ have a cuppa with at the Michelago General Store.</p> <p>Correspondence has been received from Sam Walton to ask about using the Railway Station for an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 16th April.</p> <p>Kerry and Belinda, on behalf of the Railway Station sub- committee, will contact Sam about the station's use and a small donation to support the station's upkeep.</p> <p>Email from Erin Donnelly, Council Governance Officer, advising that positions for the Hall Committee were open.</p>	
3.	<p><i>President's Report</i></p> <p>We now have wifi at the Michelago Historic Railway Station (MHRS), courtesy of YLess4U. It is to be used for the security cameras, which Martin B will be installing over the weekend. This is a big development for the Railway Station security - we've been searching for years for a way of having security cameras that don't involve an initial or ongoing cost. Huge thanks to Jason at YLess4U and Martin B.</p> <p>We also have an MHRS subcommittee - Kerry and Belinda (thank you both for coming on board), plus Leanne and Di where needed. If others are interested, please contact Kerry and Belinda.</p> <p>I missed the SMAG meeting but was cc'd into the resulting long email from SMAG to Nichole Overall, new member for Monaro, setting out SMAG's many concerns, including that "there is mounting community concern at Michelago of [the bank of bins'] effectiveness and efficiency" (contributed by Hans S).</p> <p>Question: How widespread is this view?</p> <p>Been working with Brent on the BBQ project. Shade structures, seating and BBQ will be delivered early to mid- May. Ideally, we want the slabs and the electricity ready for these items so they can be installed rather than having to store them. This will depend on early availability of a licensed builder. We need a construction certificate for the shade structure and concrete slabs, and the application needs to include the ABN of a licensed builder who will take on responsibility for both.</p>	Di - President

	<p>Difficulties finding someone who is available but we're working on it. Also, there's budget tightness because of cost increases, so we don't have the funds to pay a project manager. Therefore, I'm taking on this role with Brent's help.</p> <p>I met (virtually) with new councillor Tanya Higgins and discussed current issues including the Ryrie Street- Micalago Road causeway/bridge and Tinderry Road washouts, the Hall committee vacancies and keeping the 'SM northern alliance' (instigated by then Cr Rooney) alive. Welcome, Tanya!</p> <p>Moved: Brent Second: Cristina</p>	
4.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>Stuart was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Jo read out the summary page of the Treasurer's Report to those in attendance. The report is attached to these minutes for reference.</p> <p>Moved: Brent Second: Leanne</p>	Jo (Secretary) on behalf of Stuart - Treasurer
5.	<p><i>Hall Committee - Update</i></p> <p>Jo advised that she was unable to attend the recent Hall Committee monthly meeting due to illness.</p> <p>Leanne advised that Kaitlin has resigned from the committee. Anna Lucas is the current secretary.</p> <p>There is a concern about the booking system and return of deposits. Hall positions, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, are being advertised.</p> <p>Concerns were raised with Tanya Higgins, in this meeting, about the set-up of the committee and its reporting back to the SMRC.</p> <p>Tanya will investigate the rules around the establishment and ongoing management of s.355 committees.</p> <p>Leanne and Belinda will attend the next monthly meeting of the Hall Committee and report back at the April MRCA meeting.</p>	Jo- Secretary
6.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>6.1 Noticeboard- delivery and installation update</i></p> <p>The noticeboard has been delivered to the General Store. Sally and Tom are re-landscaping the front area of the store. Once this is completed, they will coordinate the installation of the noticeboard.</p> <p>From there, we will ask our local federal member of Parliament, Kristy McBain MP, to declare the noticeboard open and have a photo opportunity.</p> <p>Jo (Secretary) advised that she is happy to manage the use of the board with the community.</p> <p><i>6.2 Railway Station - ongoing maintenance</i></p>	All committee members

	<p>A recent clean up of the station has seen many unwanted items removed and taken to the tip.</p> <p>Kerry and Belinda are working on a plan to manage the ongoing maintenance required.</p> <p>Regular maintenance required at the station includes mowing, sweeping and some gardening/watering of the plants.</p> <p>Assessment of the pump for the toilet block is required to determine if it needs repair or replacement.</p> <p>Next steps include looking at grant opportunities to apply for as well as noting information about contractors and spending required at the station.</p> <p>Gregg and Rob are undertaking some great work to establish an area around the cenotaph as a place to gather in our community for events, including Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.</p> <p><i>6.3 BCRFF Grant: next steps</i></p> <p>Steps in relation to the delivery and installation of the BBQ and shade shelters were covered in earlier discussions at this meeting.</p> <p><i>6.4 Federal Election: Fundraising BBQ</i></p> <p>* Jo (Secretary) mentioned that a Federal Election will be called shortly. It would be ideal to host a BBQ at the school.</p> <p>Jo will speak with Principal Geoff Smith to determine the school's plans for the election and what we can do together to promote a community event on election day.</p>	
7.	<p><i>Any Other Business</i></p> <p><i>Railway Bridge:</i></p> <p>Tony raised concerns about the deteriorating state of the railway bridge.</p> <p>Belinda advised that she is on the Bombala Rail Trail Committee and that discussions have been underway to look for funding support for precinct trails to allow people to travel between the small villages along the railway line.</p> <p><i>Anzac Day:</i></p> <p>Gregg and Dee McFaul are going to organise this event for the community.</p> <p>Contact will be made with Gregg to see if he would be available to attend the next monthly MRCA meeting to brief the committee about the upcoming ceremony.</p> <p><i>Michelago Magpie:</i></p> <p>Leanne is working on the next edition of the Michelago Magpie, to be circulated soon.</p> <p>It will be available online with a few copies printed to be placed at the General Store for circulation.</p> <p><i>Spring Fair:</i></p>	All committee members

	<p>Brent has spoken with Romney Kelly, who is keen to coordinate and assist with putting together a Spring Fair this year. It has been a few years since this event was held, due to the pandemic and lockdown restrictions.</p> <p>Di raised concerns about hosting such an event due to the public liability for the MRCA.</p> <p>Fundraising events are key for the MRCA to raise funds to support the upkeep of the Railway Station and other areas in the Michelago Community.</p> <p>Further discussion about fundraising opportunities is required at the next monthly meeting of the MRCA.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:00pm.</p>	
8.	<p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 13th April 2022</p> <p>To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station commencing at 6pm.</p>	