

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Michelago Railway Station

Wednesday 11th May 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Leanne Pattison, Kerry Rooney, Jo Jackson, Tony DeSalis, Di Fett, Belinda Sierzchula and Cristina Huesch.</p> <p>Apologies: John Rooney, Ben Wickham, Jo Gaha, Gary Morris, Brent Wallis, Stuart Peterson, and Martin Birrell.</p>	<p>Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)</p>
2.	<p><i>Previous Meeting Minutes- April 2022</i></p> <p>Minutes of the April meeting were:</p> <p>Moved: Kerry</p> <p>Second: Di</p>	<p>Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)</p>
3.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>1. Email from Romney dated 22 April, in response to my forwarding her and Brent info about a grant that might be useful for larger events like Spring Fair. It's unlikely the MRCA will have the capacity or inclination (noting our current extensive grant management and event obligations) to run or help run such an event.</p> <p>Romney suggests that we apply for the grant and has some great ideas, urging also that the MRCA goes ahead and runs a Spring Fair. I haven't responded because we haven't formally voted on this. Committee's views sought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belinda advised that the grant application process closed in early May. <p>*Discussion arose during Di's report on correspondence about the opportunity to engage with Southern Harvest to undertake markets at the railway station.</p> <p>Southern Harvest has been running markets in Bungendore, Braidwood, and the surrounds for a while.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belinda will obtain some further information and provide feedback to the community, as it would be a good way to have some community engagement whilst raising some funds for the committee. <p>2. Council media releases about its financial and other plans, plus a phone call yesterday from Gina Woodward, Chief Communications Officer, foreshadowing community</p>	<p>Di-President</p>

	<p>consultation on these plans. I expect the email soon and will forward to the community.</p> <p>3. Email from Jason Green of Yless4u seeking an ongoing advertisement in our Magpie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leanne will follow up with Jason, as she has corresponded with Jason about his ad for a Gamer Night at the Hall. She is waiting for a reply to her offer of Yless4u ads in the <i>Magpie</i> and will follow up. • Three (3) issue payment for advertising in the Magpie would be \$30.00. <p>4. SMAG correspondence indicating dissatisfaction about Council's financial situation and plans.</p> <p>5. Email dated 29 April from Melanie Cooper, a local who has expressed interest in joining our publication team - I've given her the contact details of our editor-in-chief and invited her to join our meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
4.	<p><i>President's Report</i></p> <p>1. Thanks to Kerry we are to receive \$2,000 for the railway station from Essential Energy following our 2nd place in Zone 5 in the Easter click-a-thon. Well done Kerry for organising this, and everyone who voted, voted, and voted!</p> <p>2. Still working on the BCRRF project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rest of the Gossi shade structures is about to be delivered, and we've made the final payment (about \$9k) • We finally have our construction certificate. • I've accepted Troy McPherson's quote (about \$19k) for installation of the slabs, digging for conduit, and installation of the shade structures. • We are still waiting for an electrician's quote - thanks to Leanne for tireless chasing up! • Belinda has been working hard to arrange our community events and has been braving the insurance company discussion to ensure we are covered for all events. This is a very difficult area and she's doing a fantastic job. Belinda, how can we help so this isn't too much of a burden on you? <p>3. Another <i>Magpie</i> has flown, and it's received great feedback - such a wonderful achievement, Leanne!</p>	Di-President

	<p>4. I see the Noticeboard is being used, and expertly managed by Jo - yay!</p>	
5.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>Stuart was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Jo followed up to obtain a copy of the report, which is attached to these minutes for reference.</p>	<p>Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Stuart - Treasurer)</p>
6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <p>Jenny Wholohan is the acting Secretary and Belinda Sierzchula was elected at April Hall Committee meeting as the Acting Treasurer.</p> <p>A special meeting has been held to update the signatories for the bank accounts for this committee. This is due to Anna Lucas heading overseas shortly.</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May.</p> <p>An AGM will be held in June and there is now a good balance and number of people on the committee.</p>	<p>Leanne and Belinda</p>
7.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>7.1 Federal Election: Democracy Sausage BBQ</i> Volunteers to assist on the day include Leanne, Cristina, Di and Michael, Elizabeth Price, Brendan, and Jo.</p> <p>The BBQ will run from 8am- 2pm.</p> <p>Jo will touch base with Brent and Stuart to see if they can attend and provide the Fire Brigade BBQ and marquee for use.</p> <p>Jo confirmed that Principal Smith has advised that the BBQ can be hosted in the grounds of the school as permission has been received from the Department of Education.</p> <p><i>7.2 Railway Station</i> Security System: Martin is unable to attend the meeting tonight. Update to be provided at a meeting in the future.</p> <p>General Update:</p>	<p>All committee members</p>

	<p>On Monday Ash Crivici fixed the leaking toilet in the bathroom. Purchase of a reconditioned pump from Ash and his repairs to a leaking pipe and replacement of a toilet valve total around \$1,000.00.</p> <p>Anzac Day service and morning tea recently held at the station. Lovely service. Garden works by Gregg McFaul and Rob Smith continue around the cenotaph.</p> <p>We have received \$2,000.00 from the recent Essential Energy grant. Money to be used to conduct repairs at the station.</p> <p>Kerry suggested an application for an upcoming grant process to cover the costs for the running of the railway station- \$2,700.00.</p> <p>This funding, if received, would then allow the railway station sub-committee to focus on funding for general improvements/repairs at the station.</p> <p>Moved: Kerry Second: Di</p> <p><i>7.3 BCRRF Grant: Update</i> Di advised that there is a lot of administration around this grant. She will continue to work on this and seek advice from committee members where required.</p> <p>Di, Kerry, and Stuart have spoken about the GST component of the invoicing we are receiving and reporting on to the grants committee.</p> <p>Belinda mentioned that we may be able to seek a GST exemption as a community organisation.</p> <p><i>7.4 Community Dinners</i> A recent survey out to the community has determined that Sunday lunches or dinners are favoured for people to get together and eat and meet.</p> <p>Two upcoming dates were determined as suitable to host two community lunches under our BCRFF funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 5th June: Board Game theme • Sunday 24th July: Xmas in July theme <p>Belinda and Jo will work on the promotion of both events, allowing them to be casual for community participation.</p>	
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8.	<p><i>Other Business</i></p> <p>Michelago Merchandise:</p> <p>Di mentioned that her mother visited the region recently and found little to no Michelago merchandise that she could take home as a souvenir of the area.</p> <p>Di mentioned photos of the local area and maybe the opportunity to sell Michelago-branded merchandise at the General Store or at local events.</p> <p>Vista Print provides an opportunity to obtain quality merchandise at a reasonable cost. Maybe an opportunity to look at what they could provide, which is not expensive yet would allow the MRCA to conduct some fundraising for the community.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:12pm.</p>	
9.	<p><i>Next Meeting Date:</i></p> <p>Wednesday 8th June 2022</p> <p>To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station, commencing at 6pm.</p>	