

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday 9th November 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 and Brent Wallis.</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
2.	<p><i>Previous Meeting Minutes- October 2022</i></p> <p>Minutes for the October meeting will be circulated shortly. They were unable to be prepared ahead of the November monthly meeting.</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
3.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out</i></p> <p>*Email from local Red Cross liaison officer Lara Beattie, offering, inter alia, 'supporting and hosting community events'. Following email discussions with the committee I'll respond to her to flesh out how she can help us.</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Di-President)
4.	<p><i>President's Report</i></p> <p>*Our little committee has become smaller, with the resignation of valued members Cristina, Belinda, and Gary. We are so grateful for their participation and contribution and hope to see them back some day - although this may be a stretch for Cristina, who is moving from the area.</p> <p>*We need to reduce the Committee mailing list accordingly and remove Stuart who has requested that he be exempted from the day-to-day email action. Need to also remove Cristina and Gary from the email list as well. [Action item - settle new committee email list]</p> <p>*Huge thanks to Leanne, Jo, Brendan, and Tony for making our community BBQ happen last Saturday!</p>	Jo- Chairperson (On behalf of Di-President)
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>	Jo- Secretary (On behalf of Stuart - Treasurer)

6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <p>(a) Oct. meeting. Emma Smith from Council. Long discussion, so some other business parked to next meeting. She had 3 weeks to assess all halls re BCA (compliance audit) and report to Council on jobs in order of priority. Focus is on safety & halls being accessible to all. For us, the list includes steps. Committee also listed tank and its rotting wooden stand, guttering on left-hand side, poor water flow, pump, poor condition of floorboards. If Hall contracts out work, it needs only 1 quote if cost is under \$25K. Emma doubts Council would pay for a floor refurbishment. Simone Ward is the new Coordinator of Community Facilities, replacing Kelly, and under Tina Paterson.</p> <p>(b) Bookings Officer. Rachel to continue if forms are made more accessible for her. [This has been done to see how it goes.]</p> <p>(c) Door for storage area not delivered yet.</p> <p>(d) Secretary Jenny: acoustic curtains company has still not supplied quote, despite two reminder emails.</p>	Leanne
7.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>7.1 Railway Station- General Update from Kerry</i></p> <p>Update on painting of station and grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have sought a quote from Adeshir Gholipour to paint interior of buildings, exterior of signals shed, and Michelago Sign, plus fence underneath the sign • The interiors will require small repairs, including replacement of the lining in the signals shed, and replacement of some skirting boards where termites and other damage has occurred. Rosco Cowling has agreed to provide a quote. • I plan to paint the signal shed exterior the mustard yellow colour that trims the main buildings. • The NSW heritage grant closes on 2 December and we may miss that one. However, we can apply through Boco Rock Community Fund which usually opens midyear ie 2023. • I have two contacts at UGL now who are proving to be receptive however they are stretched and on a steep learning curve. I'm trying to minimise demands upon them. <p>Motion: That the Committee agrees to increase the request for donations for private functions at the railway station.</p> <p>I recommend that we increase 'fees' slightly from \$60 to \$100 for a party of private function.</p>	All committee members

	<p>The Hall charges \$200 for a party or private function plus a deposit bond of \$165. We are charging just \$60 for the equivalent.</p> <p>The railway station has far less amenities than the Hall, but it does have very high heritage value.</p> <p>Committee agreed to passing this motion.</p> <p>Motion: That the Committee agrees to purchase a second battery for the mower</p> <p>For the last week I've been trying to mow as much grass as possible for Remembrance Day. However, it's been frustrating as the battery lasts for less than 30 minutes. Given my round trip to the station is 22 kms, diesel costs around \$2.40 per litre and I have to drive through brake destroying mud, I would really like to make the most of each trip. I would like the support of the Committee to purchase a second battery – price is approx. \$249 for one or \$299 for a pair.</p> <p>Committee agreed to passing this motion.</p> <p>Poster to encourage visitors to donate at the shop</p> <p>I plan to put some posters at the station explaining its maintained by a handful of volunteers (under the auspices of the MRCA). The poster would also say we welcome visitors and encourage them to make a donation at the shop.</p> <p>Update on Campervans plugging into the railway station electricity</p> <p>See President's report</p> <p>From Di: Martin and I went to the Station on Sunday 30 Oct to address the electricity theft issue.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we could not get the power point gadgets to work, partly because I also asked Yless4u to change the wifi password, which slowed everything down badly and we ran out of time. We plan to complete the work, but in the meantime the outside power points don't work so we'll need to use a power cord for the Remembrance Day audio.</p> <p><i>7.2 Report on MRCA-Landcare</i></p> <p>Community Welcome BBQ, the Oval, 5 Nov. Few customers, happy atmosphere, two recruits for Landcare, BCRRF was clearly publicised. Thanks for Kerry's fabulous radio promo while the Jackson-DeSalis team was cooking the BBQ.</p>	
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8.	<p><i>Other Business</i></p> <p>No other business for this meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:30pm.</p>	All committee members
9.	<p><i>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 14th December 2022</i></p> <p>To be held at the Michelago Heritage Railway Station commencing at 6pm, unless otherwise advised.</p>	