

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday 12th October 2022: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Apologies</i></p> <p>Present: Leanne Pattison, Gregg McFaul, Jo Jackson, Di Fett, Kerry Rooney, and Tony DeSalis</p> <p>Apologies: Belinda Sierzchula, Brent Wallis, and Stuart Peterson.</p>	Jo - Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
2.	<p><i>Previous Meeting Minutes- September 2022</i></p> <p>Minutes of the September meeting will be circulated soon.</p>	Jo - Chairperson (On behalf of Brent)
3. And 4.	<p><i>Correspondence In/Out and Presidents Report</i></p> <p><i>BCRRF Oval project:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We received our Certificate of Occupancy for the BBQ facilities yesterday! <p><i>Ryrie St- Michelago Road bridge/crossing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Correspondence from Cherie at SMRC - Council has managed to get through to the responsible person at UGL about arranging a license for the railway bridge area so they can commence construction prior to the land acquisition going through. Cherie also has an escalation contact, and she reckons construction will be able to commence before Christmas this year. <p><i>Facebook:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A nasty post by the new lobby group 'Snowy Monaro Community Advocates' followed the recent Council-held community meeting at the Michelago Hall. The extract wasn't about the issues but asserted that Cr Higgins 'has sadly lost any Michelago community's support [sic]' and said disparaging things about the mayor. I posted a response saying that this was not posted by a member of the Michelago Community, and the 'SMCA' does not represent Michelago community views. <p><i>Member comms:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Now we're not sending MRCA emails to the community (thank goodness, thanks to the Magpie!), I thought it might be good to make a point of keeping in touch with our 	Di - President

	members on a more personal note, especially if they are having difficult times. I sent a best wishes note to MRCA member Peter Dixon, who is having an operation on 26 Oct. Thoughts or suggestions?	
5.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>Stuart is unable to attend the meeting this evening or to provide a Treasurer's Report.</p>	Jo - Secretary (On behalf of Stuart - Treasurer)
6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns with the Hall bookings and confirmations on the calendar. • Option to look at a separate phone to be able to be passed around the committee members to take bookings. • Proposed for pre-school fees to be increased to assist with covering the costs of the running of the hall. • Agreement to circulate documents for all future grant applications. 	Leanne
7.	<p><i>General Business</i></p> <p><i>7.1 Railway Station: License Agreement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The License Agreement expires in February 2023. • An agreement to engage for a new license is required. • It costs around \$600.00 per year. The cost will be determined by Transport for NSW. • Without a license in place, we won't have access to the station or surrounding grounds. <p><i>7.2 Cricket Club Schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cricket Club schedule has not been provided yet to the MRCA. • Jo will speak with Dave Hanns to determine upcoming dates for games in the season. <p><i>7.3. Cenotaph: plaque and funds appeal</i> Gregg provided some details at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plaque will be a silver base with black laser printing. • Pledges made for the purchase and laser printing of the plaque can be deposited into the MRCA account. • If there are additional funds collected, then maybe it could go towards the purchase and installation of a security camera facing the cenotaph with seating around the area. 	All committee members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Smith is going to organise the installation of the Defence service plaques on the cenotaph – Army, Airforce, and Navy. <p><i>7.4. Community BBQ- 29th October</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ to encourage community members to attend and see the new BBQ area and shelter at the Oval. • The BBQ will run from 12noon to 2pm. <p><i>7.5 Bush Dance- 19th November</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for the Bush Dance are underway and being managed by Belinda and Fiona. • The MRCA will host a BBQ on the evening before the dance commences. • BBQ will commence at 5:30pm and look to wrap up around 7:30pm. • Ticket sales for the dance have been progressing well and there is good interest in the community for this event. <p><i>7.6 Proposal to rename the Michelago Cricket Oval</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry Rooney brought to the meeting a proposal to rename the Michelago Oval as the Clive Kelly Oval. • Clive Kelly was the most outstanding cricketer Michelago has ever produced, playing representative cricket for the ACT and Southern Districts and for Queanbeyan First Grade. He was also a long-term member of the Michelago Cricket Club and resident in the Michelago community. • Other community spaces within the Snowy Monaro Region neighbouring Queanbeyan-Palerang are named after local residents who contributed to their communities in different aspects. <p>The Committee agreed with the proposal. Details for progressing it would be developed out of session, with the expectation that the Snowy Monaro Council would need to approve it.</p>	
8.	<p><i>Other Business</i></p> <p>The storage shed at the Michelago Oval was discussed. There is a range of chairs stored in the shed that have been used for Mayfair/Spring Fairs in the past.</p> <p>A review of the chairs is required to determine what can be kept and maybe what can be given/taken away that is not of use to the MRCA.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.15pm.</p>	

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