

Michelago Region Community Association Meeting: Minutes

Wednesday 18th January 2023: 6:00pm

Item	Topic	Session Led By
1.	<i>Welcome and Apologies</i> Present: Brent Wallis, Jo Jackson, Di Fett, Tony DeSalis, and Leanne Pattison Apologies: Kerry Rooney and Stuart Peterson	Brent- Chairperson
2.	<i>Previous Meeting Minutes- November 2022</i> Minutes for the November 2022 meeting were circulated before this evening's meeting. Moved: Leanne Second: Tony	Brent- Chairperson
3.	<i>Correspondence In/Out</i> Australia Day We've had queries from Council and from the Monaro Post about whether we'll be holding Australia Day ceremonies. I responded (maybe too quickly) that the MRCA holds Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events, but not Australia Day. (I was under the mistaken impression that Michelago's 'granny group' had organised these in the past but had stopped doing this. In fact, Kerry organised past events under the MRCA banner.) I suggest we add a discussion about future events as an action item for the post-AGM committee. Council correspondence I've forwarded Council emails about the Rural Land Use Strategy and Special Rates Variation consultations. I sent the first to the Residents list, and the second to the MRCA members list. When I send to the residents list, I get locked out of sending anything for a period (24hrs I think) which is annoying and inconvenient (especially when I have a report to lodge for example). While I think it's important to keep the whole community up to date, there's a limit to how much time-consuming irritation I can cope with. Sending to the membership list, which is smaller, does not create these problems.	Di-President

4.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>BCRRF</p> <p>There is \$9,441.11 left in the grant account, and \$ (?) yet to be claimed. I think we've agreed that we won't submit an invoice for the remainder. The question is: what to do with the funds we have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community barbecue to accompany the cricket at the oval (later agenda item). 2. \$2200 is available for purchase of 10 trestle tables, 40 chairs and 1 outdoor patio heater. I've checked the Bunnings website, and we can get: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 trestle tables @\$125 = \$1250 40 stackable plastic chairs @\$ 20.55 =\$ 822 1 gas patio heater @\$179 = \$179 <p>Total = \$2284</p> <p>Perhaps we could make it 36 chairs, stay within the \$2200 ?</p> <p>I think it would be good to purchase these, perhaps for the future when Michelago moves back to having fairs? The problem is where to store them. I understand that getting rid of the heavy chairs in our storage shed is a project of its own... Thoughts please?</p> <p>Agreed: Leanne and Di will go to Bunnings to purchase these, and will contact the community liaison officer. We will seek a Bunnings donation for some strong steel shelves</p> <p>There will also need to be a cleanup in the shed to make room for the new items.</p> <p>Agreed: we can advertise this as a community event and people can take what they want, as we did with the railway station cleanup. Brent will have a look first to see what is needed and what we can get rid of. He suggested we might need to hire a skip. Jo offered to help if required.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Magpie total in grant was \$1,600 - we should keep printing. Query hardware purchase? 	Di-President
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	<p>Agreed: We don't have a need for hardware and should use the grant money allocated to the Magpie for printing costs.</p> <p>4. Total in grant for 'Dinners x 4' (\$2,600) and 'BBQ events' (\$1800) - I have to work out how much we've spent but there will be quite a lot left over after the cricket BBQ - suggestions? Give it back?</p> <p>Agreed: we should spend it if possible. See below re discussion.</p> <p>5. \$7000 for "Program Manager/coordinator; facilitator; guest speakers" - suggestions? Give it back?</p> <p>Agreed: options to be investigated.</p> <p>6. We have a report due. I've put the docs together and Stuart and I will settle.</p> <p>RLUS</p> <p>This consultation closes 20 February 2023, which is coming up fast. Discussion please on how to manage a submission.</p> <p>Discussion on this item was deferred due to Kerry's absence.</p> <p>Email</p> <p>The MRCA webmail system is driving me crazy. It is always full of junk mail, doesn't have a 'report spam' function, and more often than not doesn't work. I've sent Markus an email asking about the options, but it seems to have bounced. Will keep trying because it has to be fixed. Even with a functioning system I would really like someone else to take on or at least share the email management. I am not an email person and am likely to miss something important! Markus has some suggestions.</p> <p>Agreed: Di and Leanne will progress an email upgrade with Markus.</p>	
5.	<p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p>Stuart was not in attendance at the meeting and no Treasurer's Report was forthcoming for this meeting. He has agreed to provide an end of year report for the AGM.</p>	Brent- Chairperson

6.	<p><i>Hall Committee: Update</i></p> <p>1.Committee attendance problems:</p> <p>a) Three Hall Committee members notified the other members on 15 November 2022 that they would take Leave of Absence, effective immediately: Isabelle Thorpe 5 months, Mitch Lee 5 months (returning May 2023), Rachel Harling 3 months (returning March 2023).</p> <p>b) These notifications were included in three separate and similar Signal text messages that also alleged, inter alia, that the three people felt unwelcome at meetings.</p> <p>c) Mitch and Rachel asserted that they would be able to continue their Committee duties without attending meetings. Rachel is Hall Bookings Officer. Mitch said he would continue to progress the NAB grant for a generator (see below, 2c). Isabelle's duties are undefined.</p> <p>d) Isabelle had not attended a meeting since early May 2022. She had sent occasional apologies, some through Mitch.</p> <p>e) The Committee consulted Erin (Council contact for Halls), who attended the November meeting and advised that the three were within their rights to take LofA for these extended periods, could continue their duties without attending meetings, and should be included in all Committee correspondence.</p> <p>f) The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 15 February. Erin has advised she will attend. She also said she expects the Committee to consider bi-monthly meetings and will therefore attend February, April, and June. The Committee has not yet had a chance to discuss this proposed re-scheduling.</p> <p>2.The remaining five members (who constitute a quorum) have decided that:</p> <p>a) If Council cannot assist the Committee to resolve the above situation, it is possible the remaining Committee members may either also take LofA or resign. They have consulted Councillor Higgins.</p> <p>b) The damaged and worn Hall floor will be resurfaced during the school holidays. Belinda obtained three quotes and one has been chosen.</p> <p>c) Solar panels and a battery will be installed instead of a diesel generator. After obtaining from NAB the documentation for the \$10K grant (that Mitch had</p>	Leanne

	<p>not supplied to the Committee), Belinda has NAB's endorsement of this proposal.</p> <p>d) Purchase of acoustic curtains will be delayed until a definite quote and funds are available.</p> <p>3.Hall hire fees:</p> <p>The Committee has complied with Council requirements to recommend fees for 2023-24 and awaits confirmation. The main change is that the pre-school fee is recommended to go from \$22 per day to \$50 per day because of rising costs.</p> <p>4.Tennis Courts and Clubhouse:</p> <p>a) After the new ceiling's installation in the open room (thanks to a Boco Rock grant), Leanne has started some sweeping and cleaning of that room, the toilets, and the kitchen. There is some vandal damage with green paint in the kitchen.</p> <p>b) The keys have been found and the kitchen locked. The toilets were already locked.</p> <p>c) The pump does not work but there is a gravity-feed tank tap behind the building</p> <p>d) Ivan has sprayed the weeds on the courts and around the perimeter.</p>	
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>7.1 <i>BCRRF Grant: update</i></p> <p><i>-Cricket event; other events</i></p> <p>Upcoming Cricket games are on Sunday 29th January and Sunday 12th February.</p> <p>The MRCA will support the game on Sunday 12th February, hosting a community BBQ at the Oval ahead of the game under the BCRRF banner.</p> <p>The game commences at 12:30pm and the BBQ will commence at 11:45am.</p> <p>See also above discussion in president's report re purchase of trestle tables etc.</p> <p>7.2 <i>MRCA AGM</i></p> <p><i>-Date</i></p> <p>Agreed: to hold the AGM on Saturday 18th March at 3pm at the Railway Station.</p> <p><i>-Positions and intentions</i></p> <p>All positions will be made vacant to allow for nominations and votes to be undertaken.</p> <p>Positions to be filled include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Vice President ● Secretary 	All Committee Members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer • Committee members including Events Coordinator <p>Leanne will advertise the upcoming MRCA AGM on Facebook and MRCA Noticeboard and Jo will place a notice on the noticeboard at the General Store.</p> <p><i>7.3 MRCA Website</i> We will look to actively advertise upcoming events and social activities on this site for the community.</p>	
8.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>An Australia Day event will not be organised by the MRCA this year, due to the non-availability of resources for an event.</p> <p>Jo noted that there will be a local band launch in the Hall soon and that it would be asking for a gold coin donation for the CFA</p> <p>Agreed: This could be a great opportunity for a community get-together after the success of the community dinner and bush dance. Committee to investigate whether this would be a suitable occasion for us to hold a barbecue /catered dinner under the BCRRF banner.</p> <p>The banner, recently restored by Shay after being found in the Railway Station clean up this year, has been returned to the MRCA by Gregg. Jo will speak with Kerry to investigate options of framing for display at the Railway Station soon.</p> <p>Brent asked for the acknowledgement of Jim Molan's recent passing. Jim was a supporter of the Spring Fair and other events in the Michelago area.</p> <p>Railway Station security and electricity</p> <p>[Pre-meeting] Martin attended and advised that the security system is working fine, and that more work is required on the outdoor powerpoints to prevent unauthorised access. He said he can place an additional camera on the driveway side of the building [to be discussed further with Di].</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:45pm</p>	All committee members
9.	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 8 th February	

	Meeting will be held at the Railway Station unless otherwise advised.	
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