



MRCA Committee Meeting

Railway Station, 6pm, Tuesday 12 March 2024

MINUTES

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The meeting started at 6.15.

Chair: Di Fett

1. Present: Di Fett (President), Kerry Rooney (Treasurer), Leanne Pattison (Secretary, minutes), Tony De Salis, Sally Hughes, Peter Holland.
2. Apologies: Robbie Wood, Brent Wallis, Ben Wickham, Belinda Hayes, Tanya Higgins.
3. Previous minutes: Moved Kerry, seconded Di 'That the minutes of the MRCA meeting of 13 February 2024 be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.' CARRIED
4. Proposals for event management at station/oval – Belinda Hayes (carried forward)
5. Business arising from previous minutes
 - a) Which events must have a DA? Kerry
 - i) Suggest that all those enquiring about holding an event at the railway station be advised to download Council's application form for holding an event, fill it in and send it to the MRCA Committee for railway station consent. This is to give Council information to assess whether such an event needs a DA. Council would then inform the applicant.
 - ii) We should do this for Council feedback and cc UGL. AGREED
 - iii) We have had no answer from UGL to previous enquiries about holding events (eg markets) at the station. Tim Ritchie, a contractor to UGL, is our only contact so far and we need one within UGL. Kerry to ask Tim's advice. ACTION KERRY
 - iv) MRCA's licence for the railway station is limited to community functions because it costs less than a full one. Suggested: 'Michelago Community Markets', as the license's words 'Community purposes including functions and storage' would appear to include community markets. Agreed that we would therefore inform UGL if we decided to hold a major community event.
 - v) Di to call Karen Porter re amount of stallholder fees at the Bredbo Community Markets. ACTION DI.
6. OPH heritage team visit to St Pat's: date? – (carried forward)

Peter: OPH has all the information and will contact us when they're ready.
7. Cost of sight screens for cricket at the oval – Peter to contact Sam.
8. Event managers & music bands & possible sponsor – Peter. No result yet.

Kerry noted that Cooma Car Club, sponsoring 2MNO Community Radio, will hold an evening of Australian ballads 6 April. Bar and snacks available.
9. Oval fence, renaming signage, park benches (recycled material?) – Kerry, Tanya
 - i) Community consultation for renaming the site as Clive Kelly Oval closes 28 March.
 - ii) If the sign displays only the name of the oval, it will be exempt from the need for a DA and from other regulations.

- iii) Kerry: we need to get a quote for building the proposed fence and await available grants.
- 10. Railway Station heritage grant & work – Kerry
 - i) Both workers (Alistair the plasterer and Myles the carpenter) are happy to be onboarded with UGL. This means UGL will pay them directly. It also will exhaust our funding allocation from UGL.
 - ii) Kerry has ordered the faux-heritage brass fittings for the additional power point in the waiting room.
- 11. Ryrie St-Micalago Rd Bridge: Cr Tanya Higgins has reported that progress with the Telstra work is proceeding.
- 12. New website – Markus has done much work and we need to be able to operate it independently.
 - i) Thanks to Markus’s help, the January minutes are on the site. Leanne will try to enter approved minutes in future.
 - ii) There could be a link to the General Store’s new Facebook site.
 - iii) Kerry: Markus has included a history page on the website. Kerry is doing local history research now with a view to providing some good content. ACTION KERRY
- 13. Railway station’s kitchen contents: temporary storage needed during the renovations. The tennis clubhouse kitchen possible. Leanne to check with Hall Committee. ACTION LEANNE
- 14. Ryrie St trees (Council permission? Community consult?) – This was not included in the current *Magpie*. Leanne plans to put it in the next issue. ACTION LEANNE
Feedback from the mowing contractor is negative about any disturbance of the ground around the trees because it would make mowing difficult and loose stones can damage mower blades.
- 15. SMRC Donations & Sponsorship Grant: closes 15 March. Application is in hand, thanks to Kerry. She has acquitted the MRCA’s 2023 grant. The Committee thanks her.
- 16. Hall Committee – Leanne.
 - a) The griller and hotplates have been repaired, so there is no urgency to replace this cooking equipment. However, wider aspects of the wiring are non-compliant. SMRC has agreed to remedy this, apparently urgently.
 - b) The Pre-School has recommenced on Mondays but numbers are low. Director Denise can continue to term’s end and will then assess viability.
- 17. Magpie 24 printing: thanks to Sam for 23 copies. Most are now in the shop.
- 18. Constitution: special general meeting 3pm, 16 March. Under the present constitution, the quorum for such a meeting is 10.
- 19. AGM date & reminders to pay membership. The date will be set at the special general meeting 16 March. Reminders to pay membership fees will be sent out in August before the AGM.
- 20. Committee 2024–25: Kerry offered to be Secretary until the next AGM (as Leanne wishes to stand down) but the MRCA would then need a new Treasurer, so Leanne has offered to stay until the AGM. Agreed that the *Magpie* will advertise positions. ACTION LEANNE
- 21. Other business: Leanne has found a third ‘restricted’ key for the padlocks on the oval’s gate, storage shed and dunnies, so has returned Ivan’s loaned key.
- 22. President’s report: Attachment 1.
- 23. Treasurer’s report: Attachment 2. Note item re electricity bills.

The meeting closed at 8pm. Next Committee meeting: Tuesday 9 April.

MRCA Committee 2023—24

Di Fett (Pres.), Brent Wallis (Vice Pres.), Kerry Rooney (Treas.), Leanne Pattison (Sec.), Sam Walton (Railway Station co-ord.), Tony De Salis, Sally Hughes, Peter Holland, Robbie Wood, John Rooney. (Jess Kalthofen and Jo Jackson have taken indefinite leave). Public Officer: Ben Wickham.

Council rep: Cr Tanya Higgins

Attachment 1 – President’s and correspondence report 12 March 2024

Proposal to change our constitution

Leanne has circulated the information about this proposal, but I’m happy to answer any questions. It is item 11 on the agenda. In order to implement this change we are required to hold a Special General Meeting, which will be held this Saturday 16 March at 3pm. Hope you can make it.

Heritage grant for railway station

We continue to progress this project. We have now received a quote from Myles Gotslow for \$15,400.00 plus GST to repair/re-make doors and skirting board. Myles has also agreed to ‘on board’ with UGL (see previous report, Alastair Saunders [walls and other repairs] has also agreed to do so). This will consume a considerable portion of the grant.

Kerry has emailed UGL’s representative Tim Ritchie, cc the above, to get this process started, but we haven’t heard back. I left a message for Tim today enquiring about how to get the ball rolling.

Events at the railway station

I’ve had some exchanges with Council about whether a DA is required for events at the railway station, and initially received the attached form, to be completed in order for council to determine the DA requirement.

The correspondence is somewhat confused, so I am deferring this issue to our wonderful Councillor Tanya Higgins, who has made the appropriate enquiries (Agenda item 5a)

Website

I reached out to various local organisations and businesses for content input, but have not received any responses. Will follow up.

Correspondence

- Yet another survey request from BCRRF about our experience with the grant, which I completed (Kerry also recently completed one).
- Confused correspondence with council about events, see below. I still have not heard back from Tim regarding who is the appropriate UGL contact for this issue.
- I emailed the address for the Cooma Railway Markets, enquiring about their arrangements regarding the use of the railway station and whether they were required to obtain a DA. I had a brief exchange on FB messenger, telling me they were just checking some details before responding, but have not heard back since.
- Email from council inviting nominations for a Section 355 Advisory Committee ‘to help inform Snowy Monaro Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities’. It would be great to have someone on this committee, if anyone has the time. Nominations close 1 April (please contact Council’s Communications Team on 1300 345 345 or communications@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au)

The Michelago Magpie

The community is still loving the *Magpie*. I'm wondering whether we can use it to encourage active community engagement - perhaps a survey about Michelago street-scaping?

Correspondence (copy)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Annalie Reeves <Annalie.Reeves@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au>

Date: Thu, 29 Feb 2024 at 14:03

Subject: RE: Market Michelago

To: MRCA Di Fett <difett.mrca@gmail.com>

Hi Di,

Sorry for the back and forth, have spoken to some members of the planning team and come to the below;

If the UGL lease for the railway permits community events, the planning response indicated this would form as owners consent for the activity and as it is not on community land, wouldn't require approval under s68 of the Local Government Act.

If held as the sportsfield, being community land it would require a s68 application.

Kind Regards,

Annalie

From: Di Fett <difett.mrca@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 28 February 2024 4:58 PM

To: Annalie Reeves <Annalie.Reeves@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Market Michelago

Hi Annalie

At this stage it's just an enquiry from a member of the community, who approached us (the Michelago Region Community Association) to find out whether the Michelago Historic Railway Station, which we look after under a licence from Transport for NSW, could be used for markets in the future.

The address is Michelago Historic Railway Station, Ryrie St, Michelago. This is not 'community land' and is not managed by Council.

As for the size etc I don't think there are any definite plans. Would the scale of a market make a difference to whether approval is required? Can you point me to the relevant provisions in the LGA (or other instrument) so I can pass it on to the community member who has enquired?

Cheers, Di

On Wed, 28 Feb 2024 at 16:14, Annalie Reeves <Annalie.Reeves@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Di,

Would you be able to give me some more details about the markets, the address of the market location, size of the markets i.e how many stalls, type of stalls etc. This should help us to determine what type of approval you will need.

Kind Regards,

Annalie

From: Di Fett <difett.mrca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 February 2024 2:49 PM
To: Annalie Reeves <Annalie.Reeves@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Market Michelago

Hi Annalie

Thanks for this. It looks like the only 'activity specified in the following Table' per Section 68 of the LGA that could potentially apply to a village market is under Part D of the table to that section, headed 'Community land'. I'm having trouble understanding how/whether section 68 applies to holding a market on land that is not 'community land', as defined in the LGA. No doubt I am missing something!

Any clarification you can provide would be most welcome.

cheers, Di

Di Fett, President, Michelago Region Community Association

<http://www.michelagoregion.org.au/mrca/>

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From: Annalie Reeves <Annalie.Reeves@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2024 at 09:46
Subject: Market Michelago
To: MRCA Di Fett <difett.mrca@gmail.com>

Hi Di,

Thank you for the earlier chat,

Depending on size and activities we will request a DA. the minimum requirement is a s68 under the Local Government Act. These include activities on community land, engaging in trade or business (market stalls), use of amplified noise, amusement devices and other activities. You can fill out the attached form to determine whether a DA or other approvals may be necessary, otherwise apply for a section 68 or put in a DA through the NSW Planning Portal,

Kind Regards,

Annalie

Annalie Reeves, Duty Town Planner

Attachment 2 – Treasurer’s report

TREASURER’S REPORT 12 MARCH 2024

MRCA finances

Our grant account has a balance of \$8,208. There have been no transactions over the last three months due to revisions to project following heritage advice from Pip Giovanelli.

Our general MRCA account has a balance of \$13,528 up by \$200 since February’s report.

Transactions included:

- Credits of
 - \$120 in donations from Somsri for Thai massage
 - \$50 donation for Therese Kelly’s wedding photos
 - \$30 payment from Yless4U for Magpie ads
- Debits nil

National Energy Bill Relief

We have received reductions in our last three electricity bills of \$162 per quarter. This is because energy retailers are automatically applying the government’s National Energy Bill Relief in quarterly instalments to eligible small businesses’ electricity accounts. We should receive one more reduction. This applies to NSW small businesses using less than 100mw per year. We use less than 1mw per year.

MRCA Grants

On 10 August 2023 MRCA received a letter of offer from the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) for a \$17,000 Caring for Heritage grant which we applied for in December 2022. UGL confirmed it would provide matching funding. We have received specialist heritage trades quotes of \$8,830 from Alistair Saunders (rendering) and \$16,940 from Myles Gostlelow (carpentry). We have accepted the quotes and have forwarded to UGL.

Essential Energy would like an email telling them how we spent our \$2750 grant received in August 2023. Underway: Tony de Luca will install a new double powerpoint (KR has purchased it online) and has installed new lights on the platform. Yet to do: fixing the broken loo and connecting a pump to pressurise water from the tank (Ash C) and providing wheelchair access to the platform between the signals box and the out-of room (Wayne H).
