



MRCA Committee Meeting
Railway Station, 6pm, Tuesday 9 April 2024
MINUTES

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The meeting started at 6.10pm.

1. Present: Di Fett (President & Chair), Kerry Rooney (Treasurer) Leanne Pattison (Secretary), Tony De Salis, Peter Holland, Gregg McFaul
2. Apologies: Sally Hughes, Brent Wallis
3. ANZAC Day

Gregg McFaul was welcomed to the meeting. He provided an update on arrangements for the ANZAC Day ceremony, which are all in hand. Di will ask the local school’s Principal if he wishes to provide a student to read *In Flanders Fields*. Leanne will advertise the ceremony on Facebook and ask for morning tea donations. ACTION Di & Leanne

4. Previous minutes (12 March 2024)
 - Kerry moved the following 3 amendments, seconded Di. CARRIED
 - i) Item 5a iii – Delete ‘Kerry to ask Tim’s advice.’
 - ii) Item 5a iv – Add ‘Agreed that the MRCA would therefore inform UGL if the MRCA decided to hold a major community event.’
 - iii) Item 20: Amend to read ‘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 *Maggie* will advertise positions.’
 - Moved Di, seconded Tony ‘That the amended minutes of the 12 March meeting be accepted as a correct record.’ CARRIED

5. Business arising:
 - a) Proposals for event management at station /oval – Belinda Hayes (carried forward). It was agreed to await Belinda’s initiative on this matter.
 - b) Stall holder fees at the Bredbo Community Markets – Di
See President’s report (Attachment 1)
 - c) Event managers, music bands, possible sponsor – Peter
This matter is ongoing.
 - d) Oval renaming: feedback from community consultation?– Kerry
The community consultation period has finished but there has been no feedback yet. In light of David Hanns’s passing, it was agreed to defer this matter for the time being.
 - e) Storing railway station kitchen’s contents in the clubhouse during railway station renovations – Leanne
The Hall Committee has approved this move.
 - f) Special General Meeting 16 March – See President’s report (Attachment 1)

- g) AGM date decided – Saturday 27 July 3pm at the Railway Station.
MRCA Committee positions: it was agreed to publicise them and their roles and to promote the AGM.
 Noted that the new constitution mandates a total of 7 committee members.
6. President's report: Attachment 1.
7. Treasurer's reports: Attachments 2 & 3 (March report and 2023 financial statements).
- a) Moved Kerry, seconded Leanne 'That MRCA agrees to close the joint Spring Fair Account and splits the funds with the RFS (\$49.80 each). The RFS is no longer allowed to hold additional bank accounts. The account is also superfluous to MRCA's needs.'
- CARRIED
- b) Kerry commented:
 'Today I also decided to complete MRCA's 2023 financial statements. They are attached for your comment and/or information. We will not be lodging these formally with the Department of Fair Trading as we will be moving to the new financial year ending 30 June 2024. This is consistent with the model constitution that we agreed to adopt. So, in July I will circulate to all members the financial statements which will cover the full 18-month period of 1 Jan 2023 to 30 June 2024.'
8. The 'Dave Hanns Fence' at the Oval? – Kerry
- a) Agreed that it should be the same height as a standard tennis court fence (3.6 metres).
- b) Agreed to apply for a Boco Rock grant and obtain quotes.
- c) Possible to combine application for clubhouse wall coverings with application for the fence?
- d) Leanne will discuss the fence proposal with Cricket Club Captain Matt Williams and also enquire about any already available wire.
- ACTION LEANNE
9. Monaro Highway issues – 3 priorities
- a) ***A new road connection between St Patrick's Church and the village*** is the first item set out in the Michelago Master Plan's Action Table as adopted by the Snowy Monaro Council and approved by the NSW Government, viz:

Sustainable settlement principles and map ref.	Potential opportunity* * Subject to detailed site – specific investigations	Target outcomes
1 Church Connection — Landscape and public realm — Access and movement	— Protection of historic buildings and connection to the village. — Emergency services (only) vehicle access to Highway via current Church driveway. — Indicative road layout to be included in amended DCP. — Retain RU1 zone and ensure heritage curtilage is maintained around Church.	— Pedestrian and road connection between village and historic Catholic Church. — Pedestrian Heritage trail north to Hibernian Inn and former Police Station, with appropriate heritage curtilage around all sites. — Potential to allow adaptive reuse subject to heritage impact assessment.

Two recent funerals (Anne McTernan, David Hanns) demonstrate the need for the 'planned' road. They attracted hundreds of attendees and many cars, only some of which could be accommodated behind the church. There was danger from cars turning across traffic into the church grounds, from cars parked along both verges of the highway, from people having to cross the highway, and from both the speed of passing

traffic and then the congestion of traffic buildup. At the latter funeral, a police car assisted for a time by flashing its lights at southbound traffic.

- b) **Reduced speed limit on the Monaro Highway near the village** (north of the church – south of Micalago Road). It's currently 100kph all the way.
- c) **Safety turn-in lanes for local roads off the Monaro Highway.**
 - Widened verges/shoulders have been provided for all these except Clearview Road, where there have been several dangerous incidents when southbound cars have needed to turn right across traffic and often to obstruct following (and impatient) southbound vehicles.
 - David Bunston, Clearview Rd resident, has written several times to transport NSW since 2018 about these concerns, with no result. Di has now asked him if he has had a recent response and would he spearhead a campaign to resolve the issue.

Cr Tanya Higgins will be asked for advice about these issues.

10. Speeding in Ryrie St – Peter

This is an ongoing issue. Peter reported 3 utes doing at least 80kph on Easter Sunday. Di urged the committee to respond to the CMRC Active Transport Plan. The link is on the Council site and was provided in *Magpie25*.

11. Hooley Fire Appeal BBQ 13 April – Kerry

The MRCA had to decline a request for a donation towards the fund to help the Hooleys after their house was destroyed by fire last week, but invited donations from members and received \$515.00 via the MRCA bank account.

Moved Kerry, seconded Di 'That the MRCA transfer \$515 to Rebecca Hooley and also to transfer any later donations to her and that any funds left over from the BBQ go to the general Hooley appeal.'

CARRIED

12. Michelago Community Hall – Leanne

- a) Rachel Harling has formally resigned from the Hall Committee. Council will advertise this 8th position.
- b) The Monaro Mobile Pre-School Director, Kinza Newman (Child and Family Programs Manager), has notified the Hall Committee that, due to insufficient enrolments, the pre-school will not continue this year. The situation will be reviewed for 2025.
- c) The Hall Committee will investigate levying a cleaning fee, separate from the bond, for events at the hall. Hall Committee members have recently spent considerable time cleaning the hall after it has been used and would prefer to pay a cleaner.

13. Railway Station

- a) Kerry has sent an invoice to UGL for \$16,390.00, which is the matching funded that UGL committed to provide towards this heritage project when the MRCA applied for the Heritage grant.
- b) Kerry has lodged an application for Council's Donations and Sponsorships for \$2,000.00 to help cover the costs of the railway station.
- c) Lindsay Richmond has emailed Di many historic photos. Lindsay was a member of the Australian Railway Historical Society, ACT Branch, the members of which saved the Michelago Railway Station from planned demolition by the NSW Government, renovated the station and ran the Michelago Tourist Railway for many years.

The meeting closed at 8pm. Next meeting: Tuesday 14 May, 6pm, Michelago Railway Station.

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 April 2024

MRCA constitution change

As reported in the *Magpie*, members in attendance at a Special General Meeting on Saturday 16 March voted unanimously to adopt the Model Constitution for incorporated associations maintained by Fair Trading NSW. This brings our constitution up to date and ensures it will remain that way.

The change has been successfully registered with Service NSW.

It means that our financial year will now end on 30 June, and we are therefore delaying our AGM until a month or so after that.

Huge thanks to everyone who turned up to provide a quorum and to add value to the discussion.

Future leadership of the MRCA

At the Special General Meeting I indicated that I would not be standing again for the role of President, AND I detected some interest from members in attendance in nominating for leadership roles on the committee, yay!!

Following a request at this meeting, Leanne, Kerry and I are putting together a list of duties for MRCA President, Treasurer and Secretary. We will circulate this in advance of the AGM, and encourage community interest. I think the *Magpie* will be a perfect vehicle for this.

Heritage grant for railway station

Kerry has emailed UGL's representative Tim Ritchie, suggesting that UGL pay its promised contribution of \$16,000 directly to the MRCA. The MRCA would then pay the heritage tradesmen directly. This will be administratively easier for UGL and would allow us to get the work commenced.

Website

I have received a large number of photos and some commentary from Lindsay Richmond, from Friends of the MTR, for the history page of our website.

He also has a video of the MTR in operation, and I've asked Markus whether we would be able to upload it. This makes me think of previous suggestions that we video Cheryl and perhaps other 'elders' as an historical record (whether or not we can upload them).

Correspondence

1. Markets

- Text messages with Bredbo CWA (Rowena) about how they organise their regular markets at the Bredbo Hall. Rowena didn't know whether they need/obtain a DA and suggested that I contact Council to ask. I don't think this is relevant to markets at our railway station in any case, as the Hall is Council property.

Re how much they charge stall holders:

- \$20 for indoors (we provide tables and electricity)
- \$15 for outdoors and stallholders bring their own tables etc.
- All stallholders have to have their own public liability insurance as CWA insurance can't cover them.

- I have had no luck contacting the Cooma Railway Markets people.

2. Website

-See above – a huge number of emails from Lindsay Richmond with a treasure trove of material about the once-was Michelago Tourist Rail. These need to be archived somewhere better than my inbox – suggestions?

3. Railway Station

Correspondence from Myles and Alistair, our heritage contractors. They are trying to get a go-ahead from UGL, as are we.

The Michelago Magpie

Leanne has produced another magnificent publication, paying tribute to Dave Hanns who sadly passed away. Appropriate, respectful and yet still enjoyable to read.

The Magpie continues to increase the connectedness of the Michelago and region community. I believe this high quality media provides a huge benefit for our little village, and it's all down to Leanne's talent and commitment.

Attachment 2: Treasurer's report

TREASURER'S REPORT 9 APRIL 2024

MRCA finances

Our grant account has a balance of \$8,208. There have been no transactions over the last four months. We are waiting upon UGL Regional Linx to come forward and honour their funding commitment.

At the end of March the general MRCA account had a balance of \$13,838.58. March transactions:

- Credits of \$30 in members' fees and \$80 from Thai massage for railway station.
- Debit of \$60 for Fair Trading fee for lodgement of new constitution.

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 of \$16,390.

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 forwarded to UGL suggesting they may like to onboard the tradies and pay them directly. Following a deafening silence and after consulting Tim Ritchie, we invoiced UGL in full on 26 March for their funding.

I applied for a \$2,000 grant through Council's Sponsorships and Donations on 15 March. This funding would cover the railway station costs.

Motion about the Hooley BBQ and Fire Appeal

Adrian Ljubic phoned last week to ask if MRCA could donate to cover the food for the BBQ. I explained that MRCA is almost totally reliant on grants and that previous BBQs have all been funded through grants. However, I offered to ask members if they would like to donate. We have received \$515 in member donations.

I move that MRCA transfers \$515 to Rebecca Hooley (now the organiser of the BBQ) for BBQ purchases and that any funds left over go towards the Hooley appeal.

Motion to Close the Spring Fair Account

I move that MRCA agrees to close the joint Spring Fair Account and splits the funds with the RFS (\$49.80 each). The RFS is no longer allowed to hold additional bank accounts. The account is also superfluous to MRCA's needs.

Attachment 3 – Treasurer's financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2023

Michelago Region Community Association		
Income Statement for Year Ending 31 December 2023		
Income		\$
Dinner (Ticket Sales to BCRRF)		500.00
Carboot Sale		916.41
Donations		423.95
Grants (SMRC, Essential Energy, Heritage NSW)		12,950.00
Interest		0.42
Magpie		236.20
Membership		255.00
Michelago Hall Grant		9,925.00
Railway Station Hire		760.00
Total Income		25,966.98
Expenditure		
BCRRF Cricket BBQ		357.24
BCRRF Dinner		3,197.24
BCRRF Roxanne BBQ		401.34
BCRRF Payback residual		790.52
BCRRF Magpie Printing		2,398.03
Capital (Chairs, tables, patio heaters etc)		2,783.23
Carboot Sale (incl 50% of profits to St Pat's)		676.61
Electricity		673.46
Fees		80.00
Heritage grant- s60 fee		300.00
Insurance		827.10
Magpie		86.80
Mowing		330.00
Michelago Hall Grant		9,925.00
Rent		637.59
Website		114.94
Total Expenditure		23,579.10
