

MRCA Committee Meeting  
Railway Station 6pm, Wednesday 9 October 2024  
MINUTES

Present: Kerry Rooney (President), Leanne Pattison (Vice President), Graeme Plath (Treasurer), Sally Hughes (Secretary), Leah Oliver, Tony De Salis, Sally Hughes, Leanne Thurling.

Apologies: Di Fett, Peter Butler, John Rooney.

Previous minutes: Moved Leah, seconded Leanne Thurling, that the Minutes of the MRCA Committee meeting of 14 August 2024 be accepted as a correct record. CARRIED

Business arising from previous meeting:

- a. MRCA bank accounts - Graeme added as signatory.
- b. Railway Station Heritage Grant - Ventia no longer has a role. UGL is looking at a better onboarding process. Di working on matter.
- c. Railway Station committee actions - presently exterior in good condition (grass does not need mowing). Sally advised that correctional centre can assist but best if they are presented with proposal that sets out dates of desired work and details of that work. Leah and Sally will work on proposal. Leanne Pattison will be putting together a plant watering roster.
- d. MRCA's webmail – Kerry checks it weekly and has seen a lot of spam emails. Leanne Pattison has identified a person who can look at this problem. She advised that the website needs to replace its ISP. Leanne Pattison will continue looking into these issues.

President's report:

- a. Democracy sausage BBQ - thank you to our organiser Leanne Pattison and helpers Tony, Elizabeth, Martin, Sarah and Emily. P&C kindly directed that their proportion of profits to MRCA (P&C provided BBQ and gas). Moved Leanne Pattison, seconded Kerry, that P&C be thanked. CARRIED.
- b. Boco Rock project to put up further fencing at the oval – further fencing about to commence.
- c. Active Transport Strategy – caters for new footpath from school to oval and moving of school parking to the western side of the school. These items currently unfunded and hence are dependant on council being successful with a grant application.
- d. MRCA submission about development proposal for Inn area – nil heard back

Treasurer's report:

MRCA received invoice from Combined Rural Services for \$2,889 that concerns Boco Rock project fencing. Moved Graeme, seconded Kerry, that invoice be paid. CARRIED.

General Business:

- a. Election of two Michelago residents to SMRC – John resigned from MRCA. John and Tanya will be added to MRCA information distribution list.
- b. Monaro Highway Safety.
  - i. Kerry (and two others) met with Steve Whan (re verges, turning lanes, speed limits etc). Steve will be writing on behalf of MRCA to minister. Otherwise, Steve Whan was non-committal.
  - ii. Facebook sought feedback about option of reduced highway speed limit. Mixed responses were obtained.
  - iii. Tony Campbell in feedback suggested that there be a Monaro Highway Action Group. **Kerry to talk to Tony Campbell about such an action group.**
- c. 2026 Australia Day Events - \$200 grant from SMRC available (per email from Nicole Plummer of SMRC dated 25 September). **Leanne Pattison will apply for the grant.**
- d. 2025 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival – festival will happen again. If MRCA wants to be involved it should contact SMRC (per email from Nicole Plummer of SMRC dated 23 September). Decided that MRCA does not want to be involved in 2025 but might want to be involved in future years.
- e. Micalago Road– resheeted and graded (Karinya Plains Road also graded) – concerns

expressed on Facebook and in an email that resheeting might be to benefit quarry. Observed that resheeting did not go to quarry, rather it goes to Bendemeer Lane and hence captures areas with most population.

f. 'Opening' of bridge with RFS, Tanya, John, Kristy McBain and Monaro Post, on 13 October at 3.30pm. Mayor may attend. Kerry is main organiser.

g. Vacant secretary's role – as yet replacement secretary not identified (Sally resigned as secretary). A person has expressed interest. Meetings to be changed to a Tuesday to meet that person's commitments.

Other Business:

a. Car boot sale discussed. If held Canberra advertising and roadside signage would be looked into – to be put on agenda for next meeting.

b. \$250 received from Queanbeyan Anglican Church following blessing of the fleet.

c. UGL have sent a licence renewal request. Licence expired last year. A licence fee is paid (about \$600 to \$700 a year). Decided not to enter it as questions raised by MRCA previously with UGL still to be answered. In these circumstances licence last entered continues to operate.

d. Anzac community grant program. After consideration of what grant covers, it was decided not to apply.

e. Next meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.