

MRCA Meeting

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Agenda

Attendees: Kerry Rooney, Leanne Pattison, Leanne Thurling, Leah Oliver, Sally Hughes, Tony De Salis, Belinda Hayes

Guests:

Apologies: Peter Butler, Di Fett, Graeme Plath

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Endorsed by the committee.

Meeting commenced: 6:06pm

1. ACTION ITEMS

	Item	Description	Action officer	Status
1	Monaro Highway Action Group	Discussion at item 5.4 14/05/2025 - Hold over 11/06/2025 – Decision to remove from agenda. Progressing in other ways.	Kerry and Tony C	Complete
2	Sign at Clive Kelly Oval	14/05/2025 - Email circulated with signage options for consideration. Committee agreed to Michelago Park version. Grant money - \$1,000 left for the sign. Proposal for Kelly family to contribute the rest. Graeme proposed that MRCA pay \$1,030 to fully utilise grant money and Kelly family contribute \$370. 11/06/2025 - Kerry followed up with Nathan. Waiting on the brackets for the sign.	Kerry	In progress
3	Termite treatment at the clubhouse	Leanne to discuss with Jenny and Peter to do the termite treatment. 14/05/2025 – in the hands of the council to do treatment. Potentially still active termites. Jenny Wholohan has been liaising with council. Acquittal date for the grant has been extended until end of May 2025. 11/06/2025 – Council obtaining a quote to replace timber supports with steel	Leanne, Peter and Jenny	In progress

		supports underneath the seats.		
4	Railway station painting	Obtain a quote from Ardeshir. 14/05/2025 – No quote obtained from Ardeshir as yet. 11/06/2025 – Decision made to not progress with quote from Ardeshir.	Kerry	Complete
5	Railway station – pest report	Obtain copy of the report from UGL. 14/05/2025 – Kerry advised that UGL are preparing a state wide pest report. Will know more information when it is published. 11/06/2025 - Pest report has not been received as yet.	Kerry	In progress
6	Sealing Micalago Road	Write to Council CEO to request sealing. Discussion at item 4.1 11/06/2025 – Action completed	Kerry	Complete
7	Ryrie Street road safety	Discuss speed bumps with council roads team Discussion at item 4.1 11/06/2025 – Action complete. Cr Rooney progressing with councils traffic committee.	Kerry	Complete
8	Railway station lease renewal	Forward lease proposal to Graeme to review and provide advice to the committee 14/05/2025 – hold over for next meeting 11/06/2025 – hold over for next meeting	Kerry and Graeme	Hold over
9	Speed bumps for Ryrie St	Discuss possibility of speed bumps on Ryrie St with the council traffic committee. 11/06/2025 – hold over for next MRCA meeting. Traffic committee meeting 17 th June.	Councillor Rooney	In progress
10	Distribution of DA contributions	Confirm the distribution of development contributions. 11/06/2025 – Nil update. Hold over.	Councillor Higgins	In progress
11	Circulate Traffic data	Circulate the traffic data to MRCA when available.	Councillor Higgins	In progress

12	Telegraph set	View the telegraph set to decide whether MRCA has capacity to store. 11/06/2025 – The set fits on the round table in the storage room at the station. Decision made out of session to acquire the morse telegraph set.	Kerry	Complete
13	Hanns Lane	Propose to council that the road between Ryrie St and the oval be named 'Hanns Lane'	Kerry	In progress
14	Usage of the railway station	Review the current lease to determine what the guidelines and limitations for use are 11/06/2025 – Hold over for next meeting in Graemes absence. Further discussion at item 4.5.	Graeme	In progress

2. President's Report

- Miles, the carpenter, provided a second quote. Currently waiting on an invoice to pay the deposit. Leaves approx. \$5k from the heritage grant for painting.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Kerry provided an update in Graemes absence.
- Grant account balance \$9,313. Largely associated with the heritage grant. Majority of funds have been committed to ongoing projects.
- Operations account balance is \$11,000.

4. General Business

4.1. Roads

- Council has appointed a new SMRC Chief of Infrastructure and Major Projects, Tony. Tony has visited the Michelago region with Cr Rooney to further understand the current state and future maintenance requirements of the road network. Tony advised that he is in support of exploring traffic calming measures on Ryrie Street.
- Cr Rooney discussed the sealing of Micalago Road with the council CEO and the MRCA also sent a letter to council expressing the concerns and requirement to seal. Several members in the community submitted letters to council during the consultation period of Draft Operational Plan 25-26, highlighting issues and requesting the sealing Micalago Road to be included in the operational plan. Kerry advised a letter was also sent to the editor of the Monaro Post and Nathan (post journalist) has also written an article to highlight the road issues and community concerns. Further updates to come at the next meeting.
- Discussion occurred regarding safety concerns along the Monaro Highway surrounding Michelago. Tony, SMRC Chief of Infrastructure, is in support of approaching the NSW Government to request a reduced speed limit from the start of Michelago village to the Micalago Road turn off. Kerry drafted a submission to the SMRC traffic committee to highlight issues and concerns. A copy of the submission was distributed to the committee for review and feedback. The committee agreed to progress the letter to the

SMRC traffic committee. Belinda proposed adding information about safe overtaking and broken lines on the highway. **ACTION:** Kerry to send the Monaro Highway safety letter to the SMRC traffic committee.

- Leanne P wanted to note thanks and appreciation to Cr Higgins and Cr Rooney for their efforts in progressing community concerns with the roads.

4.2. AGM

- Kerry proposed Saturday August 9th at 3:00pm for the AGM but also queried whether it would be beneficial to hold it on the same day/time as the ordinary meeting (Wednesday 6:00pm).
- Belinda proposed that the committee consider the recruitment strategy, succession planning and longevity of the MRCA and who in the community is the target market for membership. Leah agreed.
- **ACTION:** Belinda to work on a marking and recruitment strategy.
- **DECISION:** AGM to be held on a Wednesday at 6:00pm.

4.3. Boco Rock grant

- The 2025 Boco rock grant due to be acquitted and applications open for 2025.
- Kerry proposed that funds from a successful 2025 grant application could be utilised to finish the works on the railway station that can't be finished under the current grant.
- Belinda proposed that the community be surveyed to find out what's important to them and to consider the Michelago Master Plan. Belinda proposed a shade structure over the playground as the 2025 grant project. Leah agreed that a shade structure would be valuable to the community.
- Kerry recommended speaking with Jean-Monique at SMRC regarding the shade structure based on previous projects that have occurred. SMRC support is required for the grant application.
- Kerry noted that the entry to the porch at the railway is unsafe and will require repair work in future.
- **DECISION:** Belinda to contact Jean-Monique at SMRC to discuss the proposal for a shade structure. If no response by COB Tuesday 17 June, the ongoing railway works will be the project for the 2025 grant submission.

4.4. Further work on the railway station

- As noted in 4.3, additional works are required at the station that will not be covered under existing grant funding.
- **DECISION:** Kerry to seek quotes for the work and then search for grants.

4.5. Future of the railway station

- Kerry advised that a SMRC development application (DA) would be required for markets to be held at the station.
- Belinda queried the usage of the station under the UGL lease and what guidelines or criteria the committee had to determine the use of the station by members of the community.
- Kerry proposed that the future use of the railway be a decision for the new committee with AGM coming up in August.
- **DECISION:** The committee agreed that this item be held over for discussion and decision by the incoming committee after the AGM.

5. Other Business

- Sally proposed the school could visit the morse code telegraph set as an excursion opportunity to build and foster connection with Michelago and community. The committee agreed that this would be a great opportunity.
- Sally advised that the garden maintenance service provided by the Cooma correctional centre can continue. All that is required from the committee is a request to the centre one month in advance of works being required; typically, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

Meeting closed: 8:20pm