

MRCA Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Minutes

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

Guests: Councillor Tanya Higgins, Councillor John Rooney

Apologies: Peter Butler, Leah Oliver

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	Kerry and Tony C	On hold
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.	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.	Leanne, Peter and Jenny	In progress
4	Railway station painting	Obtain a quote from Ardeshir. 14/05/2025 – No quote obtained from Ardeshir as yet.	Kerry	In progress

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.	Kerry	In progress
6	Resealing Micalago Road	Write to Council CEO to request resealing. Discussion at item 4.1	Kerry	In progress
7	Ryrie Street road safety	Discuss speed bumps with council roads team Discussion at item 4.1	Kerry	In progress
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	Kerry	Hold over
9	Magpie advertising fees	Email current advertisers to inform them of the fee change	Leanne P	Complete

2. President's Report

- ANZAC Day. Kerry acknowledged those that helped and participated in the set up and preparation and noted that it was a fabulous day.
- Election Day. MRCA ran out of sausages at the fundraising BBQ, which was very successful. Some members of the Australian Electoral Commission also attended with some visitors.
- Mothers Day fundraiser at the station. A successful morning hosted by Leanne T.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurers report tabled.
- Nothing remarkable to report. \$11,035 in the general account. Magpie advertising, sausage fundraising and membership fees coming in.
- Grants account has \$9,313, all committed. Still waiting on \$1,700 from Heritage NSW. Kerry noted that the project needs to be finished before getting funds. Graeme acknowledged and thanked Di and Kerry for working on the grants.

4. General Business

4.1. Roads

- Kerry drafted a letter as per action item 6 and forwarded to the committee for review and feedback. A copy of the letter was distributed at the meeting and provided to visiting councillors. Kerry briefed the councillors on the concerns, including residents of Micalago Road and trucks diverting through Ryrie St due to the poor condition of Micalago Road between the Ryrie St bridge and the highway. Councillor Higgins provided an update to the committee on traffic data collected by council in 2024. Council put traffic counters along Ryrie St, near the school, near the fire shed and between the bridge. Preliminary data shows 85% of traffic going down Ryrie St are going below 60km, Councillor Higgins advised that she requested data on the

percentage of people going under 50km which is the sign-posted speed limit. Data on heavy vehicles has also been requested. Councillor Higgins will provide the info to MRCA for distribution when it is available. Councillor Higgins discussed the planned and approved developments on Micalago Road and noted that development contributions are to be used towards sealing the road and can't be used for maintenance. Councillor Higgins discussed a roads condition report and regularity of road maintenance in the region and noted a triage process based on the traffic data. Councillor Higgins noted that under the council's special rate variation (SRV), the plan is to re-sheet the roads that were seeing increased traffic before others. Councillor Rooney advised that council has agreed to explore traffic-calming measures on Rylie Street and as a member of the council's traffic committee is going to raise the possibility of speed bumps in Michelago. Councillor Higgins noted that council is not budgeted for speed bumps and would need to apply for a grant. Kerry queried what is the most effective way for MRCA to lobby council. The advice from Councillor Rooney was that the first letter be addressed to Councillors Rooney and Higgins and then a follow-up in a couple of weeks to all councillors. Graeme queried the development contributions and how they are distributed within the region – are the contributions to remain within the village or in a bucket for the whole shire and is there a ledger maintained?

- ACTION: Councillor Rooney to discuss possibility of speed bumps on Rylie St with the council traffic committee.
- ACTION: Councillor Higgins to circulate the traffic data to MRCA when available.
- ACTION: Councillor Higgins to confirm the distribution of development contributions.

4.2. Railway Station

- Plumbing - the tap on the tank has been installed and the leaking toilet and gutter repaired.

4.3. Morse telegraph set

- Email circulated to committee for consideration. Kerry noted the size of the set and storage capacity at the station.
- ACTION: View the set at the Canberra Rail Museum and confirm the size prior to making a decision.

4.4. Hanns Lane (Oval)

- Proposal from local resident Nathan Booth to name the road between Rylie St and the oval 'Hanns Lane'. Committee agree to progress with council. - ACTION: Kerry to progress as other priorities permit.

4.5. Future of the railway station

- Sally discussed expanding the utilisation of the railway station, considering Canberra heritage festival and museums etc.
- Belinda proposed utilising the railway station for events such a railway markets, platform dinners etc., noting income potential from rental fees and creating other event opportunities for the community and increasing awareness of our station with new residents. It was noted that this has been discussed previously with committee members but was rejected based on risk and uncertainty with the UGL lease requirements.
- Kerry noted if the rail trail progresses to Michelago, MRCA's lease for the station may be terminated. SMRC would become responsible for the rail corridor. It would be

possible that MRCA could lease the station from SMRC or SMRC might choose to lease out to commercial organisations.

- Sally noted the requirement for volunteer labour to maintain the station into the future.
 - ACTION: Graeme to review the current lease to determine what the guidelines and limitations for use are.

5. Other Business

- a. Councillor Higgins provided an update on the bank of bins (BoB). The BoB has been reviewed by assessors and quotes provided to council. Work is planned to commence within the next month.

Meeting closed: 8:17pm