

MRCA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Attendees: Kerry Rooney, Leanne Pattison, Leah Oliver, Leanne Thurling, Sally Hughes, Tony De Salis, Jenny Wholohan

Guests:

Apologies: Di Fett

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Endorsed by the committee.

Meeting commenced: 6:15pm

- **Action Items**

NO	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION OFFICER	STATUS
2	Termite treatment at the clubhouse	<p>Leanne to discuss with Jenny and Peter to do the termite treatment.</p> <p>14/05/2025 – in the hands of the council to do treatment. Potentially still active termites. Jenny Wholohan has been liaising with council.</p> <p>Acquittal date for the grant has been extended until end of May 2025.</p> <p>11/06/2025 – Council obtaining a quote to replace timber supports with steel supports underneath the seats.</p> <p>10/9/25- Quote received. Follow up outcome for who's responsible for payment. Then cladding completion to commence at a later date.</p> <p>8/10/25- Work complete on footings. Jenny showed photos of the completed works. Cladding still to be completed.</p> <p>10/12/25 Still to be completed.</p> <p>11/2/26 Leanne following up cladding repairs with Wayne.</p>	Leanne, Peter and Jenny	In progress
3	Railway station – pest report	<p>Obtain copy of the report from UGL.</p> <p>14/05/2025 – Kerry advised that UGL is preparing a state-wide pest report. Will know more information when it is published.</p> <p>11/06/2025 - Pest report has not been received as yet.</p> <p>10/9/25- UGL was unable to provide a report due to an issue with a previous supplier. New report to be completed by contractors previously used by John Holland.</p> <p>8/10/25- Waiting on new report from UGL</p>	Kerry	Complete

		11/2/26 - Inland Pest Management has inspected existing traps. Inspections are carried out every 6 months.		
4	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 Draft document provided by UGL 10/12/25 – Currently the MRCA to continue with current lease terms. New lease draft to be made available 11/2/26 -	Kerry	Under Consideration
8	Hanns Lane	Propose to council that the road between Ryrie St and the oval be named 'Hanns Lane' 10/9/25- For consideration, to progress when time permits.	Kerry	For consideration
10	Playground Structure	10/9/25- Look into trees as a suitable solution to a playground structure. 8/10/25- no update 10/12/25 - email tree options for consideration. 11/02/25 – Proposed tree options discussed, detailed options and requirements to be circulated.	Leah	In progress
13	Events	10/9/25- Enquire if DA approval from UGL and Council is required to host events. 8/10/25 - Still to progress 10/12/25 - Still to progress. This applies to public events. The station is available to the community for private hire.	Kerry	In progress
16	Contactless payments	10/12/25 – National restrictions require board members information. Square account is closed; looking at alternative providers. 11/2/26 – Still investigating provider options.	Kerry	In progress
17	Water installation for park BBQs	10/12/25 – Water pump and pipe installation. Enquiry with plumber Charlie regarding requirements and quote for installation to BBQ area. 11/2/26 – to be progressed.	Leanne P	In progress

- **President's Report**

Refer to Attachment 1 for full report.

- Bank of bins change of hours request from council is waiting EPA permission.
Heritage festival discussion- committee discussed hosting a railway station open day with small market to be held outside. Options include: makers' market stalls from local makers or bric-à-brac style market. RFS will also be contacted to request their participation for a BBQ. Date TBD. Firstly, local businesses will be invited. If enough interest is generated, we can proceed with that option. If not, bric-à-brac style market is an option to host in conjunction with the open day.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Refer to Attachment 2. Spreadsheet outlines the current financial position. Balance reported as healthy.

- **Magpie printing and invoices:**
 - a. Latest copies were printed by KwikKopy, Phillipp. 12 copies printed at a cost of \$6 per copy.
 - b. Susie, an SMRC contact of Leanne, has supplied her with suggestions about funding and grants to support the local newsletter.
 - c. Expressions of interest from other local businesses are being sought, including Yless4U and Pacawoolly.
 - d. Reminder advice and feedback is welcomed from readers of *Michelago Magpie*.

- **Other Business**
 - a. Leah is unable to attend March meeting. Kerry to take minutes and Leanne P to chair meeting.
 - b. Sally noted submissions about water release to the Murrumbidgee River close soon.

Meeting closed: 7:47pm

ATTACHMENT 1:

President's Report 11 February 2026

Australia Day

It was nice weather and some 50 people attended. We sold about 70 sausages plus some drinks and came in \$50 under budget. Anton from Poveys Road, a very accomplished piano accordionist, kept us entertained. One of the Lucas boys is also an aspiring whip-cracker. Thanks to: Sally and Tony for doing all the cooking, Leanne and Jenny for doing the selling and Leanne T for processing our card payments.

We raised: \$180 in takings plus the \$50 leftover from the Council grant = \$230.

Railway Station

Lease agreement

I circulated the existing licence agreement and the proposed rental agreement on 11 Dec. Di and I agree the new agreement will place a significantly bigger burden upon us. I suggest that if Transport NSW were to agree to a peppercorn rent, ie \$1 per year, then we could consider signing. The Committee's views are very welcome.

Inspections

Alan Bennett UGLRL inspected the station on 20 January (not April as I said in the Magpie article). He noted all the problems with the Signals Box but didn't really have any other concerns. He thought the rooves looked fine but did not closely inspect them. He did comment that he sees our railway station photos on a loop on UGL's internal IT system, meaning it is admired.

Inland Pest Management checked the termite traps in January and topped up baits.

Correspondence and Submissions

Dec 2025

- Email from Grant Warren UGLRL expressing his approval of our association's management of the railway station and how we use it for community functions. To quote Grant: 'Keep me in the loop when applying for new funding. UGLRL can't make any promises, but I will do my very best to see what we can do for your community when the time comes.'
- Request from UGLRL to sign a rental variation letter. I signed and returned it on 21 December. The increase in rent is consistent with the current (expired) licence agreement. The payment this year is \$697.

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- Membership application plus payment from Michael Sangston, ACT State Manager for Green by Nature, (Gilmore Rd Qbn ACT??) a landscaping company.
- I emailed SMRC's Tony Murray and Sophie Schlachter to say the new wall at the Bank of Bins looks good and the new proximity pass works well. Sophie's response mentioned they had quite a number

of complaints about the \$100 fee but that these new arrangements bring Michelago into line with other BoBs in the region. She suggested grant applications for murals on the wall and the hall.

- Submitted an Events Notification form to Council for a tentative event with an open day at the railway station plus a small market component to be held in April/May during the Canberra region heritage festival. The focus of the market could be vintage/antiques plus local produce. The initial reaction from Nicole Plummer was promising in that she thought it unlikely we would need a DA if it was a small event eg around 100 people.
- Colin Barber, formerly of Queanbeyan, now retired to Bateman's Bay, has offered to donate a Gangers Time Book which recorded the attendance and payment of railway labourers at Michelago in 1912.

ATTACHMENT 2:

Treasurer’s report:

MRCA - Income and Expenditure for 2025-2026

2025/26			Income					Expenditure						
Date	Description	Total \$	Memberships	Magpie Ads	SMRC	Donations	Fund-raisers	Electricity	Licences & Fees	Insurance	Repairs & Maint.	Grants	Printing	Community event costs
1/07/2025	Opening Bank Balance:	11,473.19												
1-Jul	Charles Hillman	20.00		20.00										
2-Jul	Derek Bardsley	20.00		20.00										
9-Jul	Yless4U	20.00		20.00										
11-Jul	Felt family	15.00	15.00											
18-Jul	Jenny Wholohan	20.00		20.00										
	Wholohan/Lehepuu	15.00	15.00											
21-Jul	Kerry Rooney	10.00	10.00											
25-Jul	Sue Stevens	15.00	15.00											
29-Jul	Brien Hallett	10.00	10.00											
31-Jul	Sally Hughes	10.00	10.00											
	Net	155.00	75.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		155.00												
6-Aug	Gaha Morris	15.00	15.00											
	Graeme Plath	15.00	15.00											
	SMRC Sewer fee	-34.00							34.00					
7-Aug	Christopher Churchill	20.00		20.00										
	Red Energy	-153.85						153.85						
8-Aug	Anthony Fan..	10.00	10.00											
	Yless4U	20.00		20.00										
9-Aug	Charles Hillman	20.00		20.00										
13-Aug	Leah Oliver	10.00	10.00											
14-Aug	Ben Wickham	10.00	10.00											
16-Aug	Jenny Wholohan	20.00		20.00										
	L Patt (E Price)	10.00	10.00											
18-Aug	K Rooney (Patt)	20.00	20.00											
27-Aug	Derek Bardsley	20.00		20.00										
	Yless4U	20.00		20.00										
	Net	22.15	90.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.85	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		22.15												

2025/26			Income					Expenditure						
Date	Description	Total \$	Memberships	Magpie Ads	SMRC	Donations	Fund-raisers	Electricity	Licences & Fees	Insurance	Repairs & Maint.	Grants	Printing	Community event costs
8-Sep	Christopher Churchill	20.00		20.00										
	Snuggles	90.00		90.00										
9-Sep	P Schliebs - Auto Care	20.00		20.00										
12-Sep	Yless4U	20.00		20.00										
13-Sep	Charles Hillman	20.00		20.00										
16-Sep	Jenny Wholohan	20.00		20.00										
	Elders Insurance	-685.12								685.12				
23-Sep	Queanbeyan - Qdac	250.00				250.00								
	Net	-245.12	0.00	190.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	685.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		-245.12												
3-Oct	SMRC	30.00		30.00										
15-Oct	C&C ChimneySweep	20.00		20.00										
27-Oct	M Buckhorn - reimb.Domain	-46.95							46.95					
	K.Rooney - reimb.FairTrade	-57.00							57.00					
	Net	-53.95	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		-53.95												
7-Nov	P.Schliebs - Top Spec Auto Care	40.00		40.00										
10-Nov	Charles Hillman	40.00		40.00										
	Christopher Churchill	40.00		40.00										
13-Nov	Red Energy	-209.64						209.64						
17-Nov	Square AU - Bake Off	318.81					318.81							
	K.Rooney - cake purchase	20.00					20.00							
	K.Rooney - J&J Kelly BakeOff	50.00					50.00							
19-Nov	Grant - Painter payt	-1,000.00										1,000.00		
20-Nov	Johnoz Coffee - reimb	-100.00					-100.00							
21-Nov	Cash - Bake Off	638.00					638.00							
24-Nov	Cash - Station donation box	104.00				104.00								
	Cash - Magpie box	84.80				84.80								
	Net	25.97	0.00	120.00	0.00	188.80	926.81	209.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
		25.97												
30/11/2025	Closing Bank Balance:	11,377.24	165.00	560.00	0.00	438.80	926.81	363.49	137.95	685.12	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Net change:	-95.95												

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2-Dec	Alexander Nicholas C....	20.00	20.00														
2-Dec	Derek Bardsley	40.00															
5-Dec	SMRC Ad	30.00															
8-Dec	P.Schliebs - Top Spec Auto Care	20.00															
11-Dec	Christopher Churchill	20.00															
14-Dec	Kwik Kopy	-104.26															104.26
15-Dec	Ball & Reeson	15.00	15.00														
19-Dec	SMRC Ad	30.00															
20-Dec	Charles Hillman	20.00															
	Net	90.74	15.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.26	0.00
		90.74															
2-Jan	C J Leahy - Railway brochure	14.00						14.00									
19-Jan	SMRC - Aus Day BBQ	200.00				200.00											
28-Jan	J&K Rooney - reimb. BBQ costs	-150.00															150.00
30-Jan	Charles Hillman	20.00		20.00													
	Net	84.00	0.00	20.00	200.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
		84.00															
2-Feb	P.Schliebs - Top Spec Auto Care	20.00		20.00													
2-Feb	Christopher Churchill	20.00		20.00													
3-Feb	Derek Bardsley	20.00		20.00													
5-Feb	3990324 WBC OLP 0480659521	10.00	10.00														
6-Feb	SMRC Ad	30.00		30.00													
9-Feb	Leah Oliver	20.00		20.00													
Closing Balance at 10 Feb 2026 = \$11,671.98																	