



MRCA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Attendees: Kerry Rooney, Leanne Pattison, Leanne Thurling, Leah Oliver, Sally Hughes

Apologies: Jenny Wholohan, Tony De Salis, Di Fett

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Endorsed by the committee, with minor amendments to come.

Meeting commenced: 6:28pm

Action Items

NO.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION OFFICER	STATUS
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 11/03/26 Both leases were distributed to the Committee in December. Kerry suggested to UGL a peppercorn rent as an incentive to sign the new lease. On 20 Feb, UGL sent a document seeking our position on either Hold Over or Sign a New Lease. Kerry to circulate to Committee for consideration at next meeting. 8/4/26 Remains under consideration.	Kerry	On hold
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	On hold
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 were circulated by Leah to the Committee. Sally asked if Council should be consulted about planting trees. 8/4/26 – Possibility of incorporating project into Landcare proposal.	Leah	Consideration for Landcare
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 Charlie regarding requirements and quote for installation to BBQ area. 11/2/26 – to be progressed.	Leanne P	In progress

		11/03/26 – Ask Charlie specifically if he would quote on a small tank on a stand with a hand pump, attached to BBQ roof. This would need a grant application. 8/4/26 – Reschedule time with Charlie to review.		
18	Risk assessment & management insurance	11/03/2026 Install signs at railway station prior to market. Contact Brent Wallis to get a quote on a fire assessment for the railway station. 8/4/26 Updates in Presidents report. Two fire extinguishers acquired. It was confirmed that fire assessments are not a requirement for MRCA for the railway station.	Kerry	Complete
19	Landcare	Committee to consider proposal by Markus Buchhorn for Michelago Landcare to become a sub-committee of MRCA. 8/4/26 Provisional acceptance of project proposal – Kerry to contact with acceptance and clarification on insurance and financial expectations. 13/5/16- Leanne will contact Belinda Sierzchula for further information.	Committee	In progress

5. President's Report

Refer to Attachment 1 for full report.

The meeting canvassed the payment of monies to Ivan, Leanne T and Leanne P to offset some of their expenditure associated with tree lopping, pile burns and mailbox drops of flyers. After discussion, Kerry agreed to consult Jenny as Treasurer for advice on what was a reasonable, partial payment, in light of very high fuel costs.

6. Treasurer's Report

Refer to Attachment 2 for financial statements.

7. Bocco Rock grant

Grant application for railway station driveway upgrade. This would include an aggregate road base to be placed.

Kerry has requested quote for work through Peter Bowerman. If the quote is greater than \$5000, an additional quote will be requested from Williamsdale Quarry.

8. Heritage open day and Market review

- Information outlined in the President's report from Kerry Rooney.

Other business

- AGM date to be determined, after the EOFY.
- Leah has resigned as secretary; a new secretary to be determined.
- Recruitment of new MRCA members: promotional information circulated in the Magpie.

Next meeting to be held July 8th

Meeting closed: 7:50 pm



ATTACHMENT 1:

President's Report 13 May 2026

Heritage Market and Open Day

We delivered an amazing event for the community of Michelago.

We received consistent feedback that the event was very well organised, very well publicised and very well attended. It was apparent that the local community came out to support it in large numbers.

Summary of outcomes

- 30 stalls plus the horse and carriage and miniature horses.
- \$950 sponsorship
- \$470 in stallholder fees
- Approx \$300 in raffle tickets
- \$50 donation from Alpine Aviation
- Total revenue over \$1700 (final payments to come through)
- Total expenditure \$1578 but direct expenditure on this event only was \$232.
- Estimated attendance 800 or more

My public message of thanks is below but in addition to that I want to single out some of our committee plus family.

- Leah and Mark in particular – the mapping, marking out the stall sites, setting up the bollards, and being there at crack of dawn to direct stallholders to their sites.
- Leanne T for doing the pile burn and opening up so much more space
- Sally for your coercion of the CCC, and the wonderful job they did. Plus your friendly welcome to stallholders was really appreciated by them.
- Leanne P and Leanne T for the letterbox drops. That reached a lot of locals.
- Leanne P for getting out an additional Magpie to publicise the event. And her daughter Anna who sold stacks of raffle tickets and helped with the stall.
- Ivan Colaric, who is not a member of MRCA, but who did so much more to help us than anyone else.
- My nephew Gerard who helped whenever I asked and my brother Michael who helped lots and saved my bacon by 'fixing' the pump 'problem' on market day.
- Alan Lehepuu who saved our bacon on ANZAC Day by bringing down his truck and pump to transfer water from the Hall to the Station tank.

My Public Thank You Message for the Heritage Open Day & Market

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday to support our heritage open day and market at our wonderful little railway station. We were thrilled to see so many people. We hope you all had a great day. If you would like to provide feedback, please email kerryarooney@gmail.com

I have a long list of people to thank for making it possible.

Our MRCA Committee, members, their family and friends who set up, organised, cleaned and made it happen:

- Leah and Mark, Leanne P and Anna, Leanne T, Sally, Michael S and Elizabeth

The railway station grounds: magnificent work by Ivan, John C, Adrian, Josh, Catherine, Tilly, Leanne T and the Cooma Correctional Centre.



Our two sponsors: Yless4U (thanks Jason and Stephanie) and the Community Bank Canberra and Regions (aka Bendigo Bank, thanks Tejas).

Leanne T for the Mother's Day cake for the raffle, won by Sue (a former Michelago resident);

The new signage at the station, installed by Michael K, Gerard and Damien (signs produced by Nathan).

Alpine Aviation for their donation.

Bronny our first aid officer with Chloe as back up.

Morse Code Telegraph 'exhibitionists': Lindsay, Brendan, Chris and Derek.

Gerard, Michael K, Ivan, John C who helped so much on the day.

Our community groups – we loved having you all on board

- Tony and his Colinton Brigade who managed the traffic
- Dee and the Community Choir
- Chloe, Brien and the Michelago Brigade BBQ team
- Alyssa and the School P&C
- Georgeanna and Landcare
- Pauline and the Queanbeyan Red Cross.

Publicity

- 2MNO FM 93.3 community radio (who also lent their marquee)
- QBN FM 96.7 community radio
- Cooma Visitors Centre.

Our local Council: Thank you Mayor Chris Hanna and Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins for attending. Thank you Cr John Rooney for keeping the bins emptied all day.

Hall Committee for the loan of the bins and first aid kit.

All the wonderful stallholders. Great to have so many locals.

Lastly, Kiandra Clydesdales horse and cart and the Snuggles miniature horses. They added so much atmosphere.

Insurance

Our new Anvars policy was in place before the market. I cancelled our Elders policy the Monday after the market. We will receive a refund from Elders.

ANZAC Day

Reportedly well attended and well organised. Leanne T's poem was very well received.

New Member

Brony Gattringer and Derek Giucci have applied for a family membership.

Volunteers Grant

Thank you to Di for taking on the application process. Unfortunately, we were not successful on this occasion.

Michelago Region Community Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

1 July 2025 to 11 May 2026

COMMUNITY GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Opening balance at 1/7/2025 \$ 11,473.19

Credits/Income:

Membership fees	230.00
Magpie advertising	1,560.00
SMRC	200.00
Donations	542.80
Fundraisers	2,392.81

Subtotal 4,925.61

Debits/Expenditure

Electricity	644.72
Licenses and Fees	834.67
Insurance	1,507.09
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Printing costs	143.86
Community Event costs	603.75

Sub-total 3,734.09

Closing Balance as at 8/4/26 \$12,664.71

GRANT ACCOUNT:

Opening balance at 1/7/2025 \$ 9,313.06

Credits/Income:

17-Jul Kelly Family donation	400.00
19-Nov Transfer - Painting invoice	1,000.00
22-Dec Heritage NSW	1,700.00

Subtotal 3,100.00

Debits/Expenditure:

23-Jul NB Design	1,408.00
18-Nov D&D Effects	4,000.00
19-Nov D&D Effects	4,000.00
20-Nov D&D Effects	980.00
11 Feb Reverse Nov trf	1,000.00

Sub-total 11,388.00

Closing Balance as at 11/5/26 \$1,025.06