



**MRCA Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Michelago Railway Station 6pm Tuesday 11 February 2025**

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**Present** Kerry Rooney (President), Graeme Plath (Treasurer), Leanne Pattison (Vice President), Tony De Salis, Sally Hughes, Peter Butler, Leah Oliver, Leanne Thurling and Derek Giucci.

The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm.

- 1. Apologies** Geoff Inkpen (Secretary), Di Fett
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** Moved Leanne P., seconded Sally ‘That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.’ CARRIED
- 3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting(s)**
  - a. Monaro Highway Action Group: Tony Campbell, Belinda Hayes and Kerry Rooney will meet to decide whom to approach to be in this group.
  - b. Proposal for a men’s shed at Clive Kelly Oval: Adrian Ljubic/John Rooney. Kerry reported that Adrian is still dealing with the extensive paperwork required to join the Australian Men’s Shed Association.
  - c. Proposal to light up the cenotaph: Derek Giucci/John Rooney. On the site, Derek showed the lights (which have been donated by a client) and explained his proposed placing of four lights at the cenotaph garden’s corners and the wiring. Variations of the plan, mainly concerned with deterring vandalism, were discussed, after which the committee agreed to Derek’s original plan. Kerry to provide an email to Derek confirming the Committee’s agreement to proceed.
  - d. Proposed work program for the Cooma Correctional Centre (CCC): Sally/Leah. Sally reported that the coordinator of the CCC work program has indicated that the workers will mow and whipper-snip at the railway station the week commencing 17 March (i.e. before the National Trust ACT visit on 26 March). We will ask them to clear the grass on the embankment opposite the platform.
  - e. MRCA webmail/MailChimp/Gmail: Leanne P. reported that she has cancelled subscription to MailChimp for *Michelago Magpie* distribution. The link to the current *Magpie 34* was emailed by both MailChimp (as it had already charged her card for another month) and by gmail. Gmail will be used in future, as that bulk emailing worked. Markus (unofficial IT saviour) has investigated the unsatisfactory webmail ‘service’ provided by Vodien IP. It seems that the spam-filtered extra service MRCA had paid for was not enabled. Markus will report progress.
- 4. President’s Report** Attachment 1
  
- 5. Treasurer’s Report** Attachment 2

Graeme noted that we have transferred some money from the operating account to the grants account as foreshadowed by Kerry in the December meeting. In response to a suggestion from Sally, he will investigate the feasibility of setting up a term deposit account to earn more interest.

## 6. General Business

- a. ANZAC Day – Gregg McFaul and Werner Lausberg will both be overseas, so unavailable for the ceremony. The Committee gratefully agreed to Gregg’s proposal for Jo Jackson to MC, Brendan Jackson (ex-Navy) to do the address, Dee McFaul to supply the music and Leanne Thurling to read her poem.
- b. National Trust ACT visit 26 March

The visitors will go to the Michelago Cemetery with Liam Cotter, then come to the Railway Station for a tour led by Kerry, who also plans to have historical anecdotes contributed by various representatives of the old settler families. To control crowding and facilitate catering, attendance of Michelago people will be by invitation only. MRCA Committee members and Derek are, of course, included.

  - i. Brochure: Kerry aims to produce printed information for the visitors (30 to 35). It will at least have dates of historical events, but more information if possible.
  - ii. Working Bee: 9am, 23 March. It’s anticipated that only basic cleaning, dusting and a little gardening will be needed. Kerry will advertise on Facebook for helpers, asking them to bring gloves, buckets, trowels, secateurs. Derek’s offer to bring his tall ladder and replace the kitchen’s light bulb was gratefully accepted. Mowing grass and weeds: see 3d.
  - iii. Morning tea \$20: Leanne Thurling will cater the food and operate her coffee van. Tea will be complimentary and coffee \$5 per cup. She needs to know attendance numbers: RSVP the week before (Wednesday 19 March).  
Kerry will email the members of the ‘old’ families and the Committee to establish numbers. She will notify the morning tea charge (cash or card) and give MRCA bank details for forward payment. The *Monaro Post* could be notified beforehand or given a report after the event.
- c. Thai massage gear: Tony De Luca and Somsri have removed this from the small room next to the waiting room.
- d. Boco Rock Grant for Oval
  - i. Tennis Clubhouse: a new quote was received from Wayne Hatcher (after Roscoe Cowling was unable to do the work for which he’d quoted) for finishing lining the walls of the open room. The deposit was paid. Wayne had almost completed the work two days ago when he discovered active termites in one of the bench supports. The Hall Committee is now liaising with Council for termite treatment before Wayne can complete the work. As the delay is beyond his control and the Committee is confident that he will complete the work when possible, it was moved Leanne, seconded Kerry ‘That the MRCA pay Wayne Hatcher the balance owing, viz \$1800.00, after he sends his invoice.’ CARRIED  
Moved Kerry, seconded Leanne ‘That the MRCA Committee thanks Wayne for his conscientious work.’ CARRIED
  - ii. Signage: quote of \$1,419 for aluminium composite signs was received from Incline Signs Queanbeyan for 2 signs, one for the Dave Hanns fence, the other for the Clive Kelly Oval. Kerry will seek a second quote.

e. Railway station

- i. Fix toilet: Done. Committee members Peter and Leanne T. have obviated the need for a plumber. Grateful thanks!
- ii. Leanne P. contributed an old hose reel.
- iii. Leanne P. liaised with electrician Tony De Luca: he has replaced the outside sensor light (under guarantee) and will install, in due course, a new powerpoint in the main room.
- iv. Heritage grant progress: UGL has at last agreed to pay their commitment of \$16,390 upon completion of the work. This is matching funding for the Heritage NSW grant.
- v. Watering roster: Leanne P. has updated this to accommodate Nature's rain contribution and emailed it to Committee members.

**7. Other Business:**

- a) With an eye to future Michelago events, Sally pointed out *Monaro Post* information about a DA at a Jindabyne event.
- b) *Maggie*: Leanne P. sought feedback on newsletter content and requested that people notify her of any upcoming events.

**The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 March, 6pm at the Railway Station.

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## **Attachment 1: President's report 11 February 2025**

### **Australia Day BBQ**

A big thank you to Leanne P. for organising the BBQ again this year. Thanks to Tony, Sally and John for helping out on the day with all the cooking. We had a very pleasant afternoon, the tennis courts received a good work out and we met some new residents and a previously unknown cousin. The music was good too – an all-Aussie country playlist.

### **Heritage Project**

Following our meeting in December, Di Fett had a breakthrough with UGL who finally agreed to pay their matching funding of \$16,390 to MRCA once the work is completed. It took all of 2024 for UGL to come to the party. Their email of 16 December 2024 follows:

Hello Di,

I have Received the Green light to authorize the repairs from our procurement department.

Once works are completed are you able to Re-issue this invoice and provide evidence / Before and after photos so we can process the invoice as a sundry payment.

Merry Xmas, sorry it has taken so long and look forward to seeing the end result.

Regards

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I contacted NSW Heritage immediately, and they processed their next installment over the holiday period. We have received Heritage's payment of \$6,800. Di is now trying to rekindle the interest of the two tradesmen, Alistair and Myles.

### **Not-for-profit (NFP) Self-Review Return for the Tax Office**

There is now a requirement for all NFP organizations in Australia to lodge an annual self-review tax return with the ATO. This is to ensure our ongoing exemption from income tax.

After some incredibly frustrating efforts trying to find online assistance and to link my personal myGOV ID to MRCA's ABN, I managed to lodge MRCA's self-review return on 16 December 2024. Once I managed to get into the ATO site, it was a very simple process.

**Attachment 2: Treasurer's report. See next two pages.**

## MRCA FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 1 FEBRUARY 2025

### 1 JULY 2024 BALANCES PER AUDITED ACCOUNTS

1/7/24 balances as per 23/24 audited accounts	MRCA general activities	MRCA grant activities
1/7/24 bank balance	14613.00	8208.82
1/7/24 Receivable – Heritage NSW		8500.00
1/7/24 Liability - Railway station project		(16700.00)
1/7/24 Receivable – UGL Regional		16390.00
1/7/24 Liability – Railway station project		(16390.00)
1/7/24 Liability – Essential Energy grant <sup>i</sup>	(2050.81)	
1/7/24 - Liability - MRCA matching grant <sup>ii</sup>	(610.00)	
1/7/24 balances	11952.19	8.82

### GRANT ACCOUNT

1/7/24 bank balance		8208.82
Interest received <sup>iii</sup>		.74
Heritage NSW grant		6800.00
Snowy Monaro Council grant for oval work	9600.00	
Combined rural oval work	(2889.00)	
Combined rural oval work	(2888.20)	
Wayne Hatcher oval work (tennis clubhouse)	(1000.00)	2822.80
In prior financial year railway station grants were deposited in general a/c.	2050.81	
In this financial year the balance of those grants has been transferred to grant a/c.	610.00	2660.81
1/2/25 bank balance		20493.17
Receivable – Heritage NSW grant for railway station project <sup>iv</sup>		1700.00
Receivable – UGL Regional grant for railway station project		16390.00
Liability - Railway station project (Heritage NSW grant)	(16700.00)	
Liability – Railway station project (UGL Regional grant)	(16390.00)	
Liability – Railway station project (Essential Energy & MRCA matching grants)	(2660.81)	(35750.81)
Liability – Oval work (Snowy Monaro Council grant) <sup>v</sup>		(2822.80)
1/2/25 bank balance plus receivable less liabilities		9.56 <sup>vi</sup>

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### GENERAL ACCOUNT

1/7/24 bank balance			14613.00
Tanya Higgins donation	50.00		
Qbn & District Anglican Church donation	250.00	300.00	
Membership fees <sup>vii</sup>		235.00	
Democracy BBQ (Square receipts) <sup>viii</sup>	193.29		
Democracy BBQ (cash receipts)	179.15		
Democracy BBQ costs	(105.95)	266.49	
Leah hire of railway station fee received	120.00		
Hiring out of railway station	20.00	140.00	
Snowy Monaro Council Australia Day grant	200.00		
Softdrink sales Australia Day	1.96	201.96	
Magpie magazine advertising (Yless4U)	70.00		
Magpie magazine sales	196.05		
Belinda Sierzchula magpie magazine expenses	(214.50)	51.55	
Shop donation jar		92.30	
Car boot takings	447.31		
Cost of books sold at car boot	(366.00)		
Donation to church of sausage sales at car boot	(81.00)	.31	1287.61
Energy paid		(135.27)	
Railway station rental		(676.42)	
Sewer fee paid		(91.39)	
Elders insurance paid		(820.82)	
Transfer of grants deposited in general account to grants account	(2050.81)		
	(610.00)	(2660.81)	(4384.71)
1/2/25 bank balance			11515.90

- i Shown in prior financial year's audited accounts as a general account liability. Has been transferred to the grant account and is now recognised as a grant liability.
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- iii .07 + .07 + .07 + .09 + .13 + .11 + .09 + .11
- iv 1/7/24 receivable of \$8,500 lessened by \$6,800 received since 1/7/24
- v 9600.00 – 2889.00 – 2888.20 – 1000.00
- vi Balance as at 1/7/24 of 8.82 plus interest received of .74
- vii 15 + 15 + 15 + 15 + 10 + 15 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 15 + 30 + 30 + 15 + 10
- viii 189.81 + .01 + 02 + 3.44 + .01