

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A wonderful May Fair was held on the 6th of May. The Fair was opened by Dean Lynch, Mayor of Cooma- Monaro Shire Council and the Master of Ceremonies was Mr John Barilaro, MP, NSW Member for Monaro. After a foggy start the weather cleared and fantastic crowds enjoyed the wide variety of stalls and activities with over \$6000 raised for the community - a great result. The Michelago Rural Fire Brigade and the Michelago School also raised funds for their organisations. Thanks to our sponsors the Cooma Monaro Shire Council, Essential Energy, L.J. Hooker, Monaro Rural Health and Spackman Real Estate. Thank you to all members of the Mayfair Committee, lead by Cate Spencer and Fiona Tollis, for organising such an enjoyable and successful day.

Our other main fund-raising events was a barbecue held at Bunnings, Tuggeranong on the 10 February with over \$1,200 raised.

Upgrading of the tennis facilities on the oval continues to a central focus for the MRCA. The next stage is to repair the court base and lay a synthetic surface. This will be followed by the erection of a new fence and restoration of the club house. Over \$10,000 is currently set aside for these activities but grants and more fund raising will be required for the completion of this next phase. Submissions have been made to access a NSW Sports and Recreational building Grant, Community Building Project Grant, and a participation grant from NSW Sports and Recreation. Additionally, Cooma-Monaro council has budgeted \$16,000 for this financial year and \$4000 next financial year to assist with this project.

In order to promote our region to both locals and passing traffic Cate Spencer has organised for signs with the the community website address to be added to the fire brigade notice board and on Monaro Highway Michelago sign.

Gay Lawler is writing a history of Michelago which will be on our web site and we hope will lead to an affordable publication for sale to residents and others interested in the history of the region. Thanks to Gay for this very thorough historical work which is fascinating to read. We are still interested in a photographic display in the Hall featuring the founding families of Michelago and the surrounding region.

During the ski season Driver Reviver, organised by Sandra Lauer, was held at the Colinton Rest Area. The MRCA acted as banker, and many from the Community assisted in staffing the shed. It was very successful and will be run again in 2013 with further help from the RTA. Thanks to Sandra and all those that helped out during the year.

This year Calendars consisting of historical photographs of the Michelago region went on sale in the General Store, the first batch was very popular and sold out quickly so a second batch was ordered. This initiative was very popular and during the coming year the MRCA will source more photographs for another calander.

An Australia Day event was held at Michelago Memorial Hall on 26 January 2013 which was attended by approximately 40 residents. The unofficial Australia Day Ambassador Kevin Dunne a local Cooma resident and former school principal opened the event with Martin Hughes. The event was financially supported by Cooma Monaro Shire Council.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for putting in a huge effort on behalf of the community, particularly my Vice President Cate Spencer who has been the driving force behind many of our projects this year. Without the dedication and hard work by the entire committee none of the above would have been possible. Well done everyone for a very successful year.

Wayne Landford