

What the MRCA has been up to in 2019

January

- Acquired Council funding and supported the Golden Oldies Australia Day Breakfast
- This event has continued to grow in popularity each year
- Leanne Thurling did a sterling job on the BBQ

February

- Annual General Meeting: welcomed our newly elected President Di Fett and said thank you to outgoing President Romney Kelly, who moved into the role of event co-ordinator
 - Organised a community meeting with Labor candidate for the NSW election to bring attention to Michelago the forgotten village
 - Organised a community meeting with Nationals candidate for the NSW election to bring attention to Michelago the forgotten village

March

- Lodged a submission to the Draft Snowy Monaro Destination Management Plan (Tourism Plan)
- Submitted input into the Regional Lifestyle coffee table publication featuring Snowy Monaro. As a result, Michelago was featured as *A Heaven on Earth*
- Lodged a submission to the Snowy Monaro Region Planning and Land Use Discussion Paper 2019
- Arranged a community meeting with Council staff on the Snowy Monaro Region Planning and Land Use Discussion Paper 2019

April

- Finalised a development application with Council for the Music Muster
- In partnership with the Michelago Rural Fire Brigade, organised the Music Muster at Michelago Oval
 - Disappointing attendance given the great entertainment on offer, but attendee feedback was very positive
 - ANZAC Day ceremony and morning tea - the three services were represented
 - Attendance at this event has continued to grow each year.

May

- Mother's Day cake raffle: proceeds to railway station. Thank you to Leanne Thurling for her generous donation of a beautifully decorated cake.
 - Cooked up Democracy Sausages for the voters at Michelago Public School for the federal

election 18th May (thank you to Leanne Thurling for her help)

September

- Arranged a meeting with Council staff to discuss possible solutions for rubbish collection for rural residents of the Michelago region
- Succeeded in getting a \$23,000 grant to paint and repair the Michelago Railway Station through the Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund
- Funded a term of tennis tuition for Michelago Public School students

October

- Organised a meeting with Mayor Peter Beer to discuss the crossing over Michelago Creek
- Following vandalization at the railway station, sought input sought from the community on advice for security systems
- Helped organise LiFE: a seven week Falls Prevention Program for Michelago residents delivered by Grand Pacific Health

November

- Michelago Spring Fair, run in close partnership with the Michelago Rural Fire Brigade (commenced organisation 6 months in advance, with major workload through September, October, November)

o The Fair was featured in the Monaro Post the week before and the week after the event

o Gate takings up 22%

o Stallholders up 22%

o Great support from business organisations who sponsored the Fair and donated prizes for the raffle

- Meeting with Council on management of community assets
- Community meeting arranged by MRCA votes in favour of establishing a new Michelago

committee to manage the community's assets.

- Work on Michelago Railway Station commences –thank you to Adeshir and Rosco!

December

- Lodged a submission to the Snowy Monaro Flood and Flood Plain Risk Management Study and rallied the community to make submissions
- Formally applied for heritage approval to install security cameras and lighting at the railway station
- Formally requested consent from TfNSW for sublicence of railway station room to a local business

Kerry Rooney has also project managed repairs to the brick walls and roof of Michelago's lovely St Patrick's church, partly funded through a 2018 heritage grant from Council applied for on behalf of local parishioners. While the MRCA can't take any credit for this work, we're proud of it and grateful to Kerry. We'd love to hear about other Michelago activities and achievements outside the auspices of one of our wonderful local volunteer groups!