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The Michelago Region Newsletter
from your Michelago Region Community Association

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The more things change, the more they stay the same ... friendly, marvellous, helpful, down-to-earth people in a welcoming shop that's a community centre.



The legendary Cheryl Kenyon who, with husband Brian, built the original 'Michelago General Store and Tea Rooms' in 1988, opening September 1989, is shown here in 2014 with customers' monthly accounts (not always paid on time). In the crowded shop, she could find anything you asked for. The only time she was stumped was for a prayer mat, but she offered a yoga mat instead.



Then came Sally, Tom and family who have brought their own unique charm, efficiency and great service for eight years. It's sad they're going, but everyone welcomes Belinda, knowing she will continue the shop's community tradition.

Cheryl! ('It's not Sheryl; you don't say **sh**ocolate, do you?'), then **Sally, Belinda, Tom and daughter Sarah.**



Community dinner at the Michelago Hall

Photos: Jo Gaha, Leanne Pattison

18 March. A sell-out crowd gathered to enjoy the Scrumpers Garden delicious 3-course dinner provided by Ruth Gaha-Morris, promoted by Southern Harvest (see p21) and costing only \$10 per head, thanks to it being the final food event funded by the Bushfire Community Resilience and Recovery Fund.

Community resilience and patience were certainly shown when two hotplates and the grill refused to work and by the quick response of locals who dashed home for some emergency electric frypans.

The Hall Committee has added these kitchen malfunctions to its repair-and-replacement list! *Above: Michael & Hope; Below: Jenny at the bar; Ruth in the kitchen & Belinda; SHA farmers, with Jo Gaha of 'Pacawoolly' in the middle.*



Southern Harvest farmers shared aspects of their farming experiences and answered questions about seasonal products, soil health and the benefits of seasonal, organic, local products.

Thank you to everyone at the dinner for their patience with the holdups, for their good cheer and for coming together as a community for a sociable evening. Information about Southern Harvest participation for organic veggies: p21. Ruth's much-requested biscuit recipe is on p.20.



A machine to replace the heroic manual dishwashers is also on the Hall Committee's desirable objects list.





Cenotaph plaque unveiling

Michelago Railway Station, 6 March, 6.30pm



Sally Connolly and Tony De Salis officially unveiled the new, permanent, commemorative plaque for WWI soldiers from the region.



All the known (and much appreciated) donors who contributed to the funding of the new plaque were invited to the celebration on 6 March.

The small group that attended enjoyed the champagne and nibbles provided by Gregg McFaul and Rob Smith, who had organised the funding appeal and the plaque.



L: Tony shows Sally the names of his relatives on the plaque:

DE SALIS, CHARLES ERIC FABIVS FANE MM *
DE SALIS, GEORGE FANE

Lance Corporal Charles Eric Fabius Fane De Salis, AIF, d. 5.11.1926, aged 17, KIA at Battle

of Beersheba, Palestine. Awarded the Military Medal for bravery in battle and acts of gallantry. He brought his own horse overseas with him.

George Fane De Salis, aged 28, gunner 1st Field Artillery Brigade, served Egypt and Palestine. Returned home September 1919 to Michelago. He had a farm near Dalgety.



L: Most of the attendees.

R: Sally & Dee





Gregg and Rob have been working to finish the cenotaph's surround and the curved path leading to it before Anzac Day.



Station cleanup by UGL 13.3.23 – grass and weeds

Thanks to an MRCA-initiated Fire Control call, UGL sent a contractor, Cat5Rail (based in Orange), to slash and assassinate weeds and slash grass at the Michelago Railway Station, including on the slope opposite the platform.

The cheerful man in charge, Jesse (who, by the way, complimented the community on the well-kept station), was particularly pleased with the result on the fenced block between the Fire Shed and the Railway Station, where various undesirable plants were flourishing. This land is not included in that leased by the MRCA, but was seed-spreading, a fire risk and unsightly.



Clockwise from L:

In front of the station; slashed block next door; Jesse views the result to right and left of the platform and beyond.





Michelago Hall Bulb Fundraiser

Would you love some beautiful colour in your garden this Spring? Or perhaps you have a gardener in your life who would like some bulbs?

We are fundraising to purchase acoustic curtains for the hall. The curtains will significantly improve the sound quality in the hall, make it easier to hear and less noisy overall, creating a far more inclusive space for everyone in our community!

Orders can be placed online until 6 April:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/MICHELAGO

Bulbs will be delivered direct to your door.

If you have any questions,
please contact Belinda on 0411 043 027



Michelago Region Community Association Annual General Meeting

Michelago Railway Station, 18 March. Minutes and reports were emailed to MRCA members and are on the website. The following were elected to the MRCA 2023 Committee.

President – Di Fett; Vice-President – Brent Wallis; Treasurer – Kerry Rooney; Secretary – Leanne Pattison; Events Coordinator – Jo Jackson (subject to her assent).

Committee members – Sam Walton, Tony De Salis, Robbie Wood, John Rooney, Sally Hughes, Peter Holland, Jess Kalthofen.

Public Officer – Ben Wickham's continuing appointment was confirmed.

A motion for the membership fees to remain at \$10 individual and \$15 family was carried.



Media Release: Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy out now



Snowy Monaro Regional Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy out now for public exhibition and comment.

Many of our region's facilities are ageing and don't meet modern standards.

Finding resources to maintain and renew infrastructure to meet our community's expectations is also a significant challenge so now is the opportunity for the community to have their say.

The draft strategy draws on important data including the current and projected demographics of the Snowy Monaro, changing community needs, the demand for recreation, and patterns or trends in how people use recreation facilities and open spaces.

The purpose of the strategy is to set a framework for decision making around recreation facility development, provision and management that will lead to a more sustainable outcome for our community.

Upcoming drop-in sessions:

- Jindabyne Library: 4.30pm to 7pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
- Bombala Library: 4.30pm to 7pm Wednesday 5 April 2023

The Draft Open Space and Recreation Strategy for the Snowy Monaro is on public exhibition for six weeks until 11.59pm Sunday 30 April 2023.

To view the draft plan and to make a submission visit:

<https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/draft-recreation-and-open-space-strategy>

Here's the link to the Canberra Corridor Precinct – Michelago Bredbo fact sheet

<https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/83597/widgets/399763/documents/254070>

For images or comment please contact me directly.

Gina Woodward (Direct: 02 6451 1331 or 1300 345 345)



Michelago focus on Draft Recreation & Open Space Strategy

MRCA President Di writes: There is discussion of opportunities to relocate the Michelago Pony Club to a more suitable land area that can accommodate safety requirements such as access to water, Michelago School, tennis court and sports ground facilities, and the development of a local, level recreation trail in Michelago incorporating the Michelago Creek.

I urge you to use one of the links above to look at the documents and complete the survey.

You can tell the MRCA your thoughts so we can incorporate them in our submission:

mrca@michelagoregion.org.au I note that no information session is currently planned for Michelago, and I am in discussion with Council about this. Will keep you posted.



Understand your weeds – Landcare workshop

Michelago Hall, 4 March. About 50 people, including interested landholders, attended this informative 2-hour session run by Georgianna Storey, Convenor of Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare, Antia Bradmann and Markus Buchhorn, President of Michelago and Region Landcare.



The Michelago Shop provided excellent sandwiches and cakes to accompany tea and freshly brewed coffee.

There was much interest in the weed samples, pamphlets and book recommendations displayed.

Many people stayed to chat and ask questions after the session and the AGM of Michelago and District Landcare.

George has provided a summary of and commentary on the session below.

L: George and photo-bomber Nick. He's from Canberra but has land up-river that he likes to spend time in and care for.



There were many hands-on resources and references for weed identification and discussion.



Below L: Michelago Region Landcare President Markus answered many after-workshop questions.

R: Steve came from Williamsdale and appreciated the thorough presentation of the workshop.





Photo: Georgianna Storey

Landcare focuses on weeds – summary by Georgianna Storey, Convenor of Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare

Weeds are a continual problem for many of us and understanding which are of greater concern can sometimes be confusing. To help with this issue, Michelago Landcare hosted Snowy-Monaro Regional Council Biosecurity Coordinator Brett Jones at a recent weeds information session.

Brett explained how the changes in legislation have changed the way councils deal with weeds and what landholders' obligations are. This doesn't stop the need for weed control on your property; it just scales back the regulatory focus.

Participants also learnt about those new weeds that pose an emerging threat to our region. Many of you may have heard about orange hawkweed, gorse and coolatai grass. If not, look them up and keep an eye out. If you notice any of these plants at your place, please contact Brett so they can be controlled before getting out of control.

Our other speakers, Markus Buchhorn of Michelago Landcare, Antia Brademann of Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach and Georgeanna Story of Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare gave a rundown of the other Landcare projects that are happening across the area.

There has been a particular focus on willows, box elder and blackberry along the Murrumbidgee River. The local community has been fantastic in participating in the programs and the riverbanks are looking much better for it.

The work is ongoing and our groups are seeking more funding to help support further weed control in the region. Blackberries are our next focus, so stay tuned for upcoming opportunities.

To find out more about weed control or Landcare activities, contact Brett on brett.jones@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au or Markus at landcare@michelagoregion.org.au

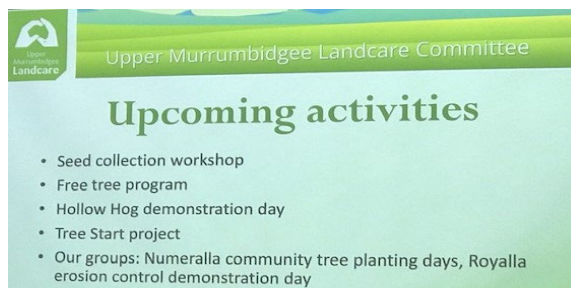
For any follow up questions, please see below for everyone's contact details.

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Memorial Hall S355 Management Committee *Jenny Wholohan, Secretary*

The Michelago Memorial Hall Committee members have been working hard toward a more user-friendly and somewhat updated facility for the local community. They are doing what can be done with the funds at hand, but a number of things will need further fundraising and applications for grants. A quick summary to date:

- If you've been to the Hall recently, you will know from the aroma when you enter that the floors have just been sanded and resealed. This will now necessitate fitting of many chair leg stoppers to, hopefully, lessen the chance of scratched floors.
- The new sliding doors to the storage area are partially installed – still to be finished.
- Acoustics (the ever-present cringe part of the Hall) – there have been quotes received for installation of acoustic curtains to the 5 main hall windows as well as the stage. The Committee is trying for grant funding and/or additional fundraising to get these necessary installations in place.
- Water – the recent unfortunate Landcare event at which there was no water available in the Hall showed that the water filter strainers in the main hall's tank had become totally clogged, preventing any rain water getting in.

Further investigation found a split in the pipe connecting the bore pump to the smaller water tank. This gave the Hall backyard an unexpected water feature in the shape of a very tall fountain when the pump was on (photo next page).

Above: Allan Lehepuu shows the main water tank's clogged strainers.

A leaking tap that would have contributed to the empty main water tank has now been fixed so, together with cleaning of the strainers, repair of the split pipe (see photo below)



and some welcome rain, there is now water available at the Hall again. A long-term solution for water supply is needed, too.

- Kitchen – another problem showed up recently at the MRCA dinner, that being the non-functioning grill and two hotplates. (Thanks to dinner attendees for emergency electric frypans!)
- Luckily, the Council is working on priorities for some funding for Community Halls that was announced mid-2022. The Hall Committee has had a couple of discussion sessions with a Council officer to get a number of things prioritised such as ensuring water supply, updating old kitchen appliances, and getting much-needed new gutters and barge boards that have been damaged from leaks. After Allan's interesting discoveries in the clogged gutters, the need for gutter guards was also pointed out, along with various other repairs and 'wishlist' items.
- The Council is working through proposals from local hall Committees for hiring fees for the next financial year. The Michelago Hall Committee awaits Council's decision.
- The Committee is going through some changes at present, one being a change in bookings information and contacts, which will be notified to the community shortly via new posters placed at the Hall, on the Michelago General Store noticeboard, on Facebook and in the *Magpie*. Also, after two resignations from the Committee, Council is currently advertising for applications from interested persons to fill those positions.

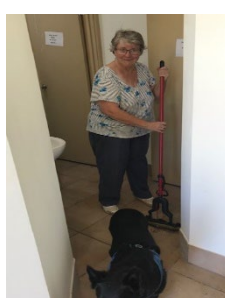
R: Water was pooling in the yard when the pump was switched on. Digging investigation showed the split pipe responsible. Once liberated, the split produced this unexpected water feature. Thanks to Allan for fixing it.



Tennis Courts and Clubhouse

These facilities are, according to Council, also the responsibility of the Hall Committee. Although this was a surprise to the volunteers who thought their responsibility was only the Hall, they are doing their best to look after them. See also *Magpie11*.

In early February, Hall Committee Secretary Jenny, husband Allan and Leanne P. (MRCA rep on the Hall Committee) swept and cleaned the clubhouse open room, kitchen and toilets of accumulated dirt, rubbish and bird poo. It was a big job, but regular light maintenance should now maintain the building.



L to R: Allan reinserted the netball hoop after finding the foot fitting and Jenny practised her youthful goalie skills; Allan power-washed the open room's floor; Jenny swept and cleaned the toilets.



ANZAC Day – 25 April 2023

The traditional annual ceremony will start at 10am at the Michelago Railway Station.

There will be readings, music, laying of wreaths, flag raising and lowering and, of course, the Last Post and the Rouse.

All are welcome to attend and to lay a wreath or bunch of flowers.

Morning tea plates to share would be much appreciated.



Railway Station poster



Many locals and tourists visit the Michelago Railway Station and often comment on its heritage value and attractiveness. (Also see 'Station Cleanup' p4.)

Magpie12's article by Kerry Rooney outlined the MRCA's responsibilities for maintaining the station and noted how much the committee appreciates cash left in the donation box at the Michelago shop.


Kerry has designed and produced this laminated poster to further promote the station, especially to visitors who might not know how it's maintained.

One is attached to the Railway Station's noticeboard (previously used to post train times) and another will be on the MRCA noticeboard at the shop.

Michelago Railway Station

Opened in 1887
Heritage Listed in 1999
NSW SHR 01192

Michelago Railway Station is maintained by volunteers.
Our small community group pays the rent and electricity,
funds repairs and tends the garden.



Please help by donating via:

- the Railway Station donation box at the General Store
- or BSB: 633 000 Acct: 126 401 058

Acct Name: Michelago Region Community Association

BCRRF funding for the MRCA – what's left?



As well as bbqs and the recent dinner, this fund has paid for more stackable chairs and folding tables and two upright, outdoor gas heaters for community events.

Colour printing of the *Michelago Magpie* (copies are in the shop) is also subsidised until the end of the financial year.



Pony Club

Romney Kelly

Looking for a fun and exciting way to get involved with horses? Look no further than Michelago Pony Club! Our monthly rally days, held on the second Sunday of the month, are the perfect opportunity to meet new friends, improve your riding skills and spend time with these magnificent animals. Rally days are held at the Michelago Pony Club grounds, Pony Club Road, just off the Monaro Highway.

Whether you are a seasoned rider or just starting out, we welcome all levels of experience. We have a growing group of led and just off lead riders, as well as beginner through to intermediate riders, so you'll always have someone to ride with and learn from. Our members can access fun gymkhanas, competitions as well as clinics throughout the year. You can also use the NSW Govt Active Kids Vouchers for your membership!

Our gear check commences at 9am, and then it's time to work on your horsemanship skills. You'll receive expert guidance and instruction from our experienced coaches, who are passionate about helping riders of all ages and skill levels to achieve their goals.

If you are interested in joining our pony club or just want to come along to a come-and-try day, please contact Rhys (0401 778 004) or Alisha (0422 623 304) or email michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com



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Further information about pony club can be found at <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/>

We can't wait to welcome you to Michelago Pony Club and help you discover the joy of horse riding!



Community Choir, 7—8pm, Thursdays, St Thomas Church, Ryrie Street

Choir leader Dee emphasises that all voices are welcome. Choir members are learning vocal skills that many didn't know they had and all enjoy the togetherness of choir.



*23 February:
the twelve
members
were
practising
part-singing
in 'What
shall we do
with the
drunken
sailor?'*





Michelago Poets

5 March, 4pm, Station.



Pud and Leanne Thurling's hilarity at Roald Dahl's 'Jack and the Beanstalk' from his collection of 'Revolting Rhymes' shows that views we and our children (and possibly grandchildren) found funny are still so. Ann Harrison brought this old favourite along to share.

Next gathering: Sunday, 16 April, 3.30pm, Michelago Railway Station.



Why is it?

Why is it that it's women who attend a social group

Like poetry or choir night or projects at the school?

We know it's good for mental health for all to join the fun

But blokes will often find excuse the social groups to shun.

It's only my opinion and of course I could be wrong –

If we could all join in as one and share the love of song

Or write a poem from the heart their families then could read

To get a glimpse inside the man and maybe sow the seed.

Do they think that they will somehow start to feminise?

Their mates will joke and take the piss if they sing and harmonise?

They're always far too busy with the jobs that must be done

To waste their time on silly things, refuse to join the fun.

If only they could understand that they are missing out.

The pub and mates will still be there when their turn comes to shout.

It won't replace the footy or the cricket in the sun.

It's not a big commitment or a chore that must be done. [cont'd ...]

Leanne Thurling



*Don't just
say it.
Make it
special
and say it
in a poem!*



So fellas, down your guard – it's not a scary thing
To have a go at something new, be surprised at what it brings.
The benefit you'll feel is real, be more than just the one.
You'll understand why it's a prize you'll feel that you have won.



Seed Savers

Railway Station, 26 March.

This was a companionable session of sharing seeds, gardening problems and solutions, including how to maximise carrot growth. The group discussed soils, compost, the variables of weather and their effect on plants (especially tomatoes) *and* rats. These rodents have apparently learned how to open some heavily blocked greenhouse doors.

A rat-killing solution without traps or poison was offered. It involves a very large, water-filled bucket and a bottle (with a fried egg inside) fixed in place to lie on its side and poking out above the bucket. The rats slip on the bottle, fall into the bucket and drown.



Next Seed Savers gathering: Sunday 23 April 2—4pm, Railway Station. The topic is planned to be pest control.

L: Here's a cautionary tale about the need to label pots when you plant seeds: someone anticipated five parsley plants to bloom handily at the kitchen door. These are carrots.



Easter egg hunt – Easter Saturday, 8 April

Here is the link for the event: <https://events.humanitix.com/michelago-easter-egg-hunt-2023>

The Easter Bunny invites you to an Easter egg hunt at the railway station.

Be at the park (near the playground) at 9:45am for check in and we'll aim to start the hunt at the station 10:00am. Contribution is \$5 a child. Capped at \$15 per family.

Any extra proceeds will be donated to the Michelago Railway Station.





Senior Lunch Group

All seniors (and any juniors who'd like to join in) are invited to the Michelago shop on the first Monday of the month at 1pm to chat, drink, eat and generally enjoy the company.

Below: moments of the March 6 meeting.



NSW Election Day – 18 March

The only food for hungry voters this election was the amply supplied cake stall raising funds to send local star athlete Amelie (*below left*) to Tamworth for the NSW State Primary School Girls Basketball Championships. Michelago Public School students' artwork celebrated the stall.

In true Michelago fashion, the party-political spruikers socialised. No election-booth dissing here.



There were no Democracy Sausages, unfortunately. Next time ...



L: Adair, Emed, Kerry and John.

R: Tanya and Robyn later joined John and Kerry.





Michelago Rural Fire Brigade



During the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFD), landowners and managers are required to obtain permits before lighting fires for land clearance or fire breaks.

Due to the extraordinary grass growth leading into this summer the NSW RFS Commissioner has declared a variation based on the recommendation from the Snowy Monaro Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) and Monaro Senior Management Team (SMT).



As a result the **Bush Fire Danger Period** for Snowy Monaro Local Government Area has been EXTENDED BY 1 MONTH, ENDING **SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023**.

Permits will be required until end of April. [Info forwarded by MRFB Training Officer Gregg McFaul]



L: Michelago's Captain Scott Teys checks all the paperwork is in order.



R: Senior Deputy Captain Keith Howker keeps the trucks spick-and-span.



St Patrick's Day – 17 March

There were many Irish-green clothes and much green food at the community gathering at, appropriately, St Patrick's Church. After a Mass to mark the day, there was feasting, drinking and cricket.

The *Magpie* learned that Patrick (pre-sainthood) first came from England to Ireland as a captive slave of Irish pirates about the fifth century AD. He later escaped and returned to England, but came back to Ireland and converted the Irish to Christianity. It seems that the story that he drove the snakes out of Ireland is not true.



L to R: Paddy Kelly, Marian Kelly, John and Trish Tarlinton, Kelly kids playing cricket.



Breathe, Move, Relax: Sundays at Michelago Hall

4pm: Yoga (1hr) - \$20

5pm: Meditation (30mins) - \$10

or \$25 for both



Yoga is for everyone, no matter your body type!

Slow, mindful yoga designed to improve strength, flexibility, mobility and nervous system resilience. All shapes offered can be modified to suit whatever is most beneficial for your body.

Yoga can help to decrease stress and improve your overall mental health & wellbeing, help with back pain, assist in the recovery from injuries or just generally improve your overall strength, flexibility and balance.

BYO mat, blanket & cushion.

Please message or call Belinda on 0411 043 027 to book in (bookings preferred just in case the class is cancelled for any reason) or for any additional information.

Private sessions are also available if you're not sure about coming along to a class or if you have something specific you'd like to work on.



So-Good Sewing with Jenny – individual and group tuition

Learn, create, have fun – Jenny's available to teach you anything to do with sewing. Your place or hers.



New stuff or re-styling old stuff – she can do it, she can work with you to create marvellous things, and she can show you how to do it for yourself.

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Ruth's biscuit recipe Lots of people at the MRCA Community Dinner wanted the biscuit recipe, so ...

Ingredients

2 cups (280 g) gluten free flour, your choice - I like brown rice flour for this
1 teaspoon xanthan gum, but omit if your blend already contains it
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon baking powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon optional
¼ cup (50 g) granulated sugar
⅓ cup (72 g) packed light brown sugar
6 tablespoons (73 g) vegetable shortening or coconut oil, melted and cooled
2 tablespoons (42 g) honey
2 tablespoons (42 g) unsulphured molasses
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 egg at room temperature, beaten, or 2tbs crushed and hydrated linseeds
2 to 4 tablespoons milk (or milk substitute - I used rice milk) at room temperature

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat your oven to 325°F/160C. Line rimmed baking sheets with unbleached parchment paper and set them aside.

Make the dough

Prepare and shape the dough. In a large bowl, place the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, optional cinnamon and granulated sugar, and whisk to combine well. Add the brown sugar and whisk again, working out any lumps.

Create a well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the shortening, honey, molasses, vanilla, egg and 2 tablespoons of the milk, mixing to combine after each addition.

Knead the dough together with your hands, adding more milk 1 teaspoonful at a time as necessary to help bring the dough together.

Transfer the dough to a lightly floured piece of unbleached parchment paper and, sprinkling lightly with flour as necessary to prevent sticking, roll out the dough to about 1/4-inch thick. Cut into 2 x 4-inch rectangles (or use a 2 x 4-inch rectangular cutter to cut out shapes) and place them about 1-inch apart from one another on the prepared baking sheets.

Gather and reroll the scraps to cut out more crackers until you've used up the dough.

Cook

Place the baking sheets, one at a time, in the centre of the pre-heated oven. Bake until the crackers are golden brown all over and dry and firm to the touch, about 15 minutes.

Ruth Gaha-Morris

Southern Harvest Association

0490791213

www.southernharvest.org.au



Did you know that there is a fresh produce hub in your suburb, where you can collect weekly seasonal produce from local farmers?

Southern Harvest Association has capacity for more subscribers to join our community delivery hub in Michelago

How it works:

- Subscribers sign up in advance for a 13 week season.
- You will receive a weekly box of vegetables and fruit grown by small-scale producers in our region based on seasonal availability
- Boxes are delivered by volunteers to a hub in your neighbourhood for convenient pickup at a designated time
- Members also have access to our Open Food Network shop to purchase extra items such as bread, dairy, preserves, and ethically farmed meat and eggs
- You will become part of a vibrant community of local food lovers
- All packaging is reusable and we limit transport emissions

About Southern Harvest:

- We are a not-for-profit, member-run and farmer-led organisation
- Our producer members set their own fair prices, and all our costs are transparent
- We currently have over 150 produce box subscribers in Canberra and the region
- We also run the Bungendore Farmers Market and regularly host workshops and farm tours
- We are passionate about creating a solidarity economy for a more sustainable and just food community in our region
- Our farmer members use the principles of organic growing, permaculture, regenerative agriculture and agroecology

For more information and to sign up please visit southernharvest.org.au





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Contributions: reactions, letters, photos and news items are welcome. Please send them to newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au Please give your name and put *Magpie* in the subject line. Published items will be attributed.

If you have events or activities planned, please email them to be listed in the calendar and also given article space if there's enough information: newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au

The MRCA committee reserves the right to edit contributions for length and clarity.

Aims: to publicise community events and activities and promote community identity. Yes, the Facebook pages do that, but the *Magpie* tries to give a more cohesive, detailed picture.



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MRCA information

To belong to the MRCA, first download the membership form at www.michelagoregion.org.au It's only \$10 p/a single and \$15 p/a family. Peanuts. To renew, see the same for bank details, and please include your name.

There are four good reasons for joining the Michelago Region Community Association:

1. The more representative we are, the more we can achieve for our village and region.
2. You get updates from Council.
3. All funds go to running costs, including upkeep, rental and insurance for Michelago's Heritage Railway Station.
These costs are eating into reserves because of Covid-cancellations of two fundraising Spring Fairs and a Christmas Market. The Committee is working on other fund-raiser options and really appreciates all the volunteer assistance.
4. It's sociable – you know what's happening, who's doing what, and you participate only if you want to.

Di and Leanne for the MRCA Committee

<http://www.michelagoregion.org.au/mrca/>

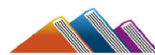
Meetings are open: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm, Railway Station. All Michelagoans are welcome.



The Mobile Library is coming back to Michelago

It will be returning to service Michelago's booklovers on alternate Mondays (not "Monday's").

Magpie understands that it will be in the truck again, as before, not in the little red car.



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL LIBRARY

Michelago Mobile Library 2023

Our Mobile Library visits Michelago alternate Monday's
9.45am to 11.30am Michelago Public School
Phone (02) 6451 1630
Email libraries@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Month	Dates
March	Monday 13 27
April	Monday 24
May	Monday 8 22
June	Monday 5 19
July	Monday 3 17 31
August	Monday 14 28
September	Monday 11 25
October	Monday 9 23
November	Monday 6 20
December	Monday 4 18

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~ Michelago Magpie Calendar ~

What's on?



Please send quick updates of what's coming up, what's on and any corrections to newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au If the *Magpie* knows about it, it will be here.

If your friends want to be on the mailing list for the *Magpie* and its calendar, send names and emails to the above address.

Regular (Venues, contacts and times can change; information is here as received.)

- **Choir** Thursdays 7–8pm. St Thomas's Church, Ryrie St (next to the police station).
- **Fire Brigade** training first Sunday of the month, 9am–12noon. Contact details: MRCA notice board at the Michelago General Store.
- **Hall Committee** general meeting. Hall. Monthly 3rd Wed 5.45pm.
- **Hall bookings:** memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au or phone Rachel Harling 0431 528 258 (hire rates will increase soon; for current rates, see *Magpie11*).
- **HIIT** (high intensity interval training) exercise class with Peter (0417 427 494). Hall. Sat 8am. \$10. 'Works for all ages.'
- **Library.** Mobile library 9.45–11.30, Mondays, outside the school. Next stop 24 April (see p23).
- **MRCA** general meeting (open). Railway station. Monthly 2nd Wed 6pm.
- **Pony Club.** Monthly 2nd Sunday. Enquiries: Rhys (0401 778 004) or Alisha (0422 623 304) or email michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com Also see <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/>
- **Pre-School.** Hall. Teacher: Debbie is on leave. A new teacher hasn't been appointed yet. It has been weekly, Mondays 6am–6pm. *Magpie* awaits information about resumption.
- **Seed Savers.** See below for April date. To check dates and locations or if you have other questions, please call or email Belinda: 0411 043 027 or hello@michelagoyoga.com.au
- **Senior Lunch Group.** 1st Monday of the month, 1pm, the Shop. More info in *Magpie10*.
- **St Patrick's** Catholic Church. Mass monthly, usu. 2nd Sat, 5.30pm. Updates on Facebook's Michelago Noticeboard.
- **St Thomas's** Anglican Church. Holy Communion. Monthly, 3rd Sunday 11am.
- **Trail Riders:** usu. monthly, 1st Sat. Check details on Tinderry tab of Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA). *Magpie 4* has a feature write-up. President Don Munns 0407 235 407. Membership – Secretary Heidi Dreyer 0434 197 122.
- **Yoga.** Sundays (1) Yoga 4pm, 1 hour, \$20. (2) Meditation 5pm, ½ hour \$10. Or \$25 both. Info p13.

One-offs (that we know about) (Venues and times can change; information is here as received.)

April

- **St Patrick's Catholic Church.** 7 April Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Rosary. 8 April Easter Saturday, Mass 5.30pm.
- **Easter egg hunt.** Sat 8 April. 9.45 Check in at park for 10am for hunt start. Railway Station. See p.15 for booking link.
- **Poets 'n' Pizza.** Sun 16, 3.30pm. Railway station. Bring a poem or two, food to share, gold coin (or more if feeling generous) to support the station. Enquiries: Pud on 0409 220 842.
- **Seed Savers.** Sun 23, 2–4pm. Railway Station. (Also see above.)
- **Anzac Day ceremony** 25 April 10am. Railway Station. A plate to share for morning tea afterwards would be appreciated.

