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The Michelago Region Newsletter
from your Michelago Region Community Association
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NAIDOC Week women's art workshop with Gail Neuss. 7 July, Railway Station



Everybody has stories. Most people don't tell theirs through art or writing. This workshop gave a support structure via First Nation symbols for people to express some of their stories. They used a variety of provided, derivative and invented symbols and symbolic to semi-realistic representation. Some stories were too private for publication. Thanks to SMRC for facilitation, NSW Dept of Planning & Environment funding, and Ngarigo woman Gail Neuss, artist.



Some were surprised at the stories they expressed without prior planning. Sometimes you don't know what you want to say until you start saying it.

First Nation artist Gail Neuss provided the symbolic stimuli for attendees to tell their stories.

The Michelago Railway Station was a cosy venue for this intimate gathering.

L: Belinda, a Dharag woman, painted this true story.

It shows the people grouped together beside the river so they could see their children on the other side. Their children had been taken from them.



Tanya Higgins 'The painting represents my family's journey from Kent in the UK, starting with my father's migration to South Australia, raising a family there and then my move from the Murray River to the Snowy Monaro, where I am raising my family.'



Fiona Matthews 'It was interesting what developed. What started as a leaf in earthy colours, surprisingly (or not), turned into a picture depicting fire: the blackened hills at the bottom with ghostly skeletons of trees, black ash falling from the sky and on the right a vortex of smoke and gases above the dry grass in drought. I've been a volunteer with the Burra Rural Fire Brigade for 22 years and I'm currently the Captain. The 2019/2020 fires left an indelible mark on my being and this came out in my painting.'

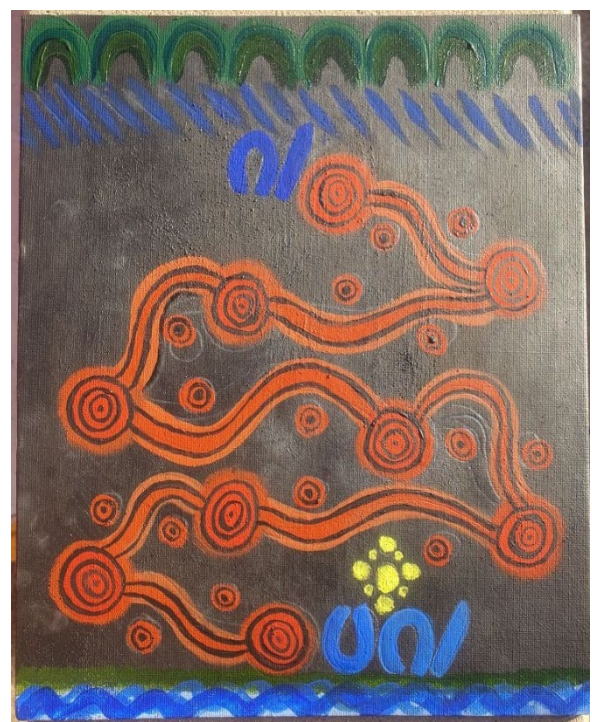


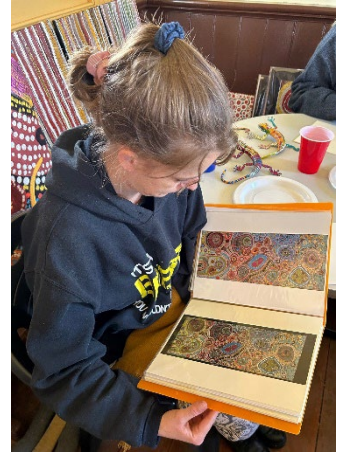
Jo Biderman 'The painting is full of symbols with the human tracks behind the man and woman leading to the mountain and representing my husband and me on the land where we are building. It's a place of camping (residing) and resting for those who visit, with the sun giving life, as do the rain and the flowing water. It's an image of acknowledgement, respect and gratefulness.'



At left: two paintings with private stories.

*At right: **Laura** 'I have walked a long and sometimes hard road, but now I have found my home, with my loved one, by the river.'*

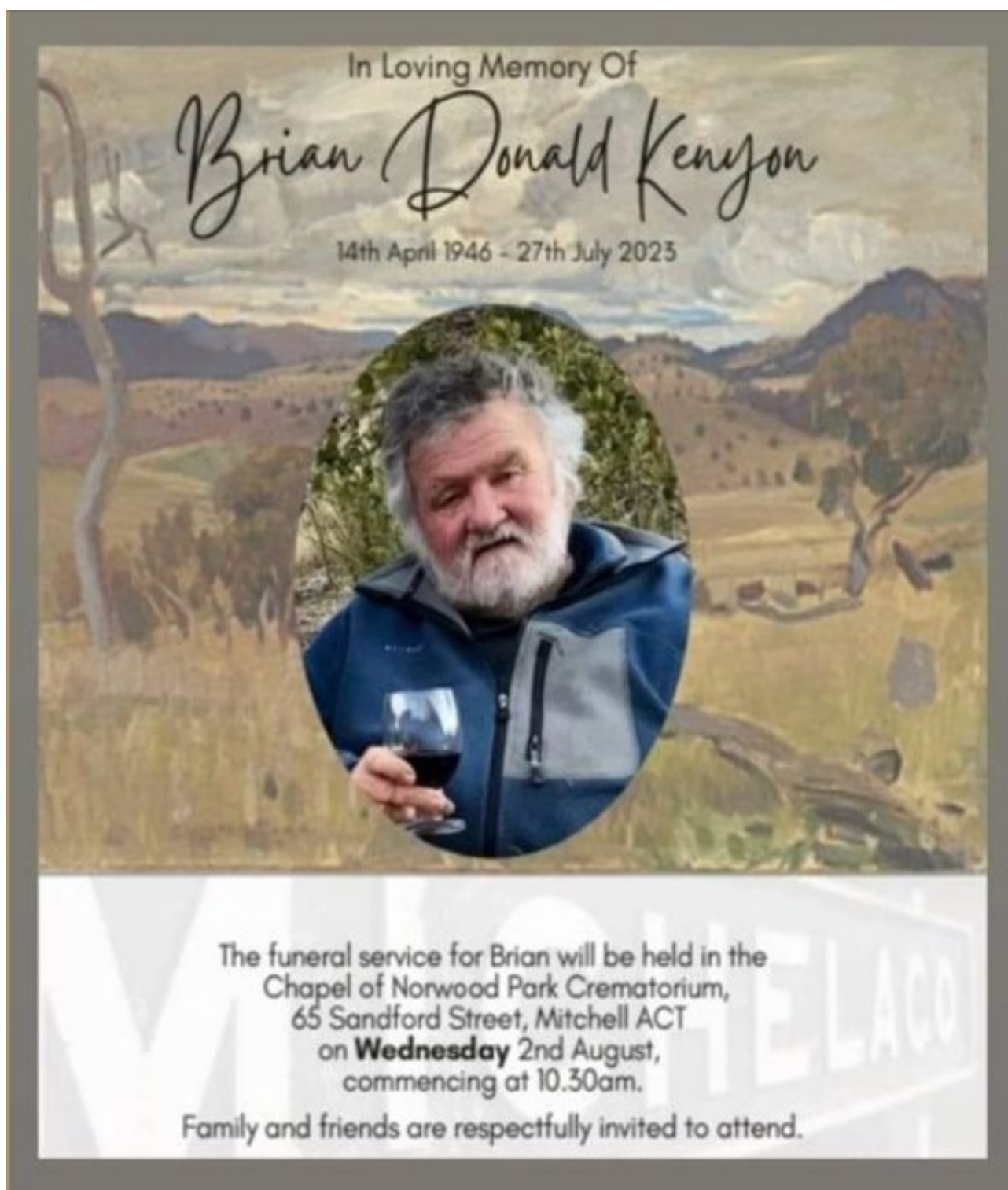


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Vale Brian Kenyon



Farewell to dear Brian, who has left us after a long illness.

Brian was a long-time Michelago resident who, with his wife Cheryl, built and ran the 'Michelago General Store and Tea Rooms', as they named it, creating the focal point of the village. We thank him for that and treasure memories of his kindness, his dryly humorous presence and his support of Michelago.



MRCA opposes cuts to road funding

The MRCA Committee took issue with a proposal going to council to cut the road budget by \$415,000 to pay for an extra audit.

The emailed letter to Council follows.

Dear Councillors

The Michelago Region Community Association strongly opposes the ridiculous audit recommended in Agenda item 9.3.4 of the business papers for the meeting of 20 July 2023 because it is both unnecessary and wasteful.

It is unnecessary:

- SMRC already has an audit committee comprised of three independent auditors who audit the Council's books every year. That independent audit must be reviewed and approved by the NSW Auditor General every year. That audit is published every year
- If some Councillors or members of the public have evidence of fraud or misappropriation of funds, they should report it to the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption. Where is this evidence? Why haven't they already reported it?

These mechanisms already exist and are used. There is no need to frivolously waste ratepayers' funds duplicating them. You would only do so if you expected to recoup what you're proposing to spend on this audit.

It is wasteful:

- The recommendation proposes to cut \$415,000 from the road budget and allocate it to Stage 1 of an unnecessary audit. We would much prefer that money be spent on fixing the unsealed roads in the Michelago region. For example, Micalago and Burra Roads are being allowed to deteriorate into an ever-expanding agglomeration of potholes, leaving bewildered motorists looking for a road to drive upon.
- How much money would be spent on Stage 2 of this unnecessary audit? Where would this stop?

Indeed, we understand that the NSW Office of Local Government has advised SMRC that the proposed audit is a poor financial decision.

Road funding is essential. Better roads would improve safety for thousands of residents.

Please vote against this scandalous waste of money.

Yours sincerely

Di Fett
President
Michelago Region Community Association



Rail trail

Michelago residents with land adjacent to the rail track received two lengthy letters from Snowy Monaro Regional Council, dated 11 July, about the proposed Monaro Rail Trail.

The MRCA's previous consultation about the inclusion of the Michelago Railway Station in the rail trail was in March last year (see *Magpie3*, available on www.michelagoregion.org.au), when two consultants, Mike Maher and Mike Halliburton, inspected the site (see photos below).

The first letter concerns the project's Biosecurity Assessment & Risk Management Plan for the sections (1) Tralee to Michelago, (2) Nimmitabel to Old Bombala Road and (3) Bombala to Jincumbilly Station.

The second letter offers individual landholder consultation opportunities, stating that 'the consultants are aware of the submissions made by many people including adjoining landholders when the feasibility study was prepared in 2019.'

Consultation dates for three sections are: (1) 18 August for Queanbeyan to Hume/Tralee, (2) 23 August for Michelago to Bredbo, and (3) 30 August for Bredbo to Cooma.

Further, 'An alternative option is to discuss your issue with the consultants over the phone prior to their corridor inspections.'

An email address was given for a consultant contact but was available only to 28 July, after the publication of this *Magpie*.

For further information, contact Jemima Trigg, Council's Executive Assistant (Communications) on (02) 6451 1336 or Jemima.Trigg@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

As the MRCA is the licensee for care and maintenance of the Michelago Railway Station, it is concerned to have input into plans for the proposed rail trail.

The MRCA President and Treasurer (Di and Kerry) will meet the consultants at the station on 23 August at 10.30am (tbc – call Kerry 0417 208 076 to check) and would welcome other Michelago residents attending.

Below: Consultants Mike Halliburton and Mike Maher and the MRCA's Kerry Rooney discussed rail trail options at and around the station, March 2022.





Senior Lunch Group



3 July. This chatty, inclusive, welcoming group, initiated by Village Elder Janet Kelly, sometimes is so large it's crammed tightly around the long table and is sometimes less numerous, as in this picture. It's always a neighbourly place to be on the first Monday of the month at around 1pm.

You don't have to be a 'senior', just someone happy to meet other Michelagoans and chat about anything.

Next meeting: Monday 7 August.



Michelago Memorial Hall

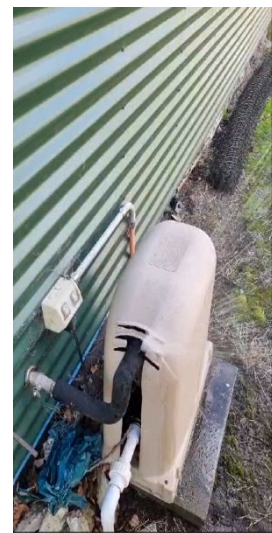
There are many excellent improvements happening at the Hall. Some are urgent maintenance and some are innovative.

New Committee member Allan Lehepuu continues to make essential repairs.

- Tennis clubhouse: after adjusting a sticky lock on one of the doors, he checked around and found the pipe from the pump had cracked from frost. The subsequent leak had reduced the tank's water level to eight rings (R). He's replaced the pipe.
 - He found another split pipe leaking from the Hall bore and fixed that.
 - He's progressing the installation of the sliding doors to the Hall's storage area.
 - He organised a visit from Better Music for expert instructions to make the sound-and-lights system usable. The Committee has to find funds for an electrician to install a switch to obviate the need to climb a tall ladder to switch the system on!
 - The Better Music man pointed out functioning security cameras and Allan has found a large manual about the system, but needs a video access to see what and for how long they record. Allan has had a couple of offers of old monitors for this.
- Does anyone know when and by whom the security cameras were installed?



Photos: Allan Lehepuu



Other Hall happenings

- The solar panels, funded by the previously noted NAB grant, will be installed on Monday 7 August. The Committee is applying for further funds for battery storage.
- Acoustic curtains: the Committee was awarded the money from the Strengthening Communities fund and is finalising details. Thanks to Kristy McBain's office for alerting the Committee to this opportunity.

Surprise! Someone has affixed a plaque acknowledging this grant to the Hall. The Committee is delighted to acknowledge the grant but would prefer to have been asked first.

Photo: Jenny Wholohan →

- Pre-school – Rachel had a tentative return date from Council some time ago, but has had no information since.
- Council money for a dishwasher did not include installation cost (cabinet maker, plumber and electrician). Therefore, the Committee will not buy the machine until there is enough money to complete the project. A Boco Rock fund application for this has been submitted.
- A new sign on the front of the Hall, above the portico, has been quoted at c. \$400, but can't yet be afforded. The present sign is faded and cracked.
- The Hall Committee AGM will be 16 August, 6pm at the Hall. The notice is on the MRCA noticeboard at the shop. It will be an open meeting. All welcome.



Hire the Hall

Contact number 0493 638 878 or michelago.hall@michelagoregion.org.au

The phone is a dedicated one just for bookings, so there'll be no mix-up with other messages or calls. The notice below is on the Hall door and the MRCA noticeboard at the shop.

Here's a reminder of the revised Hall hiring fees voted on a few months ago by the Committee. These have been recommended to Council.

The Committee wants to make the Hall as community-friendly as possible, so lowered fees last year from the previous fees and is keeping them low while still being responsible about income needed for running the Hall.

A flat fee per hour: \$17.00

Refundable Deposit Bond: \$170.00

Private Evening / Party Function: \$240.00

Refundable Deposit Bond: \$250.00

Requests for hire of Equipment such as tables, chairs, kitchen etc, to be arranged on a case-by-case basis with the Committee.

The Hall is a great place for meetings and functions. The floor is now beautiful, there's plenty of furniture, there's a fridge, microwave, urn, toilets, heaters ... Cooking facilities are there but limited – we're working on that.



Michelago Memorial Hall Bookings

If you would like to book the Hall, please contact our Bookings Officer:

Email: memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au

Phone: 0493 638 878

Current hiring fees are:

Standard Hire	\$12.00 per hour
Refundable Deposit Bond – Standard Hire	\$160.00 per event
Private Evening / Party Function	\$240.00 per event
Refundable Deposit Bond – Private evening/Party	\$250.00 per event
Hire of Equipment – chairs, tables, kitchen, etc	By arrangement with the Committee

'Michelago Magpie' Newsletter

To find out what's happening at the Hall and around Michelago, please sign up to our newsletter by scanning the QR code and completing the form.





Poets

9 July. The theme was children – poems for and/or about them. There were words by AA Milne, Roald Dahl, Lewis Carroll, old Scottish balladeers and others, and some Michelago poets had thoughtful meditations about their own childhood and some spiritual experiences. Discussion of the latter led to the next theme: Believe it or not.

Next: Sunday 13 August 3pm, Railway station.



The Clickathon (Essential Energy Community Choices Program)

Kerry Rooney



Many thanks to everyone in the community and outside who participated by going on the EE website. Every click on 'Vote' under this photo of clean-up volunteers helped.

The MRCA finished the marathon strongly to get 3rd place. The prize money will be \$2,750 for the Michelago Railway Station. It will take some weeks, if not months, before it's finalised and monies are paid.

Together with the recently announced Council grant of \$1,500, this will boost the bank account by a total of \$4,250.

The Committee will discuss the best use of this money.

1. We could bank it all and use it to cover the annual operating costs, which are substantial, as they fall due. Truth be told, grants are a bit of a lottery, so we can't assume we'll be so successful in future years.

2. We are involving railway station 'patrons' and receiving feedback on how they think we should spend some of the money. Ideas so far include:

- Upgrading electrical circuitry to allow for heating in addition to the open fire
- Fixing the rocky path to enable wheelchair access to the platform
- External solar lights for evening meetings.



Our generous community supports its volunteer workers



There are three collection boxes at the Michelago General Store. They are for our Rural Fire Brigade, the MRCA-run Railway Station and for the MRCA's printed copies of the *Magpie*. All have been and continue to be generously supported by Michelagoans and visitors.

The MRCA asks \$2 (which also supports the Railway Station) for the printed *Magpie* but if you think that's too much and would still like community news, please just take one.



A Colinton Girl

She wanted to be a real farm girl,
A natural bushie through and through
In her mind not much she couldn't do
Bar what her mother wanted her to.

*Teachers, books, a long ride for the girl.
Kids strewn like leaves one grim grey morn,
The schoolhouse hit by a huge windstorm,
No roof for months, fun while days still warm.*

She was eager to learn, that smart small girl
From her dad who taught the lay of the land
And jobs needing a confident hand
Like bringing the old sulky to a stand.

*Gentle draught horses were loved by the girl.
She'd blow the bellows, help make their shoes
Her dad blacksmithing whate'er he'd choose
She'd hold the irons tight, never refuse.*

Dark blue eyes shone from the bright young girl
Tying the sheaves and riding them high
Top a tall wagon piled to the sky
Hardly a murmur, maybe a sigh.

*Much harder jobs came to test the girl.
Rode dad's big horse to muster the sheep,
Dogs working, whip cracking through the creek
Proudly she'd tell. She earnt her night's sleep.*

The day then came when her whole world changed.
Months in Sydney hospital arranged
For her mother who never complained.
But she now needed help from her girl.

*Work with your mum, her father explained.
Run the household so she bears no strain,
Bake bread, churn butter, you can be trained.
Be a woman, leave go the farm girl.*

Long years later, she looked back on it all.
Wrote down wistful stories for us to explore,
For her sons, her girl and grandkids galore
Of life in the twenties for a Colinton girl.

Kerry Rooney 1 March 2023

Based on unpublished stories by Dulcie Kelly (nee Povey), Kerry's mother, who lived at Colinton until 1941.

This poem was a prize-winner in the 2023 Cooma Show Senior Poetry Section.



Jim Kelly with Nut, Hugh and Comedy



The smithy, Ryrie Street

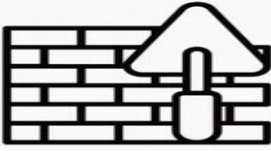


Little John Kelly with Dulcie, 'Collingwood', Colinton



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Michelago Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade

Gregg McFaul, Training Officer

Michelago RFS drove over for a joint training with Smiths Road Brigade in July. A really good exercise was organised by Connor Sloane and the Smiths Road Brigade, so thanks very much to all of them for hosting and setting up a beaut day.



Comms, radio work, pumping and relay work were all practised and it was good to get a chance to work together and see that part of the world.

July also saw an RFS workshop at Colinton for fighting fires in lovegrass country.

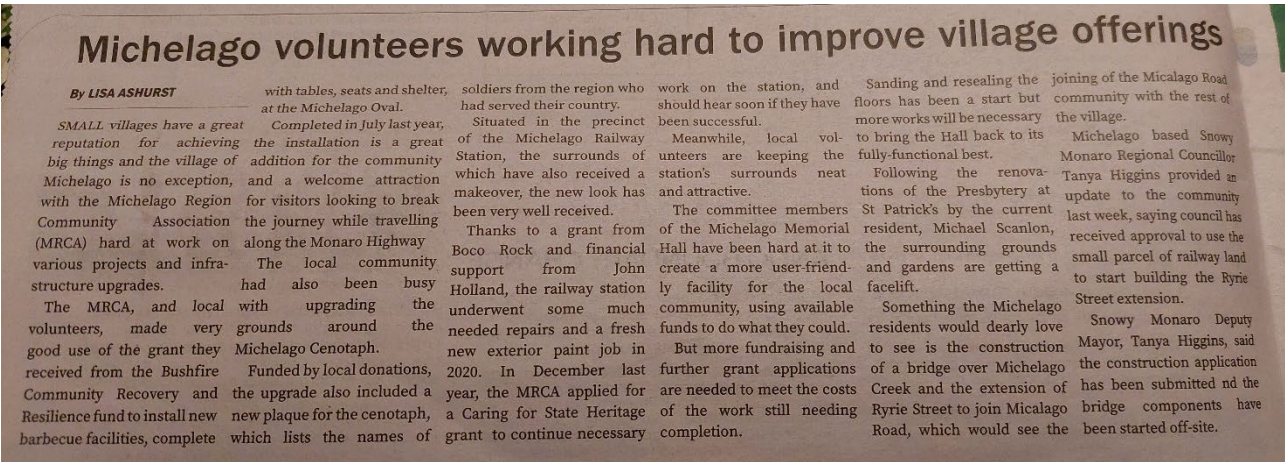
August 13 will be a run up into the Tinderrys to check the fire trails and be a familiarisation of some of the 'high country' and the fuel loads up there prior to summer.

Training is SECOND Sunday of each month, at the Michelago Fire Shed, 9AM—12 noon. Hope to see and welcome any new and prospective members there.



The Monaro Post (19 July) promoted Michelago

The Post journalist sourced this article from information provided by Kerry Rooney.



Michelago volunteers working hard to improve village offerings

By LISA ASHURST

SMALL villages have a great reputation for achieving big things and the village of Michelago is no exception, with the Michelago Region Community Association (MRCA) hard at work on various projects and infrastructure upgrades.

The MRCA, and local volunteers, made very good use of the grant they received from the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience fund to install new barbecue facilities, complete with tables, seats and shelter, at the Michelago Oval.

Completed in July last year, the installation is a great addition for the community and a welcome attraction for visitors looking to break the journey while travelling along the Monaro Highway.

The local community had also been busy with upgrading the grounds around the Michelago Cenotaph.

Funded by local donations, the upgrade also included a new plaque for the cenotaph, which lists the names of soldiers from the region who had served their country.

Situated in the precinct of the Michelago Railway Station, the surrounds of which have also received a makeover, the new look has been very well received.

Thanks to a grant from Boco Rock and financial support from John Holland, the railway station underwent some much needed repairs and a fresh new exterior paint job in 2020. In December last year, the MRCA applied for a Caring for State Heritage grant to continue necessary work on the station, and should hear soon if they have been successful.

Meanwhile, local volunteers are keeping the station's surrounds neat and attractive.

The committee members of the Michelago Memorial Hall have been hard at it to create a more user-friendly facility for the local community, using available funds to do what they could.

But more fundraising and further grant applications are needed to meet the costs of the work still needing completion.

Sanding and resealing the floors has been a start but more works will be necessary to bring the Hall back to its fully-functional best.

Following the renovations of the Presbytery at St Patrick's by the current resident, Michael Scanlon, the surrounding grounds and gardens are getting a facelift.

Something the Michelago residents would dearly love to see is the construction of a bridge over Michelago Creek and the extension of Ryrie Street to join Micalago Road, which would see the joining of the Micalago Road community with the rest of the village.

Michelago based Snowy Monaro Regional Councillor Tanya Higgins provided an update to the community last week, saying council has received approval to use the small parcel of railway land to start building the Ryrie Street extension.

Snowy Monaro Deputy Mayor, Tanya Higgins, said the construction application has been submitted and the bridge components have been started off-site.



Creek concerns

After the 29 July Landcare meeting, some members walked along Michelago Creek to inspect the resurgent crack willow menace and the blackberries.

Note: these willows are not the more benign weeping willows. They grow in the creek as well as beside it and will clog it if left to flourish.

They will grow from dropped twigs that then put down roots and raise shoots. Many eager twigs have come down the creek from land now owned by phone-unresponsive Geocon. *Above: crack willows with Spring shoots in and next to the water.*



In the past, Michelago Landcare has raised funds, as well as using volunteer labour, to control them, but these resources are scarce.



Michelago & Region Landcare meeting

29 July, Michelago Railway Station. *Markus Buchhorn, Michelago & Region Landcare President*

- Markus reported on the FNPW/GA free tree grant, now finished. Around 50K trees were handed out in the last 18 months to 60+ landholders in our region (Upper Murrumbidgee). Around 11K trees came to the Michelago area.
- Discussion about the quality and features of various tree guards and the steep cost for the best/preferable ones. One landholder noted various grazers were spotting tree guards from a distance and coming to munch, so he stopped using them, and hid new trees amongst older ones, with some success. Great if you can do that. We'll do some analysis on the success rates of both trees and guards across all recipients. Maybe some guards work best in just some contexts.
- Markus reported on the Healthy Rivers grant, which has now largely concluded its work along the Murrumbidgee, and is next going to tackle some work along Michelago Creek [*see story 'Creek concerns' above*], from the railway bridge to the highway, and maybe further to the junction. Mainly woody-weeds, like willow, box elder, and also some blackberry control. This will work with landholders either side of the creek as appropriate. We'll try to find replacement plants better suited for the creek corridor.
- There's a native fish workshop at the Hall on 5 August (see separate flyer, p14).
- We're looking for some particular project areas for our Landcare group to tackle, with hands-on community participation, and attracting further grants.
- There was discussion of the MRCA interest in village beautification, though that overlaps with Council responsibilities and the Michelago Master Plan and doesn't attract as many Landcare-available grants. Perhaps there's an opportunity to partner, though. Some valuable work could be done on the land adjacent to the Oval down to the Creek, after the weed control. Then perhaps we could build out from there. It's a very visible, accessible and desirable area to connect to the creek. Another option is the railway land beyond the station, alongside Ryrie St towards the bridge and future/returning causeway, though that would involve UGL, and is about 5 acres in size.



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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.



Upper Murrumbidgee River Native Fish Workshop

Saturday 5th August, 2023 (10am-1pm)

Michelago Hall



Presenters

Pro-angler Andy McGovern

Associate Professor Mark Lintermans

Find out about:

- **Native fish of the upper Murrumbidgee**
- **How to identify the fish you have in your river**
- **Recreational fishing tips and tricks**
- **Works and projects to improve the upper Murrumbidgee River**

RSVP essential

**Please RSVP to Antia Brademann
upperbidgeereach@gmail.com
0429 778 633**



**Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**



Antia Brademann, Cooma Region Waterwatch Coordinator, says 'We are hoping to target landholders along the river AND along any tributaries as well as recreational fisher folk (who fish the Murrumbidgee), so please circulate widely. We are hoping to use this event as a plug for people to join Landcare and to be part of our future projects (such as the blackberry project and willows along the Michelago Creek).'



Two more Landcare workshops, one at Cooma and one at Numeralla

Contact: UMLC coordinator upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com

SEED COLLECTION DAY
Hosted by NPWS and Landcare

FEATURES
Basic species identification
Seed collection methods
Seed viability assessment
Seed harvest methods
Germination requirements

WHAT TO BRING
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Water

WHERE
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Numeralla
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PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 4TH TO GEORGEANNA ON 0429779928 OR ALEXIS ON 0459981161
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th 2023

10am-12pm Morning Tea Provided

  02 6450 5574
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alexis.arnold@environment.nsw.gov.au

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6 Mawson St Cooma
RSVP by 8th August
to Georgeanna on 0429779928, upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com
or
Melinda on 0427200793, coomalandcare@gmail.com

  This project is supported by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment through funding received from the NSW Apple Strategy.  

Michelago Seed Savers Group



After a winter hibernation, the Seed Savers are waking up again.

The next meeting will be at Belinda's place, 6141 Monaro Highway, Sunday 6 August, 2—4pm. It's a little before the Michelago Road sign as you go south from the village. Look for the imposing brick entrance built by Wayne of Solid AF Bricklaying. More details in the *Magpie* Calendar below.

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Contributions: photos (jpg) and news items are welcome. Please send them to Lpatt@internode.on.net Please give your name and put *Magpie* in the subject line. Published items will be attributed.

If you have events or activities planned and would like them listed in the *Magpie* calendar, please email them to Lpatt@internode.on.net

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.

Photos and articles, unless otherwise accredited, are by Leanne Pattison, Magpie Editor.



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. 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-listed Railway Station. The Committee applies for government grants and occasionally organises other fund-raisers, depending on available personnel.
4. It's sociable – you know what's happening, who's doing what, and you participate only if you want to.

The MRCA Committee <http://www.michelagoregion.org.au/mrca/>

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

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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.

Previous issues of the *Magpie* are on www.michelagoregion.org.au

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

- **Choir** is in recess until September. Start date not yet available.
- **Fire Brigade** training second Sunday of the month, 9am–1pm. Contact details: MRCA notice board at the Michelago General Store.
- **Hall Committee** general meeting. Hall. Monthly 3rd Wed 6pm.
- **Hall bookings:** memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au or phone new number 0493 638 878. Current hire rates: see p8.
- **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. 14 & 28 August. See below. (See *Magpie* 13 for complete library calendar. The schedule is also on the Shop Noticeboard).
- **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 August date. To check dates and locations or if you have other questions, please SMS or email Belinda: 0411 043 027 or hello@michelagoyoga.com.au
- **Senior Lunch Group.** 1st Monday of the month, 1pm, the Shop.
- **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, 6pm, Michelago Hall.

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

August

- **Brian Kenyon's funeral.** Wednesday 2 August, 10.30am, Chapel of Norwood Park Crematorium, 65 Sandford St, Mitchell. Afterwards at the Michelago Memorial Hall.
- **Landcare presentation.** Saturday 5 August, 10—1pm. Michelago Hall. Murrumbidgee River native fish workshop. More details p13.
- **RFS training** 13 August, 9—12.
- **Poets** 13 August, 3pm, Railway Station.
- **Landcare presentations** at Cooma and Numeralla: see p14.
- **Mobile library.** Mondays 14 & 28. Outside the school 9.45—11.30am.
- **Seed Savers.** Sunday 6 August. 2—4pm. 6141 Monaro Hwy. Seed planting & propagating. Bring seeds, cuttings. Potting mix, rooting hormone, pots supplied. Donations, please. SMS Belinda for more info 0411 043 027.

