

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)[View this email in your browser](#)

Michelago Message Stick



Snowy Monaro Regional Council Election: Saturday 4 December

The NSW local council elections will be held on Saturday 4 December. You can vote in Michelago at the Michelago Public School and while you're there check out the fun things that will be running on the day - seeding sale, sausage sizzle & the RFS will be there with Bushfire Ready information.

There are 3 candidates from our area running for spots on council. We asked them for 250 words to tell us why we should vote for them. Please read on for the information they have provided (randomly drawn from a hat to decide the order... we're trying to be fair!)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)

ELECTION DAY

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER @ Michelago Public School

SEEDLING & PLANT STALL



Come by and support your local school, pick up some vegetable seedlings and get your garden pumping with fresh produce.

We will have tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, pumpkin, corn, raspberries, and more seedlings. Come on down and check it out. Our kids, teachers and families have been busy preparing.

We hope to see you there 😊

DEMOCRACY SAUSAGES!



DEMOCRACY SAUSAGES! Get yours on 4 December when you come to our local school to vote in the Council election. The MRCA bbq starts 8am.



Our local volunteers from Michelago Rural Fire Brigade will be holding a Community Education/Bushfire Information Day at this year's Elections being held at the school.

Information and bushfire survival plans will be available to help you to be better prepared during the Bushfire season. They'll have Kiddie handouts and fire trucks to have a look in.

MRCA Magpie: November 2021

News peckings from your local Community Association

STOP PRESS: READ DOWN FOR BRIDGE NEWS

Remembrance Day – 11/11/2021

It was 103 years since Armistice Day, the official end of WWI, the 'war to end all wars'. We wish.



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#)[RSS](#)

half-mast, the Last Post, the minute's silence, the Rouse, the flag raised, wreaths laid.

Some attendees have been directly affected by war; others have family or friends scarred or killed.

Squadron Leader Gregg McFaull reminded us to 'remember the price of war, as we remember those who paid it.' Rob Smith read *The Ode* ('They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old ...') and Councillor John Rooney read *In Flanders Fields*.



Afterwards, the Shop welcomed three tables of sociable chat with coffee and brunch chips. It was a pleasure to be able to meet there again, albeit still with some Covid restrictions.

Thanks to John Colaric for mowing the fecund field of weeds. Thanks to Kerry Rooney for recordings of The Last Post and The Rouse.



Jenny Wholohan stands by the Gallipoli Lone Pine gifted by Ivan Colaric. Her great-grandfather died in the Battle of Hamel, northern France, 4 July, 1918.

Photos: L. Pattison



NSW Council elections – 4 December

Snowy Monaro Regional Council (via Tobi Varcoe, Engagement Officer) invites people to help during the run-up to, and at, the elections. The email includes: 'Working at an election is a great way for members of our community to earn money, learn new skills and deliver democracy by helping people to have their say.

There are positions available during the election period and on Election Day itself.

For more information please head to the NSW Electoral Commission

website. <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/About-us/Work-with-us/Local-election-work-opportunities>

It's not just an election. It's a community event.

You can also support your community's fundraising by filling your tum with MRCA **Democracy Sausages** and your garden with Michelago School's **summer seedlings**.

Wait, there's more ... kids can climb on the Fire Brigade trucks while you buy tickets in the MRCA \$500 **RAFFLE** of BUNNINGS VOUCHERS and the SCHOOL'S **RAFFLE** of lovely prizes.

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

RSS **WIN BUNNINGS VOUCHERS!****1ST PRIZE – \$200 2ND PRIZE – \$100****3RD PRIZE – \$100 4TH PRIZE – \$100****Tickets \$2 each * 3 for \$5 * 7 for \$10 * book of 20 for \$30*****With a Bunnings voucher, you choose your prize!******Vouchers kindly donated by Bunnings Tuggeranong******Tickets also at the General Store******Call Leanne 0407110946 if you want to take a book to sell.***

Draft Flood Planning Development Controls, Draft Michelago Development Controls and Draft Michelago Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan

MRCA President Di Fett recently forwarded Council information to those on the MRCA email list. The forward includes: 'Further information regarding the Draft Flood Planning Development Controls can be found via the following link: <https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/draft-flood-planning-amendments-to-the-development-control-plans> [1]

Further information regarding the Draft Michelago Development Controls and Draft Michelago Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan can be found via the following link: <https://yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/draft-michelago-development-control-and-local-infrastructure-plans> [2]

Please provide any comments on these draft documents via email to council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au by 6pm Monday 13 December 2021.'



The bridge – excellent news

The bridge really is coming! A media release from Snowy Monaro Regional Council, 22 November, and forwarded by Di to all residents on the MRCA email list, includes:

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#) 

Major infrastructure funding on the way for Snowy Monaro

In the quarterly budget review statement tabled at the November Ordinary Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Councillors approved substantial funding for a wide range of important infrastructure upgrades and maintenance projects across the region.

\$916,800 has been committed for the eagerly awaited bridge over the Michelago Causeway, a major construction project for the northern part of the region connecting the two sides of the village and creating a local traffic alternative to the Monaro Highway.'

Huge thanks again to local Councillor John Rooney, who initiated Council action on the bridge and has kept up pressure against resistance to make the bridge happen. Thank you also to the Council members and staff who supported this vital project.



A bit of MRCA promotion

To belong, first download the membership form at www.michelagoregion.org.au Only \$10 p/a single and \$15 p/a family.

There are two main 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. 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.

Di and Leanne

for the MRCA Committee

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



Meet the local Michelago candidates running in this election

Lynda Summers, Tanya Higgins and Bill Walker: Together we are stronger for Michelago

The people of Michelago have had many surprises of late, but I am not sure you saw this one coming.: Local mother of five, Tanya Higgins, leading a Labor team in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council elections!

I care deeply about Michelago – its sustainability, its community and its development. Labor party values about caring for all members of society, the environment and representative governments are important to me, and I put them into action whenever I get the opportunity. I am a member of Colinton Rural Fire Brigade, Michelago Landcare and play an active role in the care of vulnerable children.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)

practices. My background in public administration, social policy and community engagement will assist our team to:

- Review the current financial situation and develop strategies to improve Council's ability to provide basic services and more.
- Prioritise efficient and effective delivery of waste management, road maintenance and services that support our community.
- Acknowledge the impact of climate change and develop short, medium and long-term local strategies to mitigate its effect on our community and environment.
- Make sure Michelago is represented and included in Council strategies as the area grows.



Is this the standard we accept?



I can promise you that I will always listen to the concerns of ALL the people of Michelago, work hard for you and keep you in the loop at all times.

Find us at www.snowymonarolabor.org or on Facebook: Snowy Monaro Labor Team. I can be contacted at tanya.higgins@snowymonarolabor.org or 042 0970 544



Lynda Summers, Tanya Higgins and Bill Walker – together we are stronger for Michelago

Written & authorised by Tanya Higgins, Baroona Rd, Michelago

John Rooney for Snowy Monaro Regional Council

<https://councillorjohnrooney.com>

Eleven years ago, Kerry and I designed and built a passive solar home on a corner of her family farm near Michelago. Like so many other rural properties in the northeastern Monaro, it is a place of breathtaking natural beauty. It's so beautiful, in fact, Council wanted to rezone our land E3. But with the help of the Tinderry Mountain and Smiths Road

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)

I have a great affection for the village of Michelago. I love its rural charm and friendly atmosphere. I am pleased with the Michelago Masterplan that I initiated while Mayor and guided as a Councillor. It will preserve and enhance the character of Michelago that we value so highly.



Michelago has great community spirit and I am proud to play my part in its civic ceremonies such as Remembrance Day.

I admire our Firies. Like everyone, I was hugely impressed and grateful for the dedicated service of Brent Wallis, Captain of the Michelago Brigade and his crews during the black summer emergency. As a Councillor, I help them whenever I can. For the Michelago Brigade I have delivered land for their new fire shed; compensation for their old shed. Also, we will build a bridge over Michelago Creek (construction will start early next year) to shorten their response time. In Dec 2020, I was honoured to represent the Deputy Premier at the Colinton Brigade to present awards to the Brigade Captain Graham Povey and other members for their outstanding service.



I enjoy meeting people and discussing their issues. These charming ladies having a coffee at the Michelago General Store are all community leaders: Karen Porter President of the Bredbo Progress Association; Di Fett President of the Michelago Region Community Association and Paula Mance, Secretary of the Smiths Road Community Group. They are an important part of my local network that keeps me in touch with community concerns.

Over the years I have developed an effective working relationship with Council staff. I know who to call when something needs fixing. We have addressed teething problems with the Bank of Bins. They are now emptied more often and each has an odour eater. The Bin shed has a new collection point for batteries and fluorescent light bulbs. Try it sometime. It's a safer way to dispose of these toxic items.



If there is one thing I do not like about rural Monaro, it's the potholes. I work with Council to repair the most degraded stretches of road as required. I have arranged extra grades and even sealing for the worst areas. If you would like to meet me to talk about potholes or any other issue, email me at johnrooney.sms@gmail.com

I am committed to responsible financial management of Council and will continue to oppose frivolous expenditure and to support efficiency reforms. However, I do not want to balance the budget at the cost of services for Michelago and the northeastern Monaro because they have been historically neglected by successive Councils.

I am an economist with degrees from Sydney University and the ANU. For 33 years I worked in many government departments on issues relevant to our local council: small business, regional development, transport, energy and climate change. I have financial training and experience. I have led a budget team and introduced efficiency reforms such as Activity Based Costing and Process Mapping into a department with over a thousand staff.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼[RSS](#) 

For more information on why you should consider voting 1 for John Rooney see my website <https://councillorjohnrooney.com>

Written and authorised by John Rooney Burra Road Michelago NSW; PO Box 4002 Michelago NSW 2620.

I'm Luke Williamson and I'm running for Council.

Louise and I are local farmers at Bredbo North where we run Angus cattle and grow berries. We have also been trialling lovegrass control through cell grazing which is showing great potential! We have two children, Hamish and Faith. Both went to Michelago school with Faith finishing there last year.

I know my way around the northern part of the Monaro very well. I spent a lot of time around Michelago, Colinton and Yaouk in my younger days. I have even hiked from Yaouk to Michelago and climbed the Tinderies as part of an SES exercise. It is now great to watch my kids explore our fabulous rural region too.



In addition to farming, I spent 25 years working as a business improvement and cost reduction specialist. I have helped energy and water utilities, port operators, aviation companies, the US Air Force and many hospitals/health services operate more efficiently and deliver better and more reliable products and services.

In early 2019 I was appointed as CEO of the Australian College of Midwives where I led its successful financial turn-around. I recently stepped down from this role to help Louise complete bushfire repairs at our farm.

I'm not looking for a career in politics. However, I have decided to run for council because it has troubles and I think I can help. I'd be honoured to be your councillor and I ask that you consider voting for me. Thank you.


You can find out more about my views at [lukewilliamsonforSMRC](#) on facebook. Or just give me a call on 0402 237 357 for a chat.

Written and authorised by Luke Williamson, 4327 Monaro Highway Colinton NSW 2626.



Copyright © 2021 Michelago Region Community Association, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Subscribe	Past Issues		Translate ▼	RSS 
-----------	-------------	--	-------------	--

