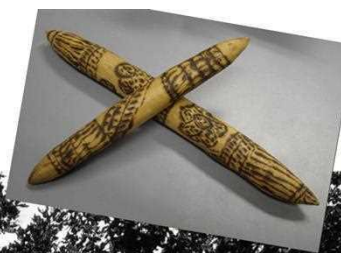


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Michelago Message Stick



Messages for our beautiful Michelago community

Hall Happenings



Welcome to our Community message stick. The Hall Committee has been very busy bringing fresh events and ideas to our community for a spruce up of social events. We recently had a sauerkraut workshop, regular painting meetups and yoga as well as a few private events. We also have a [Disco](#) coming up for kids (and parents) to let off some semester 1 steam and other upcoming events such as [cake decorating](#), candle making and [flower arranging](#). We also have ACT snake removal coming to talk to us about snake safety in September, which is an excellent opportunity within our rural environment.

We have an upcoming course in [rural first aid training](#) which has seen a tremendous amount of engagement, this is thanks to the bushfire recovery

installing in the near future due to our fundraiser which hit our target. We thank all those who donated.

We are currently working on many projects to bring some life into the hall by applying for grants and raising money through events for our community. With these funds we are working towards painting the hall, fixing water damage and completing the installation of the sound and lighting system. We envision many changes to the Hall and we would love to have residents engage with us to see these changes are carried out as a community project.

We would also like to congratulate Michelago primary school P&C on the success of their pie drive fundraiser.

We look forward to bringing more things to Michelago to gather the community together to meet, learn and have a great time.

Kaitlin Lee
355 Committee President/Booking officer.

If you would like to book the hall, the current hire fees are:

Meeting / Short Activity (up to 2hrs)	\$16.50
Annual Fee for Meeting / Short Activity - Annual Fee (up to 12 meetings annually)	\$123.50
Half Day Function	\$66.50
Annual Fee for Half Day or Evening Functions (up to 6 functions annually)	\$210.50
Full Day Function	\$129.50
Deposit Bond (Key/Cleaning - Refundable after event)	\$164.00

You can submit your booking request here:

- [Casual/One-off Booking](#)
- [Regular/On-going Booking](#)

Or contact Kaitlin by [email](#) or phone 0439 552 532 for more info

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Thanks to Snowy Monaro Regional Council's Community Bushfire Recovery Grant our hall committee is running a fully certified Rural & Remote Area First Aid Course on Saturday 3 July 9.30-3.30pm at the Michelago Hall.

There are only 4 places left and bookings close 28 June. The cost per person is \$70. To book [please read through all the details in this link](#) to ensure you can complete the course and email Belinda to confirm your spot: memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au.



Saturday 17 July 10am-3pm

Come and learn how to decorate a cake using the layered drip method with Leanne.

The images are examples from Pinterest and all participants will get to create their own unique and delicious masterpieces to take home and share with your family.

The workshop fee of \$125 (plus BF) includes the decorating kit that you will take home with you to create more masterpieces at home and all ingredients, cake board, cake box, decorations and colouring. If you have a special ingredient you really want to decorate your cake with feel free to bring it along.

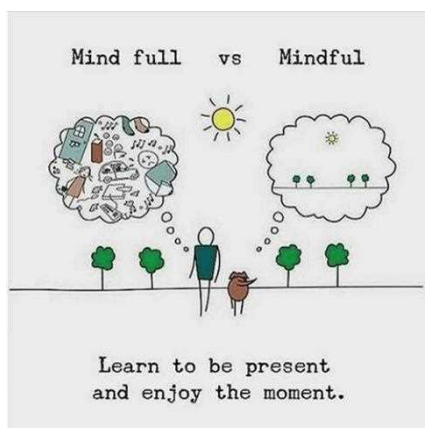
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Saturday 7 August 3-4.30pm

Using a variety of fresh and dried blooms, Nicole from Thorn & Snow will show you how to style and create a beautiful flower bouquet as a gift or for your home including information on how to source foliage grown locally.

[Bookings and more info here](#)

Mindfulness Session: Saturday 14 August 3.30-5pm



What a turbulent ride this last 12 months has been! If you have noticed yourself feeling more stressed/anxious than usual lately, you are not alone!

You are invited to join Summer in a mindfulness session.

What is mindfulness you ask?

Mindfulness is the practice of paying attention to the present moment to reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety. By focusing on the present moment and what we can control, we give ourselves a well deserved break and let our mind know it's time to calm down.

What to expect: 1.5 hour session broken into two 40 minute sittings with a short break in between. Part 1: Interactive psycho-education. Part 2: Practicing mindfulness strategies.

[Bookings and more info here](#)

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MICHELAGO & BREDBO COMMUNITY AED FUNDRAISER



Our AED Fundraiser has been a massive success and I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who donated. I really am so grateful for the incredibly generous donations from everyone in our community and especially to the following businesses who made large donations:

[Yless4U - Internet](#)

[Solace Creations – Double Glazed Windows](#)

[TM Solicitor – Business Law](#)

[Alexander Watson Insulation](#)

[Southern Tablelands 4WD Club](#)

[Bennett's Tax & BAS](#)

[Canberra Glass Solutions](#)

[Kristy McBain Member for Eden-Monaro](#)

[Alliance Legal Services – Family Law](#)

[Perrin's Peafowl](#)

[This'N'That Contracting](#)

[Gianna Thomson – Financial Planner – Fitzpatrick's Private Wealth](#)

[Blewitt Properties – Real Estate Agents](#)

[Perrin's Mill](#)

[Michelago Yoga](#)

[Hanson Rural Contracting](#)

[Michelago General Store](#)

[Gasnier's Electrical](#)

[Weemala Weed Spraying Services](#)

[First Call Property Inspections](#)

The members of Bredbo RFS who did a pass the hat around and collected \$500 from their team!

If you in need of any of the services provided above, please consider supporting the businesses who have supported our community!

Also, a MASSIVE thanks to Shezza Mac, Karen Porter & the team at Bredbo who put on the super fun Trivia Night that contributed over \$1,000 to our fundraising efforts. We really do live in such amazing little towns!! [Canberra First Aid](#) provided us

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maintenance, etc.

Once the devices arrive and the hall committees have decided on the best places and ways for our community to access these devices, we will publish the information on the Facebook notice boards and our next newsletter. If you have any questions at all about how it will work, please feel free to contact Belinda on 0411 043 027.

And if you feel at all uncertain about how to operate an AED, come along to the [first aid course](#) being offered on 3 July at the Michelago Hall.

Thank you from the Michelago School P&C

On behalf of our parents, teachers, and students we would like to say 'Thank -you' to our community. Michelago Public School P&C Association would like to thank our community for taking the time to support our fundraising initiatives. We have enjoyed welcoming our community into our school



fundraising efforts and have been so impressed with the outcome. We have raised a profit of \$502 from the Bulbs Fundraiser and \$1,353 from the Pie Drive Fundraiser. We feel proud to be a part of such a generous community. Thank you!

Community News

Micalago Road Update

following my meeting with Micalago Road residents on Saturday 8 May, I had discussions with Council's road staff about the poor condition of the gravel roads around Michelago. After an inspection of local conditions, Council staff have reexamined their maintenance schedule and found some money for additional works. Today I received the following good news from Council's Chief Operating Officer:

Good afternoon Cllr Rooney,

I can advise that both Micalago & Burra roads have deteriorated with recent rain and were not programmed for scheduled maintenance at this time. However due to the deterioration, we have now allocated a budget for both roads from Council capital local gravel re-sheeting budget current financial year to address the most impacted sections. Locations of work have been identified and we are proceeding to engage a contractor to ensure the work is completed this month. Both re-sheeting and grading will be included in the scope of works.

Hopefully we will see the worst affected stretches of Micalago Road and Burra Road repaired in June. This should give some relief to residents who have been struggling with the poor conditions. Please be patient with the Council road crews when they are working. Some delays are inevitable but the results will be worth it.

Regards

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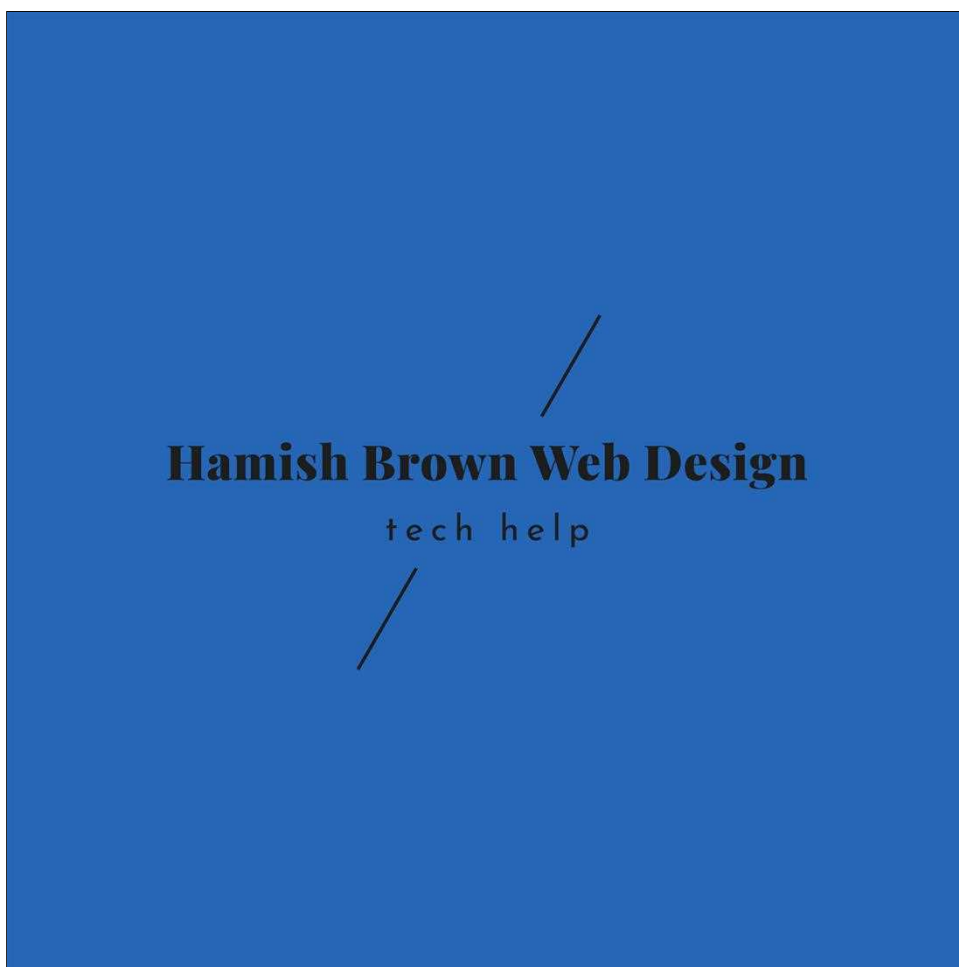
Michelago Causeway

The Michelago Causeway has been given funding to go ahead joining Micalago Road to Ryrie Street. This was recently reported on Win News, to see the clip [please click here](#).

Local Business Advertisement

Each month we have space for one local business advertisement for the cost of \$20.

The fee goes to Hamish for creating the newsletter each month if you would like to advertise here please contact Hamish: hamish.brown26@gmail.com



I am Hamish, the tech guy behind this newsletter. I create websites, memes, newsletters, and other tech things. If you would like any assistance with these things please contact me.


Check out my [Facebook page](#) for examples of websites I've created

contact: hamish.brown26@gmail.com and 0466 565 651

Community Contributions

This is our whole community newsletter and is open for contributions from everyone and anyone within our region (the more the merrier!!). If you have something to contribute please email it to Hamish for inclusion: hamish.brown26@gmail.com

Why is it called the "Message Stick"?

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A message stick is an ancient Aboriginal system of communication. "Message sticks were regarded as objects that granted its carrier a kind of diplomatic immunity, as it guaranteed safe passage and entry into the lands of other tribes, even when entering 'enemy territory'. When someone carrying a message stick entered another group's country, they announced themselves with smoke signals and were then accompanied safely with the message stick to the elders so that they may speak their verbal message. The messenger would then be accompanied back to the border with a reply to pass back to their tribe. The messages transmitted by these message sticks included announcements of ceremonies, invitations to corroborees, notices, requests, disputes, warnings, meetings, marriage arrangements, notification of a family member passing, requests for objects, and trade negotiations. Remarkably, the message contained in these tools of communication could be understood by Aboriginals from many different regions of Australia, despite the fact that they had different languages and dialects" (www.ancient-origins.net). We chose this name for the symbology of inclusivity, understanding and respect for all members of our community.

In the spirit of reconciliation and our community interacting and living in harmony with each other, I would like to acknowledge the Ngarigo people, the Traditional Custodians of this region and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to elders past and present and extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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