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The Michelago Region Newsletter – 1 March 2024

from your Michelago Region Community Association

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## Michelago Cricket Club – season's quarter-final [semi-final win p11]

Cricket is an excellent team game of strategy and intermittent exercise and is very sociable. All ages are welcome here – the youngest player is 15 and the oldest 56. President Dave Hanns has been running the club for 37 years. Call him if you'd like to join in: 0404 060 316.



**Sunday 4 February.** The Michelago Maulers vs The Bails from Canberra (above). By 2.30pm, our Michelago players had a flying start. After 23 overs, Dave said they were 'cruising at 3 for 136.'

Eventually, the Maulers bowled the Bails out for 181 and scored 230 runs, winning by 50 runs.

Alert readers will recall the two items in *Magpie 23* (pages 7 and 11) about the club and particularly about the dire need for a new fence on the creek side of the Clive Kelly Oval. This need was demonstrated again at this match. A ball went for six over the 'fence' into the long grass and was impossible to find, so an old and inferior ball had to substitute, which affected the



quality of the game and players' satisfaction. New cricket balls cost \$80 each; an amateur club can't afford to lose them.

A few facts learned at this match by the *Magpie*:

- Dave has all the records of matches and scores since 1986.
- The Captain of the Michelago Maulers is Matt Williams.
- The club, under the leadership of Dave Hanns, initiated the oval's rejuvenation many years ago and planted the surrounding trees.
- The highest score known by a single batsman was 165 in the mid-1990s.
- The highest score at 2.50pm at this match on 4 February was Niv's 58.
- The club asks players for \$100 each per season for running costs (including balls).
- It hopes to get a sponsor for next season. **\*\*Update on semi-final win at Hughes p.11.**



*Above: Captain Matt Williams & Talal Haider, Kieren Rogers & Pete Wren\*, President Dave Hanns.*

*Below: MCC watchers in the shade on one side, the opposition on the other, Richard of Royalla scoring.*



**\* 'Pete Wren played 1<sup>st</sup> Grade for Richmond in his heyday,' said Dave.**



The Club has gained some new players recently, giving renewed optimism about the future of cricket in Michelago.

Your *Magpie* reporter was made welcome, including with an offer of drinks and lunch, by this friendly bunch and was impressed by their skills, sportsmanship and camaraderie. Matches start at 12.30.

*Left: Captain Matt takes his turn with the scoring.*





There's been a cricket club in Michelago since about the 1860s. Above is the earliest photo found so far. Thanks to Kerry Rooney for her research.



## Michelago Memorial Hall

*Secretary Jenny Wholohan & Treasurer Belinda Sierzchula*

### Recent happenings at the Hall:

- The acoustic curtains have been installed and look great.
- We have just taken delivery of acoustic panels to be installed on a number of wall surfaces to add to the acoustic benefits from the curtains.
- The new dishwasher in the hall has been installed, ready for action.
- The Committee has been successful in obtaining funding of \$10k from the Snowy Monaro Community Bushfire Recovery Grant for solar battery storage, which is being organised at present.
- We are currently considering potential projects to make application for the SMRC Donations & Sponsorship Grant, which has just opened. One item: oven and hotplates that work – so much more useful when they do.
- Our electricity is much lower now – \$468 in the period since the panels were installed vs \$1,962 for the same period last year (electricity cost will likely increase with preschool starting up again but the combination of the panels and battery will still keep this lower than it used to be). Hall bookings & hire rates p14.



## Pre-school Mondays 8.30am–3pm. Call Denise 0429 688 111

The pre-school's first session was 26 February with four children, a week after the anticipated start. New Director and teacher Denise Williams, with her assistant Jan (below), is happy to have negotiated the last bureaucratic requirements of the NSW Dept of Education.



The Hall Committee has greatly improved the Hall's environment and facilities, but there are a few items that Denise will follow up. One is the southern neighbour's fence, which has some broken palings. Another is the sandpit, which needs weeding, new sand and a cover. A parents' mowing roster would be helpful, as mowing is currently done by other volunteers.



## Historic wedding at historical venues *History research & wedding photos: Kerry Rooney*

**17 February.** Two of the district's original farming families were united with the wedding of Therese Kelly and Craig Bingley at Michelago. Fr Tony Percy officiated at the ceremony in St Patrick's Catholic Church.

The remains of the 1865 church and the village's 1887 railway station provided rustic backdrops for the wedding day photos.

Therese's attendants were Catherine Turnbull and Clare Harvey. Therese and Craig were accompanied by their children, Brodie, Hannah and Reggie. See also p15 bonus photo.







*Above: The family group outside the original Church of St Patrick.*

Both the Kelly and Bingley families originally arrived in the Queanbeyan district in the 1840s. By 1861, the Kellys had taken up a selection at *Spring Valley*, Michelago, where Therese's parents John and Janet Kelly still live. The Bingleys established their farm at *Woodfield* in Sutton and Craig's family is still based there today.



*L: The busy Monaro Highway on the opening day of the 'new' church, 28 April 1907. Photographer unknown.*

The original stone church of St Patrick's was built by the local inn-keeper, Thomas Kennedy, on land donated by him and his wife, Mary Maher.

The first wedding in the church took place on 26 June 1866, when Elizabeth Corey of Bredbo married Samuel Jackson of Queanbeyan.

The church also served as a school during the week and rooms at the rear of the building were the schoolteacher's residence.

The local congregation outgrew the small church and the current St Patrick's church was opened in 1907.

The *Magpie* would like to acknowledge the late Colleen Cotter for her stewardship of the collection of historic photos associated with St Patrick's Church. Her granddaughter, Lucinda Cotter, arranged the flowers for the Kelly-Bingley wedding.





## Heritage restoration work at the Michelago Railway Station

Kerry Rooney

On 6 February, Pip Giovanelli, our heritage consultant, guided Alistair Saunders and Myles Gostelow through the railway station, explaining the specialist restoration jobs for each.

Alistair, a plasterer and Myles, a carpenter, each have extensive experience in restoration and conservation projects in Canberra and the surrounding region.

The main job for Alistair will be rendering the northern wall in the kitchen which has suffered damage over the years. He will also deal with the more minor water damage in the main waiting room.

Several badly damaged doors will require Myles' skills to restore or replicate. He will also replicate skirting boards that have been attacked by termites in the past.

There may be some disruptions at the railway station while this work progresses. We do not yet have firm dates for the planned works.

(Readers are referred to *Magpie22* for the report on the initial inspection by the heritage consultant.)



*L: Myles, Pip, Tony De Luca (for electrical work), Kerry, Alistair.*

*Kerry and Pip check the list of restoration items.*



*Above: Pip and Myles inspect the woodwork needing restoration; Myles was interested in the old photos. Lindsay Richmond (Canberra Rail Museum) framed them, using old railway timber.*

**History note:** The opening of the Michelago Railway Station in 1887 had a major impact beyond better transportation. Prior to that, the village was solely sited beside the Monaro Highway and comprised the Hibernian Inn, the Court House, Police Station and Gaol, Abraham Levy's Store and St Patrick's. The coming of rail also led to standardised spelling for the village which in the past had been Micalago or Micilago.



## Seed Savers

**25 February.** There was a lot to share at the end of summer. As well as providing the edibles (how many ways are there to cook zucchini?), all the season's prolific vegetables, fruits and flowers have been making their babies for the next season so we can plant again.

There were white lupin and purple sweet pea seeds, bean seeds and some experimental French tomatoes, plus silver beet, squash and, of course, zucchini.

The savers and sharers met at the tennis clubhouse. It's now a rejuvenated community facility, thanks to the Hall Committee. There's shelter, seating, toilets and a kitchen. The bird-poo stained chairs have gone and there's very little poo in the open room, thanks to the rafter-covering ceiling, installed November 2022 and paid for with a Boco Rock grant (thanks to SMRC).

If people had been so minded, they could have played tennis and cooked (zucchini?) on the MRCA barbecues as well.

The Clive Kelly Oval had been newly mown – in all, a very pleasant setting.



## Special general meeting MRCA

Reminder to members, who have already been emailed: there'll be a special general meeting on **Saturday 16 March, 3pm** at the Railway Station to vote on (1) adopting the Model Constitution as endorsed by the NSW Office of Fair Trading and (2) the revised objectives of the Michelago Region Community Association. These have been endorsed by the committee.

Members have been sent the present constitution, the proposed one and the objectives. They've also been invited to send questions/comments to the President, Di Fett, at [difett.mrca@gmail.com](mailto:difett.mrca@gmail.com) The topics might seem boring, but it's important to update. Members, the committee hopes the meeting will be short and sweet. Please come if you can.

The AGM will be in August, date to be announced.



## Council news

### 1. Media Release. Friday 2 February 2024

#### Review of the Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2042

The Snowy Monaro community are invited to help shape the future of our region, through their participation in the review of the Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2042 (CSP).

People across the Snowy Monaro are encouraged to get involved in this important process. By providing feedback on both the progress made towards achieving the CSP's goals, and on the CSP itself, community participation will play a leading role in determining what our region will look like in 2042.

Consultation is open now until Saturday 16 March 2024.

Visit [www.yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/2042-smrc-csp-review](http://www.yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/2042-smrc-csp-review) or pick up a hard copy of the survey from any Council office or library to have your say.

We encourage you to complete the survey online, however paper copies of both the survey and the community group discussion guide are available.

Visit your local Council office in Berridale, Bombala, Cooma, or Jindabyne, or stop in at your nearest Snowy Monaro Regional Library branch in Bombala, Cooma or Jindabyne to get your hard copy.

Visit [www.yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/2042-smrc-csp-review](http://www.yoursaysnowymonaro.com.au/2042-smrc-csp-review) to learn more.

### 2. Media Release. Thursday 1 February 2024

#### Snowy Monaro Regional Library is launching a new email newsletter

A new monthly email newsletter from Snowy Monaro Regional Library launches this week, bringing locals the latest library news, upcoming events, and noteworthy updates – delivered directly to their inboxes.

**Library Lowdown** promises to be an invaluable resource for the community, providing insights into the diverse range of services, programs, and initiatives on offer at library branches across the region and online.

Snowy Monaro Regional Library plays a vital role in fostering literacy, education, and community connection through its branches in Cooma, Bombala, Jindabyne, and the Mobile Library service.

This exciting development is a part of Snowy Monaro Regional Council's commitment to enhancing community access to information, news, and timely updates across all Council functions.

The e-newsletter will serve as a virtual gateway to the library's resources, helping to connect residents with the broad catalogue of items, services and events available free of charge with a library membership.



Sign up today for the new **Library Lowdown** to stay up-to-date with the latest from Snowy Monaro Regional Library. If you're quick, you'll be in time to catch the very first edition. Visit <https://qrco.de/SMRLnewsletter> to sign up now.

3. Media Release. Friday 16 February 2024 [This is an extract from the media release – Ed.]

**Council is central to the identification and eradication of orange hawkweed**

A new sighting of the highly invasive State Priority Weed orange hawkweed was received, confirmed and treated in the same day by Snowy Monaro Regional Council's biosecurity team this month, while the team was leading a training session for inter-governmental partners on the Council co-developed AI weed detection drone program.

Council's biosecurity team received a report of a possible orange hawkweed sighting on the morning of Friday 2 February 2024, while preparing to head out to deliver an on-site education and training session for members of the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and ACT Parks & Conservation Service.



IMAGE: Orange hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*) in bloom.

As luck would have it, that day's training session was being held in the same area as the reported sighting. Better still, the session was focusing on using our AI-powered weed detection drone to search for and detect orange hawkweed.

Our drone and its cloud-based detection and identification system, powered by cutting-edge

artificial intelligence, was developed by Snowy Monaro Regional Council and 2pi Software.

As a major partner in the NSW Orange Hawkweed Eradication Program, Council has an obligation to respond promptly to local suspected orange hawkweed detections. In developing this innovative cloud and AI based drone program, we are leading the way in using emerging technology to tackle one of the state's biggest biosecurity threats.

Clancy Noakes, Communications Officer



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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.





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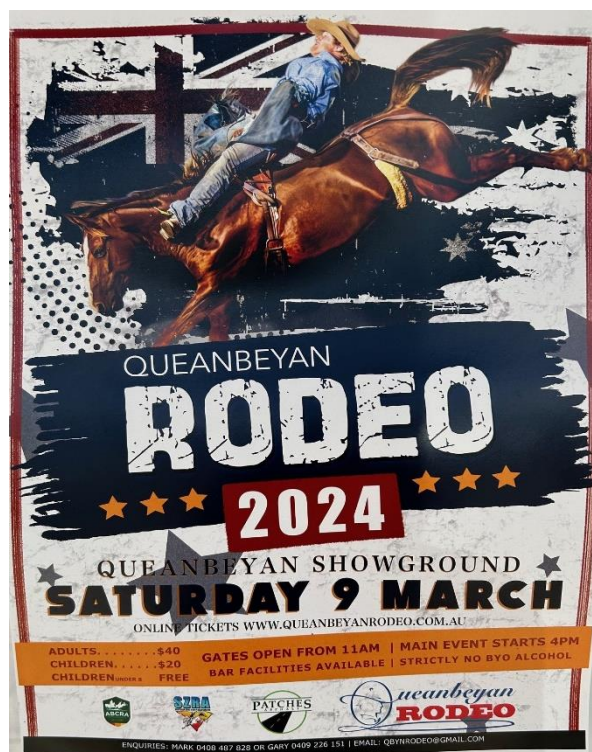
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**\*\* From p2. Semi-Final cricket update Sunday 25 Feb, Hughes Oval: Michelago Maulers defeated The Rocks. Michelago scored 140 runs and bowled the opposition out for c.120. The Grand Final is Sunday 3 March, at Hughes Oval. Michelago Maulers vs The Gliders.**



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If you have events or activities planned and would like them listed in the *Magpie* calendar, please email them to [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto: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, and one that builds up a Michelago history.

*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](http://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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month, 6 pm, Railway Station. All Michelagoans are welcome. The minutes are on the website: [www.michelagoregion.org.au](http://www.michelagoregion.org.au)




**Memorial Hall bookings – 0493 638 878 or [memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au)**

This is the Schedule of Fees for the hire of the Michelago Memorial Hall for the financial year 2023-2024.

- a) A flat fee per hour: \$17.00  
Refundable Deposit Bond: \$170.00
- b) Private Evening / Party Function: \$240.00  
Refundable Deposit Bond: \$250.00
- c) Hire of equipment, eg tables, chairs, kitchen, to be arranged on a case-by-case basis with the Committee.



## Library



# Michelago Mobile Library 2024




Our Mobile Library visits Michelago on alternate Mondays  
9.45am to 11.30am Ryrie Street at the school

Month	Dates
January	Monday 15   29
February	Monday 12   26
March	Monday 11   25
April	Monday 8   22
May	Monday 6   20
June	Monday 3   17
July	Monday 1   15   29
August	Monday 12   26
September	Monday 9   23
October	Monday 7*   21
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December	Monday 2   16

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## The community noticeboard ☺

It's clear that the board at the Michelago shop is being used more as people become used to sticky-taping or blu-tacking their own notices on and passers-by are reading it. It's useful organisation to have your temporary notices vaguely to the left, leaving longer-term ones more to the right.

MRCA Committee members occasionally remove outdated ones or very faded ones.

Please remove your notices when they no longer apply.



Cont'd from pp4 & 5.

17 February 2024

From left: Pat, Catherine, Jake, Clare, Craig and Therese.

Photo: James Braszell





## On organising community events in Michelago

Michelago residents and visitors have often asked when Michelago will have another Fair. Many of them have enjoyed past Fairs and would welcome another one. *Photos are from Fairs 2014–2019.*

Most of these enquiries come from people relatively new to the district, so the MRCA would like to provide an explanation about the lack of such events in recent years. After recent discussion on Facebook's Michelago Community Noticeboard, MRCA Treasurer, Kerry Rooney, in consultation with the MRCA President and Secretary, posted the statement below.

First, though, it's noted that there was the May Fair before the Spring Fair. The season date was changed because many thought there was a greater chance of fine weather in Spring than Autumn.

As well, before the May Fair there have been community-minded, hardworking people who have occasionally organised Village Fairs and smaller events.

### MRCA Statement on Events

Kerry Rooney

The Spring Fairs were jointly organised by the MRCA and the Michelago Fire Brigade but they stopped after 2019 due to COVID.

The Fairs involved a large workload for six months in advance, usually undertaken by three or four people. On the actual weekend, the Fire Brigade members did an enormous amount of work in setting up and taking down. On the day of the Fair, often we did not have enough volunteers to properly supervise activities for children. The biggest concern is that the Fair carried a high public liability risk for all those involved in its organisation.

In March 2022 Brent Wallis advised MRCA that Romney Kelly would like to organise a Spring Fair for 2022. MRCA raised concerns about public liability but wanted community input. A meeting was held with interested people: the most popular suggestions were potluck dinners, high teas and BBQs. Next, a survey was circulated to the community and the response favoured Sunday lunches or dinners.

By August 2022 MRCA had completed the installation of the BBQ facilities at the Oval funded by a Bushfire Relief grant. MRCA used some of the grant to fund five community events: two BBQs at the Oval, the music and food for the





Bush Dance, the BBQ for the Roxanne concert and finally a large community dinner at the Hall with Southern Harvest in March 2023.

Other events organised by MRCA over 2022–24 were the Democracy Sausage BBQ at the School for the election; the Car Boot Sale at St Patrick's; last year's Remembrance Day at the Railway Station and the Australia Day BBQ at the Oval. In addition, MRCA supports Gregg McFaul in organising ANZAC Day and other Remembrance Day events.



MRCA publishes a monthly newsletter, the *Michelago Magpie*, which the community requested. The *Magpie* advertises events and happenings in our region. To get the *Magpie* or to provide content, please email [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au) Events are normally advertised on the MRCA Community Noticeboard at the shop and on Facebook as well.

The current MRCA executive remains of the view that the workload and public liability issues outweigh the benefits of organising a large event like a Spring Fair. However, we would welcome another group taking on the task.



The MRCA meets monthly at the Railway Station, usually the second Tuesday at 6pm. Anyone living in the Michelago region is welcome to become a member – the cost is just \$10 per year. A special general meeting is being held on Sat 16 March at 3pm to decide on the adoption of a new constitution. If adopted, we anticipate the next AGM will happen in August 2024 when all committee positions are open for election. Any interested community members may nominate.





## Easter Egg hunt & Bunny Colouring Competition 9.45 at the station park

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/michelago-easter-egg-hunt-2024> Image supplied: Sam Walton

**Single ticket \$7, Family (3+) \$20 for eggs & catering. 9.45 at Station Park for check-in.**

Please cut out and bring your completed entry to the Easter Egg Hunt at the Michelago Railway Station, 30 March. There will be a prize in each of the two age categories: 1–6 and 7–12 years.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_





Need some seeds? Come along to our Autumn Seed Swap! All welcome. Kid friendly.

Even if you don't have seeds to swap, come along and grab some from our collection of (mostly) locally grown seed. We will have lots of autumn and winter seeds, including Asian greens, onions, leeks, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, peas, broad beans and more! As always, we have a good selection of beyond normal varieties – when you grow heirloom, there are always some interesting colours and shapes 🥬🥦🧄

**WHEN:** 2-4pm, Saturday 23 March

**WHERE:** Canberra City Farm, 2 Dairy Flat Road, Fyshwick

You can:

- 🌱 Buy packets of seeds, including locally grown
- 🌱 Swap your homegrown seeds with seeds from the community seed bank and seeds brought in by other growers
- 🌱 Donate seeds to the community seed bank and get credit for future seeds
- 🌱 Swapping and donating both work on a 'spoon-in, spoon-out basis'
- 🌱 If you are a NEW OR RENEWING member of CSS Coop, collect 3 free packets of seed (you can join CSS Coop on the day or join here: <https://canberraseedsavers.org.au/join-the-cooperative/>)

This is a great way to meet us and other growers in the community, see the Canberra City Farm and its fabulous gardens and see what we have in the seed library!

We'd love you to come, drop in or stay for as long as you want; no RSVP necessary.

Please don't come if you are feeling sick 🤒



## ~ Michelago Magpie Calendar ~

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

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

- **Choir** Thursdays, 7-8pm, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St (next to the police station).
- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 6pm.
- **Hall bookings:** [memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au) or phone new number 0493 638 878.  
Current hire rates: see p14.
- **HIIT** (high intensity interval training) exercise class with Peter (0417 427 494). Hall. Sat 8am. \$10. 'Works for all ages.'
- **Library.** Mobile library. March 11 & 25, 9.45-11.30. See p10. Outside the school.
- **MRCA** general meeting (open). Railway station. Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues 6pm. Next: 12 March.
- **Pony Club.** Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Enquiries: Rhys (0401 778 004) or Alisha (0422 623 304) or email [michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com) Also see <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/>
- **Pre-School.** Hall. Mondays 8.30-3. Enquiries Denise Williams 0429 688 111.
- **Seed Savers.** Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. To check dates and locations or if you have other questions, please SMS or email Belinda: 0411 043 027 or [hello@michelagoyoga.com.au](mailto:hello@michelagoyoga.com.au)
- **Senior Lunch Group.** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 1pm, the Shop.
- **St Patrick's** Catholic Church. Mass monthly, usu. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 5.30pm. Updates on Facebook's Michelago Noticeboard.
- **Thai massage.** Railway Station. Tues, Wed, 10-5. Details p10.
- **St Thomas's** Anglican Church. Holy Communion. Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11am.
- **Trail Riders:** usu. monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Check details on Tinderry tab of Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA). *Magpie 4* had a feature write-up. President Don Munns 0407 235 407. Membership – Secretary Heidi Dreyer 0434 197 122.
- **Yoga:** Thursdays, 6.30 pm, Michelago Hall. \$20. Enquiries: Belinda 0411 043 027. For all bodies. Details p10.

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

### March

- **Cricket Grand Final:** Sunday 3. Hughes Oval 12.30. *Late news: a win! See next Magpie #25.*
- **Queanbeyan Rodeo** Saturday 9. Showground.
- **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** to update MRCA Constitution: Sat 16, 3pm, Railway Station
- **Canberra Seed Savers & City Farm.** Dairy Flat Rd. 2-4pm. Details p19.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** 10am 30 March, Michelago Railway Station. Easter buns, tea & coffee – donations appreciated! **Easter Bunny colouring competition** p.18.
- **Truck & Machinery Show:** Sunday 31, Bredbo Pub.

### April

- **Australian Bush Balladeers** Sat 6, 6.30pm, Cooma Car Club. Fundraiser for 2MNO Community Radio. Details p11.

