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The Michelago Region Newsletter – 4 September 2024  
from your Michelago Region Community Association

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## Trivia for a terrific trip

**Memorial Hall, 23 August.** To amass money for Michelago Public School's Uluru trip, many masterful Michelago minds and memories met for a mighty mental battle and to munch on a magnificently marvellous meal made mainly by mothers and fathers of Year 5 and 6 students.



This wall hanging was created by Cindy Brassil, a grandparent at the school. It celebrated the happy purpose of the event, was much admired and added to the anticipation.



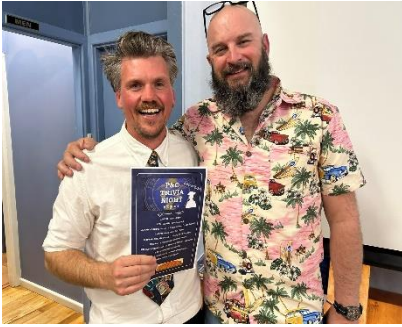
The Trivia Night was organised at very short notice by the school's hard-working P&C. One hundred people attended.

**Goodies: prizes, games and silent auctions**





## Quizmasters



## Food



## Meeting, eating, teaming







Table 6 was the winner table, triumphing in two of the question rounds. Every guest had a lucky ticket for a chance to choose from lots of desirable prizes. The silent auctions for large items – electrical goods, art works and sporting memorabilia – were popular. All prizes were donated.



The Memorial Hall Committee took quiet and justifiable pride in the perfect functioning of the kitchen after various repairs and updates, including the new dishwasher (funded by both SMRC's Donations and Sponsorship scheme – which finishes this year – and the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund).

Principal Geoff Smith told *Magpie* that the event raised \$5,000 to add to some previous fundraising and donations, then a donation from Jemena (thank you!☺) brought the total to \$21,000 to fully fund the trip.

**30 Aug. Up, up and away! Photo credit unknown.**

**Update: adventure photo p23.**



## SMRC elections 14 September – Meet the Michelago candidates

Michelago is the northernmost region of the Snowy Monaro Shire. It's sometimes described as the tail-end (or less politely). Some folk further south in the shire even see Michelago more as a quasi-suburb of Canberra.

The same attitude was present in the further reaches of Yarrawlumla (now Palerang) Shire when we were part of that.

Therefore, we have been fortunate to have had four councillors promoting Michelago interests in recent years.

Way back, before amalgamations, Vern Drew was a Yarrawlumla Shire Councillor from September 1999 to February 2004. Martin Hughes was a Cooma Monaro Councillor 2008–2016 (two hard-working terms). He's especially remembered for the walking track around the Clive Kelly Oval (see *Magpie* 25, pp13–14), when Tony Robinson was MRCA President.

More recently, Councillor John Rooney (2016–2020, inaugural Mayor of Snowy Monaro Regional Council) energetically promoted Michelago and started the bridge process. Councillor Tanya Higgins (the most recent Deputy Mayor of SMRC) has just completed her first term, rivalling John in energy and achievement, including pushing the bridge to completion.

We are lucky! Both Tanya and John are standing for this election as SMRC Councillors. While councillors do take responsibility for the whole shire, two people standing up for Michelago would be a force.

Both Michelago candidates made the bridge happen – John started it and Tanya finished it. They worked for grant funding and they pushed and lobbied and nagged ... and kept it up.

*Magpie* is careful to be apolitical and promotes these two candidates solely because they're both from Michelago *and* have shown strong commitment to it, while still shouldering their responsibilities for the whole region.

*Magpie* tossed a coin to decide their order of appearance below.

### John Rooney

#### Group G – John Rooney's Blue Team

I have assembled a team of independents and friends: Group G - John Rooney's Blue team, to offer voters a centre-right choice. The Liberal Party is not fielding any endorsed candidates in Snowy Monaro. The Blue Team will cooperate with other Councillors of goodwill to achieve the best outcomes for Michelago and the Snowy Monaro.

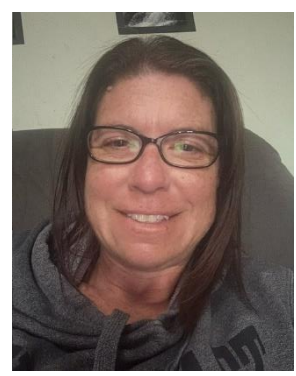
We want Council to put the brakes on rates by cutting wasteful expenditure and focusing on better roads and bridges, more efficient rubbish collection, cleaner water and safer sewerage treatment.

Frivolous expenditure on costly 'forensic' audits and unaffordable demerger proposals will get no support from us.





We want new development in Michelago village to meet the community's expectations as set out in the Michelago Master Plan. There should be room for some commercial activity, alongside residential development, such as a pub that serves evening meals and drinks for locals and tourists. A new Michelago Inn is long overdue.



**Anna Lucas (Tinderry), Bernard Rooney (Glen Fergus), Adrian Ljubic (Michelago), Fiona Foster (Cooma), Catherine Turnbull (Michelago)**



**Michelago needs basic infrastructure – a footpath the length of Ryrie Street so everyone can safely walk or ride through the village. The population continues to grow on Micalago Road, which should be sealed. We need safer intersections at the Monaro Highway and an 80km/h zone near the village.**

**Group G – John Rooney's Blue Team – We offer you a safer choice.**

Written and Authorised by John Rooney PO Box 4002 Michelago 2620

## **Tanya Higgins**

### **Group E – Tanya's Team**

**Dear Michelago and region**

**I have worked hard for Michelago for almost 3 years to resolve issues related to roads, rates, driveways, rubbish collection, a quarry-filling disaster and a small but mighty bridge!**

**Working with state and Federal Members of Parliament, I have successfully advocated to get over \$3m to seal Smith's Road, an additional \$16m for regional road maintenance and extra funding for local halls.**

**Within Council, I have supported the Michelago Region Community Association and the Michelago Hall and Tennis Courts S355 Committee in all applications for funding.**

**I have assisted with seeking grants and council assistance to put up a cricket ball proof fence, and successfully passed a Motion to approve the renaming of the 'Clive Kelly Oval' in Michelago.**

**I have also ensured a mid-term review of the SMRC Waste Management Strategy to see whether it is *actually* saving us money while also meeting community objectives.**



I have assembled a team of terrific community-minded, progressive people who share my Labor values to help me to keep delivering for this region – Councillor Lynda Summers, Bill Walker, Anthony Garvin, Penny Judge and Kylie Phillips.

We will work hard to represent all residents of the Snowy Monaro, and continue delivering results. My team will promote sensible Council spending, employing local people and initiatives to benefit our local economies and natural environment.

What we can absolutely promise is to always listen and work with sympathy and respect to find a way to resolve any Council issues that you may have.



Vote 1 Labor in Group E for a positive and progressive plan!

Tanya

More information can be found at [snowymonarolabor.org](http://snowymonarolabor.org)

Authorised by L. Summers, 25 Myalla Road, Cooma NSW 2630

*Bill Walker, Anthony Garvin, Lynda Summers (Cooma), Tanya Higgins (Michelago). Not pictured: Penny Judge (Delegate), Kylie Philips (Jindabyne)*



## Democracy Sausages at Council Elections?

The MRCA and the Michelago School's P&C *hope* to be able to offer this traditional fare, but planning was still in process by the deadline for this *Magpie*.

Having enough volunteers for cooking and serving shifts is the important thing. If they're available, then we can organise the food.

If you can help out, please send your name and phone number (and the time you could give) to Leanne at [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au)

The P&C will also have a cake stall and raffle.

Compulsory voting has generated community events. Only in Australia?

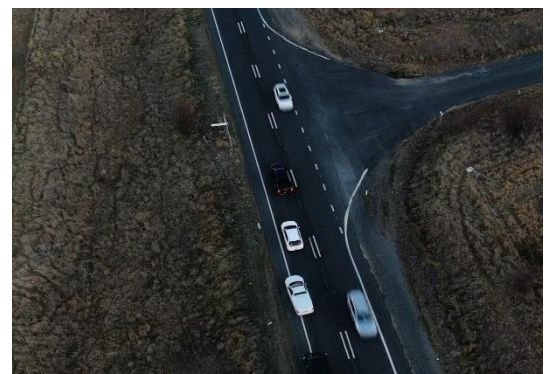


## Dangerous intersections with Monaro Highway

Thursday 22 August. MRCA President Kerry Rooney and two Clearview Road residents, Dave and Anna Bunston, met with MLA Steve Whan to discuss solutions to the dangerous situations emphasised in *Magpie 28*.

Mr Whan promised to write to the NSW Transport Minister to express Michelago's concerns. The MRCA looks forward to gaining a useful contact in her department.

*R: Clearview Road-Monaro Highway intersection (Magpie28)*





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## How good is The Bridge!

So many people are saying it and it's not a question. Especially Micalago Road residents who can now use the relatively safer Ryrie St intersection to enter and exit the Monaro Hwy, as well as having easier access to the General Store, Memorial Hall, Burra and Tinderry Rds and friends in the central village. Dogs can now walk their humans across the creek to explore the extended delights of Micalago Rd.

It's not perfect for everybody, of course: increased village traffic is not to everyone's taste, and there's no footpath.

This latter item is a concern and the 'shared space' sign to traffic is a minimal safety measure. Maybe it can be addressed another time. Apparently, footpath construction on the high (eastern) side, with an essential safety railing, would have exceeded the available funds and there isn't room on the other side.

Still, we have the bridge that so many (especially the Michelago Fire Brigade) wanted and for which Councillors John Rooney and Tanya Higgins, supported by the MRCA, worked persistently.

Shout-outs all round!



*Historic photos: March 2020, November 2023, August 2024*

Micalago Rd resident Emily Green (above) has been one of the strong supporters of the bridge campaign. Now she doesn't have to brave the Micalago Rd and Ryrie St highway intersections to drive her children to school and collect them afterwards. Now they can ride their bikes to and from. Hers is just one of the families happy about the safer route.



## What is the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund?

The MRCA and the Memorial Hall Committee are grateful to this fund for many improvements to community facilities over the years. Many people have asked 'What is this strangely named Boco Rock thing?'

Full details of the fund are on the Snowy Monaro Regional Council website, which includes this statement:

*'The Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund is a condition of the State Government approved Boco Rock Wind Farm project. The funding operates on an annual timetable and is offered once a year to eligible applicants whose project or event will benefit the Snowy Monaro.'*

The fund is independent of other SMRC finances, including rate payments.

There's more info on the SMRC site or google Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Fund.





## The Dave Hanns Fence is a goer

The 1.8 metre fence on the creek side of the Michelago Oval (aka the Clive Kelly Oval) will be built, thanks to funding from the Boco Rock Community Enhancement fund.

Kerry Rooney's persuasive application (published in *Magpie* 28, pp12–13) has secured this grant, to the delight of cricketers who will lose fewer of their balls in the creek land or, alternatively, will face an extra challenge to hit a six either into the lovegrass jungle or into the creek, depending on the water level.

There will be a gate for access to the creek land, too, so those wishing to ramble among the wombat and rabbit holes won't have to negotiate the trailing barbed wire of the present fence (see *Magpie* 27, p13). →

This gate will also give access, one day, to the public path approved in the Michelago Master Plan. (For more on the MMP and the need for Council to attend to it, see *Magpie* 29 about the proposed development at 1 Ryrie St, i.e. the old inn's land).



The fence will also benefit the oval's aesthetics, complementing the MRCA barbecues and seats, the playground and the improved open room in the tennis clubhouse.

The Michelago Cricket Club (MCC) has long desired such a fence, but is not an incorporated body, so could not apply to the Boco Rock Fund. As the MRCA is incorporated, it was able to do this for the MCC and the community.

Michelago Landcare has plans for some re-vegetation on the creek side of the fence. The new gate will facilitate the project.



## Not only but also ... the tennis clubhouse



Lining of the two unlined walls in the clubhouse's viewing room is also funded in this Boco Rock grant. The back wall and the front half-wall will be covered with corrugated metal like that on the side wall visible here.

*Magpie* readers will recall – and clubhouse users are grateful for – the ceiling installed in November 2022 to cover the birds' perch-and-poo rafters (see *Magpie* 10). This was also paid for by the Boco Rock Fund after a grant application by the Memorial Hall Committee.

The bird poo-stained chairs eventually found a new home. The wooden benches, both fixed and portable, provide sufficient seating and fit the clubhouse style.





## Colinton Rural Fire Brigade



Colinton Brigade's area covers the southern part of Michelago, an area of 25, 177 hectares (61,787 acres) of the Monaro. Its boundaries are from Clearview Rd in the north, Clear Range to the west, Calabash to the east and Gungoandra Creek to the south.

Its monthly training is on the second Saturday of each month from 1pm at the Fire Shed at 4574 Monaro Hwy Colinton. All are welcome.

**Magpie comments:** Colinton is part of the marvellous Monaro network of volunteer firefighters and often works with the Michelago Brigade. Many of us have cause to be very grateful to both these brigades in particular. This is not to forget Bredbo, Anembo, Smiths Road, Guises Creek, Burra ... and any others not mentioned here.



## Blessing of the Fleet

1 September, 10am, Michelago Railway Station



Fire trucks and firefighters from Michelago, Burra, Jerrabomberra, Colinton, Guises Creek and Smiths Road brigades gathered at the Michelago Railway Station on a sunny, windy morning for the pre fire-season blessing and a barbecue.

More than 50 people gathered on and around the station platform to hear two addresses and later to mingle around the trucks and the barbecue.



The Reverend Paul Cohen came from Queanbeyan for the Blessing. He spoke of the community's deep appreciation of all the volunteer firefighters' dedication to protecting people and property in often life-threatening situations.





***L: Rev. Paul Cohen blessed each truck.***

**Captain Tony Campbell of Colinton Brigade also addressed fire brigade members and supporters. He recognised the important traits of courage, sacrifice and persistence in our firefighters.**

**Firefighting is dangerous, stressful work. To emphasise the importance of peaceful rest after firefighting work, he drew attention to the Genesis-recorded seventh day of rest after God's creation of Earth.**

**From that example of the necessity to look after oneself and resting after callouts, including asking for help when it's needed, he encouraged members also to look after others. He spoke of how meditation, although he had been cynical about it at first, had helped him manage stress.**

**The large crowd accompanied the recorded singing of *Morning Has Broken* and *Amazing Grace*.**

**Reverend Paul Cohen, with a backpack full of blessed water, sprayed each truck (and the occasional child waiting to climb in).**

**The barbecue was cooked by the good folk from the Anglican Church. They timed the sausages and onions perfectly for the end of the ceremony.**

**It was an excellent get-together for members of different brigades. The convivial atmosphere augured well for their teamwork in the coming season.**



***Michelago's Senior Deputy Captain Peter Butler, Rob Smith and Captain Abby McPherson***





***Clockwise from left:***

- *a future fire*
- *Colinton Captain Tony Campbell, Smiths Road Captain Tim Hunter, Michelago Captain Abby McPherson, Fiona Tollis*
- *John Tollis and children with Capt Abby*
- *The efficient and friendly barbecue staff.*



### **Origins of the Blessing of the Fleet**

***From Wikipedia: 'The Blessing of the Fleet is a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing communities. The practice began predominantly Catholic, but is now practised by all Christians as a blessing from the local priest and pastors that is meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.'***

**The practice is alleged to have originated in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It seems to have much earlier roots, though, being connected with propitiation of the gods of the sea by fisherfolk and other marine travellers. It lives on in Michelago as a blessing of the region's fleet of fire trucks, not boats.**



**Let's hope it helps ensure a safe fire season for us all.**





## Get Ready Weekend

Info from Lee Harris, MRFB Secretary

21 September, 10–3. Michelago Rural Fire Brigade will have a community engagement day. The shed will be open to the public and the trucks will be on display.

A NSW Police engagement officer will also attend.

15 September: there'll be a training and working bee at the shed to have a clean-up, wash the trucks and generally get ready for the fire season.



Fire permits are required from 1 September.



## Thanks to late-night Council workers

A Ryrie St resident returned from Canberra about 10.30pm, on the very windy 28 August, to find the street blocked by half of a big eucalyptus fallen from a neighbour's verge. No traffic at all could get through.

When communication was effected, the Cooma SES said the tree's removal was the Council's responsibility and notified whoever at Council.

Just after midnight, two cheery and efficient Council workers arrived with two trucks, floodlights and a chainsaw. It took them about 20 minutes to reduce the tree and clear the road. Thank you to Council's Daryl (who lives in Michelago), pictured below on the right, and to Peter.





## Friday Koffee with Kids

Here's a new get-together group at the Michelago General Store.



30 August

Sarah and Oscar are on the left, with Ceara and Bodhi on the right.

Bodhi was being a crayons artist. Oscar was just relaxing.



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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.



## Old Magpies free at the Michelago Shop

Sometimes we've printed too many and sometimes the first printing has sold out and we did more, but too many.

Maybe you'd like to collect some memories in hard copy or are interested to see the progress of some community initiatives.

They're in the bookcase at the end of the Michelago General Store.



All *Magpies* are on the MRCA website: [michelagoregion.org.au](http://michelagoregion.org.au)

L: some recent *Magpie* covers



## Michelago Hall Gingerbread House Fundraiser

It may seem far too early to be thinking about Christmas but we've decided to start our Gingerbread House fundraiser super early this year with early bird prices to hopefully make it easier for anyone who'd like to purchase one but finds them a bit too pricey with the cost of living through the roof and all of the expenses that pop up in the lead up to Christmas! And let's be honest, Christmas will be here before we know it!

We'll be holding our annual Christmas craft & decorate your gingerbread house/cookies day on Sunday 8 December for anyone who'd like to come along to that (but you don't have to come to that to order one (or maybe a few) of these delicious gingerbread house kits!)

All gingerbread house kits are vegan and include four gingerbread walls, roof & chimney, foil baseboard, royal-icing mix, piping bag and instructions (printed on inside of outer wrap), cellophane + ribbon to wrap it all up!

**Early bird price is \$35 per kit** (RRP \$45.99 + postage) until 15 October and then the price will increase to \$42 per kit.



### Kit options are:

- Standard Gingerbread House Kit
- Gluten Free Gingerbread House Kit
- Chocolate Gingerbread House Kit

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Account name: Michelago Memorial Hall

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**AND** message Belinda on 0411 043 027 or [memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au) with your name, phone number and which kit/s you'd like (also feel free to message Belinda if you have any questions at all)

Orders will close on 21 November for delivery by 8 December.







## Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare

[This extract from the *Upper Bidgee Bulletin* notifies about some events outside the Michelago region, but which might interest locals.]

Contact: Georgeanna Storey 0429 779 928

The quarterly *Upper Bidgee Bulletin* has news about the following topics:

Monaro Tree Start Growers Network, Cold Country Koala Project, Wildlife Surveillance, small-scale erosion, pig control, Gang Gang Cockatoo and Indian Mynah information and Murrumbidgee River health.



### Upcoming Activities

- Cooma Landcare: Regular Working Bee Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 – 11pm. Email [coomalandcare@gmail.com](mailto:coomalandcare@gmail.com) for more information.
- Upper Snowy Landcare: Winter Lunch Carbon Market Information Session Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see [THIS FLYER](#) and book your spot using the eventbrite link. Email [contact@uppersnowylandcare.org.au](mailto:contact@uppersnowylandcare.org.au) for more information.
- Queanbeyan Landcare: Wattle Day walk up Mount Jerrabomberra. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10am. Email: [secretary@queanbeyanlandcare.org.au](mailto:secretary@queanbeyanlandcare.org.au) for more information.
- South East Landcare: Citizen Science Webinar Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Time TBA. Email [upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com](mailto:upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com) for more information.
- Queanbeyan Landcare: Gang-gang citizen science update. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September evening. Email: [secretary@queanbeyanlandcare.org.au](mailto:secretary@queanbeyanlandcare.org.au) for more information.
- Cooma Landcare: Regular Working Bee Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2 - 4pm. Email [coomalandcare@gmail.com](mailto:coomalandcare@gmail.com) for more information.
- Carwoola Landcare: Small scale erosion workshop Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9am - 3pm. Email [upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com](mailto:upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com) for more information.
- Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare: Monaro Tree Start Growers Propagation Workshop Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11am - 3pm. Email [upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com](mailto:upper.murrumbidgee@gmail.com) for more information.

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Cooma Landcare: Regular Working Bee Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9 - 11pm.

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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.

**Please note the change from Thursday 6.30pm to Sunday 9.30am**

# General Yoga

## Sunday 9.30am

### Michelago Hall

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# Chair yoga

*It's yoga for people who think they can't do yoga*

## Wednesdays 1-2pm

### Fernleigh Park Hall

### Cnr Fernleigh Dr & Swan Dr

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## MRCA information

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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> Wednesday 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)



## Michelago Memorial Hall – hire fees – contact 0494 178 469

This is what Council has published as hire fees for the Memorial Hall:

### Michelago Community Hall

Election Hire - Non Local Government	\$0.00	\$380.00	per day	N	Y
Whole Hall	\$17.00	\$17.00	per hour	N	Y
Whole Hall (Incl.Cleaning Fee)	\$240.00	\$290.00	per event	N	Y
Refundable Deposit Bond (Public)	\$170.00	\$170.00	per event	N	N
Refundable Deposit Bond (Private)	\$250.00	\$261.00	per event	N	N
Equipment Hire (Urn, Chairs, Table)	By arrangement with Hall Committee			N	Y
	Last year fee By negotiation with Hall Committee				

This is our actual fee structure:

Whole Hall	\$17.00	per Hour
Refundable Deposit Bond	\$170.00	per Event
Private Party/event (incl. Cleaning fee), whole hall	\$290.00	per Event
Refundable Deposit Bond (private event)	\$250.00	per Event
Equipment Hire (tables, chairs, urn, etc) for out-of-hall use: by arrangement with the Hall Committee.		

The next Hall Committee meeting, Wednesday 18 September, will include the AGM.





## Michelago School at Uluru



*The first evidence of the Years 5/6 adventure to arrive! Photo: Geoff Smith*



*It's not Uluru, but Michelago's Clive Kelly Oval looked pretty special back in April. Photo: Kerry Rooney*





## ~ 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.

Previous issues of the *Magpie* are on [www.michelagoregion.org.au](http://www.michelagoregion.org.au)

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

**New activity: dance class for kids. Note Michelago yoga day and time change.**

- **Choir** will resume the first week of October on Thursdays, 7–8pm, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St (next to the police station).
- **Colinton Fire Brigade** training 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, from 1pm. 4574 Monaro Hwy, Colinton. Contact: [secretarycolintonrfs@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycolintonrfs@gmail.com)
- **Dance class for kids. Terms 3 & 4.** Mondays 5–6pm. Michelago Hall. Details p17. Free trial class.
- **Michelago Fire Brigade** training usually second Sunday of the month, 9am–1pm. Contact details: MRCA notice board at the Michelago General Store. Captain Abby 0417 548 118
- **Hall Committee** general meeting. Hall. Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 6pm. AGM 18 Sept.
- **Hall bookings:** [memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au) Current hire rates: see p20. New phone number: 0494 178 469
- **HIIT** (high intensity interval training) exercise class with Peter (0417 427 494). Hall. Sat 8am. \$10. 'Works for all ages.'
- **Library.** Mobile library. Monday, September 9, 23. Outside the school 9.45-11.30.
- **MRCA** general meeting (open). Railway station. Usually monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 6pm.
- **Pilates.** Details p18.
- **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.** Cancelled for 2024 due to lack of enrolments.
- **Seed Savers.** Seed Savers is hibernating until further notice. Enquiries: 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. Monthly Masses will recommence in October. Updates on Michelago's Facebook Noticeboard.
- **Thai massage.** Railway Station. Cancelled due to family illness but to resume when possible.
- **St Thomas's** Anglican Church. Holy Communion. Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11am.
- **Trail Riders:** usually 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:** Sundays 9.30am, Michelago Hall. \$20. Enquiries: Belinda 0411 043 027. For all bodies. Details p19.
- **Yoga (Chair Yoga)** at Fernleigh Park Hall, near Googong on Old Cooma Rd, Wed 1–2pm. Details p19. 0411 043 027

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

**Sept 14:** Council elections, cake stall and (possibly) democracy sausages

**Sept 18:** S355 Michelago Memorial Hall Committee AGM, 6pm, Hall

**Sept 21:** Get Ready Weekend, Michelago Brigade Shed, 10–3. Details p12



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