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Micalago Road sealing: on council agenda for meeting 3 July



Photo: Emily Green

'The area is very popular with many Canberra families who have moved out from Canberra to enjoy a rural lifestyle in a beautiful location.' [See next page.]

Then they discover Micalago Road.

Critical meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council 3 July

The following article complements the leading one in the previous *Magpie 38*. That article explained MRCA'S lobbying effort for the sealing of Micalago Road. In response, residents sent over 130 letters to Council to support the sealing.

Cr Rooney's supporting statement for his motion further states the case emphatically.

If a majority of councillors supports this motion, it will be accepted as part of the Operational Plan for 2025–26.

The motion was on the agenda for the 19 June Council meeting, but consideration of the motion was [deferred until 3 July](#) because other aspects of the Strategic Plan took priority.

[The motion ...](#)

Councillor John Rooney, having previously given notice of [the following motion](#), will move the motion at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 3 July 2025.

That Council:

- A. adopt a medium-term objective to seal Micalago Road from the Monaro Highway to the Karinya Plains turnoff over a period of 3 to 5 years, depending on the availability of finance,
- B. amend the 2025–6 Operational Plan to include the sealing of the first stage from the highway to the railway bridge, subject to finance,
- C. receives a report from staff within three months on possible funding sources, including
 - a) developer contributions already paid and expected to be received from the new developments along Micalago Road and Karinya Plains Road,
 - b) proceeds from the sale of surplus Council land and buildings,
 - c) grants from State and Federal governments for road improvements,
 - d) other funding sources.

[... and its supporting statement](#)

This is the supporting background Cr Rooney supplied for the motion

Micalago Road is the sole access road for 56 dwellings, many of which have been constructed in recent years. Another 12 dwellings have been approved or are under construction. The area is very popular with many Canberra families who have moved out from Canberra to enjoy a rural lifestyle in a beautiful location. Most of the residents commute daily to Canberra. Many have children who attend Michelago Primary School or catch school buses in the village. Micalago Road is not your typical quiet country land. It is a very busy road, particularly in the morning and evening 'rush hour'.

The growth in commuter traffic, service vehicles and heavy vehicles has rendered this gravel road unfit for purpose. The Council's scheduled grading of once every two years is totally inadequate. Residents report that, within a few months of a grade, the corrugations and potholes return. Before the most recent grade, the 500-metre section of Micalago Road from the Monaro Highway to the railway bridge was impassable. Deep, wave-like corrugations would generate intense vibrations in any vehicle, rendering the journey very uncomfortable and

damaging to a truck or 4WD and impossible for a 2WD. In short, that section of Micalago Road may look like a road but it is not a road because it cannot be driven on. The only solution is to seal it and make a real road that residents can use.

The newly built bridge over Michelago Creek has created an alternative route to the Monaro Highway via Ryrie Street. However, the poor condition of Micalago Road from the bridge to the Monaro Highway has diverted most traffic (including large trucks used in construction and waste disposal) through the village. This has doubled the volume of traffic through Michelago village, past the primary school and through the shared pedestrian zone and over the narrow one-lane bridge across Michelago Creek. This raises unacceptable risks to school children and Micalago Road residents who wish to cross the bridge on foot or bike to access the shop, the playground, the oval or the hall.

Council has received over 130 letters to the CEO calling for the sealing of Micalago Road (in whole or in part) to be included in the Operational Plan for 2025–26. The letters include harrowing tales of medical emergencies: ambulances refusing to attend because of the state of the road, injured residents needing to meet the ambulance on the Monaro Highway or being evacuated by helicopter, ambulances moving at walking pace to minimise further trauma to accident victims ... and so on. One patient was prevented from returning home from hospital for months due to the condition of the road. A resident requiring regular medical treatment for a back injury reported great pain from travelling on Micalago Road and may need to sell up.

The stories are many. The situation is cruel and unacceptable. I'm not aware of any other region of Snowy Monaro where the health and safety of residents are so endangered by the condition of the road.

Nowadays, any comparably sized housing development would require the developer to provide sealed road access to a major road. This was not done on Micalago Road for historic reasons no longer relevant. What is needed now is immediate action to remedy this oversight and provide the residents with the safety and convenience they deserve – by sealing Micalago Road.

The first stage from the Monaro Highway to the bridge must be sealed now as a matter of urgency. This 500-metre section will cost \$500,000.00. Funding must be found from developer contributions, the sale of surplus Council land, and buildings grants or loans.

The second stage of the road, from the bridge to the quarry, must be sealed before trucks are allowed to recommence dumping in the quarry. When the quarry was open, residents reported 50 trucks a day using it. The third stage, from the quarry to the Karinya Plains turnoff, must be sealed once the new dwellings on Karinya have been constructed.



Photos: Emily Green



Personal testimony

Micalago Road resident Emily Green addressed the 19 June Council meeting to support Cr Rooney's motion. She spoke strongly about the safety and financial issues implicit in the state of the road. She emphasised the safety issue above all, citing various incidents, but particularly a recent, serious accident involving two of her children.

This link to a YouTube video of her presentation is on Facebook's Michelago Notice Board:

https://youtube.com/shorts/_NlnS3YhLLY?feature=share



Photos: Emily Green



Jerangle Road is also a concern – about 130 vehicles per day on its busiest stretch.

Jerangle is not as busy as Micalago Road, but that doesn't make its condition less of a concern to residents. Its condition is also in crisis.

Let's use data about road usage ...

The *Maggie* understands that, for many, data on road usage can prompt a more compelling argument for a civilised road surface than can people's experiences of difficulties, hardship and near-tragedies (see *Maggie 38* and the above background to the motion before Council).

Recent traffic measurements now provide some hard figures for what some might call a more rational approach.

It's understood that council's new Chief of Infrastructure, Tony Lickiss, considers that it becomes financially beneficial to seal roads that carry more than 100 cars per day compared with the cost of gravel roads' upkeep. (See p.5 below.) Therefore, there is a clear case for prioritising sealing Micalago Road.

Traffic counts have been done by road segments. Micalago Road had 162 vehicles per day from the highway to the railway bridge. Beyond the bridge, it was about 103 per day. According to council staff, the two critical points are 100 and 150.

It's estimated that the cost of sealing Micalago Road from the Monaro Highway to the railway bridge would be about \$500,000.00.

See *Maggie 38* p.4 for explanatory graphs of population, road length and investment.

Update on Micalago Road

Cr John Rooney

Council met on 19 June in Cooma to approve the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents. Due to the length of the IPR documents, time ran out before my motion to seal Micalago Road could be considered.

The meeting was adjourned until 3 July when this motion will be debated. There was, however, plenty of discussion about rural roads, prompted by the 134 submissions on Micalago Road.

Using the road data provided by Council staff in the agenda papers, I proposed some amendments to the IPR documents that will help guide road funding priorities in Snowy Monaro in future. Council agreed to:

- Amend the four-year Delivery Program to lobby Federal and State governments for extra funding to seal gravel road segments with 150 vehicles per day (vpd) or more.
- Amend the ten-year Strategic Plan to lobby Federal and State governments for funding to seal gravel road segments with 100 to 149 vpd.

As the Council agenda papers explained, it makes very good economic sense to seal high-traffic gravel roads.

When traffic on a gravel road reaches 100 vehicles per day, we reach the break-even point where the life cycle cost of sealing is about the same as grading. For very busy gravel roads, where the traffic volume is more than 150 vpd, the Council clearly saves money by sealing that segment of the road.

Sealing is, by a wide margin, the lowest cost option for life cycle maintenance of a 150 vpd road.

Council now, for the first time, has a good, data-driven methodology for prioritising the sealing of roads in the Snowy Monaro.

Under the new rules, the 500-metre segment of Micalago Road between the highway and the railway bridge will be a high priority for sealing. This is estimated to cost \$400,000 to \$500,000.

However, there are 24 kms of gravel road segments in Snowy Monaro that have similar traffic volumes of 150 vpd.

To give Micalago Road the priority that I believe it deserves, I will bring forward my original motion on 3 July to amend the Operational Plan to seal the first 500 metres of Micalago Road in the 2025-26 financial year.

I will ask Council to investigate funding sources such as State and Federal grants, proceeds from sale of surplus land and buildings and developer contributions. I believe that developer contributions from Micalago Road should be used first and foremost on upgrading Micalago Road.

Some of the other high-trafficked gravel roads in Snowy Monaro are forestry roads.

As I stated during the Council meeting on 19 June, I am opposed to using ratepayers' funds to maintain or seal forestry roads.

During the Australian Local Government 2025 General Assembly this week, I advocated that logging companies should pay Council for the maintenance of local roads used by logging trucks.

A resolution to this effect passed and will now be put to the Australian Government for consideration and action.

Council Road Data

Table 1: All of the roads requiring upgrade if traffic on Micalago Rd is the threshold

Description1	Description2	Length (Km)	Traffic Est
Gullies Road	Seg 010 Barry Way to Mugridge Rd	0.63	216
Lower Bendoc Road	Seg 040 End of Seal to Smith Rd	1.1	182
Gullies Road	Seg 020 Mugridge Rd to Thorny Bush Rd	2.55	180
Lower Bendoc Road	Seg 050 Smith Rd to Victoria Border	3.12	178
Abington Park Road	Seg 020 Grosses Plain Creek to Mountain View Rd	1.05	171

Abington Park Road	Seg 030 Mountain View Rd to End	1.95	168
Old Settlers Road	Seg 020 W J Dr to Stockmans Ln	1.41	167
Bucky Springs Road	Seg 040 End of Seal to Tayfield Rd	2.4	166
Micalago Road	Seg 010 Monaro Hwy to Booroomba Ck	0.51	162
Old Bega Road	Seg 040 End Seal to Greenlands Rd	4.3	160
Gullies Road	Seg 030 Thorny Bush Rd to Back Creek	5.33	150

Sub-total for roads with 150 vpd	24.35	
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Michelago Community Choir, Thursdays, 7–8 pm, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St.

Winter illness has recently thinned the choir's ranks, but only temporarily. Choir Leader Dee was one of the victims of The Bug but is looking forward to being back in full voice.

Singing is excellent for mind and body. Yoga, Pilates and Mindfulness all in one. Singing in a choir is also the ultimate team.

Singing is the most fun you can have standing up. Try it and compare.



No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. You don't even have to be able to read music. There are lovely people there and everyone is very welcome.

Even if you feel unsure or shy, it could be worth giving it a go to see if it's good for *you*. Dee is a helpful, supportive teacher.

Choir members love it so much, they've voted to continue through the winter term.

The little church is warm. Come along.





RFS: Michelago Rural Fire Brigade – incidents

Capt. Abby McPherson

Members from Michelago and neighbouring brigades were tasked to multiple fires in the Jerangle area on Friday evening, 20 June. All fires are contained.

Training: see [What's On?](#) p. 20.



Michelago Fire Brigade AGM

Brien Hallett

The 2025 Michelago Fire Brigade AGM was held at the Memorial Hall on 14 June.

Some 25 members braved the cold to welcome Operational Officer Heath Hayes from the RFS Monaro District Headquarters in Cooma who gave an overview of recent regional developments and conducted the election of office-holders for the forthcoming 2025–26 year.

Michelago Brigade Captain Abby McPherson thanked local members for their contribution over the past 12 months at 17 callouts to fires and vehicle accidents, as well as deployments to incidents further afield and regional exercises.

Various reports were considered about training, equipment and the state of the brigade finances. A review of the books found them to be in good order and a government equipment grant has now been fully expended. The Michelago brigade has no further financial commitments and continues to hold a modest but healthy bank balance to cover minor expenses such as catering and incidental equipment not provided by the RFS.

Following these reports, all positions were declared vacant and nominations called for this year.



Abby was re-elected captain with Peter Butler continuing as senior deputy captain.

L: Abby in one of her many community roles, 2023 (Magpie 21).

Deputy captains endorsed were Duncan McNeill, Derek Gucci, Gregg McFaul and Lee Harris. Brent Wallis will continue as President with Ian Hooley as Vice President, Lee Harris as secretary and Brien Hallett as Treasurer.

Captain Abby McPherson said that the brigade is in good shape and continues to be a vital local asset that is well supported by members and the wider community.



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Council has notified all Hall Committees in the shire that rates will rise slightly at the start of the new financial year. The new hourly rate will be \$18.00.



Bank of Bins

Michelago's Bank of Bins re-opened Friday, 13 June after repairs due to extensive vandalism in January were completed. To assist residents with the transition, the temporary waste collection service with trucks continued to operate up to and including Saturday, 21 June.

Service-user access codes have been updated. Letters were posted to subscribed households. Please contact Council if you are a paid user and have not received your letter.

For residents with disposal needs beyond the 120 L waste and recycling limits, please visit the Bredbo Transfer Station or one of Council's other waste facilities across the region to dispose of large loads or excess.

Users are asked to be mindful of neighbouring homes and make as little noise and disturbance as possible.

[The above item is summarised from the SMRC website – Ed.]



Repairs complete:
Michelago Bank of Bins
reopens Friday 13 June 2025



L: Council has erected bollards to prevent another assault by a delinquent driver.

R: There's history to the BofB shed. It was for years the relatively primitive home for our wonderful fire brigade.





The Michelago Moth – 6 pm, Saturday, 20 September, Memorial Hall

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Homemade soup and roll for supper
Door prizes and a raffle.
This event is a community fund raiser for a WWII honour roll on the Cenotaph.

Michelago Moth: Variety Night

Date: Saturday 20th September, commencing at 6pm

Location: Michelago Memorial Hall

Cost: \$5 per person, capped at \$20 for a family with soup and rolls for dinner and lots of entertainment.

Please contact Jo on 0431 878 328 to register your act for the evening.

There are limited places, so don't hesitate to let us know what you can share with the community – singing a song, playing an instrument, sharing a story, reading poetry, telling jokes or performing a short skit.

More information to come on the event soon.

This event is to support fundraising for the addition of a World War II plaque of service people at the Cenotaph located at the Railway Station in time for Anzac Day in 2026.

What is a Moth?

What is a 'Moth'? Well, Wikipedia says that the Moth event started in the US, 'founded in 1997 by poet and novelist George Dawes Green, who wanted to recreate the feeling of sultry summer evenings when moths were attracted to the light on the porch where he and his friends would gather to spin spellbinding tales. Green and his original group of storytellers called themselves The Moths.'

The group became a non-profit organisation and has spawned multi-media variations internationally. They focus mainly on time-limited story telling.

Well, that's what *they* do. In Michelago, the first Moth event (July 2022, see *Magpie 6*) drew on varied local talents for an evening's entertainment at the Memorial Hall. There was music, singing, jokes, a personal travel story and a Clarke Brothers history.

Anne-Louise Pollard (aka Pud) organised it to raise funds for the Michelago Fire Brigade.

This time, Jo and Brendan Jackson are the organisers. Join in for a fun fundraiser night.



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For more information about the new library service, go to the SMRC website and enter 'Village library outreach service' in the search bar.

Next Michelago visit will be 24 July.



Shade structure for playground at Clive Kelly Oval – MRCA Project plan

In response to community requests, the MRCA Committee endorsed a plan to apply for Boco Rock funding for a shade structure at the playground above the oval.

Belinda Hayes, the new and welcome MRCA Minutes Secretary, found that SMRC would require a solid, roofed structure, not shade sails, as they require maintenance and have a short life in inclement weather.

However, the quotes for an approved structure were unacceptably high (around \$98,000). Further, its area and height would dominate the landscape. The shelter would look more like a hay shed or a 4-car carport.

In short, the playground remains an open-air amusement.



R: Lola checks to ensure the measurements are done correctly. Photo: Belinda Hayes



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[Athletics Carnivals](#)

16 May. Small schools across the Snowy Mountains, [Nimmitabel Public School](#), [Michelago Public School](#), [Adaminaby Public School](#) and [Bredbo Public School](#), all came together for our inaugural Snowy Mountains Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

Then there was the Snowy Mountains District PSSA Carnival on 30 May at Snowy Oval, Cooma.

Photos not supplied by Michelago School are from Delegate School's Facebook posts. Credits unknown.

Athletics: good education develops the body as well as the mind



There was healthy inter-school competition in running, discus, shot putt, and long and high jumping.



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Fire ashes in bins?

[The following is from an SMRC media release, 20 June.]

Council has issued a reminder after a local household's bin suddenly caught alight due to ashes that has been binned before they had completely cooled.



The media release says that ashes will remain hot enough to reignite and cause other flammable materials to combust for several days – much longer than many people would expect. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that the ashes from their winter fires have cooled completely and are wrapped and disposed of in kerbside waste bins.

The release further asserts that damage caused to bins by hot ashes can be costly. If you burn your bin down, you'll need to pay for a replacement and all ratepayers foot the bill when our trucks or facilities are damaged by fire.



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Council secures significant funding to control local high-risk weeds

[This news and photo are from an SMRC Media Release, 20 May.]

The work of Council's biosecurity team has been recognised and rewarded by the NSW Government this month, with a combined \$312,250 in grant funding awarded in two allocations under the NSW Weeds Action Program for Council's work to address high-risk weed species.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government, \$272,250 was granted to the biosecurity team for their substantial and successful efforts over the 2024/25 financial year to stop the establishment and spread of state and regional priority weeds.

Council's central role in a pioneering initiative to locate, control and eliminate incursions of orange hawkweed has secured an additional \$40,000 in Weeds Action Program funding for our region.



Orange hawkweed tagged



'I really want to thank the NSW Government and Local Land Services for their generous contribution to help us protect the Snowy Monaro's farmers and local environment from these serious biosecurity threats,' said Mayor Chris Hanna.



Fire Ants

[The following is from an SMRC email 2 June. Fire ants, which first appeared in Queensland, are now in northern NSW and apparently continuing south. The email draws on the website of the National Fire Ant Eradication Program.]



Fire ants are:

- copper brown in colour with a darker abdomen
- quite small at 2–6 mm
- found in a variety of sizes within the one nest.



Check under pots, logs and other garden items. Nests are usually mounds, can be quite small and not always in the open. See the photo above, taken from the website noted below.

When checking suspicious ant nests, gently poke the nest with a long stick and observe the ants that come out. Be careful not to get too close, as fire ants are aggressive. They swarm when disturbed and have a painful sting.

For help with identifying fire ants, see the fire-ant video and photo gallery on the SMRC site.

[Note: Also visit the very informative www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/bfs/insect-pests/rifa about notification. Click on the tab 'Seen them? Contact us.']



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Come as you are – we can't wait to meet you!



A bit about Winter's weather and centuries of complaints

For esoteric printer reasons, the total number of *Magpie* pages has to be a multiple of 4. Your editor has found herself short of that this time, so here's some weather stuff for the extra pages.

We always complain about the cold and the wind (well, most people do), though rarely about the rain because we in Michelago usually don't get enough of it for farms and gardens.

Here's a heartfelt complaint by the mid-20thC poet Ezra Pound about wintry weather. He wrote it in old English (roughly, mediaeval) as a parody of a *real* old English one, called *The Cuckoo Song*, that actually praised the onset of Summer and was sung as a round. ('Lhude' = 'Loud')

Winter is icummen in,
Lhude sing Goddamm,
Raineth drop and staineth slop,
And how the wind doth ramm!

Sing: Goddamm.

Skiddeth bus and sloppeth us,
An ague hath my ham.

Freezeth river, turneth liver,

Damn you, sing:

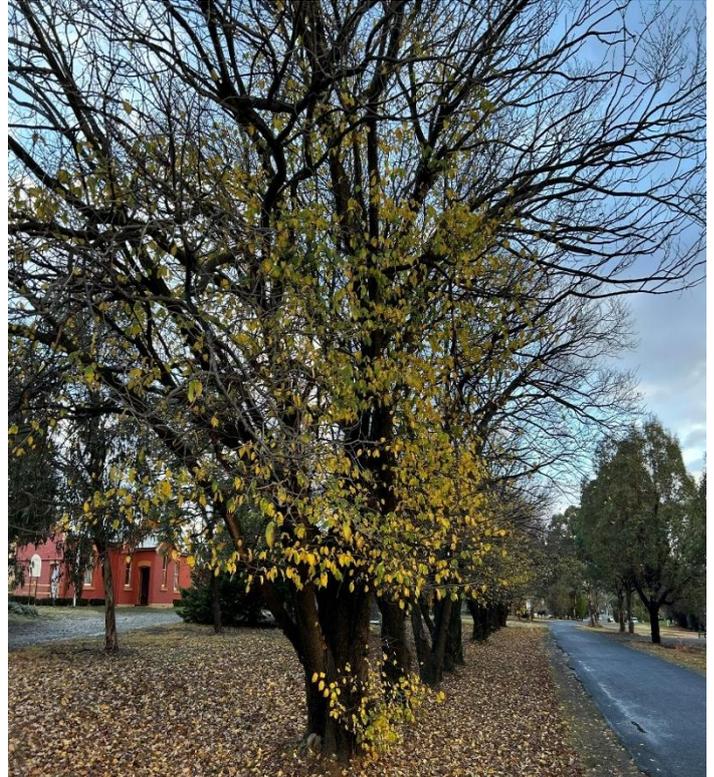
Goddamm.

Goddamm, Goddamm, 'tis why I am,
Goddamm,

So 'gainst the winter's balm.

Sing goddamm, damm, sing Goddamm.

Sing goddamm, sing goddamm, DAMM.



Above: a bleak Ryrie St. Photo: L. Pattison

Below: Snow at Stringybark Ridge. Photo: K. Rooney





Above: Looking from the Tinderries to a cloud-covered village.

Photo: Allan Lehepuu

The 18thC poet, Percy Bysshe Shelley, complained bitterly, long and boringly about Winter in his *Ode to the West Wind*, but still finished optimistically with ...

'If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?'





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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 Wednesday of the month, 6 pm, Railway Station. Next: 9 July. All Michelagoans are welcome. The minutes are on the website: www.michelagoregion.org.au
AGM Wednesday, 13 August, 6 pm at the Railway Station. Come along and contribute your ideas for the social and economic wellbeing of Michelago.



What's on?



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.

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

- **Choir** Thursdays, 7–8pm, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St. See p.6.
- **Colinton Fire Brigade** Training 2nd Saturday of the month, from 1pm. 4574 Monaro Hwy, Colinton. Contact: secretarycolintonrfs@gmail.com
- **Dance class for kids.** Unavailable Term 2. To resume Term 3. Enquiries: Alyssa 0401 920 271.
- **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. Currently every 2nd month, 3rd Wed 6pm. AGM tba.
- **Gardening Group (formerly Seed Savers)** Enquiries: SMS or contact Jenny 0400 484 485 or jenny258@bigpond.com
- **Hall bookings** memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au 0494 178 469. Current hire rates: p.8.
- **HIIT** (high intensity interval training) exercise class with Peter (0417 427 494). Hall. Sat 8am. \$10. 'Works for all ages.'
- **Library** Mobile library. Monthly on Thursdays to collect pre-orders outside the school 10.30 –11.30. See SMRC site & *Magpie* 36. Next two Michelago drop offs: 24 July. See p. 10 for how to order books.
- **Massage** Michelle O'Leary comes to you with her massage table. 0401 535 414
- **MRCA** general meeting (open). Railway station. Usually monthly, 2nd Wed 6pm. Next: 9 July.
- **Pilates** Saturdays, 9.30-10.15 am, Hall. See flyer on shop noticeboard.
- **Pony Club** Pony Club Monthly 2nd Sunday. Enquiries: Secretary: Romney (0428 297 514) or President: Rhys (0401 778 004) or email michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com Also see <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au> (Note changes to previous posts.)
- **Senior Lunch Group** 1st Monday of the month, 12.30 pm. Location varies. Call Janet 0414 785 865.
- **St Patrick's** Catholic Church. Updates on Michelago's Facebook Noticeboard.
- **St Thomas's** Anglican Church. Holy Communion. Monthly, 3rd Sunday 11am.
- **Trail Riders** Usually monthly, 1st Sat. Check details on Tinderry tab of Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA). President Don Munns 0407 235 407. Membership: contact Secretary Heidi Dreyer 0434 197 122.

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

July

- Thurs. 3 July. Council meeting. See p. 2.

August

- Guided Art Workshop. Saturday 9. Michelago Store. www.artbynetty.com/book-online
- AGM of Michelago Region Community Association, Michelago Railway Station: 13 Aug, 6 pm, Railway Station. Also see p. 19 in 'Community Association Information'

September

- The Michelago Moth. Saturday 20 at 6 pm. Michelago Memorial Hall. Evening. See p. 9.

