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The MRCA's Annual General Meeting 13 August, 6 pm, Railway Station

The MRCA is for everybody in the Michelago region. Please come! More info p. 19.

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Poster: Belinda Hayes



MRCA President's Report 2024–25

Kerry Rooney

2024–25 was a big year for our community association. Our committee got a lot done. I thank them all immensely.



Communications

Hats off to Leanne Pattison, our Editor of the marvellous *Magpie*. Leanne produced 12 editions last year, wrote most articles herself and took nearly all the photos. The *Magpie* covered everything from glorious cricket victories to funeral farewells and happy community events. The committee is particularly proud of the collaborative, in-depth coverage of road and council issues.

Advocacy

MRCA's priorities for 2024–25 were road safety and the implementation of the Michelago Masterplan.

Monaro Highway Safety

This is our top priority and should remain so until we get results. We have advocated for:

- protected turning lanes for the Micalago Road intersection
- wide, long and sealed verges for all other intersections with the Monaro Highway in the Michelago region
- an 80kph speed limit on the Monaro Highway at Michelago.

Below: Turn into Clearview Rd



We met with and provided submissions to Steve Whan and Kristy McBain, our NSW and Federal Members of Parliament. We encouraged residents to write to their local members and ministers. The *Magpie 28* featured photographs of the dangerous intersections (e.g. above) and explained the case for action.

We have raised these issues with our local Councillors, Tanya Higgins and John Rooney (the latter a member of the Traffic Committee) and with Tony Lickiss, Council's Head of Infrastructure and Chair of the Traffic Committee.

A Campaign to Seal Micalago Road

This became a priority when Micalago Road deteriorated into a dangerous road and traffic diverted through the village to avoid the 500-metre horror stretch.



We initiated a campaign to ask Council to seal the road. As a result, 134 people wrote to Council asking that the sealing of Micalago Road be included in Council's 2025-26 Operational Plan.

Micalago Road was debated by Council on 19 June and on 3 July in response to three motions proposed by Cr Rooney and an amendment by Cr Higgins. The decisions are:

1. Council will now advocate for funding to seal road segments with vehicle daily movements of 150 per day, or above. This short list of priority roads includes the

segment of Micalago Road from the Highway to the railway bridge, which has 162 vehicle movements per day.

2. In the longer term, Council will also advocate for state and federal grant funds to allow it to seal gravel roads that incur 100 to 149 vehicle movements per day. This is a longer list and includes the segment of Micalago Road from the railway bridge to Karinya Plains intersection.
3. Council will adopt a medium-term objective to improve the condition of Micalago Rd from the Monaro Highway to the Karinya Plains turnout.
4. Council will receive a report at the August Council Meeting providing options for improvements to the 'serviceability' of Micalago Road.

Ryrie Street Safety

Speeding traffic along Ryrie Street makes pedestrian safety a major concern for residents of the village and parents of children attending Michelago Public School and catching school buses from the village. Road safety around the playground is also troubling.



Accordingly, we have written to the Traffic Committee of Council asking for the installation of chicanes on Ryrie Street at the school and at the playground. Traffic calming measures for Ryrie St were recently added to Council's forward delivery program.

Left: Chicanes to slow traffic. Photo credit: Wikipedia

The absence of footpaths is another infrastructure issue deserving more attention.

Michelago Masterplan

The best news of the year was the completion of the bridge linking Micalago Road to Ryrie Street. What a proud outcome for our two local Councillors! The bridge was initiated by Cr John Rooney and championed by Cr Tanya Higgins. MRCA had lobbied for the bridge for years and it was included in the 2021 Michelago Masterplan as the highest infrastructure priority.

MRCA made a submission on a development application for a large residential development proposed for the old Inn site on Ryrie St. Our submission argued for better compliance with the Michelago Masterplan and more investment in footpaths and intersections.

You can read the Masterplan at <https://www.michelagoregion.org.au/topics/>

Grant Projects



The Boco Rock grant for Clive Kelly Oval is almost complete. We built a fence for the cricket team (thanks to Will Kelly) and put in a sign to name the oval (thanks to Nathan Booth) and almost finished lining the tennis clubhouse (thanks to Wayne Hatcher). Termites in the Clubhouse have delayed the Clubhouse's completion; the ball is in Council's court now.



NSW Heritage grant for the railway station: progress has been frustratingly slow due to regulatory hurdles, a tardy corporate donor and very busy heritage tradesmen. Enormous thanks go to Di Fett who broke the logjams. Due to her efforts, UGL provided their promised cash and the tradesmen worked their magic. The station now has some freshly plastered walls and fastidiously rebuilt doors. There is still more work to be done before we can acquit the grant but we are already searching for the next funding.



Events

Although events were not a priority, our generous members organised around ten events over the year. Special thanks go to Leanne Pattison and her reliable helpers Tony De Salis, Sally Hughes and Elizabeth Price. We also worked with others such as the P&C's energetic Sarah Davies on election BBQs.

Here is the list:

- September: **Democracy Sausages for local council elections.** Thanks also to cheerful helper Martin Hughes.
- October 13: **the official opening of the long-awaited bridge.** Kristy McBain, member for Eden Monaro and Regional Development Minister, cut the ribbon. Crs Higgins, Rooney and Narelle Davis attended. The RFS was well represented with Group Captain Brent Wallis, Captain Abby McPherson, Peter Butler and Ian Hooley. The big fire truck led a procession to the railway station for afternoon tea to thank Kristy, Tanya and John.
- November: **Remembrance Day 2024.** What made this one special was attendance by the whole Michelago Public School and a poem, *Silence*, written by Leanne Thurling. [See *Maggie 33.*]
- November: several members helped Michael Scanlon with **St Pat's Car Boot Sale.** It was great to see so many people enjoying the day at the Memorial Hall.
- January: **Australia Day family BBQ** at Clive Kelly Oval.
- March was the **ACT National Trust visit.** A **huge spring-clean** spruced up the railway station for the 30 Trust members who came on 26 March. They received a good dose of Michelago history and lashings of old-fashioned hospitality with a Memorial Hall morning tea, superbly catered by Leanne Thurling, helped by Anne-Louise Pollard.



Most of the original settler families shared stories – special thanks to David Ryrie, Tony de Salis and Liam Cotter (Liam helped guide visitors at the cemetery). We produced a booklet on the railway station's history. [See p. 10]



- **March-April: coffee sessions** for Kristy McBain and Jo van der Plaat, the major parties' candidates in the Federal election. Thanks to Belinda Hayes for hosting at the shop.
- **May: again we partnered with the Michelago Public School's P&C to cook Democracy Sausages for the Federal election.** Visitors came from around the world to experience our BBQ – from Kiribati, Timor Leste and Fiji. And from Canberra, too, which is like another country in many ways!
- **May: Mothers Day.** Leanne Thurling hosted a Devonshire tea fundraiser for the railway station. A blazing fire, soft music and Leanne T's service with a smile made us all smile.



Our venue, the heritage railway station, hosted major community events organised by others. The events were ANZAC Day, the Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Carols. Thanks to Dee and Gregg McFaul, Jo and Brendan Jackson and Sam Walton and Fiona Tollis.



Largely Unsung

Many people have earned our thanks for helping out. Here are some:

- **Derek Giucci** was magnificent. With help from Brony Gattringer and Ivan Colaric, he dug the trench and installed the lights at the Cenotaph. One word. Beautiful.
- **Markus Buchhorn**, who is the administrator for our email and website and cheerfully responds in detail to our requests for help.
- **Belinda Hayes**, who hosts the *Magpie* and donations boxes at the shop for the railway station, the RFS and the school.
- **Pip Giovanelli**, Council's heritage consultant who gives us expert advice on conserving the railway station.
- **Sam Walton**, who helps by printing the *Magpie*.
- **Emily Green**, who helped with the campaign to seal Micalago Rd.
- The **Cooma Correctional Centre**, which mowed the railway station and cemetery grounds in preparation for the National Trust Visit. Thank you, Sally Hughes, for organising this.
- **Those who helped at railway station working bees**, including members Di and Michael Fett, Michael Scanlon, Josh Kunkler, Leah Oliver, Graeme and Miz Plath, Jo Gaha, Margaret Farmer, Annette Fitzgerald, Catherine Turnbull, Derek Giucci and of course the usual gang of Sally, Tony and 'the two Leannes'.



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MRCA Inc.



Draft strategy open for feedback

Council is seeking feedback on the draft *Snowy Monaro Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy 2025-2045*. The strategy is about housing and employment growth over the next 20 years. You have until 1 September 2025 to comment. This draft Strategy does not propose any changes to the *Michelago Masterplan*, which was adopted by Council in 2021.

The Michelago Masterplan

- guides Council about the sustainable, staged development of Michelago
- is incorporated into the *Cooma-Monaro Shire Development Control Plan*.
- contains a set of priorities for infrastructure development in our village.

Now that the bridge has been completed, we believe it's time to start progressing the other priorities. We will make a submission to Council along these lines.

If you have views on priorities for Michelago, please email them to

mrca@michelagoregion.org.au

You can read the *Michelago Masterplan* at <https://www.michelagoregion.org.au/topics/>

You can also have your say directly to Council: <https://qrco.de/lands25>

Public Notice about the Draft Strategy – Snowy Monaro Regional Council 11 July 2025

1. Council is seeking community input on the draft Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy until Monday 1 September 2025. The draft strategy concerns housing and employment growth in the Snowy Monaro over a 20-year period.

Interested community members are encouraged to visit the consultation page on Council's engagement platform at <https://qrco.de/lands25> to review the draft strategy, supporting documentation, or to complete the feedback survey.

Representatives from Council are holding a series of drop-in sessions during the consultation period. Members of the public can speak to the team at these events to learn more about the draft strategy and provide their feedback in person.

Drop-in session schedule

Wednesday 16 July 2025 – Kalkite RFS Shed – 5pm to 7pm

- Thursday 17 July 2025 – Jindabyne Library – 12pm to 3pm
- Tuesday 22 July 2025 – Dalgety Hall – 5pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 23 July 2025 – Bombala Community Centre – 12pm to 3pm
- Thursday 31 July 2025 – Cooma Library – 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- Tuesday 5 August 2025 – Berridale Hall – 12pm to 3pm
- Wednesday 20 August 2025 – Bredbo Hall – 5pm to 7pm
- *Adaminaby session date, time and location yet to be confirmed*

Fact sheets for each town and village covered by the draft strategy are available on the project engagement page at <https://qrco.de/lands25>, with specific and relevant information for residents about the proposed changes in their local area.

The draft Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy will play a role in future land zoning, housing availability, employment, infrastructure and investment in the Snowy Monaro. Please visit the link above to have your say today.

For further information about this draft strategy, the ongoing public consultation, or upcoming in-person sessions – please visit <https://qrco.de/lands25>.

Community members with questions or concerns are welcome to contact Council's strategic planning team on 1300 345 345, or by email at council@smrc.nsw.gov.au.



HIIT = High-Intensity Interval Training, only \$5 per class

See also [What's on?](#) P. 20



'HIIT, or High-Intensity Interval Training, is a workout strategy that alternates between short bursts of intense exercise and periods of rest or lower-intensity activity. This method can improve both aerobic and anaerobic fitness, cardiovascular health and boost metabolism.' So says Google's AI when asked for a definition.

L: Some of the instruction cards for different activity stations.

Don't be misled by the name. Peter Daley's 8 am, 1-hour, Saturday classes at the Memorial Hall are only as intense as you feel you can make them. You can take them as slowly and gently as you wish. As Peter says, the class 'works for all ages'.

Peter has different stations set up around the hall for individuals to move around – that's the 'interval' bit. This means you get an all-over body workout. He keeps checking to see that exercises are being done properly and safely.



The routine: a warm-up, rotation around different activity stations, a cool-down, then relaxation.

L: 12 July. Lights were off and heaters on for the relaxation phase.

Clothes: trackies, shorts, anything comfortable. No need to book: just turn up. The \$5 fee covers the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall. Peter runs this class as a community contribution.

There *might* be a Tuesday 5.30 or 6 pm class starting soon. Some people would prefer that time. Saturday attendees could take advantage of this, too.

Peter organised a free breakfast treat of sausages, onions, eggs and bacon after the class of 12 July. There was time for this, as the Pilates classes, which usually follow, had a 2-week break.



*Clockwise from top left:
Rebecca and Sue help put away the gear.
Senthil cooks onions.
Peter and Senthil serve food.
Stanton enjoys an egg-and-bacon roll.
Stanton and Peter do the washing up.*



Vale Judy Bobroff, 1945–2025

Life of Judy Bobroff

Peter Bobroff, 22.7.2025

Judy was born 29 June, 1945, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Her father, Floyd Tacklind, was a US Army officer and her mother, Luverne, ran the family of 4 girls and 4 boys. As a US military family, they moved regularly, including some years in post-war Japan. Judy was the second oldest and looked after the younger ones while learning the violin.



We met in 1971 when Judy was teaching school in Honolulu and I was a Lieutenant on HMAS Yarra. After a few months and letters, Judy and I were living together in Canberra – I was at Navy Office. Judy took up knitting against the Canberra winters. I was about to be posted to a US Navy test site in California, which became an accompanied posting as we were married in Canberra on 22 August 1972. We spent 4 years in the US, mostly at the Mare Island test site. Our son, Sam, was born at the Petaluma Hospital. We were home that evening. Judy's family were in the family house in Santa Cruz, only 100 miles away.

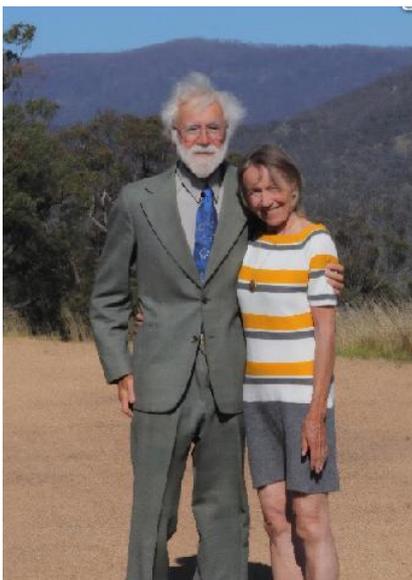
L: Judy, 2013, at a Landcare bbq by the river.

We returned to Canberra in 1976 and bought a house in Kambah on a big block. Beth was born at home in 1977 while Judy's parents were visiting. Her father, Floyd, died in his late 70s and he

and Luverne are buried in the Arlington Nation Cemetery on account of Floyd's Silver Star, awarded for bravery during the Japanese air raid on Darwin.

Judy baked bread and many desserts. We had many fruit trees and raised rabbits, chickens and geese (whose inedible output fertilized a huge vegetable garden – 15kg of potatoes per sq metre). Judy had a stained-glass workshop at one end of the kitchen and began teaching the violin while I built telescopes.

The search for a place away from Canberra's lights for the telescopes brought us to the Michelago region, the Spratts at the Inn and Dennis Byrne (whose roadside we used). The sign 'Land For Sale' on Mt Livingstone Road caught our eye and soon we had an old double garage and an obligation on weeds. We walked the hills with our back spray-packs for 30 years. The original 14 million Saffron Thistles are now very rare. A few years ago, Beth moved into the far end of our shed. Sam's family still remains in Canberra.



We had loosely followed the Atkins Diet for many years and, as we still steadily put on weight, turned to the Carnivore Diet for the last six years. It worked for us – we lost all body fat and could again wear our wedding clothes. We had no chronic diseases, no medications, no dental, no pains, not even the occasional cold or flu.

Judy had a decline in stamina a month or so ago, then lost a lot of control of her right arm and leg. She was diligently doing her physio routines with good progress on the right arm. Then, after a happy day, she died peacefully in her sleep.

We had been lucky all our 53 years and had never known grief. Judy's ashes are going to join those of my parents on a knoll overlooking the Murrumbidgee.

Above: 'Photo 2020, in our original wedding clothes. Judy had fled the USA to live with a bearded sailor. She did not bring a wedding dress and we had only 7 days to do the deed.'



Above: Judy with a pile of tree guards, Landcare working bee, 2013. Judy and Peter, Anzac Day 2024. Beth and Judy, Anzac Day 2025; Judy wore her father's Silver Star medal. (See Magpie 37 for his story.)



Michelago RFS

Training Officer Gregg McFaul noted that August will be an interesting training month, as Burra Brigade will visit 10 August and the District Exercise will be 23 August.



There'll be a Grassfire Exercise, a Property Exercise and a Motor Vehicle Accident Exercise, for registered members only, of course. These will help prepare RFS brigades for the fire season.



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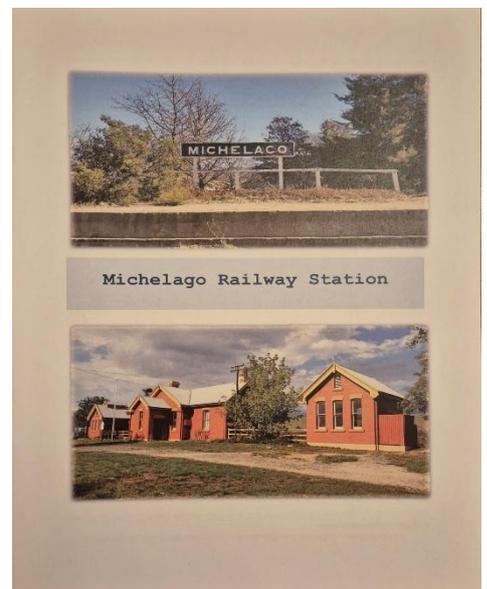


Railway Station information booklet

There are three good reasons why YOU need a copy of the Michelago Railway Station brochure. To find out why

1. our village is no longer called Micalago, as it was originally,
2. our village is located on Ryrie Street and not on the Monaro Highway near the Hibernian Inn and St Patrick's church,
3. why the trains stopped coming.

If you want to know the answers to these questions and more, please email kerryaroonney@gmail.com to order a brochure. It's a bargain at \$10 and all proceeds go to conserving our railway station.





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.

Can you sing a song, play an instrument (gum leaf, anyone?), share a story, read a poem, tell a few jokes, perform a short skit? Have a go. Just do it!

It's for a good cause. This event is to support fundraising for the addition to the Cenotaph at the railway station of a World War II plaque of Michelago service people in time for Anzac Day in 2026.

What's a Moth? See *Magpie* 39 p. 10.

R: There'll be no moths, though there's a motif connection.





Bush Bubs



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it takes a village - ours just happens to be Michelago

WEDNESDAY

10:30AM

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Whether you're a first-time mum or adding another little one to the mix, Little Bush Bubs is all about connection, support and getting out of the house!

In our little village, community matters. We believe in showing up for each other, swapping stories, sharing laughs (maybe some tears) and building local friendships that go beyond the baby milestones.

Our meet-ups are casual – no pressure, no judgment. A safe and easy spot where the babes and toddlers are welcome and you can meet other local mums who get it!

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

Tree Start Growers Network – Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare

There's an EOI from Georganna Storey on the Michelago Community Facebook page. More detail in the next *Magpie*.



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Memorial Hall

Council has recently requested a list of urgent and non-urgent maintenance items from all S355 Hall Committees in the shire. Committees are responsible for regular and minor (non-structural) maintenance and ensuring that the facility does not present a hazard to its users. Council is responsible for maintaining large works.

The Council administration specifies that some minor maintenance items for which committees are responsible include mowing, general gardening, cleaning, replacement of consumables (e.g. paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products) and 'replacement of worn or broken parts'.

Michelago's current Hall Committee has certainly done a lot more than keep up the supply of 'consumables'.

Those who've followed its work in previous *Magpie* issues will recall fund-raising and writing grant applications to raise extra money for items including:

- security doors to the storage area
- restoration of the wooden floor
- the dishwasher
- fixing the stove
- fixing the sound system
- fixing the security cameras
- solar panels and battery
- plastering holes
- painting
- the new sign above the portico
- acoustic panels and curtains.



Hire fees only supplement these costs. Some of these items have required physical work by the Hall Committee. All have required time.

Thanks to committee members Jenny, Allan, Naomi, Belinda S., Anna L., Cath C., Leanne P.

Here's the usual handy information about Hall hire

memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au or 0494 178 469

The Hall has all facilities for your function.

Hall hire rates

- a) Daytime: \$17.00 p/h. Refundable deposit bond: \$170.00 per event.
- b) Evening Event: \$290.00 + refundable deposit bond \$250.0.
- c) Equipment hire (tables, chairs, urn, etc) for out-of-hall use: \$1 per chair, \$5 per table.
Other equipment by arrangement with the Hall Committee.

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.



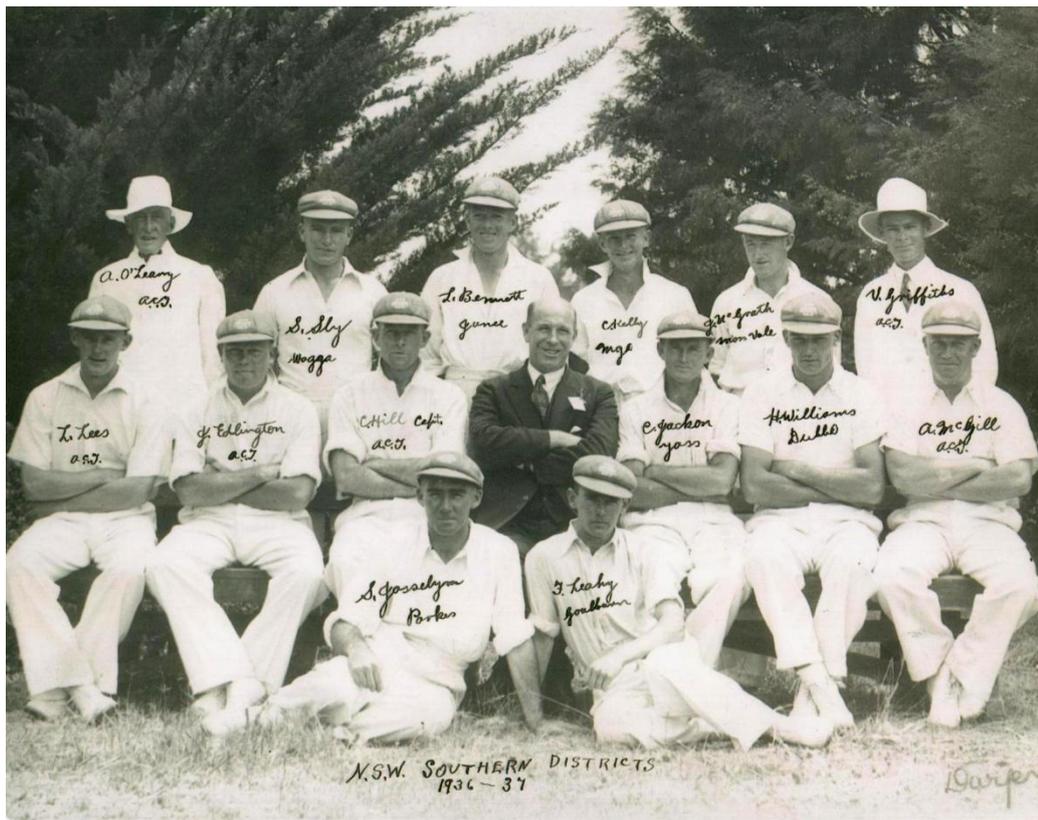
Clive Kelly Oval – signed at last

Thanks to Boco Rock funding and Nathan Booth, there’s now this handsome sign at the Clive Kelly Oval.



In 2023, the Council agreed to rename the oval in honour of the local cricketing legend (see *Magpie20*).

In the 1930s, Clive Kelly of Michelago represented the ACT and Southern Districts, scoring 850 runs in 14 matches. This included opening the batting against England in 1937 when he top-scored with 49 runs. This score set a record against international teams, unbroken until 1968.



In nine seasons of first grade cricket with Queanbeyan, Clive notched up 9,875 runs with an average of 44.68. He also played with the local Michelago team over many decades.

(See *Magpie12* for the full story.)

Above: NSW Southern Districts team 1936–37. Clive Kelly is third from right, rear row.



For your enjoyment, here's a poem Michelago's Leanne Thurling wrote two years ago about her delinquent pet cow.

My Maggie Mae

Leanne Thurling

Maggie Mae's a poddy who was spoilt from time of birth
Of unknown sire or parentage, she's big around the girth,
But years ago, when she was just a tiny bovine scrap,
She filled my heart with happiness; I thought that that was that.

She thrived and grew and I was warned by others who could see
That she was getting out of hand, and a problem she would be.
I laughed it off – she's just a sook and comes up for a pat,
A playful nudge, a gentle push, and she even likes the cat.

Well!!! She broke the chook yard and she ate up all the crumble.
Because it was the treated stuff, her gut had quite a rumble.
I tried to give her bi-carb. I was told that this was just the trick
And the vet had sent injections; it was just a little prick.

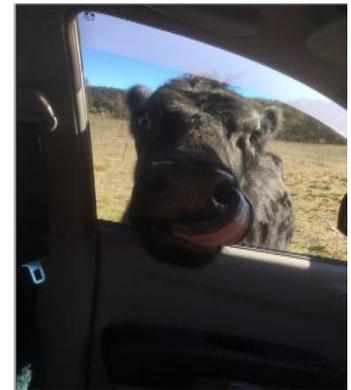
She lay with laboured breathing and refused to drink or eat.
I pushed and shoved to try and get her standing on her feet,
Without success. Decision made: inject her on the ground.
Into her rump the needle went and her energy she soon found.

She jumped and kicked and bellowed like her throat I'd tried to slit.
Not quick enough to get away ... she kicked me in the ribs.
Now doubled up and reeling with the onset of the pain,
I felt like I'd been run down by the local XP train.

Well, Maggie didn't get the medicine to help her on the mend
She cleared off down the paddock, on her own now had to fend
She recovered and her list of misdemeanours grew and grew
If something now was broken, you needn't guess – you knew.

She busted into barrels where the dog food bags were stored.
Funny how she had a taste for kibble from the floor.
Newly planted trees were like a favourite game to play;
She'd walk along behind me, plucking out what I had placed.

Floodgates didn't stop her if she went down to the creek
And when I went to find her, she'd be looking mild and meek.
If someone came to visit and we went out for a stroll,
She'd push herself between us and the intruder she'd move on.



*L: Random calf, not Maggie Mae
Stock photo, Vecteezy.*

She'd bellow when in season and she'd follow me around.
 'I'll sort this hormone problem', so a bull for her I found.
 The calf was due in winter. It was snowing quite a lot.
 The spot she chose to have her calf? The dam wall, at the top.

With Murphy's Law at play that day, it didn't go to plan
 The calf had slithered out and promptly rolled into the dam.
 In freezing water I did get to try and get it out,
 With no-one there to help me or hear me call and shout.

My phone was wet, but it still worked. I called for Gerard's help
 To bring a rope and help me pull the sodden baby out.
 Now Mum and Bub did really well, are together to this day.
 Just some antics of this poddy cow I call my Maggie Mae.



Maggie Mae photos above: L. Thurling



L: Maggie Mae meets Aqeela, Leanne P's granddaughter. July 2024

At first, there were the poddies Maggie and Molly, but only Maggie survived. Leanne T. sang the Rod Stewart song *Maggie Mae* to the calf (and still does). That song about an opportunistic lass was also sung by the Beatles, with variations, but the character has a longer history in British folk music. The first written version we have is from the 1850s, so oral versions possibly pre-date that. [Info source: Wikipedia – Ed.]



Michelago Store's new sign



Nathan Booth had a busy 22 July afternoon.

As well as he and helper Sarah erecting the sign at Clive Kelly Oval, they put up the eye-catching green advertisement at the Ryrie St entrance to the village for the Michelago General Store.

It should entice more passing travellers to break their journeys and enjoy Belinda's excellent coffee and cakes (especially the very chocolatey brownies).



Community Choir



Despite wanting to continue through the winter, the choir was forced by illness and the very cold weather to stop meeting in July.



The plan is to resume their singing joy on 7 August.

It will still be on Thursdays, 7–8 pm, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St.

Singing is excellent for mind and body. It's Yoga, Pilates and Mindfulness all in one. Choir singing is also the ultimate team.

If you haven't been part of the choir, maybe you could give it a go. It's companionable and fun and you don't have to be able to read music.



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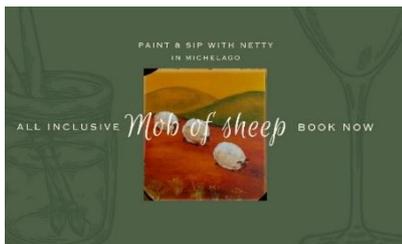
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Guided art workshop at the Michelago Store, 9 August

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Endless bubbles and charcuterie.

For story and photos of the previous workshop, see *Magpie 38*.



'Blackberry Splatter Gun Control' – Local Land Services

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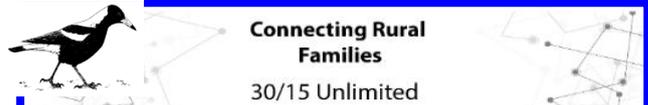
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Save yourself \$\$ by keeping items useful for longer, and help to minimise waste.

Clothing not quite fitting right?

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Also mending/patching clothing, and adjusting household items. Whatever your need, get in touch and I'll see what can be done.

If you would like to learn to sew, or have a sewing machine but not sure how to get the most out of it, please get in touch to book yourself a lesson.

Contact Jenny: Ph. 0400 484 485 Email: jenny258@bigpond.com





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Questions? E: mrca@michelagoregion.org.au

Be a member (only \$10 single, \$15 family p.a.). Absolutely no obligations.

Joining or renewing, BSB 633000, Account 126401058 and please give your name.

Account name: Michelago Region Community Association Inc

There are **three 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. 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 fund-raiser events, depending on available personnel.
3. It's sociable – you know what's happening, who's doing what, and you participate only if you want to.

Meetings are open: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm, Railway Station. All Michelagoans are welcome. The minutes are on the website: www.michelagoregion.org.au



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. Resuming August, date tba. See p.17.
- **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. \$5 just to cover Hall hiring cost. 'Works for all ages.' See pp. 7, 8.
- **Library** Mobile library. Monthly on (usually 4th) Thursdays to collect pre-orders outside the school 10.30 –11.30. See SMRC site & *Magpie* 36 for how to order. Next 2 drop-off dates: 21August and 18 Sept.
- **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: AGM + general meeting 13 August.
- **Pilates** Saturdays, 9.30-10.15 am in school term. 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.**

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, Also see pp. 1 to 5.
- Local Land Services. Blackberry splatter-gun control session. Sunday 24, 2–4pm, Clive Kelly Oval.

September

- The Michelago Moth. Saturday 20 at 6 pm. Michelago Memorial Hall. Evening. \$5 each or \$20 family. Fundraiser for Cenotaph WWII plaque. See p. 11.
- Michelago Landcare: weed control along the creek, thanks to a Crown Land grant. Date tba. Neighbors to be contacted closer to the time. See also Local Land Services pp. 12 & 17.

