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## New planning proposal for Michelago village



19 February. Council endorsed the referral of a planning proposal to the Minister for Planning. The 6.99 ha of land, owned by Michelle Lees, is to the west and south of the Michelago school. It borders Ryrie St and the Monaro Highway as well as Michelago Ck.

The proposal seeks to (1) Rezone the land from RU1 rural (80 ha minimum lot size) to RU5 village (1,800 sq.m minimum lot size = near half an acre) and (2) abolish the scenic protection area, the 400m visual buffer from the Monaro Highway.



*L: aerial view of the proposed site (from Facebook).*

If the proposal is approved by the NSW Department of Planning, it will then go on exhibition for public comment.

The rezoning would allow for up to 22 residential lots.

The proposal is consistent with the Michelago Masterplan which envisaged residential development in this location. It also contains an easement to allow pedestrian access from Ryrie St to Michelago Creek for a recreational path loop.

The Michelago Masterplan was approved in 2021 after more than a year of community consultation.

It can be viewed via this link:

<https://www.michelagoregion.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Michelago-Masterplan-Final.pdf>



### What about the development proposal for the old inn site at 1 Ryrie St?



Several people have asked about this. The proposal was reported in detail in *Michelago Magpie # 29* (6 August 2024).\*

This development application involved the demolition of the motel and restaurant and the subdivision into 29 residential lots.

The MRCA received a letter in November last year stating that Council had refused the application. The determination was made by Council staff. No reasons were given in the letter.

The developer may revise the proposal and try again.

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### Bank of Bins: small update

The Council's survey about extending the BoB hours by one hour, either before or after the present opening hours of 8am to 6pm, has closed. Council will notify users once the data have been processed.

Local builder Troy MacPherson has finished the Environment Protection Authority-mandated fence. Some comments note that it improves the look of the shed. The EPA has yet to inspect it and pronounce judgement on its noise-abatement effectiveness.

Council sent out the new passes by registered mail to be collected from the shop.



*Street appeal: the old shed has a trompe l'oeil house extension at the front. Staggered panels. Ducky little gate. Shelter for a bbq at the back. Get one for home.*





## Unhappy Micalago Road resident

Here's a sad story of expense and trauma caused by the state of Micalago Road. Any more stories? Photos? Send them to [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au) Please give your name but tell us if you want to be published anonymously.

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Dear Councillors and CEO

There's a strong reason you keep hearing from the residents of Micalago Road, though you must get sick of the complaints.

Anyway, I have kept quiet about the road but now I've absolutely had it. Here's why.

Last October 2025, my rego inspection showed numerous things broken under my car due to the severe jolting over the potholes, ridges and corrugations on Micalago Road, so the car failed rego inspection. I was also due for new tyres, so that was not a cheap exercise.

Now, thanks to the road, I've had even more expense. Here's the story.

On 6 February 2026, as I was heading towards the village, I rounded the corner opposite 225 Micalago Road and saw a big rock the size of a large man's fist in the middle of the road. I tried to swerve to miss it but hit it with a resounding bang. It blew an inch-long tear in the side wall of my 4-month-old tyre, a tyre that cost me \$265.00 to replace.

The road is delaminating badly, especially where I hit the rock.

When I realised I had to stop and change the tyre (in 34-degree heat), there was nowhere safe to do so. Either sides of the road are higher than the road or there are piles of dirt dotted along the embankment. I had to drive over the bridge into the village and stop at the first bit of flat land. This flat bit of land is infested with Scotch thistles, which made the job difficult and unpleasant.

The noise my car's front end made driving on a flat tyre over the road on the way was horrendous.

Would you please get the graders out? Yes, I hear you have no money, but this is a very, very busy road and it's getting worse and worse.

So that's why I am no longer keeping quiet. One would assume the Smiths Road residents are now quiet! That is, considering funds from the Karinya Plains Road sub-division were given to Smiths Road. That road is now sealed and we have a horror stretch.

If you can't seal the road, please keep it graded.

Thank you.

Suzanne Stevens

Micalago Rd

24 February 2026

1. Suzanne's destructive rock. (Photo: S. Stevens)

2. Helpful sign 'rough surface', in case the cause of your car's violent vibrations is unclear.





## Cricket: Michelago's only sports club aims for the A Grade semi-final in the ACT Sunday Social Cricket Association – report on 2 games

### Michelago vs Nine Inch Bails – 1 February

'The difference between cricket and other sports is that you don't know when the big moments are coming. You can see the build-up to 'em in footy. The running, the passing, the feinting, the kick downfield ... Cricket's not like that.' *Glenn Fowler, MCC supporter and occasional fill-in player.*

He's right. The fascination is in the battle of multiple skills as each team tries (usually politely) to beat the \*\*\*\* out of the other and you don't know until it happens that they've landed another blow.

A committed crowd of, erm, about eight came to support the MCC's last home game of the season. As this was eight more than previous games, the team was chuffed.

It was a solid team, though missing Mo, Big Phil and young Mushi. We won the toss. Elected to bat. Forty overs to make lots of runs. Game on.

Blake and Nate open, Nate settling in nicely defensive, Blake smashing a few, one even going over the Dave Hanns fence into wombat land. They make 40 in 4 overs. 'Real good going,' says Captain Matt. 'Average of 10 per over.'

*R: Blake batting and Shane bowling.*

At 1.05, we're none for 60 off 7 overs. This in just over half an hour. The boys have a quick confab in the middle of the pitch to discuss tactics. Seems they decide to go for broke with a spatter of 4s.

No! a catch off Nate is coming ... but it's dropped. Whew! 'Nathan's living on the edge,' says Matt. He sure is – next is a belted 6 to the back edge of the nets.

'Their bowler's losing accuracy,' says Matt. 'Has his head in front of his leg.' [Sounds painful.] Blake's out for 60. Disappointed but smiling. He's had fun. Replaced beautifully by Hiru with a heroic 4 then out for 14.

Nate gets 100! Both teams applaud with proper cricket manners. Someone: 'He's either rocks or diamonds. Today he's diamonds.' Then he's out for 118 and *very* not happy with both himself and his bat.

Clay and Niv batting, another good pair. Niv's nearly run out but then steadies to make 32. Clay gets 4.

After drinks, the Bails get two wickets for two balls in the first over, one being Tee caught on the boundary. 'They're sharpening up,' says Matt.

Sam and Ish show what they think of *that*. Ish hits a 4 up the hill to the dunnies (shades of Clive Kelly, who allegedly could hit up to Ryrie St).

A confident couple of 4s from Sam, insisted as being 'swashbuckling' by Glenn but 'flashy' by your writer. And it's 8 for 280.



*R: Talal ('Tee') with his mother, Maddie. Their family business, Baba G's Farm Quality Pet & Stock Feed (Isaacs shops), sponsors the MCC.*

Ish is gone for 11. Sam's caught for 37. All out for 297. 34 overs bowled. 'I'm very happy with the way it's going,' says understated Matt

3.30 and the Bails are batting. Blake, a leg spinner, and Shane, 'a very handy left-arm swing bowler', attack. And attack, but the Bails stand firm. 'They're getting away,' says Matt, but 'that one's laying cross-bat shots, high. He'll be gone.' And he is – the ball goes straight up: bowled Blake, caught wicket-keeper Nate.



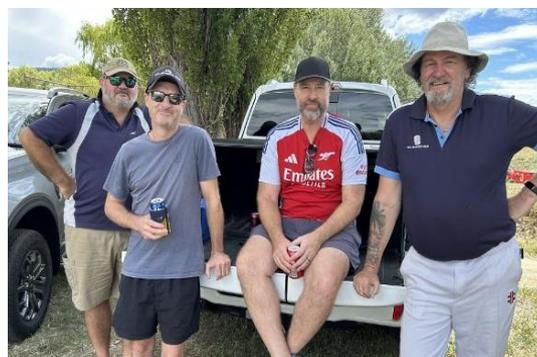
Now the wickets start to fall: Blake bowls out four, one caught by Sam. Another bowled by Shane, caught Adam. Nate is wicket keeper because his torn hammy is giving grief. Never give up. Glenn strolls on to field somewhere. Two more out: bowled Niv, caught Adam, then bowled Adam, caught Nate.

*L: Eric on the Dave Hanns Pavilion.*

After Adam and Clay wreak further havoc, the Bails are 9 for 164 at the 31<sup>st</sup> over.

'Can't see them making 300,' predicts unworried Matt at drinks, lighting the barbeque. And they don't: 10 for 170. Michelago is 10 for 297 and wins by 127 runs. Credit to the whole team.

'Good score, too hard to chase. Great teamwork. Some great individual efforts,' concludes Matt, happily turning the sausages.



*Clockwise from left: 1. Hiru, Blake, Matt. 2. Sam updates the scoreboard. 3. Susie & David Ryrrie with Blake. 4. Brant, Tim, Glenn, Ian.*

**[Note the following was written before 15 Feb., without foresight. –Ed.]**

Next game is 15 February vs MHF Brewers at Hughes (off Webster St). Then the semi-finals on 1 March. We're currently fifth of eight on the ladder and in with a chance. The Brewers are sixth and won't want to stay there.

There's more to cricket than the cricket. There's the chat in the Michelago bunker. There's analysis of the game, stories of other games (most of these blokes play in other clubs, too), quiet appreciation from the supporters and kids riding scooters around the path.

This time, there's also valuable advice from newly and happily married Glenn. Second time around and he reckons he's got it right. The simple secret? 'Acknowledge your partner's problems; offer a solution only if invited to do so.' The example given is the incident of the broken mascara wand. The advice is taken on board. Maybe.

Below: Copy of the ladder after the 1 Feb. match, heading to the final round. It doesn't get much closer than this, with the top two playing each other, 3 playing 4, and 5 (us) playing 6.

**Table source: ACT Sunday Social Cricket Association**

(1)	CMCC Allstars	P: 8 W: 5 L: 2 D: 1   11 Pts	24.7(For) / 14.78(Ag)   167.14
(2)	CMCC Tuskers	P: 8 W: 5 L: 2 D: 1   11 Pts	17.23(For) / 14.11(Ag)   122.11
(3)	Woden Warriors	P: 8 W: 5 L: 2 D: 1   11 Pts	22.83(For) / 19.58(Ag)   116.59
(4)	Pumpin Booty	P: 8 W: 4 L: 3 D: 1   9 Pts	24.3(For) / 21.6(Ag)   112.48
(5)	Michelago	P: 8 W: 5 L: 3 D: 0   9 Pts	16.97(For) / 15.9(Ag)   106.70
(6)	MHF Brewers	P: 8 W: 3 L: 4 D: 1   7 Pts	18.37(For) / 24.24(Ag)   75.78
(7)	Hazara Gliders A	P: 8 W: 2 L: 5 D: 1   5 Pts	17.34(For) / 19.6(Ag)   88.48
(8)	Nine Inch Bails	P: 8 W: 0 L: 10 D: 0   0 Pts	17.21(For) / 34(Ag)   50.61

If you're interested in playing next season, call Captain Matt: 0408 005 784.

[15 Feb. Michelago vs MHF Brewers at Hughes, under 1,000 screeching cockatoos](#)

**'We just had a really bad day.'**

'A man's reach should exceed his grasp, else what's a heaven for?' Well, we've reached *and* grasped successfully before and were in sight of the semi-final heaven, but (to move desperately to the moral of an ancient myth) did we fly too close to the sun, the wax on our wings melted and we plunged into murky depths?

Were we over-confident after our previous match's brilliance, as 'security is mortals' chiefest enemy'?

Well, that's all rubbishy words of purported wisdom from people who surely never played cricket, because *we just had a really bad day*. It happens. That's life. That's cricket.

MHF Brewers 4/79 defeated Michelago 10/77.

It's not that the Brewers' bowling was superlative. It wasn't. 'We're just not batting well,' said Nate at first drinks. 'Diamonds to rocks.'

A lot of their balls were mud pies, a pie being, said Glenn, 'a ball that's so slow it deserves to be hit to Civic.' And there were lots of no-balls and byes. Maybe all this wasn't a tactic to tempt our boys to make high, rash hits and bash at a full toss to be easily caught. Maybe it was – if so, it sometimes worked. As Captain Matt has said before, 'Don't chase the rubbish. Wait for the ball you like.'

*Right: Fast Phil bowling.*



It wasn't all bad. Among other valiant run scorers, Phil made 10 and Nate 6, which, in the circumstances, was excellent.

Grumble #1 ... a wide is supposed to be re-bowled. They bowled three consecutive wides and the umpire (theirs at the time) re-bowled only one. Not that it would've made much difference. We made enough ducks to satiate six sackfuls of foxes. Catches win matches. They took lots. We didn't.



At drinks in the first innings of the previous (and glorious) game, we were 7 for 209. Now, at the same point, we were 9 for 72. Then all out for 77, so the Brewers' target was 78.

Grumble #2, made at drinks: the opposition is 'dribbling'. Dribbling? 'Lots of distracting words meaning nothing,' said Sam, sportingly not specifying.



*Above: Sam, Blake, Hiru.*

*L: Nate combined family with cricket.*

**And so to bowl:** multi-skilled Phil, Blake, Shane and Nate charged in with savage intent and some success against annoyingly intransigent batters.

Shane's target played the ball onto his own stumps – amusing! Then Shane bowled a couple of wides, but the appeal wasn't given. 'You always have to judge your

length,' advised Glenn, with mixed context. Blake took another, caught Ish. And another. Then there were several close calls ... and yes! fast bowler Big Phil clean bowled a hapless batter with an absolute smasher. 'The stump's still rolling,' said Matt.

At the 14<sup>th</sup> over, they were 3 for 57. Someone very restrained said: 'We're in deep poo.' No comment from Matt.

The anti-climactic end came soon enough. We've just missed the semi-finals. Shake hands, be nice, say 'That's cricket' and remember that this is A Grade and we've finished fifth on a ladder of eight teams. Overall, a great season.

Thank you, Matt, for all the organising, record-keeping, encouragement and the post-match barbecues. Thank you, all the players, for your commitment, good cheer, positive attitude and achievements. The games have been interesting and entertaining. Go, Michelago Cricket Club!





**The 15 Feb.  
team**

***Back, from L: Phil,  
Matt, Adam,  
Brendan, Sam,  
Shane, Eric, Ian,  
Ish***

***Front: Hiru, Blake,  
Nate, Niv.***

***Missing: Mo, Tee,  
Mushi.***

## Michelago Public School – a good new year

*A staff member*



**What a fantastic start to 2026 at Michelago Public School!**

**The year has launched with energy, enthusiasm and plenty of smiling faces across the school. Our students have embraced every opportunity and should be incredibly proud of the way they've started the year.**

**We kicked things off with Gecko Sport and it has been a huge highlight, especially with our tennis program in full swing! 🎾 Students have been developing their coordination, footwork and game skills, while also learning about teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience. It's been wonderful to see students encouraging one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and building confidence on the court. The effort and positive attitude on display have been outstanding.**

**We also welcomed Healthy Harold, and as always, the sessions were engaging and impactful. Students loved the interactive learning experiences and came away with important messages about health, wellbeing and making positive choices. There were plenty of thoughtful questions, great discussions and impressive knowledge shared.**

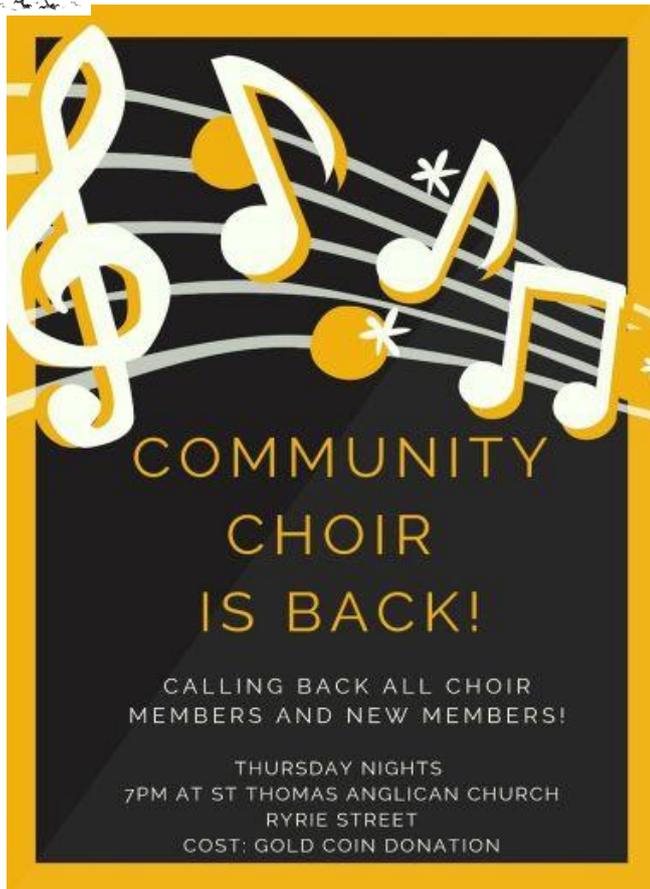
**Our SRC leaders have also hit the ground running, demonstrating maturity, initiative and a strong commitment to representing their peers. Their leadership is already making a positive impact within our school community.**

**If these first few weeks are anything to go by, 2026 is shaping up to be a year filled with growth, achievement, fun and exciting opportunities for all. We can't wait to see what's next!**



## Choir

Dee McFaul



The Michelago Community Choir will return again this year from Thursday 19th February at the St Thomas church, next to the Police Station.

The choir is purely for getting to know other folk from Bredbo, Burra, Tinderry Mountains and Michelago region.

We sing for fun together, laugh together and generally just have a wonderful hour of joyful community.

No experience is needed and all resources are supplied. All we ask in return is your enthusiasm and a gold coin donation.

Love to see all returning members and some new faces.



## Tennis Club, anyone?

Are there any tennis players who'd like to get together with others for a few games?

Michelago's two courts aren't Wimbledon but are fine for friendly get-togethers. They're free to use.

The so-called clubhouse is very convenient. It has three toilets, a kitchen and a viewing room with seats.

The electric barbecue is adjacent to the courts.

The courts are used only occasionally by random players, so would easily accommodate a regular schedule.

That would just need a few people willing to organise games and happy to see that the clubhouse is left clean and tidy, locked up afterwards and the power turned off.

There was a tennis club 'back in the day' but it lapsed when the main organiser left Michelago, so it just needs a few people to put in some time for friends and acquaintances to revive more community links.

The Hall Committee has oversight of the courts and clubhouse and would welcome a tennis club enjoying this community facility.

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## Got something to say? Come to Village Conversation Night

Peter Bobroff

Much is happening in these turbulent times. Lots to talk about in rational discussion.

Australia Day and ANZAC Day gatherings are short and infrequent. Monthly Bingo nights will help but the excitement of huge potential winnings might dampen longer conversation.

So: Village Conversation Night at the General Store at 6pm on the second Thursday of every month, to keep clear of weekends and public holiday. First gathering is 12 March, then 9 April.

There is a pub in public discussion and the first drink is on the house.



*The shop might not be quite the agora of Ancient Greece, where people gathered to discuss issues of the day, but it's a pretty good place for Michelago. It's central, comfortable, and has booze and food. –Ed.*

*L: 'The School of Athens' by Raphael, painted 1509–1511. Long job. Good commission.*



## Michelago Heritage Festival – Sunday 3 May

Kerry Rooney



Photo: K Rooney

We are seeking Expressions of Interest for a market at the Michelago Railway Station on Sunday 3 May, 10 am–2pm.

We invite participation from local stallholders with produce, handcrafted goods, art or collectibles. We also welcome local community groups or businesses who would like to promote their services. You will need your own insurance.

EOIs are welcome up to and including Sunday 8 March.

The market will be held together with an open day at the railway station as part of the National Heritage Festival.

Contact: [mrca@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:mrca@michelagoregion.org.au)



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## Visit to The Michelago Arboretum



Sunday 22 February. The 23 Michelago Garden Group people were welcomed by Ivan Colaric, who walked them around his arboreal wonderland, explaining the histories and characteristics of different species.

He has plantings from 5 continents. His botanical knowledge is astoundingly extensive.

He and his wife Joy started the arboretum around 1996. There were dire predictions from locals about the folly of establishing extensive plantings in this climate and soil. He and Joy proved them wrong.

There are less flowers than when

Joy (a noted florist) was alive, when he called the place The Joy Garden, but the trees continue to thrive. He raises new ones from seed and cuttings to sell.

Ivan now spends more time with his extensive vegetable garden than with flowers and attributes its fruitfulness to truckloads of leaf mulch, often gathered from Canberra's autumnal streets.

Ignoring the light rain and awed by the extent and variety of trees Ivan has cultivated, the visitors had many questions and comments.

Grateful thanks to Ivan for his time and patience and to Jenny Wholohan for organising the visit.

***Michelago Arboretum, Micalago Road. Visits by appointment: 0418 420 483***



***Top: A few of the pines and cypresses. Photo: J Wholohan***

***L: Ivan with his Wollemi Pine. Photo: J Wholohan***



***Above: Part of the vegetable garden.***



1. 'Anyone home?' Pud lifts the pendulous arms of a sequoia.
2. The sharp-edged Dutch Hoe pulls out small weeds.
3. The gazebo.

(The Garden Group is not a club as such – just a gathering of interested locals. It was started as 'Seed Savers', by Belinda Sierzchula, who has moved to Queanbeyan and is very much missed.)



## Trees

by A.P.

If I see a tree, does the tree see me?

Are we equal parts in our diversity?

The leaves of the trees

Restore the air I breathe.

A universe in life and ages

Deeply secure in this earth

Reaching out towards the sun

From that same place where union had begun.

Never to hurry off in anxious appeal

But to stay and submit to what the elements reveal.

Place your ear to its trunk and hear the life move inside –

Does knowledge and thought also abide?

Perhaps mute acceptance is the lot of the tree?

Perhaps its existence is dependent on me

Though the forest's quiet work

Is the gift we all need.

If I know a tree

Does that tree know me?



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## Commonwealth Home Support Programme

Council offers Snowy Monaro residents local access to Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services.

The CHSP is an Australian Government initiative that helps older people live independently in their own homes and communities.

### How to get support

- Call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or visit [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)
- You'll get a call to organise your assessment appointments
- If you're eligible, the final step is a home visit from Council for a property assessment and to establish your personalised care plan
- Your needs and required support services are reviewed once a year

### Available services

- Personal care and support
- Light housework
- Meal preparation
- Meals on Wheels
- Shopping assistance
- Transport
- In-home or centre-based respite
- Social engagement
- Home maintenance
- Home modification

### Eligibility

- Open to ages 65+, or 50+ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons
- Living at home and needing help to continue living independently

Learn more online at <https://qrco.de/CHSP>, or contact Council on 1300 345 345.



## More than a fire brigade

Tony Campbell, Colinton Captain

Whilst the importance of the work of rural fire brigades is well known and appreciated, belonging to a brigade provides unexpected and surprising benefits.

Most people who move to our region are commonly looking for something beyond what the suburbs offer. This typically includes safety, space and a greater sense of genuine community.

Joining your local brigade provides a tremendous way to become a part of your regional community and reap the benefits.

You don't have to be a firefighter. There are plenty of other roles within a brigade.

### In additional news

- 3 members of local brigades, Werner Lausberg (Colinton), Peter Butler and Rob Smith (Michelago) went on deployment to South Australia to assist in the Deep Creek fires.
- Colinton Brigade is now offering JP services at the station. Contact Kim Templeton 0426 975 771 or Tony Campbell on 0414 626 706.
- Membership enquiries Michelago region: Anembo, David Deluca 0422 652 372. Michelago, Abby Mcpherson 0417 548 118. Colinton, Tony Campbell 0414 626 706.



## It's still fire season. Be fire-safe and prepare #PrepareActSurvive

*From Facebook notice posted by Abby MacPherson*

Permits Remain Suspended 🔥 Any grinding, slashing, welding or any other hot works out in the open that could potentially start a fire, we advise to leave it for another day.

Check key things to remember via these links:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans>

[#livebushfireready](#) <https://www.myfireplan.com.au/>

Download the **Hazards Near Me** app. Report fires to 000.

## Michelago Memorial Hall

Here's the usual handy information about Hall hire

[memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au) or 0494 178 469

The Hall has all facilities for your function.

### Hall hire rates

- Daytime: \$18.00 p/h. Refundable deposit bond: \$170.00 per event.
- Evening Event: \$295.00 + refundable deposit bond \$260.0.



- 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.

Local fund-raising events can hire the hall at a reduced fee.

The tennis courts are free for community members to use. The Hall Committee is responsible for minor maintenance of the tennis courts and clubhouse and asks that players who have tightened the nets before a game loosen them when they finish playing. Please close the gates and take any rubbish with you.

BBQs: please clean them after use. Instructions are on the side. Sorry, there's no water supply at the oval. Please take your own.



## **Magpie information**

Get the Magpie free by email: send name and email address to [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au) Print copies are \$2 at the Michelago shop. This goes to the Railway Station maintenance. Previous issues can be read on [www.michelagoregion.org.au](http://www.michelagoregion.org.au)

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**Advertisements:** businesses can purchase advertisement space for \$20.00 per issue (about a quarter or half a page, depending on space). Full-page ads are \$30. All proceeds help the MRCA maintain the heritage-listed Michelago Railway Station. Non-business ads are free.

**Contributions:** photos (jpg preferred, please) and news items are welcome. Please send them to [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au) Please give your name and put *Magpie* in the subject line. Published items will be attributed.

If you have events or activities planned and would like them listed in the *Michelago Magpie's* What's On? list, 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.

## **Michelago Region Community Association information – please join/renew.**



To join the MRCA, first download the membership form from the home page at [www.michelagoregion.org.au](http://www.michelagoregion.org.au) and email it to [mrca@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:mrca@michelagoregion.org.au)

It's only \$10 p/a single and \$15 p/a family.

Joining or renewing, you can pay by EFT: BSB 633000 Account number 126401058

**Account name:** Michelago Region Community Association Inc. Please include your name.

There are **four good reasons** for joining the Michelago Region Community Association:

1. The more representative we are, the more we can achieve for our village and region. You get updates from Council. 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.
2. 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. Next: 11 Feb. All Michelagoans are welcome. The minutes are on the website: [www.michelagoregion.org.au](http://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](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au) If the *Magpie* knows about it, it will be here.

Advertise in the *Magpie*: contact the Editor [newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au)

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

- **Bush Bubs** get-togethers for young mums and bubs. Shop, Wednesdays, 10.30.
- **Choir** Thursdays, 7–8 pm in school term, St Thomas Church, Ryrie St. Occasional cancellations: call Jenny 0400 484 485 to check. See p.9.
- **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)
- **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.
- **Garden Group (formerly Seed Savers)** Enquiries: SMS Jenny 0400 484 485 or [jenny258@bigpond.com](mailto:jenny258@bigpond.com)
- **Hall** Committee general meeting. Hall. Currently every 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 6pm.
- **Hall bookings** [memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au](mailto:memorial.hall@michelagoregion.org.au) 0494 178 469. Current hire rates p.18.
- **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 article in *Magpie* 40.
- **Library Outreach Service.** Monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to collect pre-orders outside the school 10.30 –11.30. See SMRC site & *Magpie* 36 for how to order books. Calendar is on the shop noticeboard.
- **Massage** Michelle O'Leary comes to you with her massage table. 0401 535 414
- **MRCA** general meeting (open). Railway station. Usually monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 6pm. Next general meeting 11 March.
- **Pilates** Saturdays, 9.30-10.15 am in school term. Hall. See flyer on shop noticeboard.
- **Pony Club** Pony Club Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Enquiries: Secretary: Romney (0428 297 514) or President: Rhys (0401 778 004) or email [michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:michelagoponyclub.secretary@gmail.com)  
Also see <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au> (Note changes to previous posts.)
- **Senior Lunch Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 12.30 pm. Location varies. Call Janet 0414 785 865 to check.
- **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). 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.

### Feb–Mar–April–May

March 4. Michelago & Colinton RFS participate in a multi-agency emergency response exercise, Cooma Airport.

March 22. Garden Group. Tennis clubhouse. 2pm.

April 4. St Patrick's Catholic Church. Easter Vigil. April 4 @ 5.30 pm.

May 3. Michelago Heritage Festival, Railway Station, 10–2. See p.12.

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