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Mothers Day Cake raffle

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10



CAKE RAFFLE



Win this superbly decorated fruit cake made by local baker, the culinarily creative Leanne Thurling.

The raffle will be drawn towards the end of the Heritage Market Day (see more details in *Michelago Magpie* 47), before 2 pm.

Tickets were on sale on ANZAC Day at the Michelago Railway Station and will be at the station's Heritage Market Day on the MRCA stall.

Leanne says the icing disc on which the hand-made flowers rest can be lifted off, so you don't have to cut the flowers to access the delicious fruit cake beneath.

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Kerry Rooney

We are very pleased to announce that [Community Bank Canberra and Regions](#) has sponsored the Michelago Heritage Open Day and Market, 3 May 10am–2pm. The Bank is part of [Bendigo Bank](#) with branches at Cooma, Calwell, Tuggeranong, Curtin and Belconnen, as well as Batemans Bay and Newcastle.

Michelago Region Community Association has been a customer for many years and has enjoyed sponsorship from the Community Bank (then Bendigo Bank) with past events such as the Spring Fairs and Music Musters.

Not only do the Community Bank branches provide banking and financial services, but they also share a portion of their profits with Australian communities. More than \$416 million in profits from Community Bank partnerships has been reinvested in Australian communities since 1998.

Yless4u supports the Heritage Market

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YLess4U has become a dynamic force in connectivity and tech-solutions. Its mission is to make wireless services more accessible, more reliable, and more affordable for everyday users.

Essentially, the company focuses on simplifying the way people stay connected, whether at home, on the move, or across remote regions where traditional infrastructure falls short. Its brand identity reflects this purpose: bold, energetic, and user-first, with an emphasis on practical innovation rather than tech for tech's sake.

Across its growing portfolio of projects, YLess4U has invested heavily in expanding wireless coverage, deploying modern network technologies and designing solutions tailored to under-served communities.

These initiatives range from improving regional broadband access to developing flexible wireless systems that adapt to the needs of small businesses, families and mobile professionals. The company's hands-on approach – testing, refining, and functioning in real-world environments – has allowed it to deliver solutions that are dependable and genuinely useful.

In short, what truly sets YLess4U apart is its ability to blend technical capability with a personable, community-focused ethos. Its team prioritises clarity, support, and responsiveness, ensuring that customers not only get strong connectivity but also understand the technology powering it.

As the company continues to grow, its vision remains consistent: empowering people through seamless wireless access and building a future where connectivity is not a luxury but a standard everyone can rely on.

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The logo for Yless4u features the company name in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a white graphic element consisting of a curved line that starts under the 'u' and arches upwards and to the right, ending in a small circle, resembling a stylized signal or a smile.

Yless4u, our local internet provider, supports the Heritage Market

The Michelago Community Association thanks generous Jason Green, the Director of Yless4u and RPAS Remote Pilot, for being the primary sponsor of the Heritage and Market Day at the Michelago Railway Station on 3 May. Yless4u has a growing customer base, thanks to its excellent service.

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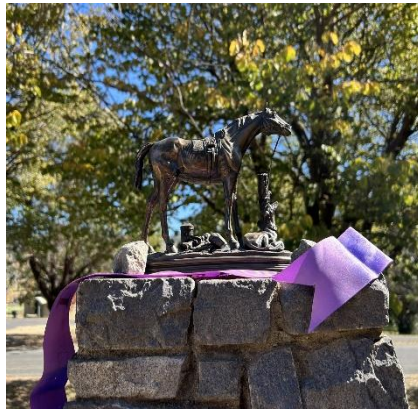
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ANZAC Day, 25 April 2025, Michelago Railway Station



Early Autumn morning calm, sunshine and shade. Traditional ceremony. Moving words from Gregg McFaul, Rob Smith, Leanne Thurling and the school's Dana. Beautiful choir singing. Stunning floral tributes. Delicious morning tea. Happy socialising. Kids playing. ANZAC Day at Michelago is a jewel with many facets.





Vietnam

The sound of Hueys overhead at sunset's orange glow.
 Evacuate the wounded from the hell that was below.
 The smell of napalm fills the air, the jungle well alight,
 And a mother flees her burning home, her baby holding tight.

And why were Aussie soldiers there? In this war we had no stake,
 But the US had invaded and communism they would break.
 And Australia followed U.S. lines into this Asian land,
 Our boys conscripted by birthday ballot and sent to Vietnam.

A base was made at Nui Dat for our boys and Kiwi mates,
 Surrounded by a barbed wire fence that was meant to keep them safe
 With a hospital and airstrip and mines around the fence,
 A place to launch a campaign against the Communist offence.

And reconnaissance, a deadly task, but a job that must be done;
 The enemy will lie in wait, advantage the Vietcong
 In tunnels built throughout this land and land mines set to blow,
 Surprise attacks and booby traps wherever they did go.

And, as always, Aussie nurses came, their efforts overlooked
 For the vital role they play in war, but a heavy toll it took,
 Caring for the soldiers and civilians of this war –
 Amputations, poisonings and burns they treated for.

And the poison 'Agent Orange' that America had sprayed
 Upon the land of Vietnam, a legacy to this day –
 Cancers, illness, birth defects are just to name a few
 That those exposed now live with; future generations, too.

And protests in Australia held against this foreign war,
 But our boys were sent there, anyway. Now we ask what was it for.
 And on TVs in our living rooms, the images were sent
 So that everyday Australians could watch the slow descent.



Then the North and South of Vietnam both joined to live as one
After Saigon fell to Vietcong when US troops had gone.
And families fled their homeland by any means they could,
In leaky boats across the seas, made of rotting wood.

And the children left as orphans, their homes and families gone,
Bodies burnt and blistered, looked for help from anyone,
And babies sent to foreign shores in planes across the seas,
Their culture and their homeland, never to be seen.

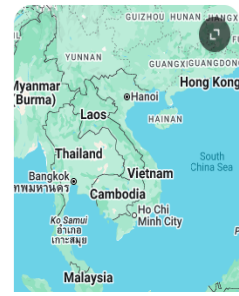
And shame upon Australians when our men returned to home
From fighting in this bloody war where nothing had been won
And the RSL abandoned them: "It's not a proper war."
Tell that to men who perished in the mud and blood and gore.

And years it took the Vets to get acknowledgment at home,
To feel pride, not shame, for doing what their government asked of them,
To receive the help they needed as ALL veterans of war
And take their rightful place on our history's honour wall.

So remember them on ANZAC Day, as we do the Vets before
And pay respect to all we send to fight in foreign wars.
Think of families left to grieve and carry on alone
And their mates who rest in foreign soil, those never coming home.

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Credits: 'Napalm girl' 1972, Nick Ut but attribution contested. 'Soldiers in water' Bryan Campbell.
Nurses: Australian War Memorial. Vietnam: Google maps. Other images from Wikipedia, credits unclear.



Thanks to all the volunteers who spruced up the station and surrounds for ANZAC Day & the Heritage Market

These include the MRCA Committee, Josh Kunkler, Michael Scanlon, Catherine and Tilly Turnbull and the indefatigable Ivan and John Colaric with Adrian Ljubic, who took away 11 truckloads of tree trimmings. Thanks also to the roving, supervised inmates of the Cooma Correctional Centre, who mowed and whipper-snipped, and to Sally Hughes for coordinating their visit.



L: Ivan and John Colaric,
Josh Kunkler,
Tilly and Catherine
Turnbull.



Conscription Ballot for Vietnam, 1965–1972

Luck of the Draw

It needed more soldiers,
the army.
It chose them with marbles,
the government.
They said it was random,
the system.
They all had numbers,
the marbles.

And each boy had one,
his special number
for his special birthday –
twenty.

Anyone could win this,
the lottery.
It was a lucky chance,
not personal.

He had a number,
my brother
my little brother.
It wasn't a winner,
his number.
His mate had a number,
a winner.
Someone else's brother,
this mate.

He stayed home,
my brother.
He went to Vietnam,
his mate.
He had more birthdays,
my little brother.

His mate did not.

© Leanne Pattison. April 2026 (To remember 1970)

Ballot photos: <https://www.abc.net.au/education/abc-news-luck-of-the-draw-the-vietnam-birthday-ballot-1965/13942124Naa.gov.au>

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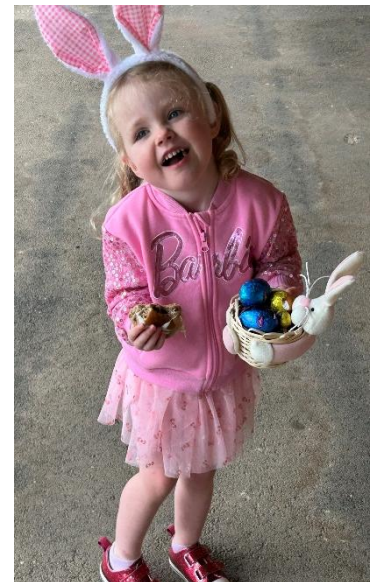


Easter Egg Hunt

4 April. Once again, the extraordinary coincidence of the Annual Festival of the Chocolate-Egg-Laying Mammal with the pagan welcome to European Spring and the Christian commemoration of Jesus' resurrection was celebrated at the historical Michelago Railway Station.

After restless anticipation from 9.45 am, hordes of egg gatherers swarmed across Ryrie Street at 10 to hunt the pre-dawn, mass egg-laying, as precisely timed and randomly distributed as a coral spawning, by Bunnies Sam, Fiona, John, Emma and Jo.

The main hunt was intense, productive and brief, though the occasional lurking egg yielded to the quietly persistent. What did continue for longer was the pleasantness of sociable chat around morning tea Easter Buns with friends old and new who don't often see each other. The Chocolate Egg Festival is truly a community event. Thank you, Chief Bunnies.





Michelago Rural Fire Brigade

Abby MacPherson, Michelago Captain, 1 April



Community update

Due to ongoing fuel supply issues, Michelago RFS has made the difficult decision to transition to more 'economical' response vehicles. Effective immediately, crews will now be responding to incidents using:

- 2 x push bikes (with sirens zip-tied to the handlebars)
- 1 x ride-on mower for rapid grass fire response

- Kev's horse (rated for off-road and flood crossings)
- The station wheelbarrow for equipment transport (please yield)
- And for major incidents – the highly trained relay team running in shifts.

The community is reminded:

Please do not overtake the tanker ... especially on hills.
The bell on the lead bike is the official warning device.

If you see crews pedalling uphill, words of encouragement are appreciated.
ETA to incidents may vary depending on wind direction.
We thank the community for your patience while we trial this new low-emissions response model.
Michelago RFS – Saving fuel, one pedal at a time. 🚲🔥

[One must admire the Michelago Brigade's dedication to service in the face of fuel adversity. Magpie is sure the community will be right behind them ... and in front of them, if they'd just shove over to the side of the road.]



But seriously ... notify your burn

The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period across the Snowy Monaro LGA, which includes our Brigade area, ended at midnight on 31 March 2026.

You no longer need an approved permit to burn. However, you still need to notify the NSW RFS of your burning activities with at least 24 hours' notice.

You also need to notify your immediate neighbours 24 hours in advance, not just rely on a community Facebook post (which is also handy for the wider community).

To notify the NSW RFS of your upcoming burning activities, please visit NSW RFS. Go to *Apply, Notify, Enquire* then *Notify of your planned burn*, fill out the form and read the mandatory conditions: 1. Notify neighbours at least 24 hours before. 2. Check the weather forecast and fire danger. 3. Use fire safely with clearings all around. 4. Monitor the fire in person and see that it is fully extinguished.



Anembo Rural Fire Brigade

Allan Lehepuu

On 7 February, Anembo RFS Brigade welcomed the arrival of a new Category 1 grasslands fire tanker. *Below: the new Cat 1 (at left) and the 2025 new Cat 7.*



A process that had started in March 2023 under Captain David Deluca and Matt Mill with a survey of brigade members culminated in the delivery of the tanker before very appreciative members of the brigade.

Members had great delight in inspecting the new tanker with its larger 4000 litre tank, village fire pump, fridge and other pieces of equipment.

Much fun was had operating the remote-control monitor on the front of the tanker to chase down unsuspecting members with water from the safety of the cabin. The monitor will be handy for dousing high-risk fires such as vehicle and structure fires (and maybe even unruly crowds).

Together with the new issue Cat 7 that arrived in September 2025 and a new (to Anembo) Cat 9 which arrived 2023, Anembo RFS now has modern, up to date appliances, thanks to the NSW RFS.

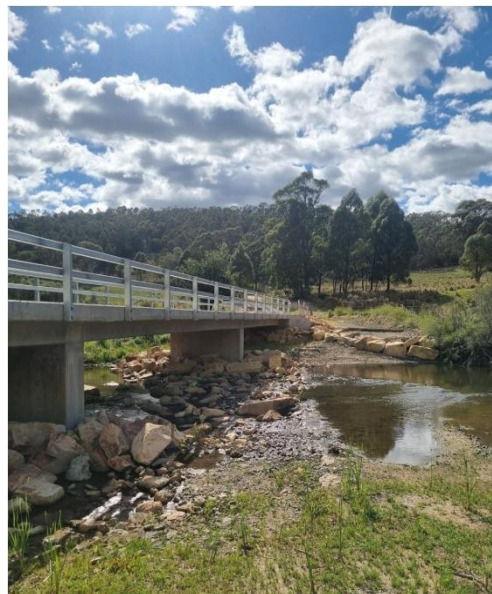
Many thanks go to the staff at Cooma Fire Control for facilitating the upgrading of Anembo's tankers. For a small, remote brigade, this would not have been possible without their assistance. The new tanker replaces a 2000 vintage Mitsubishi Cat 7.



In further news from the wilds of the Tinderries, the new Boolboolma crossing of the Queanbeyan River on Tinderry Rd is now, without fanfare, in use.

L and R

Photos: Allan Lehepuu, Anembo Brigade



Colinton Rural Fire Brigade's Annual Brigade Muster *Report & photos: Tony Campbell*

11 April. The Colinton Brigade, located in the Snowy Monaro district, initiated a new concept in brigade and interagency networking through the creation of the BRIGADE MUSTER.



The MUSTER exceeded all expectations and showcased the goodwill brigades and agencies have in coming together to foster mateship.

What made the MUSTER unique was the design. Brigades and agencies were asked to present a 20-minute highlight subject and/or a display of equipment. The event allowed participants to choose the training subjects that interested them.

The MUSTER attracted participation from ACT RFS, NSW Lake George and Snowy Monaro RFS districts and brought together close to 100 participants.

Subjects covered included the new RFS Remotely Piloted Aircraft System, fire ground management, strategic fire-fighting, fire behaviour, drafting, smoke inhalation, weather and ITASC reports, brigade growth, lithium battery fires, structure fire-fighting, SES capabilities and grass-fire attack, plus displays and demonstration of new equipment.

Captain Campbell said, 'We were unsure if 20 minutes was enough for trainers to get their key message across and for it to be meaningful for participants. However, the feedback was overwhelmingly favourable, with the majority of participants seeing the format and event as being fantastic.'

Contact: Captain Tony Campbell 0414626706
Tony@nedev.com.au



Telescope night – every Saturday night (clouds permitting)

Peter Bobroff

Where: 231 Mt Livingstone Rd, Michelago, NSW.

From Michelago village, south on the Monaro highway, turn right (west) into Mt Livingstone Rd, up the hill to the T-junction with Lawler Rd, turn right, then 400m, up the rise, take the second gate (with the light on it). Track is not too bad if taken slowly. To big shed on the hill.

Who to contact: Beth Bobroff 04 0014 2074 or Peter Bobroff 04 3156 1677, pjb@flix.com.au

When: best to arrive before sunset, at least on the first visit.

Wear: it is usually colder than you'd think. It's often 3 degrees colder than in the valley.

Why: light from some of the visible galaxies has taken 10 million years to get here and it will be disappointed not to reach your retina.

What's there: plenty of telescopes, chairs etc. **Warm** inside the shed.

Watch out for the wildlife on the roads. **Wet** your whistle on tea, coffee and anti-freeze.



Image partly AI-generated. The site and telescopes are real.



Michelago Service Station

Magpie 47 promised more detail, with more space available, about the interview with the new leaseholder at the local servo.

First, Om (the proprietor, who has leased the business) emphasises that the price of petrol and diesel is set daily by United head office in Sydney. Om then adds 'a reasonable amount' for his own income. It's a business, after all, with paid staff.

There are three levels of management. United is responsible for maintenance of the pumps/bowsers and, of course, supplying fuel. The landlord (the person who bought the land and building) is responsible for the building generally, including the plumbing. The leaseholder is responsible for fittings inside the building and providing service.

Om, however, has replaced the diesel pump hose and handle and another pump handle when the landlord did not, and put clearer numbers on the bowsers. Expanded services include a frozen foods section and stationery shelves.



Michelago Community Choir



The Michelago Community Choir gathers on Thursdays at 7pm at the St Thomas Church, next to the Police Station, Ryrie St. Folk from all over the region are welcome. They sing, have fun and laugh. It's a wonderful hour. No experience is needed. All resources are supplied. We ask only your enthusiasm and a gold coin donation for use of the church.



Garden Group at the Tennis Clubhouse: Michelago & Bredbo gardeners



Above: Anna and Shay. Jenny, Lyn and Julie. Jenny. Jack.

19 April. The gardeners have been busy. Even with their lives already full with families and work, they find pleasure in growing and nurturing plants, be they for eating or aesthetic satisfaction. Sometimes both.

In perfect weather, there were seeds and seedlings galore to share. There were questions and tips about what grows best where and when. Who knew the role of bubble-wrap! Thanks, Lyn and Anna. Tea and home-grown biscuits fuelled a sociable gathering. [Note to self: choc-chip biscuits don't dunk well.] Next gathering: Sunday 24 May, 2pm, tennis clubhouse.

The back wall (see photo 1) cladding is finished! Thanks to Wayne Hatcher and Boco Rock funding.



Have your say on the future of Council planning, reporting and finance

Councillors resolved to support the public consultation of Snowy Monaro Regional Council's draft Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite at the April Ordinary Council Meeting in Bombala on Thursday 16 April 2026.



The IP&R suite contains Council's most important planning, reporting and financial management documents, which together set out the priorities, direction and levels of service for all areas of the organisation.

Council invites community members to share their thoughts on our plans for our organisation and our region. Our annual IP&R consultation is the single most significant opportunity for the public to have a say on Council's plans and organisational priorities.

Visit <https://qrco.de/SMRCipr> today to download a copy of the 2026/27 Integrated Planning and Reporting suite from Council's Your Say consultation site, see upcoming in-person consultation dates and share your feedback on our plans.

Community feedback is open now for 28 days, closing Monday 18 May 2026. You can have your say on the entire suite of documents or just focus on the things that matter most to you – it's all valuable and it all makes a difference.

Draft documents on exhibition as part of the 2026/27 suite:

- Delivery Program 2025–2029, 2026 revision
- Operational Plan 2026–2027, including Revenue Policy
- Fees and Charges 2026–2027
- Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2026–2036



A post-exhibition report will be tabled at a future Council meeting, where councillors will consider the community feedback we receive during this consultation.

Consultation closes 4pm Monday 18 May 2026. Visit <https://qrco.de/SMRCipr> to learn more or to have your say today.

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The Hall has all facilities for your function.

Hall hire rates

- a) Daytime: \$18.00 p/h. Refundable deposit bond: \$170.00 per event.
- b) Evening Event: \$295.00 + refundable deposit bond \$260.00.
- 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.



Tennis, anyone?

There's been some interest from readers in getting together for casual tennis.

One Magpie reader, Shane White, is definitely interested in hit-outs or games. He says he's a reasonably good player, but rusty. He's invited others tennis players to text him on 0430 270 076.



Michelago Landcare & MRCA

Michelago Landcare, under the leadership of Markus Buchhorn, has approval for an exciting new tree-planting project along the creek behind the Clive Kelly Oval. This would accord with the Michelago Master Plan <https://www.michelagoregion.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Michelago-Masterplan-Final.pdf>

Landcare has approached MRCA about becoming a sub-committee of MRCA. This has been considered by the MRCA Committee, which is amenable to the proposal, subject to working out a number of administrative issues. More news when available.

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Access cards now required at Michelago Bank of Bins

Council has upgraded the Michelago Bank of Bins access control system.

As of the end of February 2026, you now need a Council-issued personal access card to enter the facility.

No card? Here's what you need to do

If you haven't already applied

- Contact council@smrc.nsw.gov.au to request your card
- Pay the refundable \$100 deposit
- Receive your card by registered mail

If you have applied, but have not received your card

- Email council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au with your details
- Check in at the Michelago General Store post office to confirm that your key isn't awaiting a signature for collection

Don't forget: Access hours have changed

As a reminder to all Bank of Bins users, the NSW EPA has directed Council to limit access hours at Michelago Bank of Bins to reduce the amount of noise coming from the facility.

Michelago Bank of Bins is open to paying customers with a personal access card from 8am to 6pm, seven days a week.

Questions? Concerns? Need help? Please contact Council on 1300 345 345.



Return and Earn bin basket program rolling out across the Snowy Monaro



SMRC Media release 3 March: Council is installing 20 new bin baskets at public waste and recycling bin locations across the Snowy Monaro in March 2026 as part of the NSW Return and Earn scheme, aiming to keep refundable containers out of landfill and reduce local littering rates.

The bin baskets are attached to Council bins in busy areas, with the design making it safe and easy for community groups and residents to collect deposit scheme containers and claim the 10-cent refund at their nearest Return and Earn location.

Local locations: Bredbo Centennial Park rest stop and Michelago General Store.

R: The bin near the Michelago Café.

The bin baskets are provided by the NSW Return and Earn operator Exchange for Change as part of its Return and Earn Bin Baskets for Council's program.

Since the state launch of Return and Earn in 2017, over 15 billion drink containers have been returned for recycling through one of the 660 return points across NSW in exchange for a share of the more than \$1.5 billion in container refunds paid out so far.



Visit www.returnandearn.org.au to find your nearest R&E location or to learn more about the new bin basket program.



The Magpie is growing. See its information next page.

There are now 380 e-subscribers to the free *Michelago Magpie*. Feedback has been positive, but we also need to know how to improve. Please send feedback and suggestions for future articles and features to newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au

Advertising rates are on the next page. All advertising proceeds go to support the MRCA's upkeep of the Michelago Railway Station, as do donations.

Advertisements for community events or activities are free.

There are usually some print copies at the Michelago Café and now a few at the Michelago Service Station. They're \$2 each. This almost covers the cost of printing by Brian at Cooma's Southeast Printing (a better deal than Canberra's Kwik Kopy). There's a collection box at the Michelago café and a jar at the servo. Donations are very welcome.

The Michelago Region Community Association and *Michelago Magpie* are run by volunteers as a community service. Please consider helping the MRCA. Every bit counts.



We even have subscribers at the coast:
*From the Murrumbidgee to the sea
The Magpie will fly free.*



Michelago Magpie information. Get the Magpie free by email: send name and email address to newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au Print copies are \$2. This goes to the Railway Station maintenance. Previous issues can be read on 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 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 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, *MM* 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 and email it to mrca@michelagoregion.org.au

Questions? Please email.

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 **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. 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: 2nd 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



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.

Advertise in the *Magpie*: contact the Editor newsletter@michelagoregion.org.au

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

- **Bingo**: 1st Monday of the month. Licensed café & store. Happy Hour, dinner 6 pm. Bingo 7 pm.
- **Bush Bubs** get-togethers for young mums and bubs. Michelago Café, 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.16.
- **Colinton Fire Brigade** Training 2nd Saturday of the month, from 1pm. 4574 Monaro Hwy, Colinton. Contact: 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 (was Seed Savers)** Enquiries: SMS Jenny 0400 484 485 or jenny258@bigpond.com Also p.16.
- **Hall** Committee general meeting. Hall. Currently every 2nd month, 3rd Wed 6 pm.
- **Hall bookings** Michelago.Memorial.Hall@gmail.com 0494 178 469. Current hire rates p.19.
- **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. Call Peter to check class is on.
- **Library Outreach Service**. Monthly, 4th Thursday to collect pre-orders outside the school 10.30–11.30. Next delivery 21 May. 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, 2nd Wed 6 pm. Next: 13 May.
- **Pilates** Saturdays, 9.30-10.15 am in school term. Hall. See flyer on shop noticeboard.
- **Pony Club** Monthly 2nd Sunday. Enquiries: President: Romney (0428 297 514, romney.kelly@outlook.com) or Secretary: Sarah Nockles (nockles.sarah@gmail.com). Also see <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au>
- **Senior Lunch Group** 1st Monday of the month, 12.30 pm. Location varies. Call Janet 0414 785 865 to check.
- **St Patrick's** Catholic Church. Vigil Mass. Last Saturday of the month, 4 pm.
- **St Thomas** Anglican Church. Holy Communion. Monthly, 3rd Sunday 11 am.
- **Trail Riders** Usually monthly, 1st Sat. Check details on Tinderry tab of Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA). President: John Harris. 0417 246 289 << jh1950@me.com >>

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

May

May 3. Michelago Heritage Festival & Markets, Railway Station, 10–2. See p.1 & 2.

May 10. Mothers Day. Paint 'n' Sip, Michelago Licensed Café. See *Magpie* 47, p.17.

May 24. Garden Group, 2pm, tennis clubhouse.



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