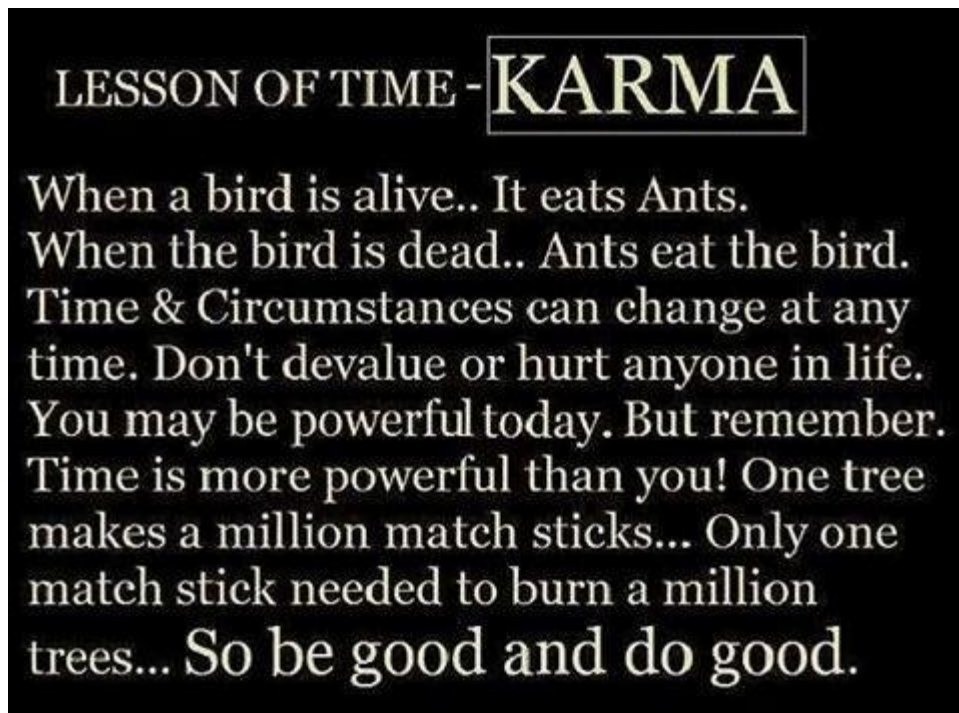


Merrijig Community Newsletter January 2017



Quote of the month.



Back issues of the newsletters can be viewed on the web at
http://www.merrijig.com.au/html/local_news.html

Some articles in this newsletter may be picked up by the Mansfield Courier so consider this if you are submitting stories you could be sensitive about sharing with the community wider than Merrijig.

If you're looking for a **Justice of the Peace**,
 Laurie Jacob, Buttercup Rd 0439 280 333
 Catherine McNish, Sawmill Settlement 0429 482 309

Merrijig Defibrillator is located at Merrijig Motor Inn

The procedure in case of an emergency where a person is possibly having a heart attack is to dial **Triple Zero**. The call takers at **Triple Zero** have the location of the Merrijig AED registered and will advise the caller of its location if that is the closest unit to your location. If it is then the Merrijig Motor Inn should be contacted by phone. The motor inn phone number is **5777 5702**.

January 2017						
◀ December					February ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Rubbish & Recycling	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19 Rubbish & Recycling	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Rubbish	27	28
29	30	31	Notes: Feb 26 th Charity Golf Day for Mansfield Hospital			



Off with a **BANG** and into 2017

Seeing out 2016 as the sky lights up over Merrijig. This show was provided by Rennie & Belinda for their guests at their Buttercup Road Property- it was appreciated by much of Merrijig as the heavens lit up at a bit after 9pm (waiting for the dark) as well as midnight.

Having created some unfavourable reaction in 2015 due to lack of notification that fireworks would happen, (*although all the appropriate permits had been granted and all the fire safety precautions had been taken*) - in an effort to not upset the neighbours, public notices were put into the courier for several weeks prior to the end of the year as well as a notice circulated to Merrijig mailing lists.

There must have been several parties going on around Merrijig as music floated about from different directions as 2016 faded away and the new year rushed in.

Who's doing what lately?

The Merrijig Dining out Mob decided not to have the usual Kris Cringle gift exchange at their Christmas dining out get together in December and instead Ann Herbert put out an envelope to collect donations from around the table to hand over to the Fred Hollows Foundation so they can continue the good work of providing an opportunity to renew vision with a \$25 cataract operation in third world countries.

The idea was well received and Ann shared that she had a receipt for \$125. Merrijig Dining out Mob can feel pleased that 5 more people will be able to see in 2017 because of their generosity at an end of the year dinner.

Check out who called in at Merrijig Primary School on Dec 14th



The traditional school concert was held in the hall before the big man appeared. Principal Carole McCluskey said “They sang their way around the world...French, Africaans and English then did some line dancing. It was great.”

THE Merrijig Primary School went out with a bang last week, not only celebrating their end of year with a concert but also with a final week gymkhana.

Students spend term four learning the basics of horse care: saddling, bridling, and also basic riding skills.

But to celebrate the close of 2016, they participated in a school wide gymkhana.

With lots of competitions like musical mats and walk and trot, the students were then able to get a bit creative and enjoyed a “dress up” race, along with a game that involved water guns, water balloons and lots of wet kids.



Being a small school, Merrijig students are able to enjoy extracurricular activities that are outside of the norm – such as their horse riding program, which culminated in a hilarious gymkhana.



***BOYS IN BLUE:** Bradyn Tremmel (pictured centre) spent his last few hours as a primary school student enjoying a gymkhana, a swimming lesson and then a day of rest and movies before he moves onto high school in Mansfield next year. He is pictured with Harry McFarlane, Kevin Gannon and photo bombed by Cobie McCormack, who dressed to impress with their recycled gymkhana ribbons from last year.*

So ends another school year at Merrijig Primary

More about Adele McCormack's trip to Tassie



While in Tasmania Adele took the opportunity to visit other Merrijiggers Max & Ann Bloomfield, who were caretaking the quarantine centre on Bruny Island.

Crossing from the big island to the tiny island via ferry was part of the fun but viewing a family of Quolls who resided under the house provided for Ann and Max was a real thrill for everyone. Ann produced a bird book to help 7 year old Erin identify local birds after which Max took Adele and co.



oyster picking off the rocks - yet another new experience.



(Gran Shucking oysters at the van park)

10 year old Ailish had discovered she liked natural oysters on the crossing over when she shared one of her Grans, so being able to eat natural oysters straight from the rocks was an amazing experience.



That night for dinner for those not keen on the natural variety, the collection was cooked up in Kilpatrick style as best one can do in a camp kitchen.



Devil River mobile phone tower launched – amongst many other black spot areas, the list includes Sawmill Settlement.

Representatives from the CFA, SES, Victoria Police and Parks Victoria gathered with Federal member, Cathy McGowan and the Telstra team, on Thursday to celebrate the launch of the Devil River mobile phone base station. Mobile phone coverage and high speed data will be a boon for safety and tourism for the area. This will also relieve the feeling of living in the past for those who have had to live without reliable internet and mobile phone service in a day and age where it is accepted as the norm.

Hopefully many other black spot areas in the Merrijig region will now be able to join the 21st Century and count on reliable telecommunication service in their homes.

Peter's Puns

Peter Howarth sent in a L-O-N-G list of very amusing puns and as this is very light on contributions this month I have included this particular space in his honour. The unelected but aptly nick named Mayor of Merrijig hopes you enjoy the following.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
 A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
 A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
 Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
 A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
 With her marriage,
 She got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
 Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

A lot of money is tainted -
 ~ Taint yours and taint mine.
 A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
 He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping centre,
 You've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
 Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
 Acupuncture is a jab well done.

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- * Teams of 3 – ladies, men, mixed, family, veteran
- * Fantastic auction items
- * Morning tea, on-course BBQ and 2-course lunch
- * Non-golfers welcome for lunch at \$25 pp and prebookings are essential.
- * Registraton forms are at the Mansfield Golf Club or contact Sue Parsons on 0427 764 250
- * Donations of prizes and auction items are welcome
- * Contact Val Doyle on 0407 877 102



FOODWORKS
Supermarket



NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!

Jokes submitted by friends on facebook

Two IRISHMEN were looking at a Mail order catalogue and admiring the models.



One said to the other, 'Have you seen the beautiful girls in this catalogue?'

The second one replies, 'Yes, they are very beautiful. And look at the price!'

The first one says, with wide eyes, 'Wow, they aren't very expensive. At this price, I'm buying one.'

The second one smiles and pats him on the back.

'Good idea! Order one and if she's as beautiful as she is in the catalogue, I will get one too.'

Three weeks later, the youngest IRISHMAN asks his pal, 'Did you ever receive the girl you ordered from the catalogue?'

The second IRISHMAN replies.....

'No, but it shouldn't be long now. All her clothes arrived

yesterday!!

From Gloria Harris

A woman is on trial for beating her husband to death with his guitar collection. The judge says, "First offender?" She says, "No, first a Gibson, then a Fender!"

From Jackie Bolton

Bye for now Adele
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