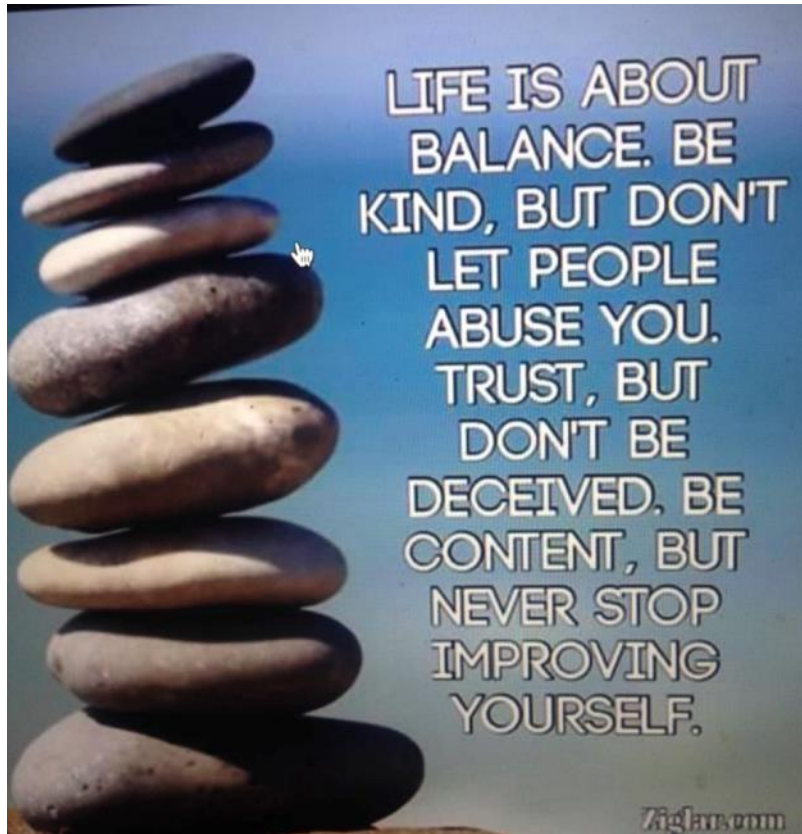


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Quote of the month.



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**.

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Good (*Cold old Merrijig*) Morning to you

The first of the next 50 newsletters begins

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Remembrance Day for David Parsons

Jenny & Family would like to invite everyone to a
Remembrance Day for David

on Sunday 9 July at 1.00pm at the PAC, View St.
Please bring a small plate to share & your memories of
David.

Please pass on this event to those who might wish to attend.

David Parsons a born and bred Mansfield boy who came back to his home town to be one of Mansfield's local solicitors, eventually buying Mal Ryan and Glen, after having been employed there for years. Over his time as a solicitor in town he helped hundreds of people work out their legal problems, organize their estates and prepare their wills. He was an honest, knowledgeable and thoughtful solicitor and he was greatly missed when due to his ill health he was forced to move away from his chosen career and concentrate on his quality of life.



As a young man David had a great love for music, theatre and singing, it was natural for him to become involved in MMuDS - *Mansfield Music and Dramatic Society* – and it was during the rehearsals of *Fiddler on the Roof* that he fell in love with his co-star Jenny who became his wife.

Photograph from the MMuDS production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' 1988.

David played Tevye, the father of five daughters whom you can see on his right, with the tailor and the scholar (*suitors for his two*

elder daughters) standing on the left of his leading lady Jenny who played Golde the mother.

David had a lovely singing voice and had many lead roles, but this photograph has him again in *Fiddler on the roof* singing "If I were a Rich Man" as he dreams of no longer struggling throughout his life with his wife and family.

They married and began their family with Nathanael followed by Amy and it was natural for David to have pictures drawn by his children on display on his office door for his clients, who had known him so long to enjoy his family life with him.

David as well as musical director often also directed and produced several MMuDS

productions over many years – he had an interest in the Anglican Church but still he was mostly dedicated to his family who must miss him terribly.



His widow Jenny knows how important he was to many people in Mansfield and has arranged for this event to allow them to show their respect for the man so many loved on various levels.

(*•_♥_•*)

Queen's Birthday Honours recipients congratulated



Independent Member for Indi Cathy McGowan has congratulated recipients of the Queen's Birthday Honours Awards. "Thank you to all who were recognised for their contributions to their community," Ms McGowan said. "The Queen's Birthday Honours are a wonderful way to acknowledge the impact of the generous work people do."

Ms McGowan, who is an ambassador of the Honour a Woman campaign, urged people to consider nominating a woman for the Order of Australia awards. "While many women have been duly honoured, women are still underrepresented in our national awards system," Ms McGowan said. In

2016, women made up 29 per cent of nominees for an Order of Australia (General Division) Award, and 31 per cent of recipients. "The best way to make sure women's efforts are properly recognised is to nominate them," Ms McGowan said.

The goal of Honour a Woman is to have women up at 50/50 representation by 2020. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Honourawoman/> for more information.

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Who's Doing What Lately?

Young Erin has met her goal

Eight year old Erin Lunam (*my granddaughter-says Adele proudly*) wanted to do something to help her cousin (*first cousin once removed*) when she was in a serious condition in the Alfred hospital after falling from a horse she was riding after Merrijig Family Fun Day in March.



"Erin wanted to give money to the hospital so they could make my cousin better faster, she wished she had more than just \$11," said her mother Michele, "so we looked in the craft box to see what we could make to sell and raise money. We found cogs and hair clips. There's a saying when someone is thinking hard you say 'I can almost see your cogs moving,' the proper way to term thinking is



"cognition," - so Erin and I thought hair accessories featuring cogs, would be an excellent representation of an acquired brain injury and to raise money."

Michele went on to say "I didn't even have to put it on 'Buy Swap and Sell' to sell them, I put it on my private Facebook page and my friends all wanted to support Erin, because of her generous caring heart and her - not just thinking about doing something for the good of others, but DOING it."

"I am very very proud of my 8 year little girl with the big heart, creatively clever brain and kind mind." said a very pleased mummy

They called the project "Get your cogs working"

On the suggestion of Uncle Greg, who is the father of the injured cousin, A piece of equipment costing \$23,500 may be an idea. Erin set her sights on the \$500 part, believing grownups could raise the big bit.



Erin's adding up the collected money for the hospital to purchase that piece of speciality equipment for the ICU which will help save lives with 100% of the \$6- per clip and \$8- per headband going in the collection tin.



Erin hand wrote each recycled clip card. Because the glue needs 20 mins to cure before putting both tacky surfaces together, each clip takes approximately an hour to make. Erin is happy she has exceeded her target goal of \$500- but is equally happy to finish production. "The glue was pretty stinky." Said Erin



Erin wanted to make some final clips, to give to the wonderful Alfred Hospital nursing staff, who have cared for her injured cousin since the night of March 18th.

Final touches to a headband.

"Most of the money raised was from clip sales," Erin shared, "a lot of people were kind and donated extra on top of their purchases." "Some friends of Mum's (Michele)" she remarked with delight, "who lived far away, donated without even wanting any clips." She continued "And I sold my big Tonka truck, I hardly ever played with and only thought I'd get \$60 for it, but the man

who bought it had been helped by the Alfred hospital before, so he paid me \$100 for it.” Erin happily mentioned “Everyone has been very nice and generous.” The little 8 year old said with a proud smile.

“Because we have only just reached the goal, Mum has only contact the Alfred Foundation people the other day to ask if they want me to hand them my tin of money or if they want Mum to just put it in their bank. I hope they find some people to donate the other \$23,000.00 they need for the special device they want to buy, to save people’s lives, because I could only raise a bit over the \$500 part of the \$23,500.00 total.” Erin concluded.

Erin pictured outside the office of the Alfred Foundation for which she has made this fundraising effort on a visit to see the seriously ill cousin whom she was so concerned about.

Only one day after Erin had reached her goal and one day off 3 months since the accident happened, the patient was able to hold a conversation with her happy parents for the first time. She seems to need now to learn to walk again and regain the use of one arm, but the prospects are looking good after such a long drawn out period of recovery, waiting for the swelling in her brain to subside. She remains in the Alfred’s rehab hospital to continue her recovery.



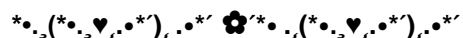
Farewell and Good Fishing

Maureen Williams and Greg Sullivan have been very active in various circles of Merrijig’s community.

Greg owns a property maintenance business and in the early days of the now well maintained Merrijig Memorial at the Five Pines, Greg would mow the road verge for the people to gather on Anzac Day in trimmed grass as well as park their cars across the road on mown grass which then became the first site for a BBQ breakfast with braziers.

Together the couple would regularly help out with the Merrijig Camp draft, as well as Merrijig Family Fun Day. They would lend a hand with the Mansfield Lions Club and they were willing to support anything that would enhance or improve life in Merrijig.

Their move to Batemans Bay, to enjoy their favourite hobby of fishing with their two dogs will be a retirement reward albeit a loss for Merrijig. Still a well-deserved sea change for this terrific couple.



MERRIJIG HOLIDAY HOME OWNERS...

check your places out - one was discovered as having been robbed when returning on June 3rd, having been busy and not able to come to Merrijig since March.



Entry was by an out of view window, and as both doors were deadlocked they had to take things out through the window as well. The shocked owners of course called the police who were there within an hour. Some of the items stolen were property of the children including Play Station and games along with TV's.

The thieves had come during the night, and had obviously planned their break and enter, as they had removed the sensor lights. The property owner said "The thieves damage the windows they entered and exited by, they unsuccessfully tried to kick open an internal locked door which I am glad they didn't get into as all the ski stuff was in that room - but it probably would be tricky to get rid of." The owner continued to report "They took the DVD player & a small camera. They left other electronics that wouldn't be so popular & didn't seem to take any tools or alcohol." With annoyance the owner said, "They opened every drawer in the house."

When asked if there were any neighbouring homes broken into as well the reply was "We haven't heard of any others. At the time the police came out there was no one else around. There didn't seem to be many up on opening weekend either. It will be interesting to know if there were others, once people start returning."

"It just upset the kids terribly." She said, "One, our 11 year old, has had trouble understanding the whole insurance thing. We are just waiting on the insurance now so we can hopefully replace things." "We have given the police a comprehensive list of items taken so if anything does turn up, at least they know brands etc. Luckily I ended up having good info - receipts, manuals, boxes - for everything except one thing that was brand new in the box." She concluded.

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Merrijig Primary School



A warm welcome to Lisa Sloan, a local from Boorolite, who has joined the staff at our little Merrijig School. She is the new integration aide, a position made vacant by the departure of Collette Clark. Also teacher Lucinda Hutchins has returned from maternity leave to resume her role.

-School breaks up on June 30th and resumes on July 17th

- The kids take off for Sommers camp on July 18th till the 26th and then go straight in to skiing on the 28th.

What a busy little school Merrijig is.



Dinner - at the Kitchen Door at Barjarg in aid of
MAKE St Mary's Hall Great Again fundraising committee.

The event will be catered for by Meagan Knapp.
 To be held on Friday night the 21st July.

Tickets are \$50 each person and includes dinner wines.

Tony Riley has those tickets...his numbers are 0408 142 770 or 5775 2468.



Merrijig Dining out Mob Dinner night

The dining out mob began years ago just because. You don't HAVE to go each and every time but you are welcome to join in when it suits. It has become an every now and then activity over the past year or so as people's lives become more and more busy. Still it's nice to just sit around over a meal table and chat to other Merrijig people or even those who have since moved into Mansfield.

A different venue is chosen each time for variety of menu choices.

If anyone reading this would like to come along the mob is meeting again on July 13th At The Commercial Hotel at 6:30 pm

Phone or text Jacquie Pollard to book a seat at the table 0417051220



MANSFIELD KINDERGARTEN

Mansfield Kindergarten is now taking enrolments for 2018 for both 3 and 4 year old places.

We have a waiting list for both this year (!) so it is best to get in early.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website,
www.mansfieldkindergarten.com.au,

or picked up from the kindergarten at 64 Ailsa Street, Mansfield. Tours can also be arranged by phoning 5775 2445.

← We also have our major fundraiser for the year coming up - **Comedy Night at the Mansfield Golf club on July 29th.**

There will be great entertainment with well-known comedians performing, and a silent auction with some amazing items.

Further details can also be found on our website.

MANSFIELD KINDERGARTEN

COMEDY NIGHT
+ Silent Auction

SATURDAY 29TH JULY '17
THE MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB

PERFORMANCES BY:
BRAD OAKES - EM O'LAUGHLIN - TERRY NORTH

SHOW STARTS 8PM | TICKETS \$30 EA | +18 WELCOME

BID YOURSELF A BARGAIN IN OUR
SILENT AUCTION - ALL FUNDS RAISED GOING TO THE KINDER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
MANSFIELD KINDERGARTEN - ALL TERRAIN CYCLES - MANSFIELD GOLF CLUB
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MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE KINDERGARTEN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://mansfieldkindergarten.com.au/events/>

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Local member's newsletter

Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan, regularly releases news relevant to the electorate which we often include in this newsletter. Ms McGowan's newsletter is so full of information that we can't possibly include it all so we select only the pieces which apply to Merrijig and the immediate district. There is a lot of other information provided.

She is encouraging as many of her constituents as want to, to keep up to date. Communication is an important tool and Cathy seems to have worked that out. This is an impressive attitude from her and unusual from a politician. She says she is keen that her constituents know how she is working for them. She is also interested in what we want from her. For further information you can visit www.cathymagowan.com.au



Cathy also says there is some good NBN news for Indi - NBN co has announced it will start building fibre to the curb for several locations including Benalla, Corryong, Mansfield, Myrtleford, Tallangatta and Yea by December 2017.

Check NBN status in your area at <http://www.nbnco.com.au/>

The Education Reform Bill

Independent Member for Indi Cathy McGowan says "Educational reform is really important, and good governance must include transparency," after supporting the passage of the *Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017*. She went on to say children and families in rural and regional Australia needed to be funded fairly and for what they need. "The extra \$5.66 billion in extra funding for Victoria compared to 2016-17 will assist this.

"The overall reform provides important national consistency through needs-based funding. The legislation needs to provide good governance over the long term." Ms McGowan said she had consulted with the Catholic Education Office, school board chairs, unions, education specialists, students and families throughout the consideration of the legislation

Ms McGowan said she welcomed the opportunity to talk to individuals and schools about the reform.

- For questions and input on Private members bills affecting **Penalty Rates** being put before Parliament go to http://www.cathymcgowan.com.au/penalty_rates_information

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- **Action on SkyMuster data a win for rural broadband internet**
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- Independent Member for Indi Cathy McGowan has congratulated NBN co for listening to regional customers and increasing data speed and capacity for those on the SkyMuster satellite.
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- “It’s good to see some action improving the access people in rural and remote areas have to broadband internet,” Ms McGowan said.
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- Many people in Indi have expressed concern for some time about affordability and value as they pay twice what their metro counterparts are paying for a limited satellite service, Ms McGowan said.
- “Lack of access to the full potential of the NBN is causing people real hardship. People from Indi put in the most submissions to the recent inquiry into the rollout of any electorate and many of them referred to expensive and inadequate data plans with SkyMuster.”
- Ms McGowan said she looked forward to further action on the NBN rollout in rural and regional Australia when the report is released from the inquiry by the Joint Standing Committee for the National Broadband Network.
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- “As a member of the committee, and an effective local representative, I will continue to push for effective action. There is still work to be done on ensuring adequate guaranteed service standards for rural and regional customers,” she said.

Alex’s Dad Jokes

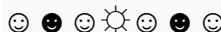
How can you tell if your cornflakes are counterfeit?

You check **the cereal number**.

What did the sheep say when he broke up with his girlfriend? **It's not ewe, it's me.**

Arnold Schwarzenegger and his friend are trying to figure out what to dress up as for a classical costume party, suddenly an idea came to mind, he turned to his friend and says...."

.....you be Mozart, I'll.. be ... Bach"



Jobs in the area

Those who have Facebook accounts check out

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1571251216459081/>

There’s a variety of job ops going on this page

F.Y.I.

Things worth knowing

The Victorian State Government is introducing new road rules to protect emergency workers on our roads.

From July 1, drivers must safely slow to 40km/h when passing a stationary or slow-moving emergency vehicle that is responding to an emergency with flashing lights or a siren sounding.

After passing the vehicle, drivers should not increase speed again until reaching a safe distance from the scene, so that emergency workers can do their job without fear of being hit by passing traffic.

A number of emergency workers have been killed and injured on Victorian roads after being struck by passing vehicles or debris.

A recent survey also found that almost one in five emergency service workers said they'd had four or more 'near misses' while stopped on the roadside over the past three years. These incidents are considered commonplace, but are often not recorded

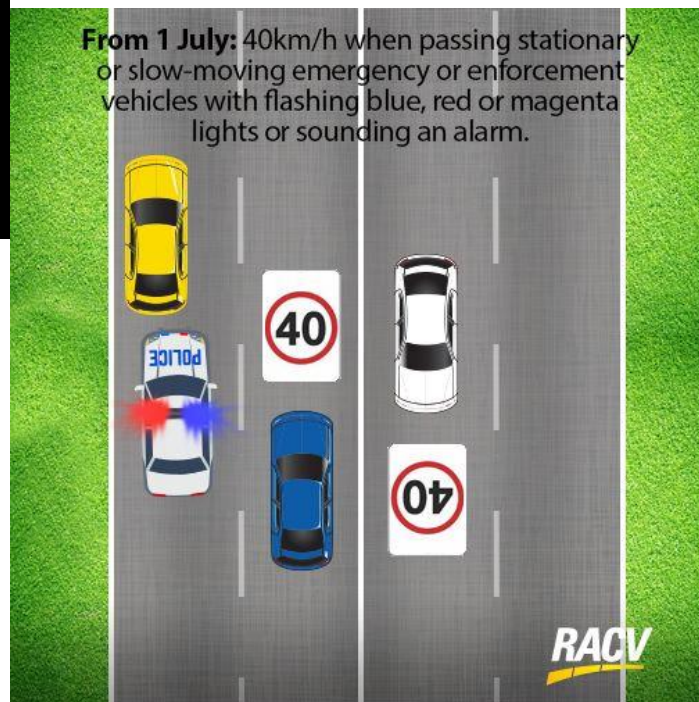
The new rule will apply to Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, County Fire Authority and State Emergency Service vehicles. It also applies to VicRoads Transport Safety Service vehicles with magenta flashing lights.

Current road rules do not require drivers to reduce speed or take other action when passing a stationary emergency or enforcement vehicle.

The rule is consistent with existing 40 km/h speed limit requirements in other areas where vulnerable road users are present, including roadwork sites and school zones.

The changes are the result of extensive consultation with Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority, WorkSafe, Emergency Management Victoria, Department of Justice and Regulation, the Transport Accident Commission and RACV.

The fine for an infringement of the new road rule is \$277 and the maximum court penalty is \$793. No demerit points apply.





July Message: Home Fire Safety – Smoke Alarms

Did you know that if you do not have a working smoke alarm in your house, and a fire occurs, you are:

- 57% more likely to suffer property damage
- 26% more likely to suffer serious injury
- four times more likely to die.

In 2015, in the Victorian CFA area, there were 1,646 preventable home fires and 4 people died.



Under Victorian **law** every home must have working smoke alarms installed.

Our sense of smell lessens while we sleep. A working smoke alarm is needed to wake people in your home if there is smoke or fire.



- Smoke alarms have a ten year life span. If your smoke alarm is more than ten years old, replace it.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and clean them annually.
- All smoke alarms have batteries; some have 9 Volt replaceable batteries and some have 10 year long life Lithium batteries. Even 240V hard-wired smoke alarms have backup batteries.
- Change your 9 volt replaceable smoke alarm batteries annually; a good reminder is to change them at the end of daylight savings when you change your clocks.
- CFA and MFB recommend photoelectric smoke alarms with long life lithium batteries.
- Help your elderly family, friends and neighbours to test their smoke alarms each month.
- For **rental** properties, it is the tenant's responsibility to test and clean the smoke alarm. **Landlords** are responsible for installing and maintaining smoke alarms (including changing smoke alarm batteries).

Merrijig CFA has some alarms and fire blankets available for vulnerable (eg isolated, elderly, disabled) residents. If you know of anyone in this situation please call John McCombe on 0409 230098.



FY (further)I NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.



**Our Languages
Matter**
2-9 JULY 2017

Invitation

NAIDOC Celebration Day Mansfield

Friday 7th July 2017, 11am – 2pm

Median Strip, High Street

(in the event of wet weather this activity will be cancelled)

This is a family friendly free event for the whole Mansfield community to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, proudly presented by the Gadhaba Local Indigenous Network

Activities include:

- **Acknowledgement of Country**
- **Live Entertainment**
- **Hot Food**
- **Fire Pit**
- **GLIN Information Packs**
- **Aboriginal Language Resources**



Fireworks Notification

Date: **08/07/2017**

Time: **AFTER 11:00pm**

Duration: **No more than 10 minutes**

On Saturday 08/07/2017, Mr Skye Candy & Crew will be conducting a Wedding Fireworks Display at:

THE SEBEL PINNACLE VALLEY RESORT,
1 MIMOSA DRIVE, MERRIJIG VIC 3723.

All relevant Documentation, Permits and Notifications have been lodged with the appropriate Authorities for this event. If you live in the area please enjoy the **FREE SHOW!**

PLEASE LOOK AFTER ANY ANIMALS AND PETS AT THIS TIME!!



WEDDING DISPLAYS: OPEN-AIR DISPLAYS AND INDOOR FIREWORKS, with Crystal Clouds or Crystal Clouds of Fire.....

Other Events Mr Skye Candy blows things up at are many and varied:-

BIG Birthdays (18th, 21st, 30th, 40th, 50th..... 100th):

BIG Anniversaries: Community Events: Cultural Events:

Send Off's, any reason is a good reason....

FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT OR ANY ENQUIRES,

Please Contact:

Shane Armstrong on 0438 036 536

or email enquiries to: info@mrskyecandy.com.au



Special offer for local families at Mt Stirling this winter

Mt Stirling is once again excited to extend free resort entry to local families on Thursdays throughout winter. Only a short drive from Mansfield, Mt Stirling offers a true adventure playground with plenty of fun activities for the whole family. To make it even easier for locals to enjoy this natural beauty Mt Stirling is also offering discounts on a variety of winter activities, including food and beverage at the Mt Stirling Café.

The offer is available to local visitors between 10am and 3pm every Thursday throughout the winter, starting from Thursday 22 June. Families can take advantage of this special offer by showing their driver's licence with a local address on arrival at resort entry. Visitors can also take advantage of 10% off food and drinks at the Mt Stirling Café. Stirling Experience is offering their 'families on the mountain' deals, which includes \$5 toboggan hire, a \$59 cross-country skiing experience, including equipment hire, a lesson and a tour guide, or a \$39 snowshoe tour which includes snowshoe hire.

Environmental Manager, Louise Perrin, said of the special deal, "Mt Stirling is a fantastic place for visitors to come and experience its natural beauty in both summer and winter, and we're excited to be able to offer an affordable option for local families to visit Mt Stirling this season."

"The kids can head outside and enjoy cross-country skiing, snow shoeing or tobogganing, while the parents relax by the open fire in the café and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee, snack or meal. We really want locals to be able to experience our beautiful and unique mountain during winter, as it's the perfect setting to enjoy all kinds of fun activities and get out of the house." said Louise.

For further information contact 03 5777 6077 or info@mtstirling.com.au.

Media Contact:

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Communications Coordinator
Mt Buller Mt Stirling Resort Management
03 5777 6077
ruby.walton@mtbuller.com.au

Mansfield SES unit are starting a new junior's group.

Wednesday night June 21 was our first night starting at 6pm with tea for the youth.

It's for 15-18 year olds, and parents are more than welcome to come and listen in.

We will be covering many topics, leading to a "general rescue" qualification and more.

It's on Wednesday nights at 6pm for tea, finish at 8:15 for pick up.

It is free, and you will be part of a great organization!!!

For any info leave a message on 0419533140



Change to Buttercup Rd quarry application discussed

A well attended meeting of objectors discussed the amendment to a proposal for a 10 year permit for a stone extraction (quarry) at 401 Buttercup Rd, which has been submitted to Mansfield Shire Council.

The meeting elected as it spokespeople, Buttercup Rd residents, Kym Lynch, Des Dunn and Louise Jacob.

The proposal seeks to establish the retrospective planning permit to operate to a depth of two metres and 1 ha. in area valid for 10 years, with hours of operation from 7.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The discussion centred around the altered application and the best way forward. One of the aspects discussed was the noise attenuation of the valley which means the proposal will affect more than just the residents of Buttercup Rd. With the amphitheatre-like nature of the valley the noise from the development extended a considerable distance to the north. The quarry began earlier last year for a short time until stopped by council following complaints of noise and vibrations from those affected in the community.

Concerns were expressed at the meeting of the validity of the consultants reports which were called for by council and also omissions in those reports - by example it was noted there was no dust report included.

The council has explained there will be another consultative meeting to explain the amendment to concerned residents. Further objections to the proposal can still be submitted to council. If you have already lodged an objection you may add an addendum to your existing objection if you wish, if you have further concerns than those you have already voiced.

The amendment and supplementary reports requested by council of the applicant can be found on the council's website:

http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/whatsnew/17-06-06/Stone_Extraction_Application_-_401_Buttercup_Road_Merrijig.aspx

or by visiting the council offices
in Highett St, Mansfield.

It is hoped that those affected by this application will register their objection with council

and by doing so they will be notified of the consultative meeting details.

Those wanting further information can also contact spokespersons for the Merrijig Residents Action Group, Kym Lynch. Those wanting further information can also contact spokespersons for the Merrijig Residents Action Group, Kym Lynch on 0409 184 193, Des Dunn on 0412 311 319 or Louise Jacob 0419 346 249.



Cr Marg Attley:-Your local representative on Mansfield Shire Council. Available to be contacted on: 5776 2231 or marg.attley@mansfield.vic.gov.au

A WORD FROM THE SHIRE

<http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/home.aspx>

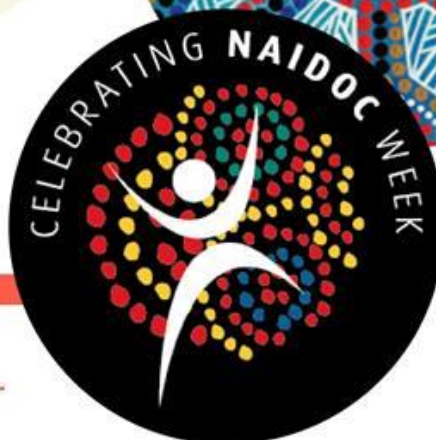
We've all heard of a horse with no name, but what about a road? Two in fact.

We'd like you to help us determine new road names for areas off Harpers Road in Barjarg and off Buttercup Road in Merrijig.

There are some guidelines that we need to follow though... for instance, the name must be one that celebrates the area; tells an important story; connects today's community to their own stories; or is distinctive. Have a look at the Office of Geographic Names guidelines - <http://mshire.co/OGN> - to see if your suggested road name will fit the bill.

We'd love to see what you can come up with. 1...2...3.... GO!

WINTER HOLIDAYS AT MANSFIELD LIBRARY



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

THURSDAY 6 JULY 10.30 AM - 11.45 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME IN THE LIBRARY

The tale of Tiddalik - 'Told' stories, dramatic play and craft. Children will help tell Indigenous stories through dramatic play.

No bookings required.

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2.00 PM - 3.30 PM

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

Walking Together - explore Taungurung Culture through stories, craft and sensory play.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Come to the Movies (Free Popcorn & Choc-tops!)

TUESDAY 11 JULY 2.30 PM - 4.00 PM

Come join us to watch SHAUN THE SHEEP and create your very own Shaun the Sheep to take home!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



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To understand what this is all about you need to know what the acronyms stand for :-

the first is

**Victorian
Advocacy
League for
Individuals with
Disability**

VALID is funded by the Victorian State Government as the peak state-wide advocacy body representing and supporting adult (18+) Victorians with an intellectual disability.

The VALID Advocacy Service is designed to protect and defend the human rights of people with an intellectual disability, and to champion their rights as citizen.

<http://www.valid.org.au/>

The second is the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** <https://www.ndis.gov.au/>

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NDIS - Families as Planning Partners Course

The course will be conducted from 5.45pm – 9.00 pm on the dates below



Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of July (optional 5th session – 1st of August 2017)

Venue: Mansfield Library, Cnr High & Collopy Street Mansfield

The main course has five sessions:

<p>Tues 4th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an introduction to the what, how and who gets the NDIS - what is the families role in the NDIS? 	<p>Session 1. NDIS intro & the Families' role</p>		
<p>Tues 11th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being aware of how to communicate - communicating your needs with the NDIS, workers and services 	<p>Session 2. Getting your point across effectively!</p>		
<p>Tues 18th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - person-centred plan (PCP) and its' benefits - the NDIS planning process 	<p>Session 3. NDIS Planning & Why have a PCP</p>		
<p>Tues 25th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - managing your funding package - engaging and purchasing services 	<p>Session 4. The NDIS funding & purchasing process</p>		
<p>OPTIONAL Session 5 Tues 1st August 2017 - Consolidating your plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building the information in your NDIS 'plan' - consolidating the information for your family members' 'Whole of Life' plan. 			

Attendees are asked to commit to attending the whole course. Attending one session is not an option. Specific one-off topic sessions will be available on request.

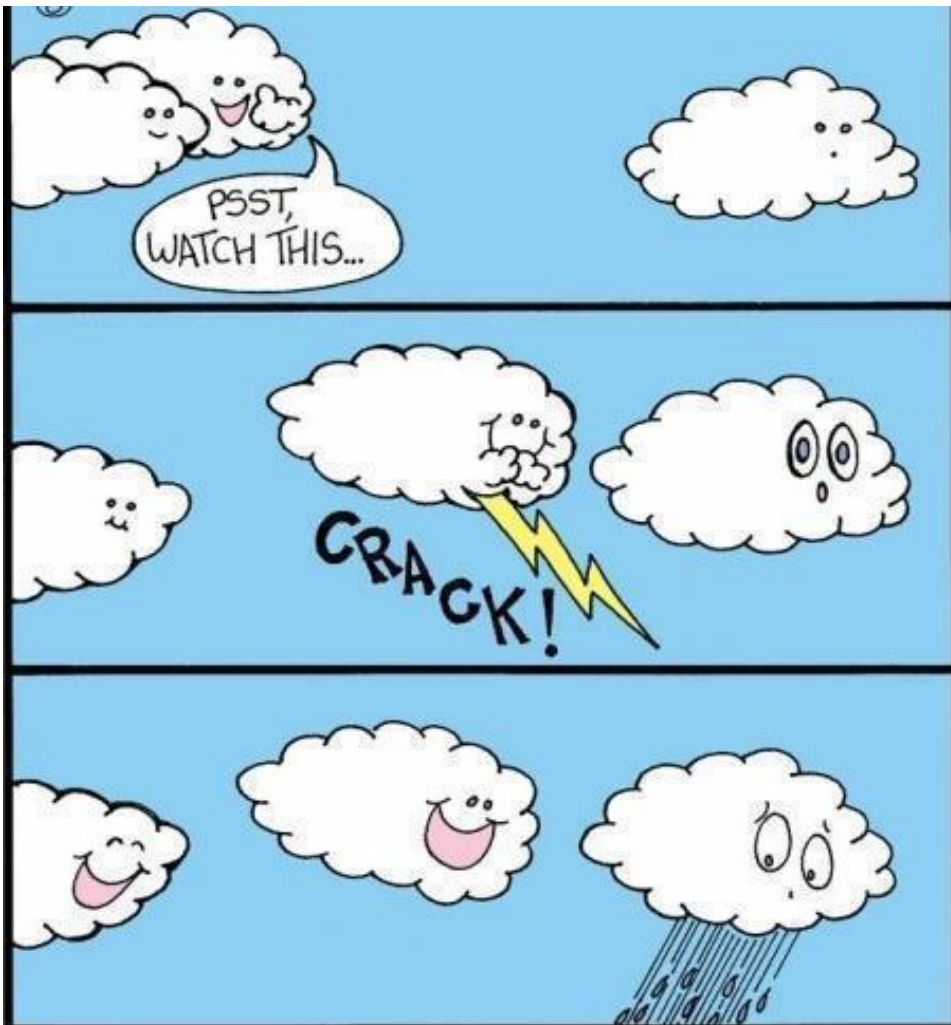
The NDIS is for people with disabilities it means more control over the things you want to do in your life. It means a new freedom to decide on the services and support you would like so you can achieve your goals, now and in the future. And it means setting your own plan, making the choices that will help you live the life you really want.

People who have disabilities from intellectual disabilities to crippling arthritis, Autism and being wheelchair bound due to car accidents have been assisted by NDIS already, but because it's new, you may like a little help to understand what the NDIS can do for you.

There does not appear to be any contact number on this advert but feel sure the shire staff will help with any enquiries you may have.

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NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!



Bye for now Adele

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