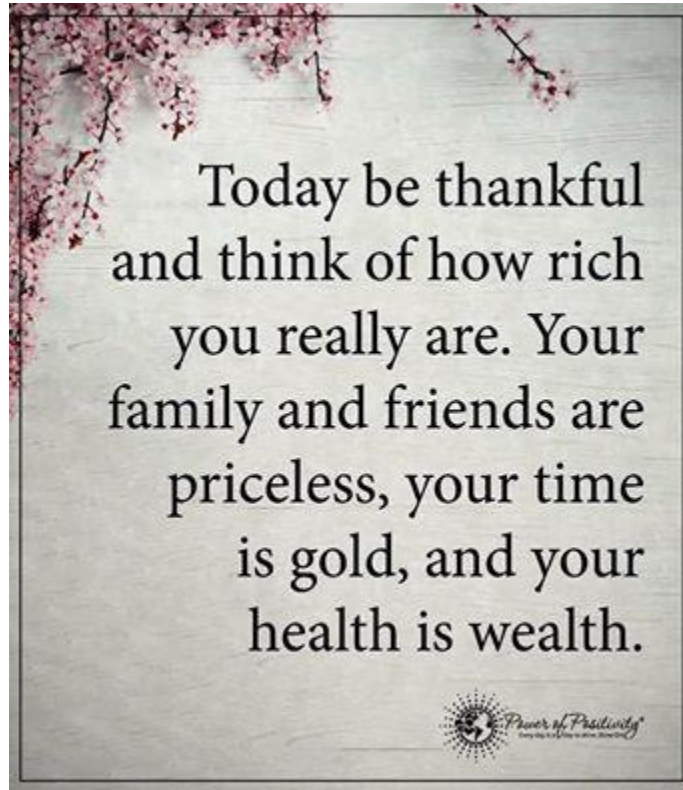


Merrijig Community Newsletter August 2017



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**.

August 2017						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Muscle Mob meets NO MORE SMOKING AT RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS	2	3 Rubbish & Recycle	4	5 Mill Inn Open for Lunch
6	7 Fun Day AGM	8 Trivia at the Pub Muscle Mob meets	9	10 Rubbish	11	12
13 International Left-Handers Day	14	15 Muscle Mob meets	16	17 Rubbish & Recycle	18	19
20	21	22 Trivia at the Pub Muscle Mob meets	23	24 Rubbish	25	26
27	28	29 Muscle Mob meets	30	31 Rodeo AGM Rubbish & Recycle		

Who's Doing What Lately?

A former Queensland's perspective of her first High Country winter

21st July Friday.

FROST

A white morning; -1degree C. Our world looked as if the sugar plum fairy had dusted all with sparkle. The ground was covered white, the bushes and bare tree branches looked skeletal, outlined starkly in frost.

The sky was clear, a pale blue lightening rapidly in the north east. Snow covered Buller came alive as the light gradually picked out first the high peak moving down to reveal the cover well down her sides and running into the

trees. More white, topped the nearer ridges, few birds moved until the gold of the morning sun lifted the magic veil, revealing the excitement of the winter playground. After the past grey, closely cosseted days, brilliant light blessed our world.



Christine Sheldrick

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Jim Filmer - a finalist in the Moran Photographic Competition in 2016 will be running a Moran Prizes

Photography Workshop at Mansfield Primary on Monday 31st of July.

He has spent the last few hours getting all the cameras ready and packed before heading off to Perth to run workshops in Perth metro schools.

Over the last month(s) I have been in western and NW Qld running workshops at Augathella (90kms north of Charleville), Blackall and Julia Creek. Then once in Mt Isa I ran a couple of special workshops which brings youth at risk of running off the rails who resist going to school but who once they got the hang of what Jim was teaching asked to stay longer to print off their photographs. The program is called Flexi-Learning Centre where secondary school kids who have been "turfed out" of all other schools, are trying to get their focus back, and he also ran courses at the Mt Isa Special School.

While in Isa I was also asked to judge a couple of photography divisions within the Mt Isa Annual Show.



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**Lincoln, William & Samuel
ran into Dr Chris Brown**

when they met up for an after school ski on
13th June 2017



What's happening around here in August?

Merrijig Family Fun Day AGM

Will be held at 7PM
On Monday August 7th
At the Commercial Hotel in Mansfield

Feedback from people who have attended the last 3 events is that they all LOVE it, this is the time of year to become part of the success and help make the 4th event better than ever.

A bit later in the month

Merrijig Rodeo and Sports Association AGM

Will be held at 7 p.m.
on Thursday 31 August 2017
At Merrijig Hall.

For 40 year this extremely popular and very successful event has been run in Merrijig - from all reports this 2017 event was the best ever. The committee is healthy and happy, making it a good time to get involved with a team determined to keep the event running smoothly and improving the community with each event.



At the base of Mt Buller, the original settlers carved a living logging from the hills around them, and Chef Marcus Van Clute continues craft and mill a quintessential alpine menu drawing on the traditions of hearty Germanic-Italian comfort-food. Artisan pasta is crafted on site daily, which creates the roots of the menu, being English-born and London-trained, Marcus has cheffed in 'dees hills' of the Mt Buller-Mansfield area for well over 10 years, and has established roots with local producers, and the fair that comes from surround hill and dale. What's more alpine than a forest fossick for truffles and wild mushrooms and nothing completes a day in the alpine air like dining-out by a warm open fire, a glass of the regions finest, and some down-home crafted pasta!

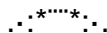


WINTER MENU FEATURE DISH-

Our menu is ever changing with the seasons. We regularly change our house made pasta ingredients to feature the freshest local produce – like our chicken ravioli with house-made Sicilian pesto.

Winter is a time when we welcome many a ski bunny to our cosy Inn, to warm the cockles of their heart and stomach after a day on the slopes.

The Mill Inn wishes to announce they are open for lunch on Aug 5th



The Hunt Club Hotel is happy to announce they are doing a
Winter Wednesday special through July and August.

MONDAY

KIDS EAT FREE WITH PURCHASE OF A MEAL*
EXCLUDING PUBLIC & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
T&C APPLY

TUESDAY

TRIVIA Every 2ND Tuesday
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED
 8th Aug and 22nd Aug this month.

WINTER WEDNESDAY

ANY LARGE PIZZA \$10
CHICKEN PARMA OR SCHNITZEL \$15
with chips & salad

There will be the usual delicious Full menu also available

THURSDAY

HAPPY HOUR IN THE BAR 5:30 PM - 7 PM
BAR SNACKS
PRIZE DRAW AT 7:00 PM

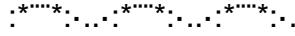
FRIDAY

PARMA CHIPS AND SALAD WITH A POT OF FURPHY* \$27 6PM -8PM

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER EVENTS

www.huntclubhotel.com.au

Hunt Club Hotel
 Ph: 03 5777 5508 - Fax: 03 5777 5508



Muscle up at Merrijig

If ever you're going to bite the bullet and start working on your fitness, a good place to start is the once-a-week Muscle Mob gathering at the Merrijig Public Hall.

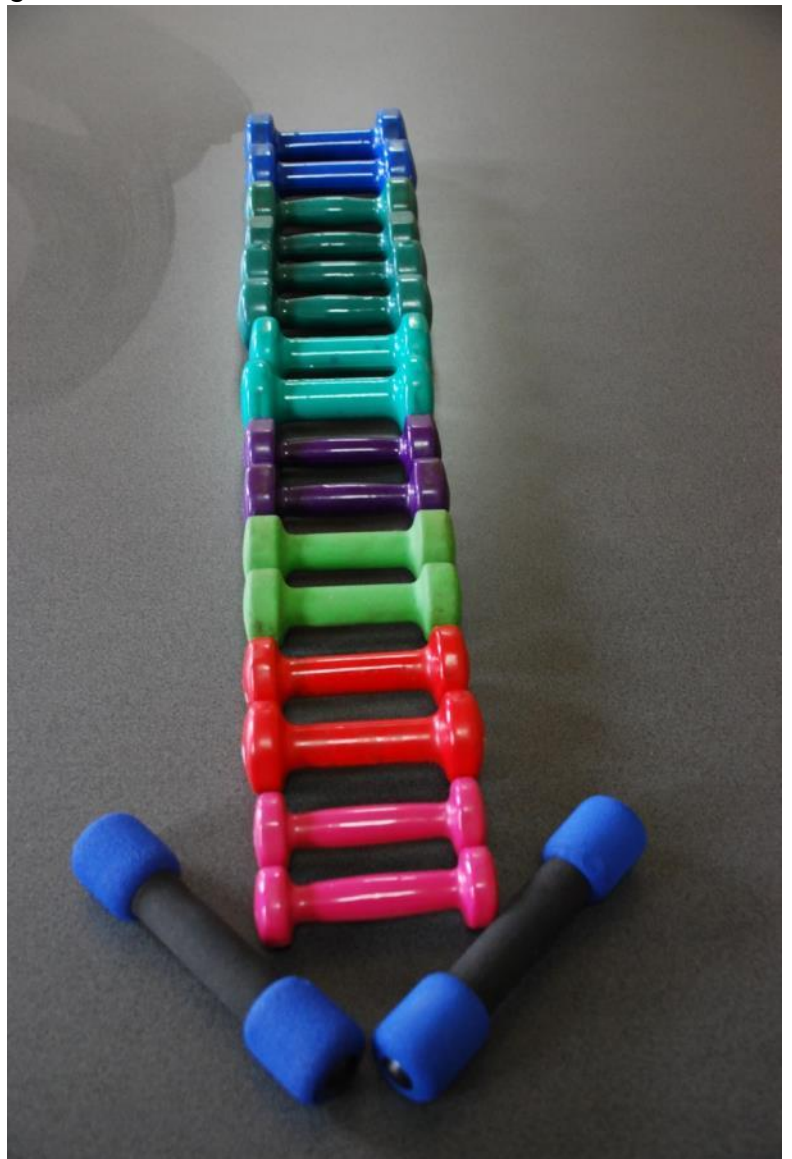
Every Tuesday morning at 10 am a friendly group of locals gather to go through their paces in a program of light exercise designed by a physiotherapist.

At the conclusion of the 30 to 45 minute program the gathering adjourns for "coffee and cake" which is on a rotation basis.

For the princely sum of \$3 you can stretch some muscles, enjoy some country cooking and meet some really friendly people.

If you'd like to join in, give the organiser a call, Kerrie Purcell on 0437 380 384. Newcomers to Merrijig very welcome.

If you don't have your own weights there are a few to share. If you like the idea once you've tried a session or two you might like to consider purchasing your own.





August Message: Home Fire Safety – Home Escape Plan

There's absolutely no doubt now that it's Winter and very cold. Our heating systems are running full-time making our house timbers very dry. Any accidental fire would take hold very quickly.

Do you have an emergency home escape plan?

Have you walked the family through it?

Here are some tips:

1. Remember, you can't escape if you have deadlocked your door
2. Get down low and stay out of the smoke
3. If it is safe, close doors to slow down the spread of fire and smoke
4. Alert other people on your way out
5. Get out and stay out
6. Meet at a safe place such as the letterbox outside your home and count heads to make sure everyone is out
7. Call 000 (triple zero) from a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. Ask for fire.

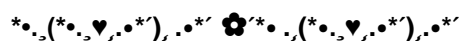


Merrijig Primary School News

This term we welcome two new families Samuel and William Arrowsmith and Jak and Mazey Hogan. Both families are attending Merrijig PS for the whole of Term 3.



We are sure they will enjoy their time at Merrijig.
We now have a total of 34 students attending our School.



Alex's Dad Jokes

If I had fifty cents for every maths test I failed...
I'd have \$1.15

What's the difference between tortellini and cappelletti.
The spelling

What happened when the crustacean was late to work?
She **LOBSTER** job!

If you're Russian when you're going to the bathroom, and Finnish when you're done,
what are you while you're there?
European



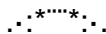
Hint to save time on the mountain

Buy your lift tickets in advance online and not only will you ski straight past the lift ticket queue in the morning, you could also save money!





You will - from today be able to enjoy smoke-free alfresco dining because from 1 August new laws come into effect to ban smoking in all outdoor dining areas in Victoria. You can find further information from <http://ow.ly/ulqe30bfski> or by calling the Tobacco Information Line (1300 136 775)



Don't forget

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK THIS WINTER
and are on Facebook - Check out these sites**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1666266726981565/>

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

Got any ideas on decentralization and regional development?



Federal member Cathy McGowan is on the committee and asks her constituents to participate by sending submissions.

Ms McGowan encouraged all those interested in making submissions to the inquiry to begin their discussions early within their own communities.

“The people of Indi should formulate their submissions with reference to the inquiry terms of reference, identifying the impacts of issues as they see them, as well as potential solutions and deliverable outcomes for Indi.”

Submissions to the inquiry will close on 15 September. Ms McGowan, who is a member of the inquiry committee, says she looks forward to bringing her rural colleagues to Indi for one of a series of public hearings that will follow.

For further information about the inquiry and to make a submission go to http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_and_Decentralisation/RDD

You can also contact the committee secretariat directly at PO Box 6021, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600; phone them at (02) 6277 4108 or email to rdd.reps@aph.gov.au

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Merrijig Dining out Mob Dinner night Saw the group saying farewell to a couple, Greg Sullivan and Maureen Williams, who had become good friends with everyone through the group dining together,

Greg ran a very successful property maintenance business which he has now wound down in preparation for their move to Batemans bay in NSW. Maureen has been very busy working for one of our accountants as well as at the Golf club behind the bar. So this couple will not only be missed by their friends from the Dining out Mob but also those who knew them through their work.

Both Greg and Maureen supported many activities while they lived in Merrijig amongst which were the mowing at the help with the upgrade of 5 pines memorial, Merrijig Campdraft, and Merrijig Family Fun Day to name a few.

The couple were gifted a glass tray, made by a local artist from Made in Mansfield and a shopping bag depicting Mansfield so that they do not forget where they have come from and that people farewell them with great respect for all they have contributed while they were part of our community.



There used to be.....

Merrijig Family Fun Day may join the ranks of the “Used to Be’s” as many of last year’s committee members declared at the recent meeting their inability to remain on the committee due to various commitments and pressures of life.

When you think about it, there are many events which were once popular happenings in the district which have now gone by the wayside due to a deficiency of people willing to put in the work to make the event happen.



The Balloon Fest, which was a big hit for several years, wound down, the Jamieson Jazz fest which was a bonus to the district and showcased Jamieson and Kevington area ceased to happen, The Bonnie Doon Buskers and music festival ran for a few years but did not happen last year – just to mention a few.

These events do not spontaneously happen; there is work which must go on prior to the occasion for them to be available to the local community enjoyment.

Merrijig Family Fun Day is now calling on the people in the community, who value the event, to put up their hands and be part of the committee to run the event. Each committee member will be responsible for one section of presenting Fun day for the district. Positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer, dog jumping and gymkhana are covered.

People are needed to manage - collecting sponsorship for various sections (eg horse events, amusement hire, Easter egg hunt), and raffle prizes - for the popular Monster Raffle, there is need for a marketing manager, stall sites manager, Food sales manager, displays manager and manager for the volunteers.

The meeting to discuss the future of fun day, as it has been successfully run over the past 3 years, decided that without more people to take charge of various sections the event will need to be scaled back to become the **“Merrijig Family Gymkhana”, to be held on March 24th at McCormack Park**, as the enthusiastic existing members of the committee, who are happy to be re-elected, know they can manage this section of the Fun Day very well.

The date for the **AGM was chosen as August 7th at 7pm at the Commercial Hotel in Mansfield** as it will be more comfortable than a cold old hall somewhere, and is central to the district. Everyone is welcome to attend, thoughts and ideas are welcome prior to or on the night, but essentially more people on the committee with particular interests or skills for the areas mentioned previously are necessary for the event to remain on the social calendar.

If you can manage your section without the need of attending each meeting, progress reports are acceptable with alerts to any problems which can be brought up at meetings then telephone and

email contact can keep various section managers informed. Last year we had three ladies who did a lot of work on various sections for the event but were not able to attend meetings, so we know this can work.

Anyone who has skills they would like to share to keep this event on the events calendar each summer, please make contact with Secretary Tracey, who by the way took on the role last year having never been a secretary before and has become very efficient in the role, Email merrijigfunday@gmail.com or Treasurer Adele on adelemac15@bigpond.com

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We're working towards health care that's designed around the needs of patients: to ensure that they receive the right care, in the right place and at the right time.

To do this, it's important to hear from people who not only work in health services in our communities, but those who use them as well.

By registering to be part of Murray Health Voices, you will be asked a small

number of questions via an email or text message every now and then.

You can help us to understand things like: what makes accessing health services difficult for you, or someone you care for, what is currently working well at a health service you use, or what isn't and any ideas for future improvements.

For more information and to register: <http://www.murrayphn.org.au/health-voices>



MANSFIELD SHIRE

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>



Everyone loves a new car right? Well, we've got one which is worth celebrating and together with [Martins Garage Holden-Nissan](#) we're hosting an event to officially launch the new L2P car and the transition of the Learner Driver Mentor Program to Council.

The program is free to eligible participants and has been operating since 2010 in partnership with NESAY and has assisted over 100 of our young people to clock up more than 2000 hours of learner driver training.

Volunteer mentors are integral to the success of the program to provide supervised driving experience to the learner drivers under 21 years of age who otherwise may find it difficult to meet the 120 hours of driving practice needed to obtain their licence.

The program, which is funded by [VicRoads](#) and the Transport Accident Commission, is delivered by Council with support of Martins Garage, who sponsor the vehicle, and generous donations from Rotary and Mansfield Signs.

The celebration being held at 4.00 pm on Friday 4 August at Martins Garage will officially launch the new car and the transition of the Learner Driver Mentor Program to Council. If you are an interested driver, parent or maybe considering becoming a mentor, please come along to hear more about the program.

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NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the British, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Australia's Northern Territory Times, reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, aboriginal Billi Bunji, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely bugger-all.

Billi has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless..."

Makes me feel bloody proud to be Australian!

“The Flat Earth Society”

**- apparently they have members
all around the globe.**

(provided by Jim Filmer)

Bye for now Adele

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