

Merrijig Community Newsletter

November 2017



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

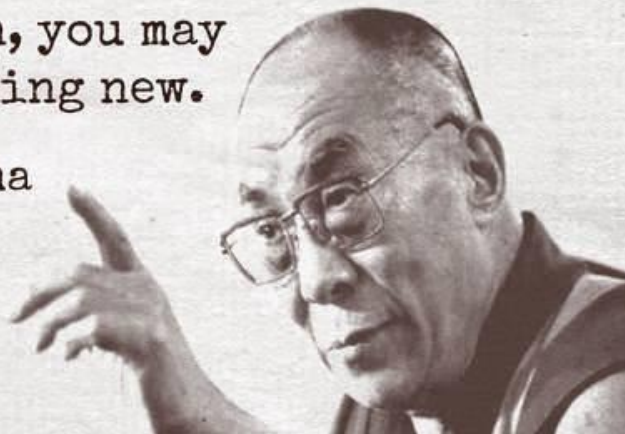
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Quote of the month.

When you talk, you are
only repeating what
you already know. But
if you listen, you may
learn something new.

- Dalai Lama



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 Defibrillators are located at Merrijig Motor Inn & McCormack Park

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. McCormack Park unit is located in the machinery shed of the Motorbike Track. If it is the Merrijig Motor Inn should be contacted by phone.

The motor inn phone number is **5777 5702**.

November 2017						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Community matching fund applications is open Chess at library from 10am	2 Rubbish	3 Mansfield High country Festival with torch light parade and fireworks Art exhibition opens	4 Grand parade in Mansfield _ Merrijig's MCC usually takes out the best club entry in this. Good luck bike kids.
5	6	7 Melbourne Cup (VIC)	8 Chess at library from 10am	9 Rubbish & Recycle	10	11 Remembrance Day Lego Club at library
12	13	14 Muscle Mob meets	15 Horses and Bushfire forum Financial Management Workshop Chess at library from 10am	16 Rubbish	17	18
19	20 Community matching fun applications close today	21 Muscle Mob meets	22 Chess at library from 10am	23 Rubbish & Recycle	24	25
26	27	28 Muscle Mob meets	29 Chess at library from 10am	30 Rubbish Book your stall for Trash 2 Treasure on Dec 10 th .	Note – Nominations close for Australia day awards on Dec 11th Dec 10th Trash to Treasure at the hall.	

Book in Early for Christmas Parties

The Mill Inn is the perfect venue for your Christmas party and end of year celebration!
We can cater to all events - large or small!!
Including our famous "Paella on The Patio"



Book with Vanessa on 5777 5868

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Just a reminder to control European Wasps – trap the queens now

Set up some Queen Wasp Traps around your garden

I've trapped about 6 queens and a lot of flies and ants too.



It only takes a few minutes to make up the mixture – another 10 to prepare the empty plastic bottles to be the traps and then perhaps another 10 to hang them in appropriate places.



To save you looking up last month's newsletter here is the recipe again

Here is the recipe for the queen wasp trap and another one for the worker wasps if you don't catch all the queens at this time of the year.

Recipe :- 4 tbs jam - 1 cup of water - A slurp of alcohol based Vanilla - A dash of vinegar

The vinegar, will dissuade bees from traps as they are not fanciers of acidic foods.

The recipe for worker wasps, if you didn't happen to trap the queen in time, is to use meat of some sort. There are no quantities mentioned so use your initiative but include things such as some sort of meat like mince, canned dog food or even liver was suggested as they're searching for high protein food; - Dishwashing liquid and water – something to ferment the mix, some suggestions are Mashed grapes, Sugar and lemon juice or even beer or soft drink – and add vinegar again to avoid attracting honey bees.

Who's Doing What Lately?

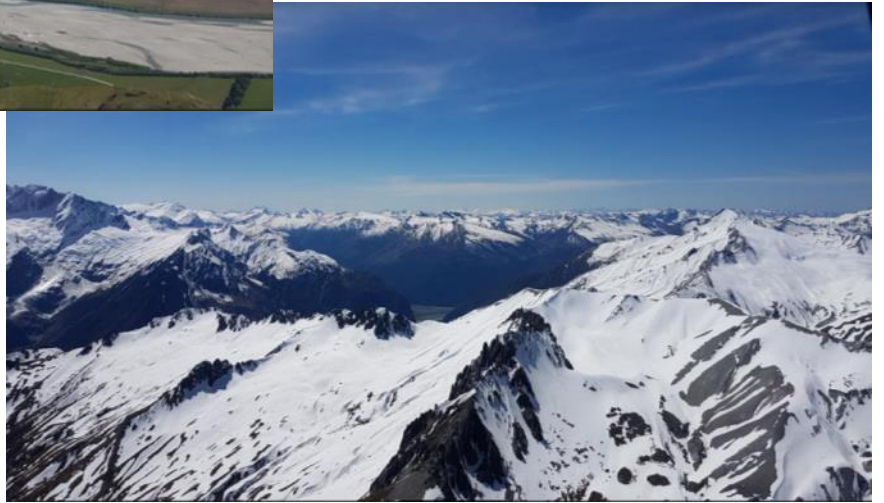


Judy K's adventure in NZ

Judy is New Zealand born although she chose to be a Merrijigger for most of her life.

She sent through a few photos of what REAL snow is on REAL Mountains.





New mobile Holiday Home

Adele McCormack took a quick trip up to the Central Coast of NSW after her friend John who comes down each year to help out at the Merrijig Family Fun Day agreed to check out a little caravan which could be suitable for quick weekend escapes to Music Festivals now and then.

This is the tidy little unit perfect for comfortable escapes to enjoy wall to wall live music around the country. First trip will be to Harrietville for the Bluegrass music fest.



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Wonderful recovery for accident victim.

The young woman who had the serious fall from a horse in March and was reported, in this newsletter, to have been air lifted to the Alfred Hospital from next to McCormack Park will be discharged from hospital on November 4th, seven and a half months after her accident.

She has been working very hard in the physio and gym at the Alfred Hospital Rehab centre in Caulfield for the past four months, since the swelling in her brain reduced. Now she is very happy to be going home to her parents' house until she is even further recovered allowing her to be back to being independent.

Incredible work by our local paramedics and people who rallied to assist at the accident site no doubt had a big impact on the chances this young lady had of making a good recovery.

It has been suggested to her that when she is ready and if she wants to, a party to meet those who helped when she needed them can be arranged, she was very pleased with this suggestion for some stage in her future recovery.



New guard rail on Buller Road

- on the road between Warrambat Road, Sawmill Settlement and Changue Road, Merrijig.





Merrijig CFA & Hall Fundraiser

Laurie Jacob remarked "What a fabulous night the fire ready ball was. There was great music by 'Last Drinks' together with two dance callers from Melbourne who got everyone dancing.

The auction was excellent and the raffle draws just kept coming. This was an "Awesome night".

Maz Dowling, Jaya Naidu and his daughter Susila Naidu celebrate Cox Plate Day at the ball.



Decorations by Mary and Des Dunn followed the racing theme and looked fantastic.



Dancing was led by Victorian Folk Music Club caller, Jane Bullock and Matt Harriage, who had everyone on their feet enjoying the music provided by Merrijig band Last Drinks.

Last Drinks guitarist Steve McMahon and vocalist John Lacey kept the crowd moving with some great music including some bush dance music so the callers could share their knowledge of bush dancing. Vocalist Lesley McMahon is out of the picture.





Having a break from dancing, from left Merrijiggers, Susan Taylor, Marie Sellstrom and Greg Purcell.

In the foyer, 'jockey' Sen Weir selling tickets and Black Caviar



fan, John McCombe selling raffle tickets to dance goers.

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November Message: Home Fire Safety

What about your pets in a fire emergency?

Before we get into the summer fire season maybe have a think about how our pets fit into our fire plans. Agriculture Victoria has some detailed advice at:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/emergencies/pets-in-emergencies>

A few points:

1. We all need a fire plan. Record it and walk through it with your family or housemates;
2. Your pets, including horses are part of it. Food, water, carrier/leads, a safe place to go, escape routes, identification (microchips, collars, phone number painted on a hoof?);
3. Who to notify if they are lost.

Here's a video to give you some more ideas:

<http://www.rspcasa.org.au/the-issues/animals-in-emergencies/>

Merrijig CFA will conduct a Fire-Ready briefing within the next few weeks. Watch out for notices at the CFA shed and via Merrijig Community Facebook.

What's happening around here in November?

Hall AGM had to be postponed due to various situations cropping up with existing executive members.

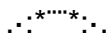


A new date of Sunday Nov. 12 at 11 am has been set.

When this meeting is held there will be election of the committee and office bearers. The president's annual report is presented and there's an opportunity to become involved in the running of this excellent community facility.

Meetings are held monthly and are never very long - an hour and a half tops.

So if you'd like more information on becoming a committee member contact the secretary, Louise Jacob on 0419 346 249.



Hospital Auxiliary Art show.

There will be posters around town come October and tickets to the opening night

- Friday Nov. 3rd 5:30 - 7:30 pm

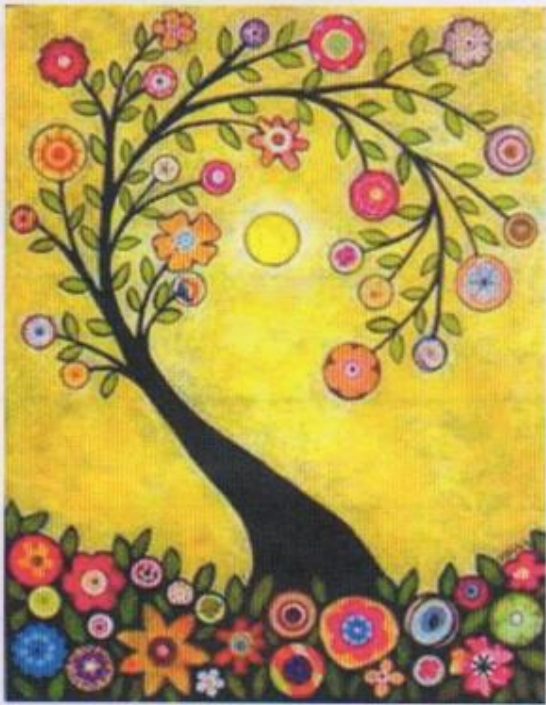
- For sale at Wallaby Ritz for \$25 per person.

The evening includes wine/beer and finger food.

**MANSFIELD DISTRICT HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY**

**41ST ART
EXHIBITION**

**Friday 3rd—Monday 6th
November 2017**



JUDGE: Mandy Hall, Artist

SPONSORED BY:
The Rotary Club of Mansfield and the Harry
& Clare Friday Foundation

VENUE:
The Masonic Hall, Highett Street, Mansfield

Remembrance Day Saturday 11th at 11am



Children from Merrijig Primary School and Timbertop will be participating in the service. MERRIJIG

REMEMBRANCE DAY SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016

LEST WE FORGET

We will gather again on Saturday 11 November, at the 'Five Pines' Merrijig War & Service Memorial (near the intersection of Buttercup and Mount Buller Rds) for our Remembrance Day Service, to honour the sacrifice of Australian Defence Force men and women who lost their lives in war.

You are invited and encouraged to join your community in this brief service, which will commence at **10:40**, with a Timbertop Piper rendering 'Amazing Grace' in the Memorial Walk area, followed by a service, which will include:

A call to Commemoration
A Prayer of Remembrance
Laying of Wreaths & Poppies
Recital of the Ode To The Fallen,

Followed by our response of **"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"**

The Last Post will be rendered by Timbertop musicians at the start of two minutes silence for personal reflection, followed by the sounding of The Rouse and our response **"LEST WE FORGET"**

PLEASE :

By all means come earlier and experience the Memorial Walk, but be in front of the memorial not later than 10:45am to enable the service to commence on time.

Parking is across the road from the memorial, at the Buttercup/Buller Rd corner.

Book your stall now for

Trash 2 Treasure Day – after good feedback will be once again held at the hall, I on **Sunday**, December 10 from 10 am with a barbecue as well. Great chance to have a slightly late spring clean out which could turn out to be someone else's treasure.

Christmas is on the way so may even be an opportunity for gift purchases.

For stall holders there is no commissions payable, just \$20 for a stall.

Further details from Helen Edwards on 0438 775 730.



The most recent trash 2 treasure day was a great success.

The second Defibrillator For Merrijig

is installed now at Mansfield Motorcycle Club's machinery shed at McCormack Park, for everyone's reference.

(Let hope we don't need to use it!.)



Big thanks to Andrea for making this happen! Andrea Pickett of Merrijig Campdraft Association thought it could be an asset to have a unit at McCormack Park for when activities are operating at the venue, and as the Motor Bike club uses the are on a monthly basis, it was thought that it could best be housed on their site and being portable the unit can be taken to the areas used by Merrijig Rodeo, Campdraft and Fun day when those events are happening.

Regards,

Jason O'Brien (President of MMC)

Following up on some questions needing answers, Andrea Pickett found out that officially upon delivery the defibrillator is owned by the recipient (Merrijig Campdraft) who is responsible for its care.

The Supplier:

The 'Supplier' for the purpose of the agreement is St John Ambulance Australia (Vic).

St John Ambulance is responsible for delivery, training and, for the first six years, defibrillator maintenance - being replacement of consumables (pads and batteries) and organising repairs, and warranty claims (but not claims arising from misuse, vandalism or accidental damage etc.)

The electrode pads have shelf life of ~2 years.

The battery has a shelf (stand-by) life of ~4 years.

Warranty:

The manufacturer's warranty is for 8 years and covers the equipment if it is faulty or defective (but not for claims arising from misuse, vandalism or accidental damage etc.)

Consumables (pads and batteries) would be covered by an implied consumer warranty only if they are faulty or defective (not if they have expired or are misused etc.)

[Laerdal](#) is the relevant supplier for the purposes of claims under the balance of the manufacturer's warranty - after year six.

NB. After year six the recipient is responsible organising for any repairs and warranty claims.

Maintaining the defibrillator - in summary:

- For the first six years there is no cost to the club to maintain the defibrillator.
- Repair of equipment malfunction/manufacturing faults and associated costs - and all consumables (pads and batteries) - will be arranged or provided by St John Ambulance Australia
- After six years the club is expected to use its' best endeavours' to maintain the defibrillator for another 4 years (re: Years 7 to 10 inclusive)
- Over years 7 to 10 inclusive the club would need to purchase at least two sets of electrode pads (~\$112 each set) and would also need to replace the battery at least once (~\$263).
- The above costs are based on current [St John Ambulance Victoria price lists](#) - and the items would also be available from other suppliers.
- If the defibrillator is used the electrode pads would need to be replaced immediately. The battery life will also be somewhat diminished depending upon the number of shocks delivered.
- The manufacturer's warranty is for 8 years.
- If after 8 years the defibrillator is unserviceable (or at any time prohibitively expensive for the club to repair/maintain) then the recipient could in effect 'surrender' the unit by giving notice and relying on Agreement clause 5.10 (b); 5.11(a)(v) & 5.11(b).

Alex's Dad Jokes

My friend died when he couldn't remember his blood type
He kept saying "be positive", but it's hard without him.



What did the janitor say when he popped out of the closet?
SUPPLIES!

What type of photos do teeth take?
Toothpics (GROAN)



How do you put an elephant in a refrigerator?
Open the door, put the elephant in, close the door.

How do you put a giraffe in a refrigerator?
Open the door, take the elephant out, put the giraffe in, close the door.



All of the Animal Kingdom has a meeting; who doesn't show up?
The giraffe. He's still in the fridge.

What happens when you drop a brick out of an airplane?
It falls.



Jayne has to cross a river full of crocodiles. There's no boat or bridge, but she still gets across.
Why?

All the crocodiles are at the Animal meeting.

Upon reaching the other side, she still dies; how?
She's hit in the head by a falling brick.



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Here it is your chance to **Nominate Someone from your Community Worthy of**

Recognition for what they do to make life in our district so enriched.


Some people in the past have been acknowledged for their input for their chosen project. Some have taken out the awards for long continuous involvement in many and varied community projects. Some were recognised for one particular outstanding achievement. Community events can be nominated for the benefits they bring to the community.

Merriji people and events have often been amongst the nominees.

If you would like to nominate someone from an organization you belong to, or an event in the district you think is worthy of encouragement or extra respect, feel free to do so.

Nominations are open now until December 11th 2017.

Download (using the link provided) or print off the form below.

2018 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The Councillors of the Mansfield Shire Council are calling for nominations from organisations or individuals in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year

These Awards provide all Shire residents with the opportunity to pay tribute to our outstanding local achievers so if you know of someone who deserves recognition for personal achievement or for their contribution to our community, please consider nominating them – it's easy.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the What's New section of Council's website www.mansfield.vic.gov.au or can be collected from the Municipal Office in Highbury Street and close at 5.00 pm on Monday, 11 December 2017.

[http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/whatsnew/17-10-18/Recognising_our_Citizens -
Citizen Senior Citizen Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year Awards.aspx](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/whatsnew/17-10-18/Recognising_our_Citizens_-_Citizen_Senior_Citizen_Young_Citizen_and_Community_Event_of_the_Year_Awards.aspx)



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2018

NOMINATION FORM

*Individuals and Organisations may submit nominations (see reverse side for eligibility)

- ☐ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
☐ COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR
☐ YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
☐ SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Please tick appropriate box

SURNAME (of nominee)

NAMES

DATE OF BIRTH/...../..... BIRTH PLACE

ADDRESS PHONE

..... EMAIL.....

NOMINATOR (person or organisation)

ADDRESS PHONE

..... EMAIL.....

☐ **COMMUNITY EVENT NAME**.....

DISTRICT DATE

ORGANISED BY TELEPHONE

ADDRESS

Main Reason for nomination (attach an extra sheet if required)

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Please return completed form marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:
 Lisa Fricke C/- Mansfield Shire Council, Private Bag 1000, Mansfield 3724.
Nominations close 5.00pm, Monday 11 December, 2017



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>

Kirsten Lingard (kirsten.lingard@mansfield.vic.gov.au) writes Dear Community Groups,

Please see the below information in regard to some upcoming training in Wangaratta.

I have booked myself into this and happy to car pool.

If you are interested, please book yourself into the training using the eventbrite link below and then let me know if you would like to car pool.

This training is being run by AVCLP in Wangaratta. If you have any questions, please contact them directly on Kim Scanlon, Executive Officer PH 0417 348 547 EM admin@avclp.org.au

Financial Management of Boards and Committees

Do you serve on a Board and rely mostly on your Treasurers advice to approve financial statements?

Can you find the story of how your organisation is performing from the maze of numbers on the page?

Want to know what to look for when reading financial papers?

Our next AVCL skills workshop will address the theme of Financial Management of Boards and Committees in partnership with AgBiz Assist, this FREE workshop will be **held between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th November** at the Wangaratta Central Offices. Even though the session is free, bookings are essential and can be made through our Eventbrite web page – link below: www.avclp.eventbrite.com.au



HORSES AND BUSHFIRE

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How prepared are you?

Wednesday 15 November

6.30pm

Mansfield Community Centre

What should be included in your fire plan?

Leave early - where can you go?

Can you leave your horses at home?

What to do if your plan fails?

Your responsibilities

Road closures

Property Identification Code (PIC)

National Equine Database

Mansfield Shire Council is running the

Horses and Bushfire Forum

again this year - Wednesday 15 November at the Community Centre, 6.30pm.

This forum will help horse owners plan and prepare for the upcoming summer bushfire season.

See the flyer for more details.

Information: Sue Hare Arndt 5775 8558

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/320881>

Don't leave it too late.....

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Dear Community, says Community Development Officer, Keira McDonagh

keira.mcdonagh@mansfield.vic.gov.au

The 2017/2018 Round of the **Community Matching Fund** is NOW OPEN and will be accepting applications until Monday 20 November 2017.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to not-for-profit groups based in the Mansfield Shire for projects that help to build a stronger, healthier and more sustainable community.

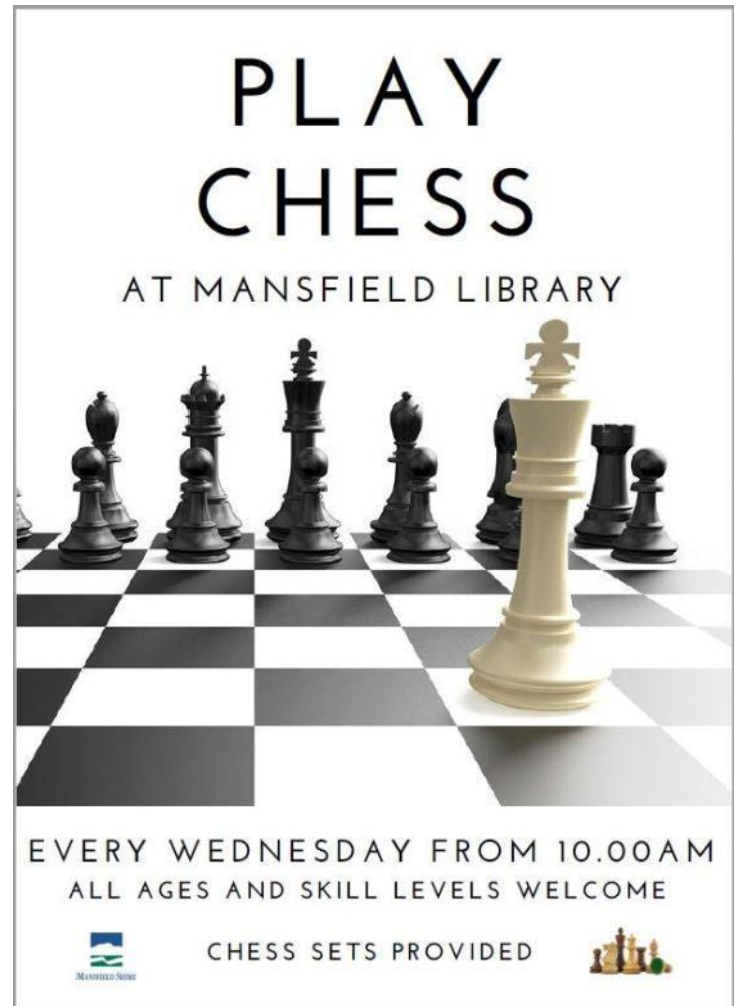
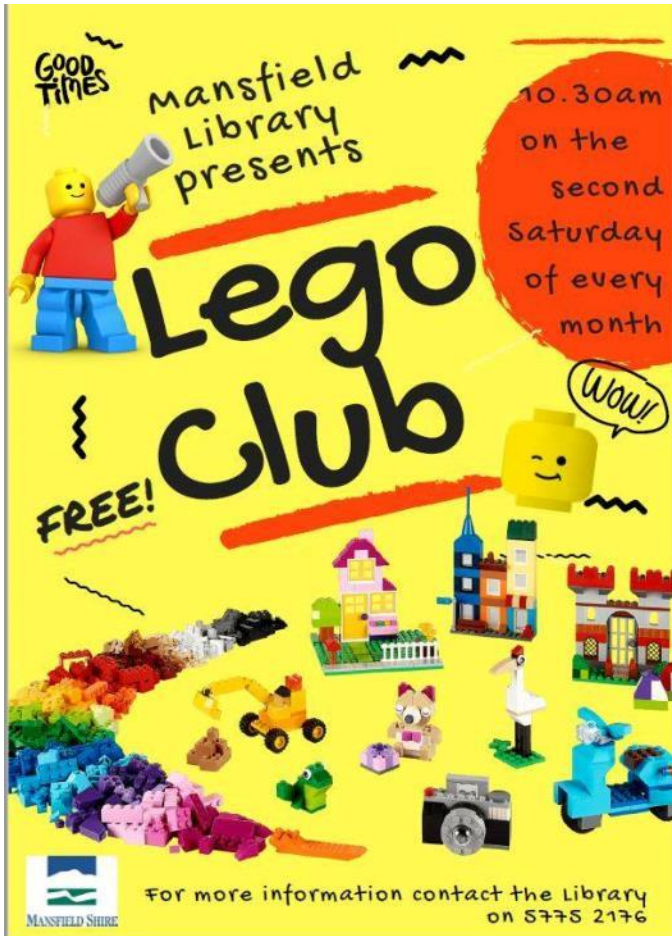
For more information head to Council's website

www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/councilservices/communityservices/communitydevelopment/communitygrants

or contact the Community Development team on 03 5775 8555.

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Look what's going on at the library.



NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!

If this doesn't make you laugh, you have a problem!!



*The hardest part of being a guide
dog!*



I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage claim area
and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss.
The woman there smiled and told me not to worry
because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands.
Then she asked me,
"Has your plane arrived yet?"

While working at a pizza parlor, I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go.
He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if
he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time,
then said, *"Just cut it into 4 pieces. I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."*

And last, but not least...

Dumb as a Box of Rocks TRUE STORY:

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear.

Ms. Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

"Would you mind telling me, Doctor," she asked, "How do you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?"

"Nothing is easier," the doc replied. "You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble.

If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track."

"What sort of question?" asked Pelosi.

"Well, you might ask, "Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?"

Pelosi thought a moment and then said with a nervous laugh,

*"You wouldn't happen to have another example would you?
I must confess I don't know much about history."*

Sadly, ...THEY WALK AMONG US! AND, THEY VOTE!

Bye for now Adele

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