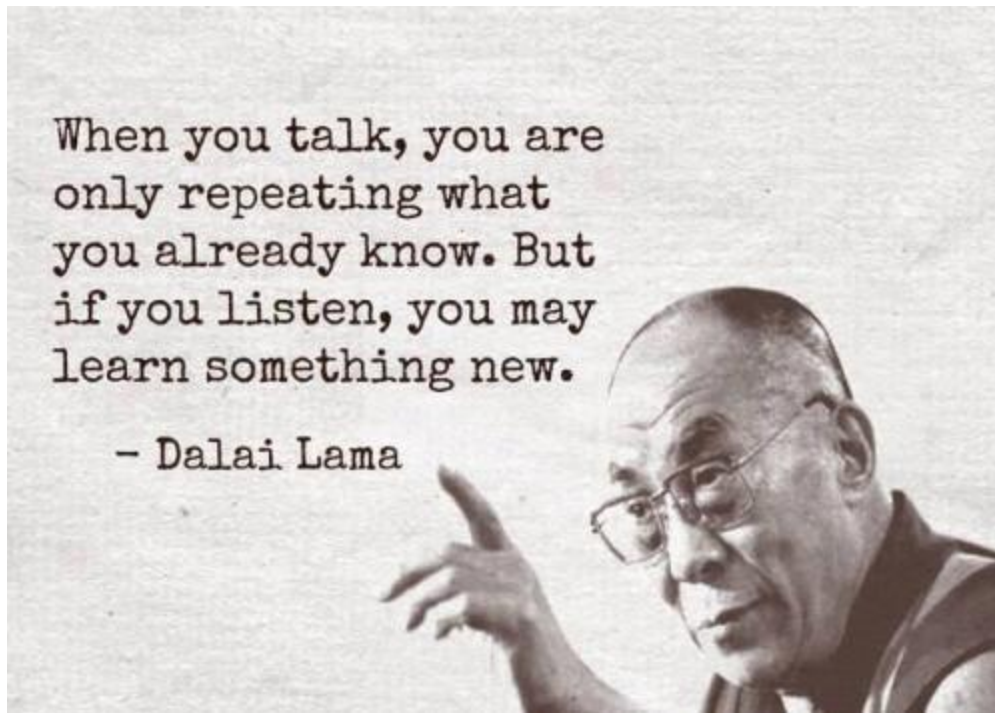


# Merrijig Community Newsletter

## December 2017

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## Quote of the month.



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Back issues of the newsletters can be viewed on the web at  
[http://www.merrijig.com.au/html/local\\_news.html](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**.

| December 2017   |   |                     |     |                      |  |     |
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| ◀ November  |   |                     |     |                      | January ▶  |     |
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                 | Wed | Thu                  | Fri  | Sat |
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| 3   | 4   | 5 Muscle Mob meets  | 6   | 7 Rubbish & Recycle  | 8 submissions for the inquiry into parliamentarians duel citizenship open till Feb 9th | 9   |
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## Breaking News



Thanks for everyone's support over the past 7 years at The Hunt Club Hotel.

We wish Ralph and Paddy the best of luck with everything the future holds for them.

Here's to retirement and new horizons for the Tyrrells and the end of an era at The Hunt Club Hotel.





## Who's Doing What Lately?

### School trip to Melbourne.

**At the end of October the whole Merrijig School went to see Aladdin  
at Her Majesties Theatre**

Coby McCormack wrote this wonderful report in the school newsletter. ....

On Wednesday the 25th of October 2017, most of Merrijig Primary went to the Disney musical of Aladdin. We watched the live play at 'Her Majesty's Theatre' and it was the best play I'd ever seen. Our bus left from Mansfield at 8.30am. We arrived in Melbourne at about 11.45, after one toilet stop in Yea. When we stopped in Melbourne at a park, we had lunch, went to the toilet and walked down 200 metres to the amazing grand theatre. It was cold when we were walking, and it felt like 5.00pm because of all the dark grey clouds in the sky. It had just started to rain when we walked through the massive doors of the theatre.

We walked up four flights of stairs, got our tickets scanned by a nice staff member and then sat in our seats. We were in the top half and had to closest three rows to the front, and were exact-ly in the middle of the theatre. It was so loud I couldn't hear myself speak, and the show had-n't even begun! All of a sudden, the lights went out, the music began, Charlotte screamed and it began!

The first scene was in the market place in Agrabah when Aladdin had stolen a loaf of bread. All the guards were chasing him as he was singing. He got away, but instead of two young starving children looking for food, it was an old lady. He gave it to the old lady. His three best friends, Babkak, Omar and Kassim were waiting to eat the loaf of bread but Aladdin gave it to the lady.

Next, a prince named Abdul stormed out of the palace as Jasmine (a beautiful young princess), did not want to marry him. Jasmine and the sultan then had a talk, and she was told she had to marry on her birthday in three days. Jasmine talked to her lady in waiting and decided to sneak out of the palace, and go to the market place of Agrabah. She wanted to marry for love and not because her father told her she had to.

Meanwhile, Aladdin and these three mates were singing along, and all the market place was dancing as Princess Jasmine walked by. Aladdin caught up with Princess Jasmine and talked a bit. Jasmine picked up an apple and the guards came. Aladdin said quickly that she was his little sister and that she was crazy. Aladdin took Princess Jasmine up to his home on the roof. Then of a sudden some guards found them and Princess Jasmine was taken back to the palace. Aladdin was taken to the cave of wonders in the desert with Jafar and Lago. Jafar and Lago were the Sultan's assistants (Lago was Jafar's parrot) who were secretly evil. There is a magical lamp in the cave of wonders, and the genie inside can grant three wishes! Jafar and his parrot Lago badly want the lamp because Jafar wants to marry Princess Jasmine so he can



become sultan! Only, he does not know that the genie can grant every wish but he can't bring people back from the dead, kill someone or make anyone fall in love with anyone else.

Aladdin walked into the cave only to find millions and millions of jewels, gold and a single lamp.

Aladdin was told to touch only the lamp, nothing else! But a necklace caught his eye. Aladdin walked over still holding the lamp and touched the necklace! All of the cave shakes! The mouth shuts and Aladdin realizes that there are some words on the lamp. He rubs the lamp, trying to read the letters when all of a sudden; a genie comes out of the lamp. Genie sings about how his wishes and then Aladdin slyly tricks Genie into getting him out of the cave without using a wish.

They then end up in the palace. Aladdin used his first wish on being a Prince so Princess Jasmine can marry him. Aladdin's Prince Name is Prince Alee. As he comes into the door he is Singing a song that he made. Prince Alee and Jasmine have an argument, but then they go on a magic carpet ride through the stars. Jasmine decides that she wants to marry Prince Alee when Jafar stole the lamp from Aladdin's coat and has him sinking to the bottom of the sea. Genie helps him back to safety and up to the cave.

When Aladdin walks in, Jafar is talking to Princess Jasmine and Aladdin explains what had happened. Jafar then butts in and tells Princess Jasmine that Aladdin is actually Aladdin and not Prince Alee from Agrabah. Jafar explains that he stole the Genie's lamp and is now Sultan! He makes his last wish to be the most beautiful genie in the world! After he makes his wish, he then relates that you are a genie, you also have a lamp! When Jafar is in the lamp, the sultan locks him away! Princess Jasmine then wants to marry Aladdin so her father makes a new law. All princesses or princes may marry whoever they want! Jasmine marries Aladdin, Aladdin sets the genie free and rule the palace on!!!!

**By Cobie McCormack**

*(What a wonderful write up from a little girl- we may have to ask Cobie to be a regular Newsletter contributor)*



Louise and Laurie Jacob contributed .....

We've had another visitor to one of our dams. Like the black swan in August this is the first time we've had one of these visit. It's a yellow billed spoonbill and is common in south eastern Australia.

Birds in Backyards describe it as: .... a large, white waterbird with a yellow face and spatulate (spoon-shaped) bill, and yellow legs and feet. During the breeding season, the facial skin is outlined in black, the lacy outer wing plumes are tipped black and there are long hackles on its upper breast.....

Like the swan he didn't stay long. He was disturbed by a vehicle towing a rattling trailer load of motor bikes speeding along the road.



## Brett and Jan Shelley tie the knot



What a wonderful occasion to celebrate on the Howqua river property known as 'Greenstone Farm'. The happy couple had a fantastic marquee provided by Mansfield Party Hire who were excellent, Ben Davies from High Country Foods did the catering for the 100 guests and Stacey Currie (Mrs. Sweetcakes) made the magnificent wedding cake which looked like Silver Birch logs!

Jan and Brett will have a very quick honeymoon, as in going away for a couple of days to Beechworth as running the property and nursery is a 24/7 commitment and at the moment they are unable to take much time off.



Greenstone Trees and Greenstone Farm are fully operational with the variety and the number of trees in the nursery increasing more than ever and the new Mr and Mrs Shelley are happy to take orders or will put in every effort to source trees that they do not currently stock.

This nursery is open by appointment Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday morning 10am to midday, "although it is always advisable to call first to ensure that we will be on hand to assist." Jan mentioned when asked about operating hours. "We will be having our summer 'Crepe Myrtle' Sale during February" she added, "and of course our big tree sale will follow - this will probably be over Easter or Anzac Weekend next year."

"The property has been greatly improved too, since new owners took over in Feb this year, with Solar Power installed, a fresh coat of paint, air conditioning as well as ceiling fans and the for the amusement of the visitors, the addition of five Galloway cows and two Southdown sheep called Hunky and Dory" Jan concluded



## Festival time – just about everywhere

Adele McCormack took her daughter and granddaughters to the Healesville Music Festival on the weekend TARGA came to Mansfield.



Camping was available at the racecourse for \$25 per adult but now power. This was a good lesson in conservation for the children relying on the van's 12v system and the tanks of water in the van. They did very very well by the way.



Being a seasoned Music Festival visitor Adele has a variety of music shirts this one reading put on a happy – FACE - in musical notes.



Michele and Ailish joined in the Bush Dancing and toward the end of the bush bands bracket the children were invited to join the band on the stage and the little girls jumped at the chance as the band sang one of Gran's songs "The Aussie BBQ"







### **December 2017 Message:**

We are now in official **Fire Danger Period**. This means that we cannot light a fire in the open without a permit from the Shire Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Kevin Murphy, on 5775 8555.

So if you are still cleaning up your place for the fire season and need to burn off don't forget the permit. We don't want false alarms or risky fires.

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### **FIRE-READY Briefing and Open Day Saturday 9 December, 11am Merrijig CFA Shed**

Get ready for the coming summer fire season

- Fire ratings and local outlook
  - Your fire plan
  - Your local brigade
- Expert CFA briefing
- Demonstration of equipment
- Kids activities

**Free BBQ from 12 noon.**

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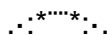
### **Bushfire Planning Workshop Saturday 6 January 2018 Merrijig Hall**

This is a much more detailed workshop, conducted by CFA professionals, aimed at defending or leaving safely in a bushfire.

Places limited. Bookings essential. Ring John McCombe on 0409 230098

## What's happening around here in December?

Merrijig Primary School concert will be held in the hall on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
 then school breaks up the next day Dec 21<sup>st</sup> –  
 school students return on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2018



## Book your stall now for .....

### **Trash 2 Treasure underway**

Final arrangements are underway for the Merrijig Trash 2 Treasure on Sunday, December 10.

With Christmas just around the corner it's a great time to scan for a gift. Also a great time to re-cycle what you no longer need or want. If you're too busy to have a stall of your own you could still donate to the trash 2 treasure Merrijig Hall table. This is a chance for the hall to raise some funds for it's ongoing costs.

Starting at 10 am the day isn't just a trash2treasure as 'Devonshire' teas will be available for morning tea followed by a barbeque at lunchtime plus a chance to connect with other community members.



If you'd like to book a table (only \$20) do contact co-ordinator Helen Edwards on 0438 775 730.

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

## Alex's Dad Jokes



How does a robot eat?

A bit of this, a byte of that...

What's the difference between a well-dressed bicyclist and a poorly dressed unicyclist?

Attire.



What do you call a cow that can't produce milk?

An udder failure

What do you call a doctor who's allergic to surgery?

Anes-sneeze-iologist





## Two new members on hall committee

Merrijig Public Hall committee of management has two new committee members following the annual general meeting held recently.

Mr Peter Deyell and Mr Adrian Lawrence were elected unopposed to the committee as were the existing committee. New office bearer is Des Dunn who was elected unopposed to the position of vice president.

The committee for the coming year comprises:

president, Noel Willaton; vice president, Des Dunn, secretary, Louise Jacob; treasurer, Sen Weir with the general committee being Georgie Deyell, Anne Bloomfield, Adrian Lawrence, Mary Dunn, Laurie Jacob, Peter Howarth and Peter Deyell. Peter Howarth is the facilitator of the care and development of the Merrijig War and Service Memorial and Peter Deyell spearheading the social committee.





PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Federal Member for Indi**  
 Cathy McGowan AO MP

Thursday 30 November 2017

### **Inquiry a chance to speak up on handling of parliamentarians' dual citizenship**

Independent Member for Indi Cathy McGowan is encouraging people to make a submission to an inquiry examining how to ensure elected representatives are eligible to serve.

"I welcome the inquiry by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters into the operation of Section 44 of the Australian Constitution, which deals with citizenship," Ms McGowan said.

"Many people have contacted my office confused and annoyed by the current situation. Some have had good ideas about how to avoid it in future. This is an opportunity for the community to have a say directly."

Ms McGowan said it was important the matter was addressed thoroughly and resolved before another election.

"The inquiry is an important part of a process to ensure that all future members of the Australian Parliament comply with our constitution," she said.

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry will examine how laws could be improved to minimise the risk of candidates being found ineligible under Section 44, whether Parliament could legislate for procedures to renounce foreign citizenship, or whether the Constitution should be amended.

Submissions can be made until 9 February, and there will be a public hearing in December.

Information on the inquiry and how to make a submission is here:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Electoral\\_Matters/Inquiry\\_into\\_matters\\_relating\\_to\\_Section\\_44\\_of\\_the\\_Constitution](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Electoral_Matters/Inquiry_into_matters_relating_to_Section_44_of_the_Constitution)

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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.

Merrijig 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 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

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

[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)




**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](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au) or can be collected from the Municipal Office in Highett Street and close at 5.00 pm on Monday, 11 December 2017.





MANSFIELD SHIRE

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2018

### NOMINATION FORM

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

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

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YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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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.....

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COMMUNITY EVENT NAME.....

DISTRICT ..... DATE .....

ORGANISED BY ..... TELEPHONE .....

ADDRESS .....

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

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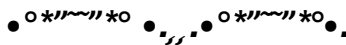
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Please return completed form marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:  
 Lisa Fricke C/- Mansfield Shire Council, Private Bag 1000, Mansfield 3724.  
 Nominations close 5.00pm, Monday 11 December, 2017



## A WORD FROM THE SHIRE



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](mailto:marg.attley@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

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



Round 'em up, rinse 'em out, run 'em in...

Nope, we're not talking about cattle mustering - we want you to round up those old chemical drums you've got laying around your farm and head on down to our Lakins Road Depot to dispose of them for FREE.

A drumMUSTER collection is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 December and all we ask is that you triple rinse your drums /containers and **drop 'em off at the Depot between 9.00am to 12 noon**. They'll then be sent rollin' rollin' rollin' on their way to be recycled.

Kirsten Lingard (community development officer) writes

Dear Community Groups,

The Royal Flying Doctors Look over the Farm Fence Grants are now open for applications.

Grants of up to \$1500 are available for community groups to run events in their community to address mental health.

Examples include activities such as:

- **Women's luncheon with a guest speaker:** A luncheon for local women to attend with a guest speaker to present on managing stress and supporting family and community through tough times.
- **Mindfulness workshop:** A mindfulness workshop for teens to deal with mental health, as well as school and exam stress, facilitated by a local mental health worker.
- **Local Art Competition :** Have a local art competition with the theme "Look Over the Farm Gate". There could be several categories with one for school aged children, adults and artists, with prizes available for each category. At the opening night of the exhibition, there will be a local speaker who will talk about lived experience and the importance of accessing services.

If you have an idea that you want advice and feedback on, contact the Look Over the Farm Gate Team on 03 8412 0444 or email [lotfg@rfdsvic.com.au](mailto:lotfg@rfdsvic.com.au).

Applications are open until 20 December. For more information visit: <http://lookoverthefarmgate.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/#1503324084381-c7f2e662-af6d>

**NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!**

**Contemplating that making jokes in a maternity ward didn't go down so well.**

**Must have been the delivery....**



Speaking of babies, here are some do it yourself photos .....



I actually took photos of my daughters first born trying to copy Ann Geddes style as these have and posed the new baby on her father's arm while he was bare chested. She let go and poohed all over his arm and pants and he dry retched – I was laughing too much to take the photo.

**I hate when people  
ask where I see  
myself in 3 years, It's  
not like I have 2020  
vision.**

Bye for now Adele

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