

# Merrijig Matters

## Merrijig's Monthly Newsletter

October 2014

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### Quote of the Month

*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."*

**– Babe Ruth**

**Congratulations to The Hawks!  
They must have read this and applied it.**

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, Jnr. was an American baseball outfielder and pitcher who played 22 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1914 to 1935.

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**, our local JP is:  
**Laurie Jacob, Buttercup Rd 0439 280 333**

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### **New Newsletter email address:-**

From now on when you have news to share via this media, please use the following email address.

[merrijignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:merrijignewsletter@gmail.com) is where you need to direct your articles, reports, photos or promotions for the upcoming activities of groups you belong to.

Please remember to welcome your new neighbours via the community news and share a few pictures of your most recent or exciting holiday adventure.

And don't forget reports of your events after they have happened.

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# October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ridge Line Walk See P 4  Rubbish & Recycling	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Tiger Hill Walk See P 4
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> First day of Term 4	<b>7</b> Primary School photos  Great Vic. Bike Ride meeting See P 4	<b>8</b> Communicating in Recovery See P 5	<b>9</b> Rubbish	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Candle making workshop See P 6
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Year 7 Parent Information night at Mansfield Secondary College	<b>16</b> Rubbish & Recycling	<b>17</b> Register deadline for Defib training See P 6	<b>18</b> Wizard & Oz See P 7
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rubbish	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Defib training See P 7, 8
<b>26</b> Hall AGM See P 9 Cathedral Ranges Walk See P 9	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hospital Art Exhibition See P 9 Rubbish & Recycling	<b>31</b>	Nov. 2 <b>Merrijig Family Fun Day</b>  Nov. 4 <b>Cup Day No School</b>

## **Some coming events.....*not to be missed***

### ***Wednesday, October 1***

Registrations close today for the Communicating in Recovery Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, October 8. See details below, October 8.

### ***Thursday, October 2***

A Ridge Line Walk organised by the Mansfield Bushwalking Club will take walkers along the ridge traversing Mt Terry through open farmland giving great views of the surrounding district. This is a moderate grade walk of 16 kms and it is recommended you carry day hike equipment, wear sturdy shoes and carry water and snacks for the day.

Concludes with a barbecue at the Mansfield Botanic Park.

To register phone Helen Crockett on 5777 5575. Friends of Venilale.

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### ***Saturday, October 4***

Again an event organised by Mansfield Bushwalking Club is an easy grade walk of the Tiger Hill Flora Reserve near Tatong. The walk is guided by one of the club's enthusiastic field naturalists. You will need a normal day walk checklist, sturdy shoes, water and snacks.

For details and registration contact the leader, Andrew Storrie on 0439 610 525 or in the evenings 5776 2112.

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### ***Tuesday, October 7***

You are invited to a Community meeting being held by the event organisers Bicycle Network starting at 6 pm till 7.30 pm at the Mansfield Shire Council Chambers. The Community meeting will allow interested community members and local businesses to find out more about the ride (and how it can benefit them).

It also allows bike riders interested in taking part in the event to find out more.

These meetings answer questions about the 'Great Vic' so everyone can look forward to the ride coming to town.

Content covered in the meeting includes:

- Overview of Bicycle Network
- Event information
- Expected rider numbers
- What the local community can expect to experience when 4000 riders enter their town
- Q+A session.

For more information: Nicole Nye, Tourism & Economic Development Officer, Mansfield Shire Council Phone: 03 5775 8520; Fax: 03 5775 2677; TTY: 133 677 (for people who have a hearing, speech or communication impairment).

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**Wednesday, October 8**

**Communicating in Recovery Workshop** (Registrations close October 1)

From 8.45 am to 4.45 pm at Mansfield Shire Offices. Free to participate sponsored by a Philanthropic Trust. Refreshments and lunch provided.

**RSVP:** Please register via [asutherland@redcross.org.au](mailto:asutherland@redcross.org.au)  
By providing name, email, organisation and contact details  
Registrations close on Wednesday 1st October  
Refreshments and lunch provided

**What is it?** This is an opportunity to improve your skills in identifying the needs of communities after emergencies and to develop effective recovery communications. The workshop has been developed using content from the best-practice Communicating in Recovery guide which promotes effective communication in emergency recovery.

**Who is it for?** The workshop is for anyone who may manage information and communicate with members of the public after an emergency. We encourage participation from a range of people who may be involved in communicating with emergency affected audiences. This may include senior management and/or staff working in recovery, communications or community engagement roles. We also welcome business or community leaders and other people who play a key role in their community (*e.g. sports club coaches, teachers, religious or cultural leaders*).

**What is covered?**

The workshop includes group and individual activities, and participants will be expected to actively participate and engage in discussions. The aim of the training is to assist participants to communicate more effectively after an emergency, raise awareness of recovery communications and provide an opportunity for participants to network and share ideas.

**Pre-course work**

Participants are required to complete 45 minutes of pre-course work. You will be sent a video and activities to complete on the principles of recovery communications and psychological challenges of emergencies. A separate email will be sent to you with instructions.

**Workshop modules**

- Module A: Introduction and review of recovery communications
- Module B: Building feedback loops and two-way communication
- Module C: Identifying audiences
- Module D: Prioritising messages
- Module E: Methods of communication
- Module F: Self care

## Further information

**Visit:** Communicating in Recovery website

**Contact:** Angela Sutherland, Manager Emergency Preparedness, Relief and Recovery  
[asutherland@redcross.org.au](mailto:asutherland@redcross.org.au); 03 8327 7968; 0439 300 507.

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**Saturday, October 11**

### Candle Making Workshop

*I am excited that Frosa Katsis will be coming to Mansfield to visit and has agreed to host a candle making class on October 11<sup>th</sup>, just in time to get creative for Christmas!*

*Soy candles are a wise and eco-friendly alternative to traditional wax candles. They are bio-degradable, produce no soot or smoke, burn cooler, for longer and release absolutely no toxins! A soothing and natural way of lighting up any event! With this three-hour course you also get a complimentary candle-making kit: 1kg soy wax, jars, wicks, wick stickers, wick sustainers and safety stickers - any leftovers are yours to keep! These candle-making classes make for a fantastic gift for anyone over the age of 10, where they can hone their creative skills to create something beautiful!*

*So if you're looking for a unique, yet amazing present for a loved one, join me for this fun workshop*

*Cost is \$60 p.p.*

*Where 46 Cambridge Drive Mansfield from 1pm Nibbles and Bubbles provided*

*Frosa is a master of the craft and will share her knowledge and passion with us.*

*Visit her facebook page, 'Early Settler Aromatherapy' to see some of her beautiful work.*

*To book your spot (numbers are strictly limited) call Anne Brogan on 5775 5157*



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**Friday, October 17**

Deadline to register for free training in use of automated external defibrillator. Email Georgie Deyell via [georgie\\_deyell@hotmail.com](mailto:georgie_deyell@hotmail.com) with name, email and contact details.

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## ***Saturday, October 18***

For those of you who enjoyed the Merrijig performance of Wizard And Oz, that is Andrew Farrell and Dave McMillan, they're scheduled to perform at the Mansfield Golf Club.

This dynamic duo provide great entertainment on piano, guitar and vocals.

For more information about them visit [www.wizardandoz.com.au](http://www.wizardandoz.com.au)

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## ***Saturday, October 25 - this one could save someone's life - or your own!***

The Merrijig Public Hall are running a FREE AED (automated external defibrillator) and CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) training from 10 am. (The session will take 90 minutes)

**Everyone is welcome.** Be sure to register by October 17.

**Venue:** The Merrijig Public Hall, Cnr Alpha St and Mt Buller Tourist Road, Merrijig. Opposite the CFA.

**BYO:** A pillow with a pillow case.

**Cost:** **FREE.** Refreshments will be provided.

**RSVP:** Register via [georgie\\_deyell@hotmail.com](mailto:georgie_deyell@hotmail.com) by providing name, email, and contact details. Registrations close on Friday, October 17th.

For more information contact Georgie from the Merrijig Public Hall on **Telephone:** 0418-137-846 or see attached [AED and CPR training flier](#)

The Merrijig defibrillator was recently installed at the Merrijig Motor Inn who kindly agreed to have it located there as an accessible venue in the town.



*Some members of the Merrijig Public Hall committee receiving an explanation of the operation of the newly installed defibrillator located at Merrijig Motor Inn from Mansfield ambulance officer, Brett Cooper. Hall committee members from left are Kerrie Purcell, Georgie Deyell and Sen Weir with Mansfield District Hospital Auxiliary member, Judy Kirkham.*

### **Did you know:**

Key facts / Statistics

- It is estimated over 20,000 Australians suffer a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) each year
- A cardiac arrest happens once every 3.5 hours in Victoria
- 3 out of 4 in the family home, possibly your home. It's vital that everyone knows how to

do Cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)

- Current survival without an automated external defibrillator (AED) is between 2 and 5%
- For each minute that passers, the chance of survival is reduced by 10%, therefore only a 10 minute “window of opportunity”
- You can not inappropriately use an AED it tells you what to do and that’s why we’re running this essential and surprisingly enjoyable 4 steps for Life automated external defibrillator (AED ) and CPR awareness session.

Conducted by ‘4 steps for Life’ The trainer will be Mick Jackson who’s an accredited volunteer Ambulance officer.

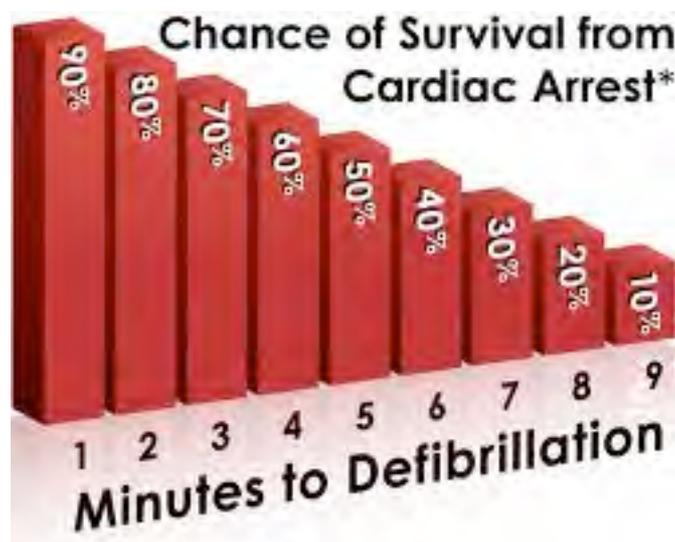
**Who should attend this session?**

- residents (full and part-time),
- school children of all ages,
- mums and dads,
- grandmothers and grandfathers,
- great grandmothers and great grandfathers,
- aunts, uncles, cousins,

**• we welcome everyone**

NO-one is immune from a cardiac arrest and we all MUST know how to administer it.

20 minutes that could save a LIFE.



Register by October 17 and attend on October 25  
It could be a mean, one day, you have the knowledge to save a life.

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## ***Sunday, October 26***

Is the date for the Annual General Meeting of the Merrijig Public Hall. It's a great chance to become involved in the running of our hall. The committee is very pro-active in its role having had solar panels installed, over seeing its landscape project, organised the erection of flagpoles for use on days of ceremony, extensive work on digitising the hall's archives for posterity, supporting the establishment of the newly formed Merrijig Family Fun Day. All this is made possible by the successful timely submissions for grants. The hall is also the home of the newly completed Merrijig Quilt. After the meeting a barbecue will follow.

See advertisement in the Mansfield Courier on October 15 and 22.

## ***Sunday, October 26***

And another walk for you from the Mansfield Bushwalking Club. This time the walk heads for the Cathedral Ranges which are a rugged outcrop near Buxton. This is a medium grade walk. There's an interesting climb to the summit with two choices of difficulty to get there. Great views from the top. Then an interesting walk along the ridge line.

If you'd like to go contact the leader, David Smithwick on 0400 786 549 or 5775 1251.  
\$ contribution towards fuel costs.

For more details about the Mansfield Bushwalking Club contact the secretary Jacky Noble on [walkers3722@mail.com](mailto:walkers3722@mail.com).

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## ***Thursday, October 30 - Sunday, November 2***

Mansfield District Hospital Auxiliary annual art exhibition is officially opened on this night. This is the 38th Annual Art Exhibition and opening night is from 6 pm till 8 pm at the Masonic Hall in Highett St.

It's a special night as at 7 pm the presentation of the Mansfield Rotary Club Award will be announced as will the Harry and Clare Friday Foundation Prize for Local Artists.

Judge is Art Conservator of University of Melbourne, Associate Professor Robyn Sloggett.

Tickets for opening night can be purchased in advance from Wallaby Ritz, or phone secretary Marion Mitchell on 0447 148 694 or on the night at the door.

As an aside for those who haven't been to the Masonic Hall it is well worth a visit.

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## **Merrijig School News**

School photographs will be on Tuesday, October 7.

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## Bingo Night report

Merrijig PS was the beneficiary of the Bingo night held recently at the Mansfield Golf Club. The raffle raised \$133 and the school was given \$300 by the Bonnie Doon & District Services Club. Thanks are extended to Shannon and Glenn for donating the major prize of a \$50 voucher to the Range View Restaurant. This was won by one of the bingo patrons. The rest of the prizes were won by the Merrijig Primary staff - thanks to Dave Darby of Alpine Butchery for donating part of the door prize. Thanks are extended to the parents, staff, grand parents and friends who attended

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## Fund raising shopping bags - great design



School Council is fundraising— selling Hessian bags—with local town and place names upon them. We have some available in the office. They are also available at the Merrijig Hall. The cost is \$15. They are also available at various outlets throughout the area, but only from school at the \$15 price. Contact Rhyll McCormack.

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## Mansfield Secondary College

Parent Information evening for Year 7 primary school students will be on Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm.

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## Merrijig Family Fun Day



**Put this on your calendar**  
**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have some sponsorship from people who LOVE Merrijig

Donations have come in from

Peter Arundel – who is a partner in **Arundel Constructions**  
Kate Bergmuller – who is the owner of **Take 2 Real Estate**,  
just setting it up in Brighton

Adele McCormack – who owns **M'shed at Merrijig**

Mansfield Shire – **Tourism & Economic Development**

As part of a community grant entrusted to them by Mansfield Shire – **Merrijig Hall Committee** will cover some Advertising expenses.

Several successful business people who have moved to or holiday in Merrijig were invited to participate by providing some start up money for the fun day. We are yet to hear from a couple of them but we have a promise of another donation on top those mentioned above.

Beginning something like this day without any funds is a big challenge and the co-ordination committee is very grateful to these generous sponsors.

If anyone reading this would like to make a one-off donation to cover the start-up costs for this event, you can be assured that you will not be asked again as profits from this event will be used to build on it for future events.

It is envisaged that in a few years' time, this event will grow to be as successful as the Tolmie Sports Day and will then be able to give back to the local community. Any donations will eventually be benefitting the future.

Mansfield Businesses are also very supportive and already there is sponsorship in hand from

- Fern Chadband from WALLABY RITZ
- Julie McWaters from OOBIDAT
- and Mandy Kirley of MANSFIELD HUNTING AND FISHING

There will be kids games and a lolly scramble.

There will be fun pony events  
and competitions just for fun – like the pony with the longest tail.

There will be a horse obstacle course to test the riders and the horse  
(not a very tough course first off)

Dogs are also included with a dog jump contest.

Fun and games for all ages with no particular skills required

There will be a vintage tractor display and possibly a plowing event

As well as some vintage motorbikes on display

And this is just the start of the activities planned.

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## What's going on at the Merrijig Hall?

Keep Sunday, October 26 free for the annual general meeting of the hall committee of management. All welcome to attend.

### The Quilt....

We were hoping to have more details about the panels on the beautiful Merrijig Quilt but some key people are on leave at the moment so that will have to wait however for those who haven't seen it yet here are a photos of just a few of the panels. For a closer look come along to the AGM.



Hundreds of hours have gone into the production of the quilt. It is beautiful. Do come and see it.



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## Mansfield Campdraft

2015 Mansfield Campdraft program coming soon  
March 21 - 22, 2015

Campdrafting is a competition where horse and rider have to cut a beast from a small mob in the 'camp' (a yard of approx 13m x 24m) and then bring the beast to the gate which is at the front of the camp. They have to keep the beast in the camp, blocking it two or three times from returning to the mob. Once the rider feels the beast is under control they call to the judge for the gate to be opened. The rider then has 40 seconds to guide the beast around two pegs in a figure of eight pattern, and then between a final two pegs known as the gate.

Judging is based on control of the beast, riding skill, speed, and completing the course within the allotted time. The speed and agility of both horse and rider makes campdrafting an exciting sport for both competitors and spectators.

Entry to the Mansfield Campdraft is free for spectators so please come along to enjoy this great sport.

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**Merrijig Campdraft** held at the end of September hosted the 'Women In Campdrafting Clinic Day' at McCormack Park. The weekend was a great success.

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## A WORD FROM THE 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)

### **Home and Community Care services**

Our local Shire organises Home and Community Care (*HACC*)

This service is available to all locals, either for a short term following a stint in hospital for surgery or illness and for as long as it's needed by our valuable elderly people who still independently live at home. Home care has been operating in the shire since the 1980s and the sensitive caring people employed in this field really do LOVE providing the help our locals need.

These 'angels', as they are often described by the people who benefit from their quality attention, work in Home and Community Care and can provide **Domestic Assistance**. In this area they assist clients to maintain a safe and tidy environment at home, they can vacuum the house, clean the shower and the bath, or whatever is required to make the living environment safe and healthy for their clients.

If needed they also provide **Personal Care** which includes providing showering, monitoring and helping out where assistance is required and check visits just to make sure clients are well and happy.

**Respite Care** is another area of assistance the shire's HACC, can provide. This involves taking care of a person whose carer needs a break. For instance if an elderly parent is a permanent resident of your household and you have been invited to go with a friend on a cruise for 10 days, you don't have to turn it down, you can ask Home and Community Care to arrange for Respite care for the elderly parent. That way too, you all get a holiday.

A very handy area not often heard about is the **Home Maintenance** section. This offers help around the home and includes odd jobs that do not require a tradesman.

For further information on all Home and Community Care, or HACC services, and to establish eligibility for the service, all you need to do is to contact the **Assessment Officer** on (03) 5775 8555.

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### **Community Matching Fund grant applications open**

The first round of the **Community Matching Fund** for 2014/15 will opens on **Monday, October 1** and close on **Friday, October 31**.

**Grants of up to \$5,000** will be awarded to projects demonstrating community benefit and a community match.

The **Helping Hand Fund** (HHF) will also open on that date and will offer **grants of up to \$500**. The HHF will remain open until 31 March, but grants will be awarded on a monthly basis.

Make sure to thoroughly plan out, scope, cost and develop budgets for your projects - the assessment team will be looking for evidence of **well developed planning**.

All the information can be found on Councils website [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/communitygrants.aspx](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/communitygrants.aspx) or call the community development team on 5775 8555.

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There are a number of Victorian Government Sport and Recreation grants open at the moment.

Check the link below for details:

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/home/grants/grants-index/areas-of-interest/sport-and-recreation>

Remember the community development team can support you with the how-to of pulling together funding applications.

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Other shire news can be found in the **Some Coming Events** section on Page 4 above.

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## How about dining out occasionally?

Usually on a Wednesday evening on alternate weeks the 'Merrijig Dining out Mob' get together, however next time is on Thursday from 6.30 pm.

All you need to do if the occasional dinner out interests you, is to let Jacquie know on [brianjacquie@gmail.com](mailto:brianjacquie@gmail.com) or Maureen on [maureenandgreg@bigpond.com](mailto:maureenandgreg@bigpond.com) and they will save you a seat, or you can simply come along and join in. (sometimes though bookings are advisable)

### Come and join the dining out mob

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## More memories of Jimmy Walsh

In September we ran a story about Merrijig identity, Jimmy Walsh, who died 25 years ago. The story prompted former Merrijig resident, (she's not far away having moved recently to Mansfield) Ann Herbert, to recall her memories of Jimmy.

She wrote the following:

*Even though John and I are "incomers" to the district, we did live at Timbertop in 1970. Daughter Joanna was very friendly with Dougie Walsh and many is the time I called in to collect or drop off the children in the days when they lived in the old cottage. I often had a cuppa with Wendy. Jimmy used to provide Timbertop with his milk and we families all had our billycans, which used to be filled to the brim with wonderful rich milk straight from the cow.*

*The cream was so thick on the top and I don't think we ever had to buy cream from the shops. I still have my billycan by the way – cannot bear to part with it.*

*We had only been in Australia for a year, and coming from Edinburgh we found the heat very trying. No air conditioners or ceiling insulation in those days! In our kitchen we only had a wood stove so you can imagine the temperature if cooking needed to be done. One of my joys was to paddle in the river on the way home from Mansfield. There was a lovely bit almost under the old bridge where you could wedge yourself between two rocks and have the water rush past you. We used to eat the blackberries growing alongside the river.*

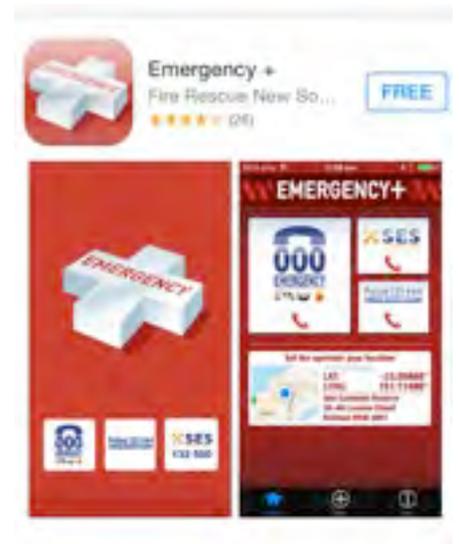
*Happy memories and we made friends in that time who are still part of our lives.*

*Cheers from Ann*

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## Emergency 'app' for smart phone users

On FaceBook Nicki Cooper writes: I encourage everyone that has a smart phone to download this App. It is free and when you open the App it gives you your location. Address to as near as possible if not exact and a Longitude/Latitude location. You can then make the 000 call from the App. This App is recognised by the Emergency Services control centre and if you need to ring 000 and aren't exactly sure where you are this will help.



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## Wrap up for season 2014 at Buller/Stirling

Mt Buller's lifts finally shut down for the 2014 winter season on Sunday, September 28, a week earlier than planned. The resort reports that despite snow fall not arriving until late June, July delivered nothing but snow storm after snow storm. As it turned out, it was the best July in more than 30 years with a peak average snow depth of 111 cms. August didn't fail to impress either, with endless days of amazing snow and pure sunshine. The message from the resort was to thank everyone who visited our beautiful mountain over the last three months, wish you all the best for the summer.

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## Now for the summer season

Although it is only October, with the warm weather snakes are on the move already. Georgie sent through the following from the Mansfield Veterinary Clinic as a timely reminder of the risks that confront our pets from now till well into autumn.

## Beware of Snakes

*Unfortunately the snakebite season is upon us again! During the last season, from September 2013 to March 2014, Mansfield Vet Clinic successfully treated 32 animals for snakebite; 21 dogs and 11 cats. Unfortunately three dogs were treated but did not survive. This is a treatment success rate of 91%.*

*In Mansfield, we mostly see cases of tiger snake and brown snake bite. Tiger snakes like to eat frogs, so they are often found close to water sources such as creeks and lakes. Brown snakes prefer to eat mice, so they typically live in dry environments, such as long grass and around sheds/barns. Interestingly, tiger snakes give birth to live babies, whilst brown snakes lay eggs!*

*Tiger and brown snakes can be very hard to differentiate from one another, as the colour and pattern of their scales can be extremely variable and also changes as they age. The most reliable way to tell is to look at the scales on the underside of the tail; tiger snakes have single scales in this area, whilst brown snakes have double scales. Luckily, the antivenene we use is combined tiger snake and brown snake antivenene, so determining what type of snake is responsible for the bite is not necessary. Always think safety first when it comes to snakes. Never approach or handle a live snake, and do not get between your pet and a snake.*

*Dogs are often bitten by snakes when they are walked off lead, whilst cats are frequently bitten whilst out hunting. The time from the bite to the development of clinical signs can be extremely variable and depends on a number of factors, including the amount of venom received and the location of the bite (bites into areas with poor blood flow such as foot pads can take longer for clinical signs to develop). Most dogs begin to show clinical signs within 4 hours of being bitten, however in some cases it can take 24 hours or longer for clinical signs to occur. Cats typically take longer than dogs to develop clinical signs post bite, with the majority of cats showing clinical signs within 12 - 48 hours following a bite. Often the exact bite site is not visible and cannot be found on the animal's body.*

*Typical clinical signs include collapse, vomiting, excessive drooling, weakness/lethargy, wobbly gait, dilated pupils, ascending paralysis (paralysis that starts in the hindlimbs then reaches the forelimbs), muscle pain, red urine and breathing difficulties. Some animals will collapse and may vomit following a bite, then appear to recover completely. It is important that these animals still receive veterinary attention, as they typically crash, becoming very ill very quickly following the period of apparent recovery. We ask you to please be vigilant over the next few months. We recommend walking your pets on lead, particularly in areas near water and long grass. Property maintenance can also greatly help; have good rodent control measures in place around your property, store feed in mouse-proof bins, mow long grass where appropriate and minimise clutter and 'hidey holes' in areas where pets can access (e.g. old machinery, wood piles etc). If you suspect your animal has been bitten by a*

snake, please call us on (03) 5775 2055 and bring your animal into the clinic immediately, even if they look normal! Keep your animal calm and minimise movement. If you know exactly where the animal was bitten, try to bandage the area. However, time is of the essence with snakebite victims, so the most important thing is to bring your animal into the clinic ASAP!!

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## **Motorbike Club – the place to learn safe riding practices**

Mansfield Motor Cycle Club is a Junior Rider Development Club, which aims is to help children learn the necessary skills in order to ride a dirt bike safely while having fun in a safe environment. The club caters for the ages of four to 16 yrs. MMC is affiliated with Motorcycling Victoria (M.V) and operates under their regulations for Junior Riders.

New comers are welcome to attend any of the club days and join in for the day. Most club days are conducted on the 3rd Sunday of every month at "McCormack Park", McCormack Rd, Merrijig. Riders are graded according to their skill level and bike size and placed in the appropriate group.

MV Coaches - MMC have three certified Motorcycling Victoria Level 1 Coaches that provide free coaching for members on Club days and by can coach, assess and sign MV riders log books.

**NEXT CLUB DAY:            Bush Ride/Camp Out (Details on Newsletter/FaceBook)  
Weekend of October 18 - 19, 2014**

'THE DUNGEON' THREE CHAIN ROAD, BOOROOLITE

<http://www.mansfieldmc.com/>

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 **WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR LOCAL**

**HUNT CLUB HOTEL  
OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Thursday from 2.00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday Sunday from 11.00 a.m.

Bistro opens from 6.00 pm for dinner 7 nights

**Mondays: Kids Under 12 Eat Free with purchase of a main meal  
(excluding Public Holidays)**

**Tuesdays: Trivia every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**Wednesdays: Pizza/Parma/Steak Night  
Parma & a Pot of Boags \$20.00**

(Ask for a loyalty card and receive every 5<sup>th</sup> Parma Free, conditions apply)

Thursdays: Happy Hour from 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Bar Snacks & Prize Draw at 7.30pm

2 Jugs of Boags and 12 Chicken Wings \$35.00

Lunches: Friday, Saturday Sunday

12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m.

Keep an eye on the notice board on the roadside to catch when live music or special events are coming up so you won't miss out.



## Live Music



**Wizard and Oz at the Mansfield Golf Club  
Saturday, October 18**

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**MERRIJIG HALL IS AVAILIABLE FOR HIRE FOR ANY FUNCTION  
AT MOST REASONABLE RATES**

when looking for a venue for a birthday party, wedding, family reunion  
keep your community hall in mind its there for your use.

**Call Sen Weir 0407 565 962 or 5777 5656**

Some of the regular activities held at the hall include:



"Which" Craft?

The group gathers on Thursdays at 11am, finishing up around 3pm. Everyone brings along a small plate of goodies to share for morning tea and/or lunch. Tea and coffee are supplied.

New members welcome.  
Cost per session is \$4.  
For further details contact Kerrie on 04 3738 0384



At Merrijig Hall  
On Tuesdays  
between 10 to 12  
& only costing \$5.00

**Don't do any of these workouts pictured.**

Its good fun & light muscle strengthening exercises

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# Ever needed a face painter

Keep Michele in mind for when you find you need a childrens' entertainer.

To hire Michele for a birthday party or club fundraiser check out the notice below.

*Chele's Face~Painting,*  
\$50- p/h.



*Fundraisers*  
Having a Family Fun Day, Fete, Trash & Treasure?  
Pay for 2 hours get 4 hours and charge a minimum of \$6 per full face and \$3- per cheek to keep for yourself.

*AG's*  
*Laundry Services*



**4 Stirling St Merrijig**  
**Juliet Mobile 0419 210468**  
**Merrijig Office: (03)5777 5967**

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NOW FOR A FINAL GOOD LAUGH!

Speeding

I got stopped for speeding yesterday!

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Bye for now from Louise Jacob filling in for Adele McCormack who is on holidays.

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**Don't forget, from now on, send your news to [merrijignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:merrijignewsletter@gmail.com)**

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