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JAMIESON COMMUNITY GROUP

President's Report

Home again, suntanned and reenergised after our short winter break of just 5 weeks chasing the sun in outback NSW and Queensland. Since our return it's been full on with Community projects and events. Our September General meeting must have been close to an attendance record with about 30 people including Mayor Paul Volkering, Councillor Harry Westerndorp and Shire Tourism & Event Coordinator Nicole Nye, not bad considering it was a very cold wet night and with some regulars still away on winter break.

Congratulations to Angie Leong and the Jamieson Ball Committee on another very successful and most enjoyable night of Rock'n'Roll music, dancing and a great supper. Thanks to Denis Tucker for the music, Ken Hopkinson MC, visitors from Mansfield, Melbourne and beyond. Thanks to the volunteers who decorated and set up the Hall and to those who came back again on Sunday to clean up. Proceeds of the night amounting to \$1,680 were donated back to the JCG.

The 11th High Country Rod Muster was held in Jamieson over the weekend of the 16th/17th of September. Congratulations to the Sultans Hot Rod Club who, for the first time since Ben & Jan Tweedley stood down, organised what was deemed to be a very successful event. The Rod Muster is a lot of fun for the participants but also involves a lot of fundraising activities with the proceeds (*over \$7,000 this year*) being donated back to Jamieson for community projects. This is a win:win for all involved and as a community we should continue to support and look after this annual event. Thanks again to the Sultans Hot Rod Club for your generous donation and respect for our town. (*A more detailed report and pictures can be found elsewhere in this issue*).

The Jamieson Fire Brigade relocated its defibrillator to an alarmed cabinet on the outside wall of the Fire Station adjacent to the meeting room door (facing the public toilet block) for easy public access. This is great news for the Jamieson community as we now have two easily accessible defibrillators - this one and another on the front veranda of the Post Office. If you require a

defibrillator further south of Jamieson please note there is one at the Kevington Hotel.



Thanks to Allan Blackledge for a great job replacing and painting the picket fence at the front of the Memorial Hall. With the rotten window and damaged weatherboards replaced, we are waiting for the Shire to commission a contractor to paint the exterior of the hall using funds received from the Indi Stronger Communities Program.

The next major project we hope to get started in October is the spreading of 100 tonne of crushed rock on the walking path at Matthews Reserve. The funding for this project is the result of a successful grant application by the JCG to the Mansfield Shire Matching Fund for materials. Our contribution will be the many labour hours required to complete the project by Community volunteers.

[Working together for an even better community](#)

Chris Badrock

President, Jamieson Community Group



LAKE EILDON FESTIVAL

Jamieson has been invited to become part of the Eildon Festival that has been running for a few years. As Bonnie Doon and Goughs Bay have concentrated on the lake activities that have been their summer drawcard. Naturally, Jamieson will concentrate on river activities since that has been Jamieson's drawcard for decades.

A sub-committee of the JCG is moving forward with ideas and formulating plans for implementation. Fishing and kayaking will be central to the Jamieson River Fun day, based around The Island.

There will also be a regatta of home-built craft, so get your thinking caps on, and your creative skills out. As an indication of the sort of craft (not that there are any real rules), here is one that Fränzi put together recently.



The Eildon Festival is to be held on Saturday 25th November 2017.

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Reminders

Oct 2017

Sat 14th Wine Cheese Beer 'n Cider
8:00PM Memorial Hall

Nov 2017

Sun 6th Craft Market at Hall
9-12PM Memorial Hall

Sat 25th Eildon Festival (Jamieson)
1:00PM onward The Island

Dec 2017

Sat 2nd Jamieson Twilight Market
Perkins Street, 4-8PM
also CFA Open Day

Next issue will be just before Christmas

BUS TIMETABLE

WOODS POINT → MANSFIELD

Every Thursday Morning

Woods Point	9:00 am
Gaffneys Creek	9:45 am
Kevington	10:25 am
Jamieson	10:45 am
Howqua	10:55 am
Macs Cover Turnoff	11:10 am
Mansfield	11:30 am

MANSFIELD → WOODS POINT

Every Thursday Afternoon

Mansfield	2:30 pm
Macs Cove Turnoff	2:50 pm
Howqua	3:05 pm
Jamieson	3:15 pm
Kevington	3:35 pm
Gaffneys Creek	4:15 pm
Woods Point	5:00 pm

HELMETS on LADDERS

It took a while to get used to them on bikes; but now we feel exposed without them. The same applies on ladders.

When visiting Grant McRostie recently, the head nurse took us over 50's to task for going up ladders. When she saw our reaction, she said "Well, if you do go up a ladder, please wear a helmet!"

It was the most practical suggestion I'd ever heard. Grant was really lucky and is recovering really well.

Grant and I will be wearing helmets on ladders from now on—Marion and Karen will be insisting on it!



Jamieson Community Group

2016/2017 Committee

President	Chris Badrock
Vice President	Freddie Leong
Secretary	Ann-Maree Vague
Treasurer	Tracey Gravenall
Ordinary Exec. Member	Pam Stacey
Ordinary Exec. Member	Ken Hopkinson
Grants Officer	Genevieve Bolwell
Island Projects Officer	Freddie Leong
Rec Reserve Project Officer	Chris Badrock
Police Paddock Proj Coord.	Tracey Gravenall
Promotions Officer	Mandy Riedel
Membership Officer	Kerry Heppel

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JAMIESON SPRING BALL

While some members of the community were staying up North for a little longer, the remainder were celebrating the arrival of Spring.

The Spring Ball, now in its umpteenth year, was a great success, again. Readers only have to look at the photos to see how Jamiesonians were banishing the cold winter months (and the state of everybody's citrus trees confirms that it was one of the coldest for some time).

Apart from the fun and laughter, a considerable sum for also raised to help with the ongoing enhancement of Jamieson's facilities.



Tom & Fränzi make the moves ...



Perfect for a Caption Contest!!



Gary, Rhonda and Angie share a joke



Members of the Ball Committee



Colour and glamour at the Jamieson Spring Ball!!!

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JAMIESON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wow! Spring is here already! It seems like just the other day that we were preparing for the Easter rush here at our little museum. So much has happened over the winter that the time has flown by. I guess it helps if you've spent nine weeks of winter travelling along the Gulf of Carpentaria/Cape York, as Peter and I did. Big thanks to Marion and Janet for holding the fort.

And speaking of Easter, Easter Sunday saw seventy people through the doors of our museum! That's certainly a record for my time with the Society, so great job to all of you volunteers who help out. Right on the heels of Easter was Anzac Day weekend and for that we were lucky enough to display WW1 information boards telling the stories of local diggers fighting on the Western Front in 1917. This was kindly loaned to us from Graham Godber, Historian, Mansfield RSL.

This year has also seen some further repairs to our old Courthouse building. The front veranda has been repainted and the cement around the front posts repaired. Huge thankyou to all of those involved, and to Ken Harvey for doing the concrete work at no cost! Also our little courtyard seat has been repaired and repainted. Another huge thank you to Phil Henderson for supplying his time, talent and timber!!

Contact: Marion 5777 0569, Karen 5777 0705, or Museum 5777 0690.



CRAFT GROUP



We had a quiet Winter this year. The cold weather saw our numbers suffer, but with the weather improving, hopefully, so will our numbers. As usual we knitted for the Guardian Angel Appeal during June, July and August and were able to send them some "warm" garments to distribute.

The Lauriston Girls from the Howqua Campus were in town for the month of June and we really appreciate their Community Service. They work really hard helping out in the town and the concert they help to organise with our school children is looked forward to and enjoyed by all - the morning tea that follows the concert is pretty good also.

We had a late start meeting one Wednesday. We did this to help those members who find the cold Winter mornings a little hard to manage- could possibly happen more often.

We are now getting ready for our Market held on the Sunday of Cup Week-end - mark that one on your calendar. The organisers of the soon to start Farmers Market have asked us to help them "go green". by making some fabric, reusable, bags, for them. To help them "go green" we will have some of these bags for sale at our market, so get in early and be ready for their first Farmers Market in December.

If anyone would like to be included in our Market please call in to see us on a Wednesday or contact me on 57770655.

Jude Ridley **Contact:** *Jude Ridley on 5777 0655*

SITREP FROM THE FIRESHED



With all the rain over the last couple of months it's hard to imagine that the fire danger period is fast approaching, so now is a good time to prepare your property and revisit your bushfire Survival plan. The safety of you and your family is your responsibility, prepare and discuss your plan with your family, make sure you



Peter & Phil



Quality Assurance Team



Men over 50 on ladders

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understand what the Fire Danger Ratings mean. On Code Red days if you live in a high fire risk area, leaving early is always the safest option.

If you require any further information in relation to Fire Safety and preparedness the Jamieson Fire Brigade now has a dedicated Community Safety Co-ordinator in F/F Jess Bolwell who is more than willing to help.

We have started our Pre-Fire season training including some mandatory safety components as laid down by the CFA Chief Fire Officer. On Sunday 24th of September members carried out an inspection and maintenance of all our equipment including pumps, Generators and hose testing.

While on the subject of equipment, we are in the process of refurbishing our Brigade owned Quick Fill Trailer;

this very important piece of equipment has a detachable pump, extra hose and portable lighting, it can be set up on a river, lake or dam as a water point to fill tankers during firefighting operations. To pay for this project we have allocated the profits of our catering for the 2017 High Country Rod Muster and all other fundraising events until Christmas. I would like to thank the Jamieson Community on behalf of the Brigade for your generosity in the past and hope that you continue to support our fundraising efforts in the future, we take great care to put your generous donations to good use to improve our local firefighting capabilities for the protection of our community.

On Saturday the 2nd December 2017 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM the Brigade will hold a Fire Station open day and information stall in conjunction with the Jamieson Farmers & Artisan Twilight Market. This will be a great opportunity to get information on fire safety, talk to your local firefighters and check out our firefighting equipment. For more information contact Jess Bolwell Community Safety Co-ordinator.

A warm welcome to our new members Frank & Julia Dunn, Steven Garito and Lewis Dowie, it's good to see our Brigade continues to attract new people to join CFA.

Enjoy what's left of Spring, be prepared and keep safe this Summer.

Chris Badrock, Captain, Jamieson Fire Brigade.

Meetings: 8pm, CFA Station, 2nd Wed

Contact: Peter Horan, 5777 0705

ALPINE COUNTRY CAR CLUB



As the precious cars are put away for the winter, some of their owners headed north for some warm sun. Peter & Karen went to Cape York and, not satisfied with 16,000 km, they returned to cross the Simpson in Sept (see report on last page).

Meanwhile, Peter & Jill Reynolds took their caravan to the Gulf for a spot of fishing. Unfortunately medicals matters meant that Peter spent 7 weeks in Darwin hospital. Determined not to miss out on his fishing, he took out the tinny at King Ash Bay despite recommendations against it. They enjoyed it so much that they spent the next 70 days (yes, seven zero) motoring out early morning and back in the afternoon. Peter reckons he did 7,000 km in his tinny (40 km out, a bit of puddling about, and 40 km back for 70 days).

The club held its AGM in September and the new committee (*Ed: looks like the same names*) are now planning events for the coming year.

Contact: Noel & Jenny McLaughlin on 5776 2257

INAUGURAL JAMIESON FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET



Arrangements are well advanced and the organising Committee is getting increasingly excited about the new Jamieson Farmers and Artisans Market.

The Market will operate on the **first Saturday of every month from December to March from 4pm-8pm**. To provide a point of difference, **all markets will be twilight markets**, and held in Perkins Street between Nash and Brown Streets.

The primary aim of the Jamieson Farmers & Artisans Market is to develop a friendly and social



Newly positioned Defibrillator at Fire Station

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environment where consumers and producers are regularly brought together to buy and sell local produce, craft &/or arts. The Market will also showcase the historic town of Jamieson to visitors.

The market will operate with the key objective of providing a viable/sustainable outlet for smaller local growers' produce and plants, for speciality food makers and for artisan craft and arts. The market operates under the 'Make it, Bake it, Grow it' principle and intends to offer a broadly diverse and seasonal range.

The Market is currently being organised by an enthusiastic Sub-Committee of the Jamieson Community Group who have been canvassing potential stallholders. The JFAM Committee has a Facebook page

 **Jamieson Farmers and Artisans Market** – please check it out for all the most up-to-date information and share the page with your friends.

Come along and join us for the inaugural twilight market on **Saturday 2nd December** from 4-8pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For newsletter and general enquiries: JamFarm@outlook.com



are also available for your veggie patch. During the winter we moved the museum's back shed (with their permission of course!) further back, giving us more space for the expanding nursery. As a result, we have a lovely paved area to display Jamieson Nursery trees as well as other ornamentals, shrubs and natives.

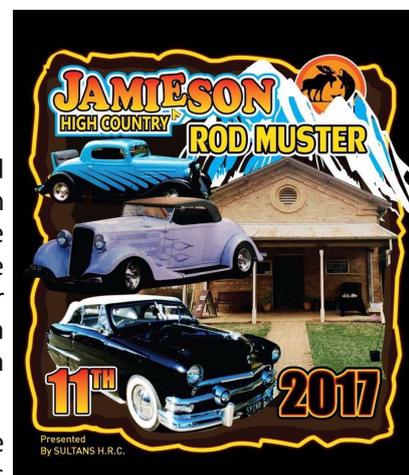
Remember, if you ever want to order any plants, please contact Di Kilford 0417 075 491 to place your order. Or come in and see us any weekend between 10am and 3pm right next door to the Museum. We'd love to see you and show you around, or just to have a chat!

HIGH COUNTRY ROD MUSTER

Now in its 11th year and after a handover from Ben and Jan Tweedley to the Sultans Hot Rod Club, the High Country Rod Muster thundered into town on the 3rd weekend in September as usual.

The usual events were held, the usual food was consumed, the usual music was played ... and the usual enjoyment was had by rodders and visitors alike. Amazingly, the sun shone again ... meaning 11 years in a row.

Congratulations to Sultans for keeping this fantastic events going. And special thanks to the CFA volunteers for feeding those visitors each morning and each lunchtime.



GALLERY ON NASH

Gallery on Nash, Jamieson's own artisans corner, is continuing to flourish and grow. Recently we welcomed Julia Dunn to our group of artists. Julia works with glass and her artworks are something truly remarkable. Come in and have a look if you haven't seen her work. Of course the Gallery also boasts many other very fine artworks and craft pieces. Local produce and preserves are available too.



Our nursery has been restocked for the spring/summer season and is awash with colour. Seedlings



Jamieson in the 1950's

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Billycarts are a Highlight

SCHOOL NEWS (PS814)



Japanese Speech Contest

Jamieson PS has a proud track record of involvement in the North East Japanese Speech Contest, which is held every September. This year we had a record TEN students competing - almost two-thirds of the entire enrolment! The younger students gained valuable experience delivering as individuals or pairs.

All of the Grade 5 & 6 students walked away with either first or third places in their categories. Well done! Congratulations to Kosuke Amada for his careful preparation and coaching of the speeches.

Another successful campaign! Thank You!

Hose Riding

Over the last couple of years, our school has been a recipient of funding to support our involvement in a range of sports. Our experiences have included snowsports, tennis coaching with Danny Cahill, swimming lessons at the Mansfield Aquatics centre and lawn bowls! This term, we were able to subsidise the ski program as well as one of our favourite activities, Horse Riding.

We had a lovely sunny day learning about how to care for, groom, tack up, and ride horses on the last week of term! We also got to feed some special calves and play with the farm dogs and cats! Everyone had a great day, and learnt a lot!

Sports Day

Our school enjoyed two opportunities to engage in athletics sports this last term.

Our first day was a combined District event with St. Mary's, Steiner, Mansfield & Merrijig schools. A full program of athletics, as well as getting to know students from other schools, kept us very busy.

On the last day of term, we hired a bus and travelled to Merrijig wearing our footy colours. Once there, Alistair Kilgour took us through a footy skills clinic. We then did a rotation of discus, shotput, obstacle races and keepings-off. We finished the day with sack race and three-legged race. Always a hoot.

Thank You Merrijig staff and parents for the lovely BBQ too. A great way to end a hectic term.



Colour and Glamour at the Courthouse



Jamieson rocks to the Music



Feeding the Rodders is Serious Work

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SOLAR CAR CROSSES SIMPSON DESERT

The plan to cross the Simpson Desert in 2 electric Suzukis was starting to become the butt of jokes, after miserable failures in 2015 and 2016.

Nevertheless, the ever-optimistic crews set off on 31-Aug-2017 amid reports of sunny weather. Mark and Denny French of Bonnie Doon were in their lithium-powered White Suzuki and Alan and Michael Johnson of Goughs Bay were in their lead-acid (AGM) powered Yellow Suzuki. Peter Horan and Karen Alderson of Jamieson (Peter is also editor of *The Jamieson News*) led the support cars and ensured that the log books, photos, video, GPS coordinates of every start and stop were meticulously recorded as required by Guinness World Records.

The crews used tables of sunlight hours, East-to-West solar angles, vertical angles, air mass density, temperature and wind to determine the optimum charging schedules. As a result, the teams mostly used the daytime to charge and the night time to drive.



Mark & Denny atop Big Red

Their determination and optimism were rewarded when the lithium-powered Suzuki (with high tech 20kW motor) reached Birdsville after 4 days 21 hrs and 23 minutes, well under the Guinness target of 8 days. However, in many ways, the more epic achievement was when the lead-acid powered car (with a 7kW motor from a 30-yr-old forklift) arrived in 7 days 5 hrs and 6 mins despite 45°C on day 6 and a sand storm on the drive into Birdsville. It'll be on 4WDTV for sure.

As you can imagine, the sight of 2 Suzukis with 3600W of panels arranged across the desert floor drew considerable attention from passing 4WDers. Stories were getting forward to Birdsville about these little vehicles slowing crawling up and down the dunes. Stranger still were reports of silent cars travelling by night ... almost enough to arouse suspicious.

To give you an idea of how much energy was required to push each Suzuki across 400 km of sand, that same energy would propel a World Solar Challenge car all the way from Darwin to Adelaide and back to Alice Springs, about 4,500 km of sealed

road.

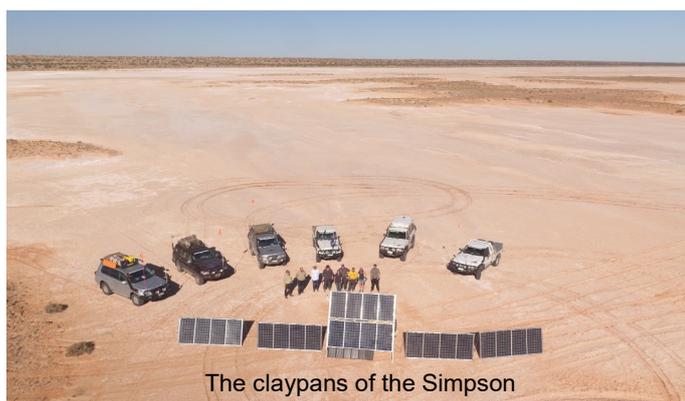
And yes, the little White Car did go up and over Big Red.



A moonlit evening drive in the Simpson Red



Both teams celebrate at the Birdsville Pub



The claypans of the Simpson



More typical Simpson terrain