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JAMIESON COMMUNITY GROUP

President's Report

Wow! Here we are in 2015 already, with the community group preparing for another very busy year with lots of very exciting projects in the pipeline. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year break with your family and friends. To Judy and Tony, Ken and Loryce all of whom could not be with us in Jamieson over the festive season due to illness and partner support, we want you to know your community family is thinking of you, we wish you well and hope to see you all back in town soon.

As Rosemary and I were away for most of October we missed the Jamieson Wine and Cheese night but from all reports it was another very successful event, well done Genevieve and the Jamieson Primary School.

On 25th November 2014, the JCG held its AGM and executive committee elections; as a result we congratulate and welcome Ann-Maree Vague to the position of secretary. We thank Pamela Stacey for her dedicated work in the position over the last 5 or 6 years. Pam has been elected as a member of the executive committee and will continue to take bookings and look after the Memorial Hall. Apart from these two changes the committee remains the same for this term as it was for 2014; congratulations to the new committee and thank you for your continued commitment.

The Jamieson Community Christmas Party was a great afternoon and evening with perfect weather on the banks of the beautiful Jamieson River with over 50 people enjoying each other's company over a drink and a good old country style bring-a-plate-to-share picnic. This was a great effort considering there were so many other events and break ups on over this same weekend.



Working flat out for the Community



In 2013 the JCG committed to a three year plan to eradicate blackberries from the Old Police Paddocks and the Jamieson Recreation Reserve. A follow up inspection in late 2014 revealed the Police Paddock was well under control thanks to the effort of Paul Bronsgeest, the alpacas and community volunteers. The Recreation Reserve although much improved required further action.

Due to the blackberry regrowth and dense vegetation it was decided to pay a contractor to do a follow up spray in December, this work has been completed and the dieback is already evident. While on the subject of the Recreation Reserve the JCG has had the dam reinstated after it was breached some years ago.

Thanks to a professional job by local contractor Ian Bolwell, the wall has been rebuilt and the open cut drain with exposed rocks and clay, which was a real eyesore, has been filled in, levelled and reclaimed. In November, DEPI slashed the grass at the reserve and we thank those who cut the grass on the oval, the adjacent paddock and the nature strip since then. After much hard work by volunteers to get the grass, blackberries and green waste under control and the dam reinstated the JCG intend to continue to improve and maintain this valuable community asset. More volunteers are always welcome.



The standing and the fallen

In November last year, Cole-Clark Guitars indicated they were interested in obtaining the three Redwood logs and the two tree stumps left in the police paddock after they were felled for safety reasons a few years ago.

As the logs were deemed to be unsuitable for general milling and too big for community volunteers to handle it was decided to accept an offer which included a commitment to remove all timber and clean up the site. This arrangement is a win-win for all parties

concerned, as the timber from our beautiful 150 year old historic sequoia trees is not wasted but will be put to good use and will continue to make history in the form of beautiful Cole-Clark, Australian made, hand crafted, export quality acoustic guitars that will be around for many more years to come. The community benefits by

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the fact that the timber has been removed and this historic site has been cleaned up. Local contractors were employed to mill the timber to specifications and provide plant and equipment. Local tourism should benefit as the company promotes its product which may include some history and the fact that the timber was sourced from Jamieson.

More good news late last year when we received confirmation of a successful grant application for over \$4,000, to be used towards the cost of establishing an avenue of honour and memorial plaque (dedicated to the people of Jamieson who enlisted in WW1) in Matthews Reserve at the Northern entrance to town. The memorial plaque is designed and fabricated by local craftsman Craig Eury. The trees for the avenue will be planted out during their dormant period in early to midwinter.

Keeping up to date and informed on what is happening in Jamieson is getting easier and more accessible to all; not only do we produce this Newsletter, online and hard copy, four times a year but we are also working with a consultant to upgrade our website (www.jamieson.org.au). Although the information on our current site is kept up to date, our new site will be more modern, brighter, easier to navigate and should be compatible with PC, Mac, iPhone and smartphone. Keep an eye out for this; it should be up and running soon. Jamieson Community also has a Facebook page so why not become a friend of Jamieson Community to keep up with news and events as they happen. You can still register your name and email address to be included in our online mailing list or just keep an eye on the Public notice board outside the Jamieson Memorial Hall.

Our next important event will be Australia Day celebrations to be held on the banks of the Jamieson River near the Brewery Hole. Always a great day, we look forward to seeing you there.

The Jamieson Community Group meets at 7.00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall except for December and January. New members and visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings. For enquiries please contact one of the committee members or email jamocommunity@gmail.com

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

Chris Badrock

President, Jamieson Community Group

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The Jamieson Community Group

... what is it? ... who are they?

The JCG is an organised group of volunteers who work in the interest of Jamieson and its community. The group aims to restore, maintain and improve facilities, including:

- Jamieson Community Memorial Hall
- Jamieson Tennis Court
- Jamieson Recreation Reserve
- Jamieson Island Reserve
- Gerrans Reserve
- Jamieson Green Waste

... and, of course, to produce this newsletter.

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CRAFT GROUP

We have "broken up" for the Christmas ... we will be back on the 1st Wednesday in February, 2015. Our year was very successful and quite productive. We knitted during winter months and we are very happy with the number of garments we produced for the Guardian Angel.

We had our Biggest Morning Tea in May. There are a lot of generous people in Jamieson and close by. Without these people we would not have been able to donate to Cancer Research. Thank you.



Our 2 markets were well attended and our thanks to the many who helped in different ways. Another quilt was created - we certainly enjoyed the making. There were a few pricked fingers, but that adds to the "enjoyment".

Still a couple of projects on the go and these will be completed early in the new year. Please drop by and see what we are working on and have a chat.

We meet each Wednesday from 10.00-12.30PM in the Jamieson Hall. Please call in for a chat and, maybe, a cuppa!

Contact: Jude Ridley on 5777 0655

A NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Just as the newsletter was going to press (literally), the cleanup of the old Nursery got underway, with the new tenants feverishly preparing to get the shop ready (watch out for the clean-up and clearance sale).



It will be a community venture providing an outlet for Julie's art, Di's pottery as well as the plants and produce grown by a number of Jamieson residents.

A huge tribute to the energy of those directly involved and also to those providing support behind the scenes.

CFA NEWS

To all Jamieson CFA members and friends.

The 2014-15 fire season has, in my opinion, started off quiet and cool. The month of December was great but now in January we are starting to see Total Fire Bans days and some of that hot weather which is more typical. When looking around Jamieson, you can easily forget that the rest of the state has virtually no green grass. North of Mansfield, the dryness of the fuel is quite scary.

It is important to be really vigilant, especially at times of high visitor numbers, some of whom still behave amazingly irresponsibly (eg. the number of unattended campfires, even during TFBs, is criminal). Likewise, the people who set off fireworks on NYE were putting our lives at risk as well as their own.

Finally, a big thank you to the members who helped on the recent strike team and at the Mairdample fire. It is timely to remind ourselves that what goes around comes around. One day, we will need the support of other brigades.

Grant McRostie, CFA Captain, Jamieson Brigade

Contact: Secretary, Max Berry 5777 0583

Meetings: 8pm, 2nd Wed of each Month, at Fire Station



JAMIESON TENNIS CLUB

We are a great little club and are looking for new people, interested in social tennis.

Contact David Lean 5777 0883



JAMIESON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2014/2015 season has kicked off well for our Historical Society. We have

updated some of the existing displays in the main room and added some new ones. Most notably, we have added



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a Patrons' Display to give honour and recognition to past and present patrons of our Historical Society.

We also have set up a 'War Cabinet' in recognition of the men & women who were involved in The Great War.



Stocking the War Cabinet was expected to be quite a challenge, but we have been amazed at the memorabilia that has flowed into the museum. We are really proud of the display – come and have a look for yourself - it's just inside the front door.

2014 also saw us celebrate 150 years of the old Courthouse building. The celebration took place in the front garden of the old Courthouse with a sumptuous afternoon

tea provided by many of our residents. Some 60 residents, friends and visitors attended the day to hear the stories and history of the old building. We also took the opportunity to unveil the plaques mentioned above (to our past patrons, Sir James Foots and Dr Brian Lloyd) and to welcome our new patrons Val and Merv Wheeler.

The Great War Cabinet



Garden party for Assembled members and friends of J&DHS

We now look forward to another busy year through to Easter 2015 and hope many more of you will come in and visit the museum – there's bucket loads of interesting articles and artefacts. Come in and see for yourselves!!

Contact: Marion on 5777 0569 or Karen at the museum on 5777 0690.

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Meetings are held at the Courthouse on the 3rd Tuesday of every-month at 7:00PM.

ALPINE COUNTRY CAR CLUB JAMIESON



The car club was as active as ever through spring. One of the highlights was the combined shed visits - first to Bernie Anstee's (with a huge breakfast) and then to Marty Briscoe's (where the "fairies" did the magnificent catering).



Ken Foster smoking a long pipe

There was a big turnout for the Christmas Party at the Courthouse Hotel. It was a mixture of great merriment because it was Christmas (and there were presents to be given out) and considerable sadness because Ken Foster and Judy Dennis were both in hospital.

Noel and Jenny McLaughlin stepped up to be Masters of Ceremonies, Santa Claus and Santa's



Peter, Jill & Denis Signing Ken's Card

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Helper. During the great night, we all signed get well/thinking of you cards for Ken and Judy.

Meetings are held first Wednesday of every month at the Courthouse Hotel Jamieson. Come along and see what you are missing!

Contact: Noel & Jenny McLaughlin on 5776 2257

TIPS FROM THE LONG ARM

I dropped into Paul to ask about his tips, and within minutes he ran to his fence shouting at 2 kids who were riding bikes without helmets. Paul politely but firmly sent

them back to fetch their helmets. Being on holidays is no reason to risk a cracked skull.



While on bad habits, Paul is also trying to get Jamiesonians to get used to wearing seat belts ALL of the time. He has too many depressing stories of seemingly minor incidents that had very serious consequences for passengers.



Finally, he asked me to remind readers that we should always call 000 for urgent matters. 000 will automatically contact Paul, the area Sergeant or a patrol car that happens to be near the area. If you do call the station, don't just leave a message because Paul might be on leave, out of town, etc.



draw was won by 3 couples who will be able to use their valuable travel vouchers at their leisure.

Our club consists of about 85 members and we conduct several local and inter-club events, with some great prizes up for grabs. Memberships are available for families (\$60) and individuals (\$40). Enquire at the Courthouse Hotel Jamieson where we run a raffle every Thursday night starting at 6:00 PM. SEE YOU THERE!

For further information contact:

Kim & Dave Munn on 0400 642 682

SCHOOL NEWS (PS814)

Term Four 2014 was action-packed! The Highlights were our school camps.



Firstly, the Junior class had an overnighter at the Urban Camp. As always, we went with our good friends, the Merrijig students and staff. We travelled on different types of transport and even got to visit the Zoo!

FISHING CLUB NEWS

Lakeside Fishing Club



Following a rather poor fishing year in Lake Eildon and inflowing rivers, the LFC held its Christmas Part/Presentation Night at the Courthouse Hotel, which was enjoyed by 70 or so adults, children and guests.

Santa arrived to give all children rod/reel combos, tackle boxes and various other "gizmos". The members-only



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Next week, it was turn of the Senior classes of both schools and we had a five-day History camp to Sovereign Hill, where we dressed in period costume and attended the school.

Some of us found some specks of gold in the river whilst panning. We can all now use copperplate handwriting and know how to count using pounds, shillings and pence!



We were very sad at the end of the year to farewell Nanami Takahashi, who has been our Japanese language assistant. Her energy, friendliness and engagement were legendary. Next year we will welcome a male teacher from the same University in Japan.

The school concert was a huge success and we were able to celebrate the graduation of Jack Cross and Angela Polkinghorne as well as wish their families farewell. We wish them all the very best for their future.

Jamieson Community Group 2014/2015 Committee

President	Chris Badrock
Vice President	Freddie Leong
Secretary	Anne Maree Vague
Treasurer	Tracey Gravenall
Ordinary Exec. Member	Pam Stacey
Ordinary Exec. Member	Ken Hopkinson
Grants Officer	Genevieve Bolwell
Island Projects Officer	Keith Chudleigh
Rec Reserve Project Officer	Chris Badrock
Police Paddock Proj Coord.	Tracey Gravenall

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STOJL

The Significant Tree Ladies of Jamieson (STOJLs) were very quiet over the winter months, with the exception of the planting of 3 Ginkgo Bilobas (*maidenhair tree*). These trees were planted at the southern end of Brown St where there are already some magnificent mature specimens of the same. The new trees were planted to fill in spaces between the existing Ginkgos planted some 30 to 40 years ago by Mr Fogarty whom we have to thank for many of our beautiful trees.



The STOJLs now are in the process of photographing the trees of Jamieson, with leaves on (*we already have Autumn photos*) and are gathering history of our trees. If you happen to know anything about any Jamieson trees, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for information such as who planted the tree, where the seed may have come from etc.

We have some stunning trees here in Jamieson, some rare, some very old, all spectacular. I am constantly asked for information about our trees by visitors. Our goal is to have a permanent record of interesting facts regarding our trees and to produce a self-guided walking tour, which we hope to launch at the Autumn Festival 2nd May 2015.

We have a lot of work to do and we are also seeking some assistance with graphic design of our brochure. If you can help please let any of the STOJLs know.

Tracey Gravenall (03) 5777 0567

Wayne Rotherham in Phnom Penh



Wayne, whom you all know from General Store, is currently on a 3-month project with the Cambodian Community Justice Association. This is a Government-sponsored program for criminal prevention and community safety in rural areas.

Yet another example of the skills, talent and energy in little Jamieson.

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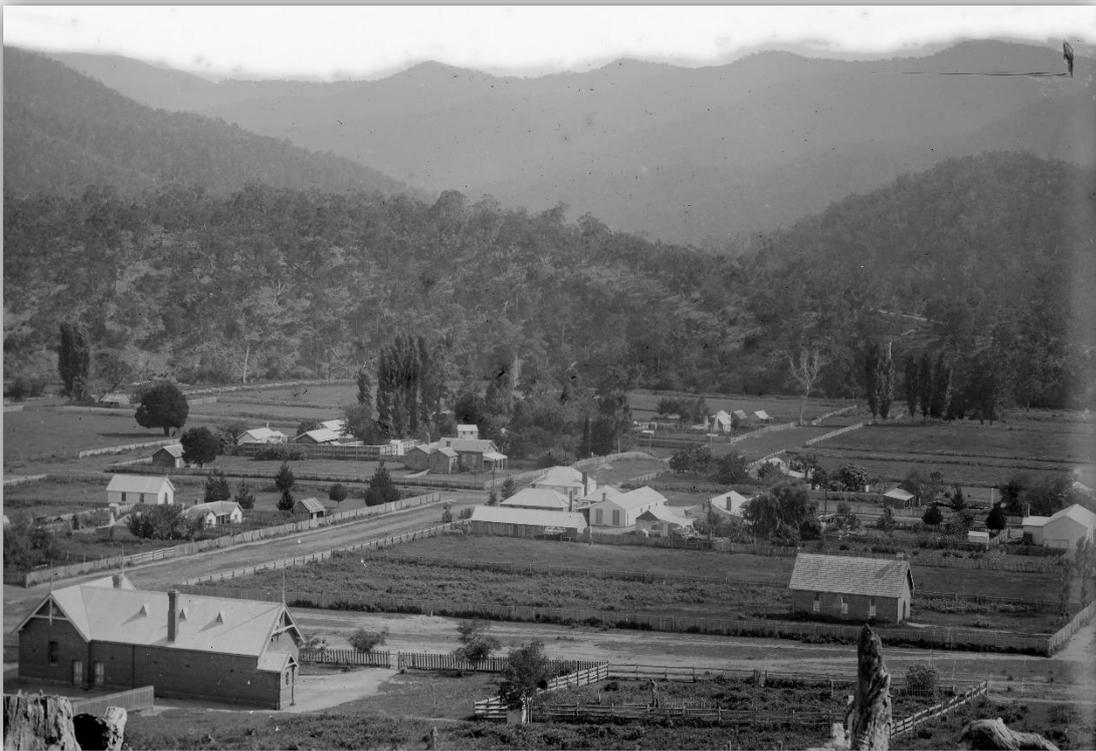
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Jamieson through the Ages

Initially, these 2 photos look almost identical. But look more closely. There are many differences, some seasonal, some apparently after storm damage. They were both taken between 1880 and 1900, but how far apart?



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150th Celebration



Back To Jamieson PS

Cup Weekend 2015

Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st

Roll call, photo display, parade, old-fashioned games, Saturday night dance, tree planting.