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JAMIESON COMMUNITY GROUP

President's Report

Whew!!! Are we there yet?

What a busy time it has been since our last edition. So many successful community events and projects, all needing many hours of preparation and volunteer support.

In late February, with the Autumn Festival planning already under way, we also had a grant application approved for much needed maintenance to the Memorial Hall. The funds received from Indi Stronger Communities Program matched part of a very generous donation by Ben and Jan Tweedley and the High Country Rodders toward a new kitchen for the Hall. Ben worked tirelessly on and off throughout March and April to complete the kitchen as promised in time for Easter and Anzac Day. Thanks to the High Country Rodders for their donations, to Steve Fawcett for the supply and installation of cabinets and bench tops and to Phil Ross for donation of sink, taps and



extractor fan. Finally a special thanks to Ben who donated many hours of his own time to complete this project to a very high standard on a very limited budget.

Over the next few months we should see the exterior of Memorial Hall repaired and painted, a new front fence installed and the grass area levelled. The exterior repairs are getting underway as Mansfield Shire assesses quotes from local tradespeople and allocating the work.

Jamieson was abuzz over Easter with great weather and good crowds enjoying what the township and surrounding area has to offer. Sunday was no exception with a well-attended Bush Market including Craig and Phil's blacksmith display. The CFA sausage sizzle sold out by midday, the Alpine Car Club's show 'n shine in Perkins Street raised over \$1,000 for the Mansfield and District Hospital and two CFA fire trucks (or, more specifically, the Easter Bunny on one of them) handed out chocolate eggs to kids as far north as Howqua and South as Ten Mile.

Saturday 22nd April saw the 4th annual Jamieson



Autumn Festival held on an overcast day following a very wet week of preparations. Working in heavy rain on the Friday before the event, the organizers and volunteers did not wane in their enthusiasm and positive attitude. With an improved layout concentrating on Perkins Street all the way to the River, there was more food, more drink, more demonstrations and

great entertainment. The event has been hailed as a great success and the best so far. Congratulations to the organizers, volunteers, entertainers and stall holders on a great day and a job well done. A highlight for the

community was the donation of a Cole-Clark Jamieson Redwood Guitar, complete with JAMIESON in mother-of-pearl on its neck. Thank you Miles,

thank you Lloyd. (A more detailed festival report can be found elsewhere in this issue).



Anzac Day started off with a very wet, cold but well attended Dawn Service followed by the traditional Gun Fire Breakfast in the Memorial Hall.

The rain returned again for the parade down Perkins Street, wreath laying and Anzac Day service but again it was very well attended. Incorporated in this year's ceremonies was the official unveiling by Mitchel and Tanya Wilson of two plaques listing the names of those men and women from the area who served in the First and Second World Wars. Congratulations to the Anzac Day committee on a very successful and well organized Anzac Day.

It is so pleasing to see such well-organized successful events in Jamieson. It is good for our community. It not only provides entertainment but bring us together to work for a common goal. And it attracts visitors. Visitors good for our businesses on the day, but more importantly they spread the word about Jamieson, thereby drawing visitors and business through the rest of the year.

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

Chris Badrock

President, Jamieson Community Group

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Reminders

May 2017

Thu 25th Biggest Morning Tea
Memorial Hall
10:00AM onward

Sep 2017

Sat 9th Mid Winter Ball
Memorial Hall

Sep 2017

Sat 16-17th High Country Rod Muster

Next issue will be later in 2017

Jamieson Community Group

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President	Chris Badrock
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Flying kites – an experience of the Autumn Festival

By **FIONA L BROWNING**

NORMALLY, if someone said to me “go fly a kite”, I would have thought they were being rude - but at the Jamieson Autumn Festival it was an invitation to just have fun.

I’ve been coming up to Jamieson since I was a child growing up in the 1970s, as has my father before me.

Like many holiday residents, my parents made it permanent when they retired - yet in all that time, I can’t remember going to the festival.

On arrival, nostalgia seemed to pervade my entire being; the scent of freshly rained on maple trees which are aflame with the colours of the season lulls me down the street.

I feel like I’ve stepped into an episode of the Vicar of Dibley.

I see the shop has a new pop up coffee window that would fit in just as easily in a Melbourne market as it does here.

It also seems to set a theme for what I encounter the rest of the day.

Classic and contemporary, vintage and modern, the interfusion appears seamless.

Further down in front of the church I hear whips cracking and, following their sound, the amalgamation continues.

Behind the church on Brown Street, the automobiles on display are tribute to the auto clubs presenting them.

Sharing the same paddock, a classic mint-green Coupe Deville and gleaming yellow-black Lotus could be a great, great grandfather and grandson of automotive, just kicking back on a Saturday afternoon.

Back across the main street a group of vocalists,

the Strathbogie Singers, have just launched into an a cappella version of Hava Nagila.

A woman sitting next to me tears up with delight and says to me that she suddenly feels at home.

“So far from Israel,” she remarks, “it really is a small world isn’t it.”

A tractor-train ride rumbles past and at the same time a flock of very loud cockies fly over.

You would think the combination discordant, yet it is not - it seems to confirm this small town’s ethos that all are welcome to join in.

Further down, I am drawn yet again, this time by the refrain of a single voice and acoustic guitar.

At first, I didn’t recognise Monica’s rearrangement of country and western classic, Jolene, as I’ve not been a big fan of the genre, but the classic-contempo hits the mark.

Not to be outdone, even the food stalls provide the choice of new or traditional.

Just down from my all-time favourite lamington stall, resident Spanish chef Mingo is dishing out steaming plates of paella - the smell is intoxicating but I can’t remember the last time I’ve had a sausage in bread, so the CFA wins me over.

For a small town festival, there was enough happening to keep me wandering, stopping, watching and enjoying well beyond the hour I had planned to spend just dropping by.

Unfortunately, I had to leave before the cow poo raffle, the hay bale races and the launch of the festival made kites.

I do so hope all those hard working kids had some luck getting theirs in the air.

I’ll ask about it next time in town.

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Despite some weather-related stress during that week, climaxing with a steady stream of rain on the Friday, the 4th Jamieson Autumn Festival turned out to be a great success. Visitor numbers were about the same as 2016 although, without ticket sales, it's difficult to determine the exact numbers.

The closure of the road down to the riverbank worked out far better than we had hoped for. The narrowness of that section of Perkins Street and the colours of the nearby trees gave it a really intimate laneway feel.

On the other hand, the Hall/Post Office end of Perkins Street was relatively quiet, something for which we already have remedial plans for 2018.

The feedback from visitor and stall-holders alike was really encouraging. So many performers are keen to return again in 2018 that Jamieson must be getting a few things right.



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JAMIESON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Autumn is coming to an end, and with that the Jamieson & District Historical Society has closed for the winter. Our Summer/ autumn season has been quite a busy one with many visitors into the museum. During the

summer we started fixing up our front verandah with some sanding back & repainting of woodwork. Next will be the concreting around the front posts fixed. Hopefully this will all be ready for our opening by Spring 2017. We also fixed the back courtyard seat, thanks to Phil Henderson!!



your fingers crossed. Thanks to Rosemary and Chris Lloyd for their support with this. Their late father, Brian who wrote the book, was looking into a reprint with JDHS when he sadly passed away.

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

CRAFT GROUP



A very busy start to the year for the Jamieson Craft Ladies - Bush Market on Easter Sunday and Autumn Festival the following Saturday. But we managed.

Both events were very successful and we thank everyone who supported us.

Our stall holders at the Bush Market also seemed happy with their day and, hopefully, will join us again in November. The Craft Stalls were not the only ones we had for the Festival. Again Jeanette stitched her cards and people were very interested in watching her at work. Julia's work with glass is fascinating and the results have to be seen to be believed.

We also had Kite Making for the younger visitors. I hope their Kites flew!!!! We all had a lot of fun anyway - even the parents were entertained.

Remember we meet each Wednesday morning in the Memorial Hall so, please call in for a chat.

Contact: Jude Ridley on 5777 0655

SITREP FROM THE FIRESHED



With the official end of the Fire Danger Period on the 18th April, the North East and in particular the Jamieson area was very fortunate to have had a relatively quiet season. The community and the public are to be congratulated for their care and diligence over this period.

I would like to thank the Brigade volunteers for their effort and time spent on pre-Fire Season training and being available for emergency response 24/7.



The Artisans

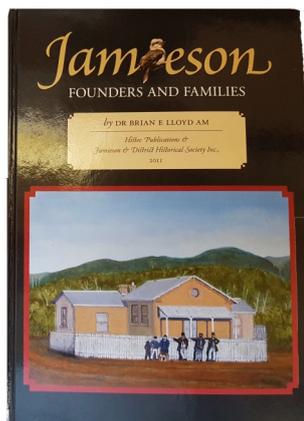
In February we had a visit from Fran & Graham Hutchinson to research the Fitzgibbon Family. Graham is the grandson of Mary Fitzgibbon and son of Stella Joyce Fitzgibbon. As Stella was an orphan, Graham & Fran were very keen to get some information on Mary Fitzgibbon. They spent a couple of days here in Jamieson, most of that time pouring through files in the museum!



The Quality Control

They were absolutely thrilled with their findings. They have since been to visit Lorna Jensen (Lorna arranged the Fitzgibbon family reunion a few years ago), and have provided us with even more information on this family. It's episodes like this that make being involved in the J&DHS all worthwhile!

Remember the book Jamieson Founders and Families? It's been out of print for some years. Well, we've applied for a grant to do a special rerun. Keep



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Congratulations to Janene Ridley on being one of only two members from the North East Region to be invited by the Emergency Services Foundation to attend the Volunteer Leaders Forum in Melbourne recently. Janene gave an interesting and positive feedback report of the weekend to members at the May meeting.



A dramatic incident, but nobody hurt and no damage

On the 10th May 2017, the Brigade held its Biennial AGM and elections for office bearers. The following members were elected for a two year period and will start in their role on the 1st July 2017.

- Brigade Captain:** Chris Badrock
- 1st Lieutenant:** Grant McRostie
- 2nd Lieutenant:** Craig Eury
- 3rd Lieutenant:** Janene Ridley
- 4th Lieutenant:** James Nelson
- Secretary:** Peter Horan
- Treasurer:** Geoff Gravenall
- Training:** Tom Russell
- Community Safety:** Jess Bolwell
- Communications:** Phil Breen
- Driving Facilitator:** Gerry Moloney
- OH&S:** Janene Ridley

Congratulation and good luck to the newly elected Brigade Management Team.

The main focus for the Brigade over the next few months will be the preparation of a grant application to the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) for funds to help with the replacement our aging Brigade-owned 2nd Tanker. The proposed new state-of-the-art tanker is an Isuzu chassis built to CFA specifications with much improved firefighting capabilities, a crew cab for much safer transport of up to 5 members and comes at a cost of over \$230,000.

The Brigade extends a warm welcome to our new members Louis Dowie and Frank and Julia Dunn.

With the cold weather now on us, wood and other

heaters in use in the home it's a good time to check that your smoke alarms are in a good working order.

Keep safe, Keep warm.

Chris Badrock, Captain, Jamieson Fire Brigade.

Meetings: 8pm, CFA Station, 2nd Wed

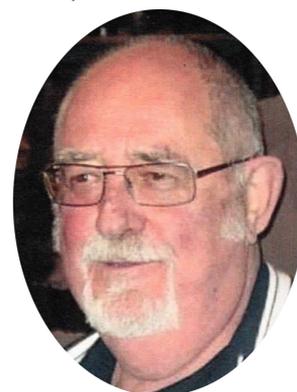
Contact: Peter Horan, 5777 0705

ALPINE COUNTRY CAR CLUB



On Anzac Day we lost a co-founder of ACCCJ, a good friend, a hot rod legend, and an all round Top Bloke who loved his family, his cars and his dog. Ken was well respected and will be forever missed. He suffered with a debilitating illness for over 20 years, with the last few restricting him greatly.

Through it all he never complained, always had a smile, a cheeky grin and a great sense of humour. We are grateful that he is now free from pain and frustration. So he can seek out some heavenly driving roads where we can all eventually join him for a run—followed by a beer and a chat.



Farewell Ken!! Our thoughts and prayers to Sue and family and Nardi (dog).

Contact: Noel & Jenny McLaughlin on 5776 2257

ANZAC DAY

Despite another rather damp day, the Dawn Service and the ANZAC Parade proceeded in a dignified manner.



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After the Parade, Mitchell and Tanya Wilson unveiled two new plaques in Gerrans Reserve.



Mitchell and Tanya's mother was Fran Wilson, a passionate supporter of Anzac Day, who left funds to be spent on an appropriate Anzac tribute in Jamieson. The new plaques, listing the names of local people who fought in WW1 and WW2, are that tribute.

TIPS FROM THE LONG ARM

Now that Autumn is just about over, it's time to pay attention to the wet and slippery roads that are typical of a High Country winter. Where corners remain shaded through most of the day, there can even be black ice, the most dangerous of all.

Of course, the condition of your tyres will play a major factor.

The ore trucks will continue on the Mansfield Woods Point Road. Take special care on the narrower twisty parts between Gaffneys Creek and Macs Cove.

If you have a UHF radio, tune it to Ch 40. The ore trucks use Ch 40 and regularly mention their locations. Feel free to announce location/direction to prompt a location response from the trucks.

Keep safe.



SCHOOL NEWS (PS814)



Jamieson Hosts Our Japanese Friends

Jamieson Primary School students, parents, staff and friends welcomed a group of eighteen students and adults on an exchange visit following our very successful cultural exchange trip to Japan in November 2016.

Many families volunteered to provide homestay



accommodation or act as drivers and assistants for the many activities and outings prepared for them.

They enjoyed their six days in Jamieson immensely and on their return to Japan they agreed that it was a wonderful experience for all involved.

The next phase of our program will be an opportunity



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for Jamieson students to visit Japan again in November 2018.

A huge vote of thanks to all of those who helped make it so successful from the school committee.

VALE FRED MERTZLIN

You will have read that the Jamieson Car Club lost a co-founding member recently. Sadly, the Historical Society also lost a co-founding member, Fred Mertzlin.



Fred typified the diversity of personalities that make Jamieson such a wonderful place to live. For over 50 years, Fred amused Jamieson residents and tourists alike with his very proper approach to everything, apart from his mode of transport. He would be seen daily tootling around on his Yamaha step-thru, often with a fishing rod poking through a custom slot in the leg shield.

Fred and his surviving partner Yvie had the sharpest of memories at all times. They would regale visitors with stories of WW2 deprivation in Latvia, Estonia and Germany, of better times in America and Australia, and of peaceful times in Jamieson.

Fred will be sadly missed, but his memory will live on at the Museum, where his donated Yamaha, helmet and fishing rod will form a new display. More than a match for the colourful characters of the late 1800s.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

As part of the national cancer council fundraiser and awareness, Jamieson had its Biggest Morning Tea on 25th May at the Memorial Hall.

The adults enjoyed some good tucker while the kids enjoyed



some cordial. As a result, while Denis Tucker provided the music, many of the local primary school kids provided the entertainment.





If you need a police presence, call 000. 000 will automatically contact the nearest Police, which could be Paul, the area Sergeant, or a patrol car that happens to be near the area.



If you need something administrative, leave a message and Paul will call you back.

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GALLERY ON NASH

Gallery On Nash is now preparing for the winter. We hope to have some bare rooted stock in store in the coming months, but if there's anything in particular you want



for your garden, be sure to contact Di Kilford or Julie Guppy or just drop into us on any weekend between 10am & 3pm and our friendly staff will be sure to help you!

Gallery on Nash now has a selection of beautiful trees courtesy of **Jamieson Valley Nursery**. Any one of these trees is a must to enhance your garden with stunning autumn foliage and many have fragrant spring blossom. What's not to love



about that!!

The gallery is looking fabulous with many creative and artistic items, as well as yummy comestibles from Mt. Terrible Fine Fares.



We had a fantastic day during the Jamieson Autumn Festival with



many, many people through the doors. And Ann-Maree's mosaic pots were a huge hit – well done Ann-Maree!

LAST WORD ON AUTUMN FESTIVAL



Finally, we lave you with a few more images from the Autumn Festival ... Strathbogie Singers, Thomas the Tank Engine, Horse and Horseless Carriages, Cracking Toilet Paper and, to end on a sweet note, Rhonda's Honey.

