

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA



Pleasant Hills Branch held their recent meeting in Albury, and had Ms Liz Hare, a Diabetes Educator as guest speaker. Liz gave a very informative talk and answered the many questions that members had. Our Scone Stall for the Drought Relief Administration was very successful, and we are planning on two more before the hot weather arrives. For the next one, profits will be shared between the Building Fund for the new rooms at Hilltop Carer's Accommodation and Angel Flight.



Louise Hasler (Junior member), Bev Frothing, Margaret Hasler and Lyn Jacobsen serving a customer.

Some more home-made goodies were taken to Hilltop for their clients to have with a cuppa. The Riverina Group Ag & Environment Officer, Barbara Johnston has organised a bus trip to Altina Zoo at Darlington Point, and we are planning to go by car from Albury and meet them there. There are still a couple of seats available, so if anyone else is wishing to join us, please contact Lyn on 0428690222. The next Riverina Group Council Meeting will be held on 5th August in Wagga, and we will be represented.

Our next Meeting is our International Day - this year we are studying Papua/New Guinea, and this will be held at the Pleasant Hills School on Wednesday, 14th August. Anyone wishing to join us for the day is most welcome – we usually start our meeting as 10.30am, as well as organising a lunch featuring foods from Papua/New Guinea at 12.30pm for everyone, then we go into the classroom with the Students, where we have both Students and Guest Speakers telling us about the Country. Lyn had brought in several recipes, so we sorted out a menu and people to cook the various dishes. Mrs Bev Blair, who had lived there several years ago, is kindly loaning us several of her artefacts to bring along, which will be of interest to adults and students alike.

In August, we allocate our Funds, and Members are reminded that we will be collecting \$5 from them to help with purchasing Sewing Aids to help teachers in New Guinea.

Applications for NSW State Educational Grants – and they cover many different things – open on 1st August, with the closing date being 30th Sept. Please contact Lyn for more information if you are interested.

News from Head Office is that \$12.3M has been distributed in Drought Aid Relief, helping 7,200 families. People are reminded if they are having financial difficulties due to the drought to contact www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid.

Next month in the Land Cookery, we will have the Children's Cooking Competition as well as the Peach Blossom Cake in the Open Section (recipe in June 2019 Journal): 18 yrs. & under - Cinnamon Tea Cake, and 12 yrs. & under, Decorated Butter Biscuits. Recipes were given to the School if anyone wishes to try them, and they're also in June 2018 Journal. Results from this month's contest were – Sultana Cake, 1st

Lyn Jacobsen, 2nd Margaret Hasler, and Petticoat Tail Shortbread, 1st Margaret, 2nd Lyn.
Looking forward to our International Day at Pleasant Hills on 14th August, so please join us if you can.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Newton Family on the sad loss of Allayne. Allayne was a Life Member of CWA, having also received her 50-year badge. Prior to her marriage, she'd belonged to Victoria CWA, joining Munyapla CWA in 1967, and when they closed several years ago, she came over to Pleasant Hills, and has been a valued member of our Branch.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The attendance at the Pub AGM on the 26th July was very disappointing. With the exception of Brittany Scholz, the existing committee members have accepted another 12 months on the committee. The executive positions will be confirmed at the next monthly meeting. For all the surrounding community the existing committee members are not going to keep going for ever so if you want the pub and Post office to stay open more people need to step up. If everyone does a little bit no one has to do a lot. There will be some changes in the next couple of months with playground equipment and other activities for the kids and the solar panels to be installed.

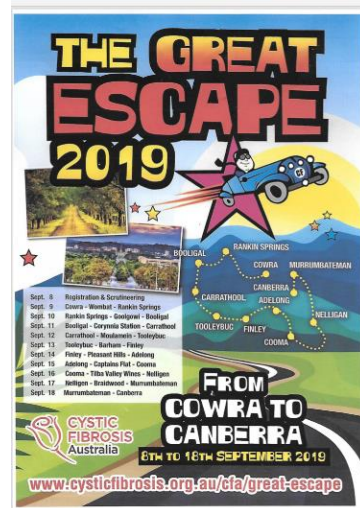
There is a car rally stopping at the pub on Saturday 14th September over the lunch hours so if want to see them call in. Refer to the flyer below for more information.

The Pub is looking at purchasing a shipping container to replace the old storage shed so if anyone has some leads of the best place to approach please contact Suzanne.

Don't forget that if you can't get to town the post office can do banking, pay bills, and more which

brings extra revenue for the community association.

If anyone with an RSA wants to help on the bar roster or go on the cooking roster, please let us know as any extra help would be great.



All Welcome to come long and view all the old cars & support the Cystic Fibrosis major Fundraiser! Saturday 14 September. Cars will be at the Hotel from 11am-2pm.

Lunch available RSVP Annie Scholz 0428175993 for catering purposes.

Hills History

1891

The government opened a Public School on the 20th April with an enrolment of 18 pupils.

The school was built for the pupils who enrolled by the end of the year. This number quickly increased to 33 pupils making accommodation problems.

Pleasant Hills telephone exchange was installed, and Postmaster Otto Sticker was then officially in charge of the Pleasant Hills Post Office.

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Tennis Club

Saturday tennis will be here before we know it. New members are more than welcome.

Please start thinking about whether you or your children would like to play this season.

We need to enter teams in the Hume League mid-August so be sure to let us know before then, so that we can make sure we can cater for everyone as best as we can.

If you would like an expression of interest form please email

pleasanthillstennisclub@gmail.com

Or contact:

David Stein (President) on 0429 466 334 or
Renaes Lieschke (Secretary) on 0428 296 147
for more information

Social tennis has been ticking along, it is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10am at the courts - anyone is more than welcome to join us.

Tennis Coaching

Tennis Coaching will continue on a Friday afternoon; if you are interested please contact myself or Tom from Border Tennis on 0488950511. Lessons are half an hour, in groups of 4 at \$15 per lesson.

Border Tennis is registered as an Active Kids Provider – you may like to use your second \$100 voucher towards tennis coaching. Adults and all ages are catered for.

Remember to follow us on facebook to keep up with all the news.

Renaes Lieschke

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Many Hands Make Light Work

The major fundraiser for the Pleasant Hills Public School P&C is the HMFD next month.

Please contact Amanda Male or
Suzanne Forck if you can help.

They are looking for volunteers to help in the catering shed or to do some cooking for them, (slices or cakes), or to help make sandwiches and salad rolls each morning of the field days around 7:30am.

Social Tennis @ Pleasant Hills

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2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month
Excluding School Holidays
From 10am

All Welcome!
Gold Coin Donation for Non-Members

School News and Reviews



Our new Sports Court is taking shape! The new surface has been laid and the lines are marked! We are waiting on the basketball/netball rings to be installed and the tennis court nets to be delivered. Our new fence will be erected soon.

Throughout the term, we have loved using technology in our junior classroom. We have been learning to explore and utilise Google Suite. Together we have been publishing our writing, researching important information and creating presentations to show the class.



A huge thank you to Mrs Denise Coghlan for again cooking her famous sausage rolls here at school with our students last term. Denise comes to our school each year and donates both her time and the materials to make delicious

homemade sausage rolls with our students. They are delicious and are enjoyed by both students and staff!

Todd Woodbridge Cup (Tennis) - Students from Years 3 and 4 will participate in a tennis day at Henty on Friday 2nd August. This will be a great opportunity to put our tennis skills to the test!

Open Day for Education Week on Monday 5th August. Everyone is welcome. Starts at 11:40am with free BBQ lunch provided by the P & C at 1pm. Library books will also be available to donate to the school's library.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

The Commonwealth Bank in Lockhart kindly donated \$500 to Pleasant Hills Preschool and also donated a 'goodie bag' for each child. There was a platypus piggy bank, torch, stickers, drink bottle and many other things for the children to enjoy.

July was very exciting as the children were able to experience the building, lighting and cooking with an outdoor campfire. The children were briefed about safety around fire and really enjoyed cooking sausages, damper and enormous marshmallows on it. They also engaged in some Aboriginal story telling with stones. Mrs Klemke brought in some wheat for the children to crush and make it into flour. What an exciting experience for the children!

Papua New Guinea is the country chosen this year as part of the CWA ladies visiting the local primary school. The children have begun learning about this culture in preparation for their visit to Pleasant Hills Public School in August.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Our next patchwork meeting on Saturday 17th August is a UFO day which is always a good chance to continue working on your Charity Quilt for Ronald McDonald House. Please remember to label your quilts with the words "*Donated by Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group*". Permanent marker on a label works well if you don't hand sew or machine embroider.

Alternately, if you have a project you are working on, and would like to continue with that, you are more than welcome too. Just come along and enjoy some good company.

Remember: All visitors are made welcome, and a cuppa is always available.

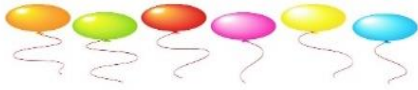
The days starts around 09:30am and finishes around 3:30pm at Pleasant Hills Hall.

You'll need \$6 towards hall hire, morning tea to share, your lunch and all sewing requirements.



Hills Happenings

Birthday / Anniversary / Celebrations:



Shannon Lieschke on the 19th August – Happy 40th Birthday.



Congratulations to Phillip and Toni Salzke on the arrival of their grandson – Henry Mitchell Buckingham on the 11th June.

Congratulations also to the proud new parents April Salzke and Jack Buckingham.

Sympathy:

The Pleasant Hills community would like to extend its sympathy to Max, Andrew, Ross, Sarah, Annabelle and William, Jenny, Richard and Maeve on the passing of Allyne Newton. Allyne was a treasured member of the Pleasant Hills / Alma Park community. A friendly face behind the Pleasant Hills Post Office and Store until her retirement a few years ago and Life Member of the Pleasant Hills CWA group. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to the Newton family.



Agsafe Inaugural Awards

Congratulations to Alison Campbell for attending the Inaugural Awards dinner in Brisbane as a finalist in the Individual DrumMuster Supporter category. Alison Campbell proudly promoted the Pleasant Hills DrumMuster group which has operated since 2008, with a total of 40,000 drums recycled to date. Whilst Alison did not win in her category, the winner had been involved in the DrumMuster for the past 15 years in Newdegate (WA), and have collected 200,000 drums to date.

So well done to Agsafe in their 25th year of operation, to recognize the effort by individuals, groups, re-sellers and councils in ensuring farm chemicals are handled correctly from start to finish.

St John's Lutheran Church

- 2nd August – Henty Ladies Guild
- 6th August – St Paul's Family Life
- 7th August – Culcairn Men's Bible Study
- 8th August – Bible Study Un-invited
- 11th August – Bikes for Bible
- 13th August – St Paul's Elders
- 14th August – Bible Study
- 15th August – St Stephen's Women's fellowship
- 15th August - Bible Study Un-invited
- 23rd – 25th August – Sisterhood Retreat
- 29th August - Bible Study Un-invited
- 30th August – Culcairn Ladies Fellowship

ALL WELCOME

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ULURU ROADTRIP

With: 21 days, 8 families, 16 adults, 21 nearly adults (ranging from 9 weeks to 17), and 6450km's.

What a fantastic holiday everyone had, creating great memories and connections. Leaving Walbundrie on the 27th June we set off to Uluru; via Mildura, Port Augusta, Cooper Pedy then Uluru (with 1-night free camping between Cooper Pedy and Uluru).

Cooper Pedy was a two-night stay, so we could see the opal sites with many drill holes up to 30m deep, The Breakaways, The Moon Plain, The Dog fence and unique town. Some choose to forgo the camper trailer / caravan and experience underground accommodation. On leaving Cooper Pedy help was given to two female backpackers on their way to Oodnadatta for work at the Pink Roadhouse for six weeks. Their little car had a flat tyre and needed repairing. We arrived at Uluru on the 2nd July and had an early start the next day to see the sunrise over the rock. Over the next

two days we all experienced the highlights of Uluru and The Olgas.

Watching the sunset at Uluru was amazing.



Leaving Uluru, we drove to Kings Canyon for a night and enjoyed the walks there. Leaving Kings Canyon, we drove the Mereenie Loop Road via Hermannsburg to Alice Springs. This road was very rough and corrugated for most of it. The highlights in Alice Springs were; The Royal Flying Doctors Service, The School of The Air, Standley Chasm, the many Gorges, The Truck Museum, The Desert Park and staying put for 3 nights.

Leaving Alice Springs our group split up with two families staying on at Alice Springs for another night before heading home, and 6 families driving the Oodnadatta Track. The first night we free camped between Marla and Oodnadatta. The second day we had lunch at the

Pink Roadhouse at Oodnadatta where our Aussie and Scottish backpackers were



working. I don't think they expected to see their road crew again (and I believe have become Facebook friends with some of the group). Apparently, they sold their little car to someone in Oodnadatta for \$1000. The



second night

was spent at William Creek. Whilst new memories were made with photos being stapled to the ceiling, old memories were also found, dating back nearly 20 years ago.

On the last leg of the Oodnadatta we could see the edge of Lake Eyre, unfortunately the water from up north had not made it down to the bottom of Lake Eyre, but that didn't stop some of the younger ones walking out to the lake and tasting the salt clumps. There were many rocks on the track, one of which smashed the rear windscreen of one vehicle, but many hands made light work and with the aid of cardboard and duc tape the journey continued. Many hands also made light work of a few flat tyres along the way. When help was needed everyone chipped in. A stop at Coward Springs was a must where some braved it and jumped in the spring. Reaching Marree and bitumen put the smile on several faces. We camped at Farina Campground and the next day explored the ruins of the old town and enjoyed the pop-up Farina Bakery. Several weeks a year a group of volunteers spend time at Farina building a new bakery. This town was a highlight to experience. One family then continued to Victor Harbour for the rest of their holiday and the remaining five headed for Wilpena Pound. From there another family headed to Renmark (where it is heard they enjoyed cabin accommodation, a normal bed and bathroom facility on their way home). The remaining four families enjoyed a few nights at Mildura before completing their holiday.

We would highly recommend that if ever you get the opportunity to join a group of like-minded people and go camping up in the centre of Australia jump at it. Experience free camping, shovel toilets and campfires. Red sand and flies and great company.



Our Backyard

A SUPERB BIRD

The aptly named Superb Parrot has one of the most restricted ranges of any Australian parrot and is found usually between the Namoi-Castlereagh River system of New South Wales and the Murray-Lachlan system of Southern New South Wales and northern Victoria. Intensive clearing of its principal habitat for agricultural development has been attributed to its decline but the principal reason for its recent demise, along with the Eastern Rosella is illegal trapping for the cage bird market has reduced its numbers, and some fear that the species is endangered. Around Pleasant Hills it is hard to judge the population of the Superb Parrot as the bird can be migratory within its small territory but the numbers of Eastern Rosellas appears to have declined in recent years. (This is most likely due to the actions of wild and domestic cats that roam the village). Even hefty fines and lengthy prison sentences doesn't seem to deter the poachers. Money is the leader here as a single bird can sell for upwards of \$20,000. It makes you wonder what sort of people would indulge in such abhorrent behaviour but lack of resources make them hard to catch and it is often up to members of the public to 'blow the whistle'.

The Superb Parrot is usually seen in well bonded pairs or small flocks and is seldom found far from water. It spends most of its time on the ground foraging for seeds, sometimes along roadsides. It is partial to cultivated grain crops and split grain, and will also take nectar from flowering eucalypts. As spring approaches, expect to see large flocks around Pleasant Hills, especially in the

village. The female is a combination of greens and yellows, but it is the mature male bird with a bright red collar that no doubt attracts the underground collector.

It is gracefully streamlined both in repose and effortless flight. It is nomadic throughout its range, and many birds migrate to southern New South Wales to breed in September-December. During the breeding season, flocks seem to be composed entirely of males. It nests very high in tree holes. Its call is a prolonged warbling note terminating abruptly; also, an occasional soft twittering while feeding. (from: Australian Birds by Donald and Mary Tronson)

Some people on this planet, (not those in Pleasant Hills though) have an obsession for bright, shiny and colourful things "bling collectors". I believe that after the success of the movie 'Finding Nemo', Clown Fish nearly became extinct with every second child on the planet wanting one for a pet.

The photo displayed here is of a female Superb Parrot photographed last season beside the Government Dam in Pleasant Hills and although I have photographed the striking males in the past, it was well before the digital age. Hoping for a 'capture' (photographically speaking) this spring.



Bob Marshall

Exhibition Opening: Chris Ellis

When: Thursday 8 August, 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Where: Brindley Family Galleries and Quest Albury & Quest on Townsend Galleries, MAMA.

Price: FREE

Join us for the opening celebration of local artist Chris Ellis' latest exhibition, [*Moments on the Murray*](#).

Chris was born in Albury (1961) and spent most of his childhood growing up on a farm. He was given his first set of oil paints at age nine.

When Chris wasn't helping on the farm, he could be found in the farm workshop making model boats from scraps of wood, bow and arrows or some other weapon from steel or out in the paddock painting the landscape.

Chris studied Fine Art in Melbourne as a young man, before making a career as a farmer in the Henty district. He maintained his arts practice throughout his working life, with a farm-based studio and many holiday-inspired works.

Since retirement, Chris has embraced art full time, and is now based in Albury. He has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in the region since 2010. In 2015, Chris presented his first MAMA solo exhibition, [*Aqua Luminous*](#).

We'd love to see you at the opening of *Moments on the Murray*.

FREE, all welcome.

Bar will be serving local wine & beer, cash & EFT available.



Leaves over the Lagoon. 2018

BIKES FOR BIBLES

The Henty Branch of the Bible Society is holding their annual Bikes for Bibles on Sunday 11th August.

The Bible Society's representative, Nick Cole from Sydney, will be speaking at the Lutheran Church after the service at 10.30am

This will be followed by a BBQ lunch at "Dosyvale" (Neil & Fiona Muller's home) then the bike ride at 2pm.

This year the bible society will be supporting "Bibles for China"

For more information please contact David Muller.

Phone: 69 293187



HELP WANTED!

Information is wanted on Chris Bailey's address, as his class is having a reunion later this year, and they would like to contact him. Could you please call 0419950504 if you have any information?

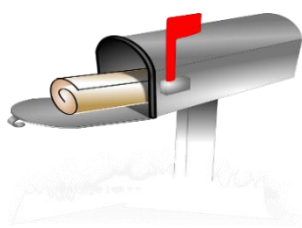
Council Waste Disposal

Pleasant Hills Council Waste Disposal site open every Tuesday 1000 – 1200.

PAPER ROSTER

HENTY

August	
3 rd August	David Male
10 th August	Rex Lieschke
17 th August	Brenda Gatehouse
24 th August	Shirley Lieschke
31 st August	Wayne Scholz
September	
7 th September	Barry Terlich
14 th September	Bob Jacobsen
21 st September	Hugh Clancy
28 th September	Oriel Ridge
October	
5 th October	Rick Clancy
12 th October	Trevor Terlich
19 th October	Anthony Male
26 th October	Corey Beckett
November	
2 nd November	Suz Forck
9 th November	David Male
16 th November	Rex Lieschke
23 rd November	Brenda Gatehouse
30 th November	Shirley Lieschke



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Friday 2nd August
Tennis Coaching

Monday 5th August
Education Week Open Day 11:40am

Monday 5th August
Mobile Library 1:15pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 8th August
Opening night Chris Ellis Exhibition

Thursday 8th August - Sunday 22nd September
Chris Ellis Exhibition Albury

Thursday 8th August
Pleasant Hills Social Tennis

Friday 9th August
CWA Scone Stall Albury Bunnings 1000am

Friday 9th August
Tennis Coaching

Sunday 11th August
Bikes for Bible Day

Wednesday 14th August
CWA International Day at Pleasant Hills School.

Friday 16th August
Tennis Coaching

Saturday 17th August
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 19th August
Mobile Library 1:15PM – 2:30PM

Thursday 22nd August
Pleasant Hills Social Tennis

Friday 23rd August
Tennis Coaching

Friday 30th August
Tennis Coaching

