

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Well, what a busy month we have had! We've held two more Stalls at Bunnings, raising funds for the Pamper Packs which we're doing for the women in the more severe drought areas as a bit of Christmas Cheer.

Bev Frohling & Lyn Jacobsen went to Pleasant Hills for a photo shoot with the New Defibrillator which we, with the help of a Grant from the Bendigo Bank, have purchased for use in Pleasant Hills. It is to be kept in the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel; this being deemed the most accessible place in town in an emergency. We then went to the School and presented Bede Turner with his First Prize Certificate and gift for winning First Prize in the Riverina Group's International Project on Papua New Guinea, Years 3 & 4 Competition, and Natasha Beckett with a Highly Commended in the Years 5 & 6 Competition.

CWA had a new Competition in Ag & Environment this year, and the competition was on Honey Bees and the part they play in food production, and Casandra Stanley won First Place in this, so Pleasant Hills School did very well, and congratulations to all. The First Prizes now go on to State level, where the overall winner is announced at State Conference next May.



Monday, 25th November was "D Day" with the Pamper Packs being packaged that day. We had carted everything down to the Church Hall

on Urana Rd in Lavington prior to Monday and set up everything in order. There was a huge amount of goods there and we do thank everyone who contributed – the response, both in money & items was really amazing, especially since it's not the best sort of a year here. We had previously checked out where the most need was, and where we were sending them to. We originally planned on doing 50 or 100, but as time went on and response mounted, we decided on the figure of 500! Anyway, such was the



response that we managed to pack 655 of the packs, and they have now all been boxed and sent on their way, with many to arrive at their destinations by 29th November! Plus, all the towns got a "mystery box" which they can take their pick out of. Our Branch would really like to thank everyone who supported us in our venture – it was amazing the response we got, and just shows how caring we all are for the people who are in more need than us.



We've really put Pleasant Hills on the map, with all the media coverage it received, and I've already received emails back from a couple of the recipients expressing their gratitude, which was just lovely. As well as the packs, the areas we helped will also receive money for Gift Vouchers for their towns, with money that was left over, so altogether a wonderful outcome, and many thanks to all.

We had our Christmas Meeting last Friday. This year went to Café Borella for our Break-Up and invited several guests. Instead of Kris Kringle, everyone was asked to donate \$10 to the Pamper Packs Fund. Three members will travel to Wagga to the Riverina Group Council Meeting on Monday 2nd December, whilst two other members will attend a Christmas Function at Hilltop Carer's Accommodation as a thank you for the cakes etc we cook during the year for their clients. Best wishes to all for the Festive Season and let's hope for a great 2020!



Pleasant Hills CWA group enjoying a Christmas Lunch where Lyn Jacobsen was presented a beautiful Hydrangea plant in appreciation for her work throughout the year.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Representatives of the Bendigo Bank Tony Williams – Regional Agribusiness Manager (Rural Bank), Trent Bullock – Agribusiness Relationship Manager (Rural Bank) and Hugh Clancy – Henty Community Financial Services Treasurer together with Pleasant Hills CWA representatives Lyn Jacobsen and Bev Frothling along with Pleasant Hills Community Hotel Committee members Suzanne Forck and Dick Smith along with other members of the Pleasant Hills community gladly accepted the presentation of a Defibrillator which will be kept at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.



Dick Smith, Hugh Clancy, Suzanne Forck, Trent Bullock, Lyn Jacobsen, Tony Williams and Bev Frothling presenting the Defibrillator to the Pleasant Hills Community.

A short training session on how to use the machine will be organised in the near future. Further details on when this will occur will be passed on.

There is a RSA Training Course on Tuesday 17th December 2019. Hosted by Lockhart Central School from 9am to 3pm. This course is available to students, aged 17 or older, and interested community members. The cost for students will be \$145.00, and \$160.00 for community members. If you are interested in this course, please contact Lockhart Central School on 69205209.

Remember, many hands make light work, and we are happy to have more people willing to work the bar at Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.

COMMUNITY HOTEL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 20th December
Includes:
Christmas Raffles
Jumping Castle (TBC)
Visit from Santa

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Hall



Henty Active Arts utilised the Pleasant Hills Hall for a workshop with Robyn Taylor teaching five people how to create Mosaic Quilts in November. Everyone had a fantastic day seeing their photos coming alive.



Pleasant Hills Pre School

The students at Pleasant Hills Preschool have been learning about healthy lunchboxes. They read a story together called 'The Magic Lunchbox'. It was a great opportunity for them to discuss healthy foods and sometimes foods.

Some of the play ideas this month have been: shops, fairy gardens, making chocolate mud cakes for birthdays, painting, making tents and picnics.

On the 19th November, the children smiled beautifully for the photographer as they had their photos taken. We look forward to seeing their portraits in a couple of weeks.

The children have been busy practicing for the end of year concert, which will be held in December. We can't wait to see and listen to the songs and dances they have chosen!

The children have continued learning about number. The teachers have been using everyday ideas to help with the learning of this concept. Mrs Klemke said that Santa will be visiting us this year at the preschool concert, how many presents will he need to bring? The children carefully counted how many are at preschool as well as brothers and sister to work out the answer.

We look forward to the final month of the year and the festivities it brings.

School News and Reviews



Thank you to Bendigo Bank Henty Branch for presenting us with a cheque for \$15,000 for the purpose of building a new fence for our recently upgraded tennis court. Thank you also to Suzanne Forck and Hugh Clancy for your work in organising this.



Representatives of the Henty Bendigo Bank and our P&C and our wonderful students receiving the cheque.



Pleasant Hills CWA representatives, Lyn Jacobsen and Bev Frothing presented awards to some of our students.

2019 Primary School International PowerPoint Competition – Senior – Highly Commended, Natasha Beckett.

2019 Primary School International PowerPoint Competition – Junior – First Prize, Bede Turner.

Riverina Group CWA Agricultural & Environmental Competition "Where does our food come from?" "Honey", Years 4-6 Winner, Cassandra Stanley.



Samantha Terlich and Annabelle Van Venrooy are very excited to begin Kindergarten in 2020.

Our veggie garden has provided us with many learning opportunities this term. We have; used our senses to describe the veggie garden, investigated who/what has been munching on our veggies and measured/recorded the growth of our veggies. Not to mention all our hard work watering, weeding and feeding our plants. We are eager to take our veggies from the garden to our plate.



Our presentation night is on Tuesday 17th December and the students are looking forward to the night. Students last day is Wednesday 18th December with staff having a Staff Development Day on Thursday 18th December. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday, ready for refreshed return to Term 1 with staff returning Tuesday 28th January and students returning Wednesday 29th January.

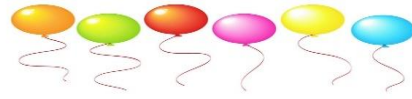
Hills History

1918 – 1920

- 1918 – The NSW Bank opened
Haberecht's had the first Blacksmith shop in Pleasant Hills as well as in Henty.
- 1919 - The Police Station opened on the 14th April as part of the Murray Police District.
- 1920 – The Railway Line came through from Henty to Rand

Hills Happenings

Birthdays:



Wishing you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
Lauralle Terlich on the 24th January 2020 – Happy 30th.



Birthday Celebrations:



Narelle Morey celebrated her 60th birthday last month with a dance at the Henty Club with over 200 family and friends present. Narelle made comment in her speech that so many people have had a huge impact on her life; friends and family, as well as neighbours. Music was by the popular Hoffmans Duo, who played at the Victory ball last year, playing a wide variety of music to suit most people present, from the kids to the older ones. A fun night was had by all.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Its Christmas time and we would love everyone who can come to bring a plate of food to share. Also bring whatever project you are currently working on and hoping to finish for Christmas, or your own Christmas project, or any UFO you prefer and \$6 for Hall Hire and a friend if you wish.

We will discuss our 2020 programme. If you would like to share a technique that you have learned, a pattern or suggestion for a project please bring it along. Pictures and show and tell speak 1000 words so bring along any supporting information i.e. photo, finished quilt, sample of the pattern/technique.

For a Christmas project to do we found Ribbon Stars by Isobel Lewthwaite in a Handmade magazine so hunt in your stash and let's make an ornament for this year's Christmas tree. See picture below.

Please bring:

Ribbon, preferably with the wire inserted on the edges. This makes the star hold its shape better. The width of the ribbon will determine how big your ornament is, suggested width is 1" or 5/8" but I used 2" and about 70 - 100 cm.

Hot Glue Gun and Glue Stick this is the preferred method but if you don't have one then bring a needle and thread in the same colour as the ribbon or transparent.

Fine Cord to make the hanger or very thin ribbon.

Embellishments for the Centre such as Holly Leaves and Red Berries, Sequins, Large Button, or you may like to leave the centre open.

Scissors

Deb will bring some extra Ribbon if you have none or unable to get to shops in time.

Don't forget Show and Tell of any projects that you have finished during the year as we love to see them all.



See you in your Santa suit, Christmas T-shirt or skirt, Christmas hat, Earrings, a holly brooch or pin on some Christmas fabric to get in the festive mood but most of all come along to finish 2019 together.

Tennis Club

Saturday tennis is going well, all involved are enjoying themselves.

Some good results so far

Section 3a (adults) are 3rd on the ladder

Section 5 (teenagers) are 3rd on the ladder

Section 6b (kids) are 2nd on the ladder

Coaching is going well with Brock and Lara coming out each Friday.

Coaching will finish up on the 20th December along with the clubs Christmas Party.

Social Tennis is always a good morning, all welcome. Note new time for summer 9:15am (2nd & 4th Thursdays - excluding holidays)

There are plenty of tournaments happening over the summer months, keep an eye out on the clubs Facebook page for info.



Micah & Cooper represented Pleasant Hills at the Bungo Tournament on the 10th Nov. It was a great day, very well run, with a lovely atmosphere. I would encourage everyone to get along next season. The boys came in equal 3rd in the men's section 4,

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

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Summer Social Tennis @ Pleasant Hills

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month
Excluding School Holidays
From 9:15am (note new time)

All Welcome!
Gold Coin Donation for Non-Members

St John's Lutheran Church

- 1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent
- 2nd December – Combined Schools' Christmas Service
- 4th December – Culcairn Men's bible Study
- 5th December- Bible Study – Henty
- 6th December – Henty Ladies Fellowship
- 8th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 8th December – Henty town carols
- 10th December – St Paul's School Presentation
- 11th December – Henty Elders
- 13th December – Henty Parish choir practice
- 15th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 18th December – Culcairn Men's bible study
- 20th December – Henty Parish choir practice
- 22nd December – 4th Sunday of Advent
- 23rd December – St John's Pleasant Hills Christmas Eve Service

ALL WELCOME

Merry Christmas!

From Bendigo/Rural Bank Henty



Fire Brigade

The roster is out for the Fire Truck maintenance.

If the date doesn't suit, please organise your own swap.



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Council Waste Disposal

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

Our Backyard

LITTLE THINGS

During ‘dry times’, like we are experiencing now there are downturns everywhere. The insect world is no exception. Reduced plant growth leads to less flowering and as a result there is less food for insects to feed on and eventually their numbers become reduced. That philosophy it seems, doesn’t register with ‘the flies!’ Numbers lately have increased to plague proportions. Whenever I am outdoors I seem to spend all my time ‘saluting the sky’ to ward them off; and don’t they just love insect repellent! One benefit (if you could call it that), is that we get to see in the remaining, are some of the smaller species which we may have overlooked in the past. The photo displayed here is a tiny ladybird, not more than 3mm long (there are even smaller examples) a size that only occupied 21 pages of paper when it landed on the book I was reading. It took a fair degree of enlarging to arrive at this visible portrayal where one could observe the intricate colours and features of this tiny creature.

The study of insects in such detail was not always the case. The science was actually originally championed by a female entomologist, but not without a great deal of intrepidation. The following quote on the matter comes from 1942.

“Entomology, the study of insects, was for long the Cinderella of the natural sciences. Botany on the other hand was not only recognised as a proper study for man, but was sanctioned in a staid and strait-laced age as a suitable pursuit for the leisure of young ladies. To take an interest in insects was not merely childish and futile, but might even be construed as

evidence of mental deficiency: indeed, it is on record that an attempt was made to set aside the will of Lady Glanville on the ground of lunacy, in proof of which it was considered only necessary to indicate her fondness for collecting insects! It was necessary for the scientist Ray to appear as a witness to give evidence of her sanity!”

(Australian Insects by Keith C. McKeown)

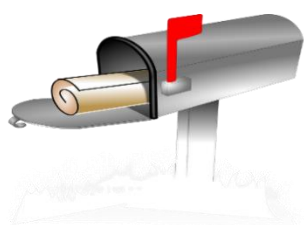
It seems sad to end the year on the news that the village’s resident rock wallaby was killed this week by a ‘hit and run’ driver. It was a friendly little creature who would often be seen in any number of resident’s back yards trying to get a little ‘green feed’ in difficult times. The trouble it appears is not coming from local residents but from vehicles passing through the village who are showing little regard for the speed limit. Don’t be afraid to report any infringers if you happen to get the licence plate of a speeding car. This behaviour has been going on for some time and will probably never be completely eradicated but the problem has become more concerning recently as we have had a number of new families move into the village and these people frequently walk around the village enjoying the outdoor life of Pleasant Hills. A merry and safe Christmas and New Year to all.



Bob Marshall

PAPER ROSTER

December	
7 th December	Wayne Scholz
14 th December	Barry Terlich
21 st December	Bob Jacobsen
28 th December	Hugh Clancy
January	
4 th January	Oriel Ridge
11 th January	Rick Clancy
18 th January	Trevor Terlich
25 th January	Anthony Male
February	
1 st February	Corey Beckett
8 th February	Suz Forck
15 th February	David Male
22 nd February	Rex Lieschke
29 th February	Brenda Gatehouse
March	
7 th March	Shirley Lieschke
14 th March	Wayne Scholz
21 st March	Barry Terlich
28 th March	Bob Jacobsen
April	
4 th April	Hugh Clancy
11 th April	Oriel Ridge
18 th April	Rick Clancy
25 th April	Trevor Terlich



Newsletter

Many thanks to all our contributors, as without your contributions we would have no newsletter to read. Please continue sending them in by the last Friday of the month to phnewsgroup@gmail.com.

Our newsletters are now free thanks to Henty Bendigo Bank, but cost \$11 per year if you need them posted to you. If so, please give your postage cost to Peter Sharp or leave it at the PO. If you now have access to emails, a digital copy can be sent to you. If you would like to join our email subscribers, please send your address to phnewsgroup@gmail.com.

Diary of Events

Monday 2nd December
CWA Group Council Meeting

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December
PHPS School Swimming

Friday 6th December
Tennis Coaching

Monday 9th December
Mobile Library

Monday 9th – Friday 13th December
PHPS School Swimming

Thursday 12th December
Social Tennis

Friday 13th December
Tennis Coaching

Tuesday 17th December
PHPS Presentation Night

Wednesday 18th December
PHPS Students last day

Thursday 19th December
PHPS Staff Development Day

Friday 20th December
Tennis Coaching

Friday 20th December
Tennis Club Christmas Party

January

Sunday 26th January
Australia Day

Monday 27th January
Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th January
PHPS Staff return Term 1

Wednesday 29th January
PHPS Students return Term 1

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and joyous Christmas, and a relaxing start to the new year. Remember, there is no January Newsletter. We will return in February 2020.

