

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Pleasant Hills CWA, although officially in recess has still had several things happening.

Since Christmas followed so closely after the distribution of the Pamper Packs, the large amount of money that was left over has been distributed since to the towns and CWA Groups where we sent the packs, and we've asked that they use it in some way as drought support in their towns, be it vouchers or whatever. Some places have had rain, and whilst not drought breaking, it has certainly been morale boosting. Marie Solyk attended a Group International Meeting in Wagga on our behalf, and we look forward to hearing about this at our next meeting.

Eunice McRae & Lyn Jacobsen travelled to Mr & Mrs Hull's home in Wagga to attend a special morning tea for ladies who had been CWA Members for over 50 years. We were both presented with special certificates. There was one lady present who'd been a CWA member for 74 years!

We will be entering in the CWA Exhibit at the Henty Show on February 8th.

Our next meeting will be in Henty at the CWA Rooms at 10.30am on Wednesday, 12th

February, and we would love to have some new faces join us as we go forward helping wherever we can.

Just for your information...

The NSW CWA Disaster Relief Fund is used only in Australia, & mainly in NSW. When donations come in, donors can put a notation to say where they would like the funds to go - drought/fires etc, and the committee takes note of that when making distribution decisions. The fund is predominantly being utilised for Drought Relief

currently with bush fire relief available via branches. There are no administration fees taken from this fund. The Disaster Relief Fund is also tax deductible.

CWA has so far handed out over 15 million dollars since July 2018 to Drought Relief and helped just on 10,000 people and will continue doing so as long as we have funds donated for this purpose.

Regarding Bushfires, I know Riverina Group has given several monetary donations to Bushfire victims this January in our area. We will also be discussing this at our next meeting to see what we can do.



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Would like to wish a Happy New Year and let's hope it gets better than the start of 2020 with the fires, dust storms and whatever else Mother Nature would like to throw at us.

Have you have been into the Post Office lately, noticed anything different? Yes, the pink has gone. It's still a work in progress but the shop is

getting a good paint. Big Thankyous must go to Valo for donating his time in painting and to Bunnings Wodonga for donating a large amount of the paint for the job.

We are on the lookout for an Air Hockey machine or something alike to put in the pub for kids and kids at heart to play. If you know of anything, please contact Suzanne Forck.

Pub Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the best for Peter Hahn in his continued recovery.

Information night at Pleasant Hills Hotel.

Friday 6th March 2020
6pm- 7.30pm

Elise Wenden consultant for Lockhart Shire will be in attendance to talk to people about the new Fogo rubbish bin system, that will be introduced from the 1st April 2020. She wants to gauge community awareness of the new 3 bin system.



Hills Happenings

Baby Boom – Congratulations:



Alison and Peter Campbell, congratulations on becoming first time grandparents with the safe arrival of Lee and Justine Campbell's daughter Florence Louella Campbell on the 18th December 2019.

Congratulations to Kylie and Darren Lieschke on the birth of another beautiful

daughter Maeve Maree on the 15th December 2019. Another granddaughter for Shirley and Reg Lieschke, and Great Granddaughter for Jean Salzke.

Congratulations to Kate and Jared Morey on the birth of a beautiful son Bodhi George Morey on the 14th December 2019.

Birthday / Anniversary / Celebrations:

Graeme Clarke for the 26th February – Happy 80th



Engagement:



Congratulations to Grant Morey and Sherree Richardson on their recent engagement.

Condolences:

Condolences to Narelle Morey (and the Morey / Fisher families) on the passing of Narelle's uncle Robert (Rusty) Fisher who passed away 25th December 2019.

Condolences also to Lyn Forck and the Fork family on the passing of Lyn's brother George Edwards in November 2019 – apologies for not printing this in the December newsletter.



Get well / Speedy recovery wishes:

Wishing Peter Hahn and Roma Morey a speedy recovery.

Holiday activities:

HOUSEBOAT HOLIDAY IN MILDURA

R J & T CLANCY, S R & B TERLICH, S & T ROBERTSON

Our family left home on a very hot day spending our first night in Mildura and the next 7 nights on a spacious and modern houseboat. We also travelled and spent our holiday with Chris Collins, Rodney and Sue Trethowan, Julie McRae and families. The weather was a lot cooler than home and we were fortunate not to have had any dust storms while we were on the boat.

The Murray River is beautiful at Mildura with plenty of water, lots of green grass and the city was filled with many vineyards and fruit trees. We even visited the local winery, Trentham Estate by boat which was very busy with tourists and is located on the river at Trentham Cliffs close to Mildura.

We did lots of fishing, (mainly catching carp), water skiing, relaxing in the spa, reading books, watching movies, celebrating a few birthdays (Steph, Rodney and Sam) and also kept 3-year-old Billy entertained. We found Mildura a lovely place to visit especially between the main CBD and the Murray River frontage that has been landscaped with many native plants. We also went out a couple of nights to the local restaurants and the food was fantastic. We all had a great week away and would recommend Mildura as a good holiday destination!!



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Australia Day Celebrations:



Lockhart Shire

The Rock recreation committee welcomed all at the Sports ground and swimming pool complex. Ready for all was a cooked breakfast and refreshments. With an area set up for the ceremony next to the pool and in the shade. About 100 people were in attendance for the Australia Day Ceremony. The General Manager of the Lockhart Shire, Mr Peter Veneris, was the Master of Ceremonies. There was a welcome to country from Wiradjuri Man, Mr Mark Saddler. Media personality, Mr Mark Warren was the Guest speaker this year. Corey Beckett was awarded an Australia Day Honour by Lockhart Mayor, Mr Roger Schirmer. Others to be awarded Australia Day Honours in the Lockhart Shire were Diane Alexander and Leo Driscoll. Citizen of the Year was awarded to Mr Ian Weily. We would like to congratulate all on receiving their awards and thank you for all your community service. In attendance from Pleasant Hills was Corey and Fiona Beckett, Bob and Margie Jacobson, Andrew Newton, Oriel Ridge and Peter Sharp.



Last year's Citizen of the Year Margie Jacobson congratulating Corey Beckett on his Australia Day Award.



Corey Beckett



Corey Beckett, Australia Day Ambassador, Mark Warren and Citizen of the Year, Ian Weily.



Fiona and Corey Beckett

Pleasant Hills Pre School

Pre School has started for the year with some very excited children enjoying their Tuesday and Wednesday activities. Please contact Megan regarding enrolments for 2020.

The Preschool AGM is on the 12th February at 3:15pm.



Tennis Club

Saturday tennis is going well, all involved are enjoying themselves. Some good results so far - all 3 sections are currently 2nd on the ladder.

Coaching begins again with Brock and Lara on Friday the 7th of February.

Border Tennis (& PHTC) are Active Kids Providers so keep that in mind when deciding where to use your 2020 vouchers.

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 junior tournaments happening over the summer months locally:

Wagga JDS 9th February

Wodonga Sportspower 16th February

Albury JDS 23rd February

Thurgoona Sportspower 1st March

Albury Sportspower 15th March

Henty JDS 22nd March

Thurgoona JDS 24th May

As well as the Burrumbuttock tournaments (see below) - One for the adults & one for the kids.

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

PLEASANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL



We welcome everyone back to school and hope that you all had a lovely holiday break. We sadly said goodbye to Mr Steven Schulz last year as he accepted a new job as

Principal of Ladysmith Public School. Miss Josie Morrow will be Acting Principal until the position is advertised and a new principal is selected. Mrs Claire Baaten from The Rock will be teaching Years 3-6 this term. We have 17 children enrolled this



year and welcome two new Kindergarten students, Annabelle and Samantha, and look forward to watching them, along with all our students, continue to grow and learn throughout 2020.

We look forward to the Greater Kendal

Swimming Carnival on Thursday 6th February at the Lockhart Swimming Pool. The P&C AGM is on Wednesday 19th February at 3:30pm.

AFL FOOTY TIPPING 2020

If you are interested in participating in an AFL Footy Tipping competition this year, please contact Suzanne Forck. If there are enough numbers, the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel will organise one.

Introducing Mr & Mrs Robertson

Steph and Tom Robertson 31/12/19

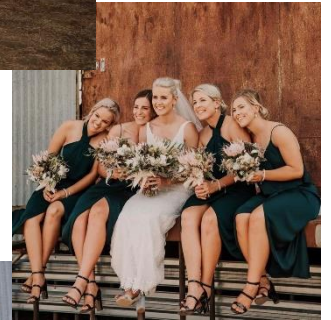


Bringing in the New Year as a married couple will be hard to beat for many years to come but it was special day/night that we will treasure forever. Getting married on a family farm involves a lot of work but we wouldn't have had it any other way. Matt and Phil put in so much work to make the property completely pristine for our big day and we honestly can't thank them enough.

Steph had Rachael Terlich, Ella Steinfort, Kate Buckmaster and Sophie Trethowan in her bridal party whilst Tom had Tom Webb, Pat Delaney, Braydn Robertson, and Sam Robertson as his groomsmen. The day was a beautiful summer day with a little bit of wind to keep everyone cool. Rick shed a little tear as he walked his youngest daughter down the aisle. Father Terence did a great job with the ceremony which was held in the backyard whilst our closest family and friends gathered for the special occasion. We had plenty of photos after the ceremony while everyone got to enjoy a drink and canapés on the lovely green grass and in the garden. After being introduced back to the reception as Mr & Mrs Robertson speeches were underway with plenty of tears flowing and love bursting from everyone in the room. Marmel Petersen (Julianne's Mother) decided to be a late entry in regard to the speeches but was successful in making everyone laugh at our expense. Our first dance was a successful after weeks of dancing lessons (we were very nervous about this). The night carried on for some until 1:30am after bringing in the New Year whilst others stayed on until 3:30am getting kicked off the dance floor by the sensible ones that were still awake at that time of night. Unfortunately, we had some guests that had to pull out on the

day due to fires and protecting property, but we understand their situation and are just grateful that they and their properties are all safe.

Big thanks goes out to Rick and Jules Clancy for helping set a lot of stuff up, Tess and Brenda Clancy, Matt Clancy and Philip McCartney for providing us with the beautiful venue, all the Robertson family for helping set up, Rach, Sam and Billy Terlich for organising the Glamping tent as our honeymoon suite and many more who helped out on the day.



Our Backyard

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

The Yellow-tailed Black cockatoo has many admirers, not because of its beauty but because of its character and an indefinable aura that seems to accompany it. In human terms it can be described as a rangy or lanky looking bird, this impression being created partly by the long tail and partly by the bird's fairly awkward shape. This is a bird that prefers the middle to upper sections of trees although it occasionally comes to ground. Although this cockatoo may still be seen regularly, it is believed to be less abundant than in the past, mainly because many tall, wet forests have been cleared, often for dairy farming. Of course, this bird is rarely seen in the Pleasant Hills District, much more abundant to the Eastern or Southern Mountainous and coastal Areas, but there is evidence that it once may have inhabited this area. Firstly, due to the demise of Casuarina Trees (a favourite food for most cockatoos). The casuarina tree was virtually driven to extinction during colonial times in this area due to the fact that it was the preferred timber for baking bread. Secondly that the bird presently doesn't reside in Wiradjuri country, but they do have a word for it; "**bilirr**", which is the sound it predominately makes (falsetto pronounced), especially when in flight. This is not an uncommon event. Many years ago, a group of Pitjanjatjara elders from Central Australia came to visit the University of Western Sydney and upon seeing a Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo immediately produced a word for the bird although none of them had even seen one before.

Speaking about the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (I may have mentioned this

before), it is strangely depicted in a painting by Mantegna and hangs in The Louvre, Paris. Considering the bird is only found in Australia and New Guinea, this is an enigma as it was painted in 1496.

Back to the Yellow-tailed though; its call is such a common and vibrant call above tall wet forests that it is imitated to perfection by Superb Lyrebirds in the gullies below.

Yellow-tailed Cockatoos have a varied diet in the wild. Seeds, especially those of Eucalypts, Banksias and Hakeas, can easily be handled by their powerful bills. Another regular item in the diet consists of the wood-boring larvae of moths and beetles. These are obtained by literally Ripping open the branches of trees. One saving grace for these birds is that they have developed a taste for introduced pine trees as a source of food and have developed ingenious ways of releasing the nuts, including dropping the cones from a considerable height to smash them open on the ground'

Keep your ears open when you are in the east or the south as you will probably hear their large travelling flocks before you see them. (From: Australian Parrots and Finches by Malcomb McNaughton and Parrot Culture by Bruce Thomas Boehrer).

Bob Marshall.



Hills History

PLEASANT HILLS RAILWAY STATION AND TRAINLINE

(Part 1)

Across the road from the Pleasant Hills
Community Hotel stands a Pleasant Hills sign.



This is all that remains of the Pleasant Hills
Railway Station.

In the early 1900's there were strong moves for a line from Henty to Daysdale for the transportation of wheat. The construction of the Billabong Railway was urged by people in the south of Lockhart Shire. The first public meeting was held in 1908 and meetings were frequent after that. The progress association supported the scheme and meetings pointed out that Henty was the commercial centre for all settlements along the proposed route, Munyabla, Pleasant Hills and Urangeline in the shire through which the greater length of the line would run.

The Wallandool Station was broken up in 1910. Mr Frederick (Fred) Harberecht, the local Pleasant Hills blacksmith, took up several blocks in town in about 1908. Fred was secretary of the Henty-Daysdale Railway League which submitted resolutions for a survey for a railway line from Yerong Creek or other suitable point on the Main Southern Line via Pleasant Hills to Daysdale. Rand was the ultimate destination of the line.

A proposal was put before the Public works department in 1911, representations continued, and meetings held. Farmers of the district put up £20,000 as an enticement for the railways to construct the line. In 1913, building of the line was authorized by the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly. Many settlers took up land to be served by the Henty to Billabong railway line. The railway first promised from Culcairn was ultimately taken from Henty but curved to take in Ryan by "Hurleys's Bend" so that the wheat could be railed from the Ryan siding. It is said the reason the line snaked through the landscape is because the more affluent landholders, who

could afford a siding, invested funds to have the line close enough to reduce the costs of transportation of their produce.

Fred Harberecht sold one of his town blocks to Mr Horace Fisher in 1918, to build the Pleasant Hills Commercial Hotel. With the railway under construction, we can presume, Horace foresaw the need for a hotel in the town. The Station site can be seen from the verandah of the hotel. It seems reasonable to assume this may be more than a happy coincidence.

In March 1918, the first sod was turned by Mr R. Ball M.H.R.

Compiled by Fiona Beckett from: Under the Fig Tree, From Early Beginnings, The Pepper Trees on Ryan St, Land Galore and Pleasant Hills Community Hotel Centenary booklet.

St John's Lutheran Church

- 5th February – Culcairn Men's Bible Study
- 7th February – Henty Ladies Guild
- 11th February – Henty Elders 8pm
- 14th February – District Church Council Meeting
- 19th February – Culcairn Men's Bible Study
- 20th February – Culcairn Ladies Fellowship
- 27th February – Week 1 Bible Study

Fire Brigade

Pleasant Hills Bushfire Brigade Maintenance Sunday's at 4pm. Please remember to arrange your own swap if required.

Any concerns please call Fire Captain – Grant Morey



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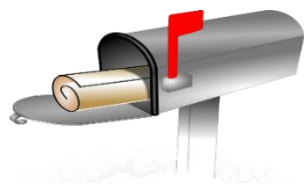


PAPER ROSTER

Please collect papers from the Henty Post Office / Newsagent. It opens at 7am Saturday mornings. Can the papers be at Pleasant Hills by 0930 -1000.

HENTY

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



Burrumbuttock Tennis Club inc

OUTDOOR WORKS Junior Classic

Sunday March 08

9am Start - \$10/player - Boys & Girls Doubles, winners & runners up prizes
BBQ lunch - Complimentary Morning & Afternoon Tea
Entries: Ash Lindner 0458 293 328

AGES - Under 10's, 12's & 14's

Sponsors: Burrumbuttock Tennis Club, Hume Country Tennis Assoc. Tennis NSW, Sportspower, Maurice Tynan, Sportsmans Warehouse, Elders, Mark Mancer Coaching

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MIXED TOURNAMENT

Sunday March 22

9am Start - \$12/player - Sections: Open & 1 - 5
BBQ lunch - Complimentary Morning & Afternoon Tea
Entries: by Text o to Maurie 0419 416 151 or email mptynan1@hotmail.com

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Diary of Events

Monday 3rd February

Mobile Library

Thursday 6th February

GK Swimming Carnival at Lockhart

Friday 7th February

Tennis Coaching

Saturday 8th February

Henty Show

Wednesday 12th February

CWA meeting at Henty 10:30am

Wednesday 12th February

Pre-School AGM 3:15pm

Thursday 13th February

Social Tennis 9:15am

Friday 14th February

Tennis Coaching

Saturday 15th February

Peasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 17th February

Mobile Library

Wednesday 19th February

Public School P&C AGM Meeting

3:30pm

Friday 21st February

Tennis Coaching

Thursday 27th February

Social Tennis 9:15am

Newsletter

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