

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



March 2020

phnewsgroup@gmail.com



PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We started off the year on a rather sad note, farewelling Mrs Roma Morey, who had been a much loved and valued member for

nearly forty years. Roma had held many positions in the Branch over the years, including President, Secretary, Vice President and Handicraft Officer. She also restored the large kitchen table at the Hall. Members formed a guard of honour at the conclusion of her Funeral Service.

Our morning meeting venue was changed to Albury, given that Roma's funeral was in Albury later the same day. A minute's silence was held at the meeting.

The money that wasn't used buying goods for the Pamper Packs has been distributed to the areas where the packs were given, to be used in some way as drought support, and we have had some very grateful replies.

Bev Frohling & Lyn Jacobsen will be our Branch delegates to State Conference, which is being held in Newcastle in early May. The Riverina Group Bus leaves from Wagga early Sunday morning, 3rd May.

Our Branch was given first place for our entry in the Henty Show CWA exhibit, and we thank our new member, Nett for her contributions.

The Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day is to be held at Uranquinty on Saturday, 21st March, where we will have entries in both. The Land Cookery Officer, Margaret, handed out lists to all the cooks who had won prizes during the year at Branch level, and are now eligible to enter the Group contest. We were excited to learn that the Cooking Judge is happy to judge in an open forum and give out pointers as she goes along.

Would anyone who has any handicraft items finished please contact Nett by the end of this month.

Cultural Day is to be held on 20th April at The Rock, and members were given the sections for senior

photography – Section A: Dust, and Section B: Friends; and Junior Section: Travelling along; so hopefully we will find some appropriate photos to enter. We are yet unsure as to whether we are entering a skit or not.

Money was sent in early January to a Branch catering for Bush Fire workers, and we will be sending a large donation to the CWA State Disaster Fund and held a Scone & Muffin Stall last Friday at Bunnings, raising money towards this.

We will also be having another Bunnings Stall on Friday 6th March, before our next Meeting.

A Publicity Book is being prepared for the State Daily Advertiser Award, and we have also entered the Past State President's Award for the most significant contribution to the local community.

We have a Riverina Group Council Meeting on 9th March in Wagga, and it is hoped that a carload of members will attend.

Our Branch yearly Calendar of activities has been drawn up and given to out everyone.

Our next meeting will be held in Henty on Wednesday, 11th March at 10.30am.

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 16 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.

Re Bushfires, I know Riverina Group has given several monetary donations to Bushfire victims this January in our area.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Last Chance to enter **Footy Tipping** Competition. Names in by **10th March** to Suzanne 0428293047.

There will be a measured amount of chips for your \$5 now to make sure the serves are more uniform.

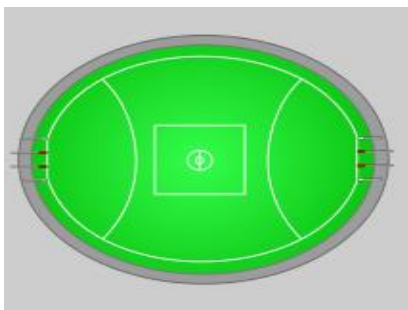
A representative from the Lockhart Shire Council will be at the pub on the evening of Friday 6th March to answer any questions or queries that you have with the upcoming introduction of a green waste bin. Make sure you come along if you want your opinions heard.

The pub is always looking for additional hands to help in the kitchen and the bar so if you could help out once very month or two it would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember that the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel is run by volunteers who donate their valuable time to keep it running. Please be appreciative that everyone is doing their best to keep this pub open, for you to enjoy a drink and a meal and company.

AFL FOOTY TIPPING 2020

If you are interested in participating in an AFL Footy Tipping competition this year, please contact Suzanne Forck.



Printing costs are met by Henty and District
Community Bank® Branch **Bendigo Bank**



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 1 st April 2020. She wants to gauge community awareness of the new 3 bin system.



FOOTY TIPPING

The pub will have a footy tipping competition this season and there is still a chance if you still would like to enter. Contact Suzanne if you would like to do so.

Some details of the competition. Entry is \$25/person. This can be paid at the pub by Round 5 or you can direct deposit into the pub account.

There is a number of ways that you can get your tips in each week. The tipping cards will be at the pub, can email your tips to Suzanne locksley76@yahoo.com.au, or text them to Suzanne 0428293047.

They have to be in by the start of the first game of the round. And if you don't you will get the lowest score less 1. Eg If the lowest score for the round is 5, then you get 4. So I encourage you to get your tips in.

First Round starts **Thursday** 19th March.



School News and Reviews



Elise, from Projectura, recently visited us at school to help us learn about the new “Food Organics, Garden Organics” FOGO, bins

being introduced by the Lockhart Shire from 1st April 2020.



Vegetable week is on 2nd – 6th March.

We are participating in the “Big Veggie Crunch” on Thursday 5th March. Our school will be joining hundreds of schools across NSW to break the record for most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.



Congratulations to Harriet Clancy on competing at the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival in Lavington.

P&C news

The Pleasant Hills Public School held a BBQ on Wednesday 19th February to welcome our new families, Andrew, Frances, Samantha (kinder) and James Terlick and Sofie Van Venrooy, Annabelle (kinder) and Harvey. It has been wonderful to see them join their friends at school.

On the same night the P&C held the AGM, our committee for 2020 is: -

President - Amanda Male

Vice presidents - Nicole Beckett, Nidine Kiggins

Treasurer - Frances Terlich

Secretary - Emily Turner

Catering - Von Heald

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the above people for taking a position and many

thanks to Suzanne Forck for her time in position as treasurer.

Upcoming fundraising event for PHPS P&C is on Sunday 8th March, we will be doing a Bunnings BBQ in Wagga Wagga, so if you are in Wagga on this day, please drop by and buy a snag.....or two.

Amanda Male.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

The children have settled in nicely to the start of 2020.

So far this year we have three enrolments and are looking forward to more children joining us as the year continues.

The children have been practising their fundamental movement skills using song and rhyme. They have enjoyed singing ‘frog songs’ while practicing these skills.

The theme ‘fireman’ has taken off as the children have been using reels and bits of hose to construct their very own fire trucks with the bikes. The teachers have also made them a firefighting backpack to go along with their play. This then led into the teachers asking the question ‘what would happen if there was a real fire?’. The children then learnt about fire safety and procedures of what to do and where to go if there was a real fire at the preschool.

Students have been learning to count forwards and backwards to ten using song and also games like hide a seek.

Sandpit and muddy water play have been enjoyed by all as the weather has been lovely for staying cool under the sprinkler.

We are looking forward to seeing what learning March will bring.



Hills Happenings

Birthday / Anniversary / Celebrations:

Engagements:

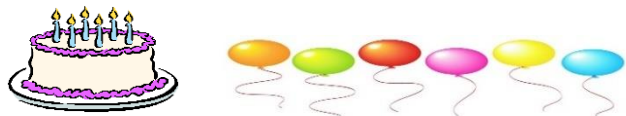


Congratulations to Tim Hahn and Amanda Thomson on their recent engagement.

Congratulations to Marilyn Terlich and Steve Zonneveldt on their recent engagement. The question was popped during a romantic train ride on Australia Day.

Birthdays:

Tim McRae happy belated 18th for the 10th February (Sorry it missed last month's newsletter)



Get well / Speedy recovery wishes:

Wishing Julianne Clancy a speedy recovery

Farewell Yellow Brick Road:

Kirralee, Marilyn and Lauralee Terlich attended Elton John's farewell concert – Yellow Brick Road at Hanging Rock. The concert and the scenery were fantastic.



Afterwards Kirralee and Lauralee went to Living Legends – the home of Retired Racehorses near Hanging Rock. Where you can pat the horses and feed them treats such as carrots. Marilyn went on a wonderful train ride instead.



Lauralee feeding Might and Power.

Might and Power won the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup double in 1997. He was named World Champion Stayer in 1997.



Kirralee feeding Fawkner.

Fawkner won the Caulfield Cup in 2013.

Condolences:

Condolences to Graeme and Carole Morey and family on the passing of their mother Roma Morey, who passed away 5th February 2020. Roma was well respected in the Pleasant Hills community, being involved in the CWA, the primary school, the furniture restoration course at the Urangeline Peace Hall, whereby she restored the large table in the meeting room at the Pleasant Hills Hall. Roma was also involved in the Pleasant Hills Patchwork group, as well as cooking at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel, before retiring and moving to Lavington, where she still kept ties to Pleasant Hills with the CWA, as most locals will remember her delicious sausage rolls at the ANZAC ceremonies.

Condolences also to the Russell family on the passing of Peter Russell. Peter who was a prior resident of Pleasant Hills.

Condolences to Peter and Janette Hahn on the passing of Peter's niece (Lyn Goesch's daughter), Melissa.

Condolences to Sherree Richardson and Grant Morey and family on the passing of Sherree's Grandmother Mrs Dorothy Jones.



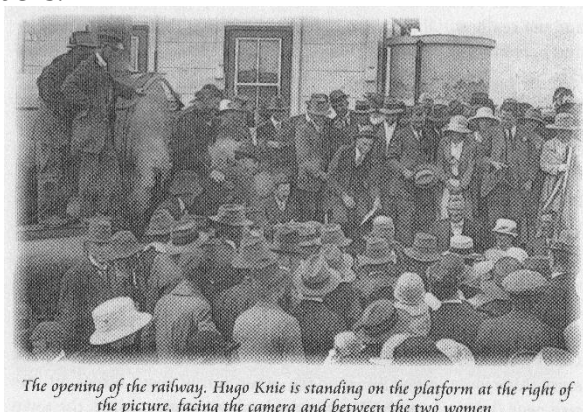
Hills History

PLEASANT HILLS RAILWAY STATION AND TRAINLINE

(Part 2)

The government was looking to provide work for returned soldiers and to open up land for returned soldiers' settlement blocks which was also a driving force behind the construction. The railway construction commenced in March 1918, and construction was carried out by day labour of the Department of railways. The construction gangs consisting of several hundred and had their own 'village' of tents on Dead Horse Hill, which is near where the Rifle Range is situated, just outside of Henty. Two years later, the line reached Rand.

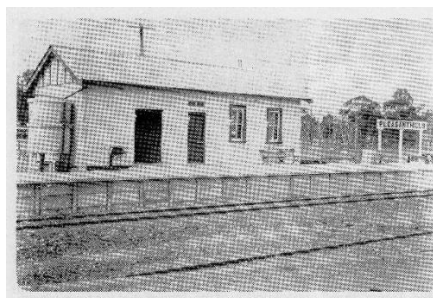
The line was opened on 17th May 1920. But Official opening wasn't held until the 16th October of that same year. There was much jubilation on that day, with speeches and a smashing of a champagne bottle across the tracks.



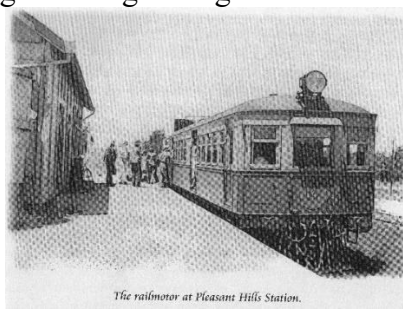
The opening of the railway. Hugo Knie is standing on the platform at the right of the picture, facing the camera and between the two women.

The Minister of Railways, Hon. J. Estell opened the railway and Mrs. Milthorpe, wife of the president of the Henty-Billabong Railway League, cut the ribbon.

A Public Banquet was held at the Literary Institute. The catering was done by Malcoms of Albury, renowned for their catering and Cake shop in Albury. It seemed the whole town, and local district, had turned out for the opening. In 1923 the Urangeline Station was purchased by the government and split into soldier's settlement blocks. The shire boundaries had to be realigned so as these blocks weren't separated by shire boundaries.



In the beginning the line was made from lightweight rails and not really suitable for the haulage of heavy wheat and oats. A railmotor was supplied for passengers and mail. The station building was very comfortable with a comfortable waiting room for passengers. The town looked forward to the prosperity the railway would bring but this was not the case. The railmotor suffered many breakdowns and was finally replaced with a steam engine hauling a passenger carriage and guard's van.



The railmotor at Pleasant Hills Station.

Due to the layout of the village of Pleasant Hills, the station was not built in the middle of the town. It was built on the north eastern side near the hotel. Which was a good distance from the blacksmith, watchmaker, school, church, and two stores.

The train was vital link, for the community. Providing a passenger service three days per week in the beginning then back to two days per week. The shops in Pleasant Hills received all their goods by rail as did the whole community. Eggs and cream were sent away each train day to the egg board in Wagga and the butter to Albury and Wagga.

Bagged wheat was done away with when the silos were built in 1932. They were a capacity of 30,000 bushells. The bulk shed, at Pleasant Hills, was built in 1968 and contains a capacity of 300,000 bushells. Bulk wheat was still carried until the line was closed in 1987.

The last passenger train ran on 21st January 1956.

Compiled by Fiona Beckett from: Under the Fig Tree, From Early Beginnings, The Pepper Trees on Ryan St, Land Galore, History of the Lockhart Shire (F A Prichard) and Pleasant Hills Community Hotel Centenary booklet.

Our Backyard

THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO

Recently, I began to tackle the problem concerning a couple of 'dioecious' plants in my garden. What is a dioecious plant you might ask? Well, a dioecious plant is one that requires separate male and female plants to reproduce fertile seeds. I was surprised to find how many varieties that there are, many being important sources for our food production.

The main two that I have are a 'carob' tree (a substitute for chocolate), and an 'elderberry' tree (used for making homemade wine, jams and jellies and an important ingredient in Sambuca). The missing plants have been difficult to procure so I may have to grow them from seed and hope I can breed the required plants.

The range of other plants that are 'dioecious' is staggering. Common non-food varieties include peppercorns, holly, cycads, many pines, palms and poplars and the struggling Australian native: 'Casuarina'. We have discussed casuarinas before, and I think one can see the difficulty it will be in repopulating the environment without planting groves of trees to create fertile seeds that might be spread by birds and wind.

Food varieties are numerous. Some we don't notice because they are grown as broad acre crops and so there is rarely a problem. Others include asparagus, dates, mulberry, ginkgo persimmons, current bushes, juniper bushes, sago and surprisingly spinach. Again, many of these go unnoticed as they are usually grown in clumps. Rarely in our vegi patches do we grow single plants of asparagus or spinach. Sometimes if we

don't want fruit, as with a messy mulberry, we may elect only to grow a male plant.

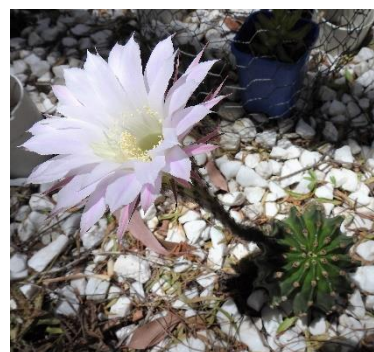
One interesting historical anecdote concerns the date palm. It takes about three years to distinguish between male and female plants and communities in the Middle East have for centuries prided and protected their date groves as the date was often the staple food. Often only a few males were planted as one male can service up to fifty trees. In war raids on each other they'd often slash down each other's male date palms. This was as good as cutting down all the female ones, and a lot less work. This behaviour could force communities into famine and thus achieve a slow victory.

'Dioecious' comes from two Greek words, 'di' meaning 'two', and 'oikos' meaning 'house'. It is pronounced 'dahy-EE-shuhs'.

There are many other fruit trees, although not 'dioecious' by definition that produce more efficiently if grown in at least pairs. These include olives and cherries. (From: Wikipedia)

For a photo this month (dioecious plants are pretty common, and I think most of us know the examples discussed.) I have included a flowering cactus from the garden. Its name has eluded me (I am not very knowledgeable about cacti). It could easily be a hybrid. Anyway, having never flowered before, it has flowered twice so far this summer; maybe a sign of a promising future for Pleasant Hills.

Bob Marshall.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Our next patchwork gathering is on Saturday March 15th.

Our next project is the Golden Outback quilt by Yvonne Skodt. – see below.

Yvonne made this in flannel fabric and although it may look challenging, it is a quick and easy project with clever piecing as the diamonds are constructed from strip-pieced triangles.

However, you can make this in cotton instead of flannel and coordinating colours including bright colours.

Don't forget the Henty Exhibition is coming up in April, so get your UFO's finished for it.

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

All visitors are made welcome, and a cuppa is ready all day.

The days starts around 09:30am and finishes around 3:30pm.

Apologies to our fellow Patchworkers for not including this section in last month's newsletter.



Golden Outback Quilt by Yvonne Skodt.

Council Waste Disposal

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

FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME

First home buyer 5% minimum deposit.*

Ask us about it.

Bendigo Bank
The better big bank.

*Terms, conditions, fees, charges, lending and eligibility criteria apply. All information is correct as at 22 January 2020 and is subject to change. Full details available on application. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 069 049 179 Australian Credit License 237879, (1407201, 1411841) (01/20)

St Patrick's Day March 17th.

St Patrick's Day, also known as The Feast of St Patrick, is a global celebration of Irish Culture. It remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland in the fifth century.

Patrick's Day tradition was popularised by Irish immigrants in the United States, who believed that wearing green made them invisible to leprechauns – the classic fairy creature who pinched anyone they could see.

Tennis Club



Saturday tennis in the Hume League has been going really well, all involved are enjoying themselves, we have been able to field 3 teams each and every week.

Our teams have been going really well all season - consistently near the top of the ladder Section 3a (the adults) are currently 3rd on the ladder. Section 5 (older kids) are currently 2nd and Section 6b (younger kids) are currently 2nd as well.

And our delicious afternoon teas continue to be a source of conversation amongst the opposition.

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

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;

Albury Sportspower 15th March
Henty JDS 22nd March
Thurgoona JDS 24th May

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

Saturday 7th March is the last Home and Away game. Finals are on the 14th, 21st and 28th March. Good luck to everyone.

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

Renae Lieschke
Secretary
0428 296 147
pleasanthillstennisclub@gmail.com
David Stein
President
0429 466 334



Burrumbuttock Tennis Club inc
MIXED TOURNAMENT
Major Sponsor: **KOTZUR SILO'S**
zoetis
OPEN Sponsor
winning pair \$100
runners up \$50
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
Sponsors: Commercial Club, Sportspower, Maurice Tynan, Zoetis, Paull & Scollard Landmark, Atura Hotels, Ben White Security Fencing, Elders Insurance, Ben Golin, Walla Newsagency, Conways Printing, Howlong Golf Club

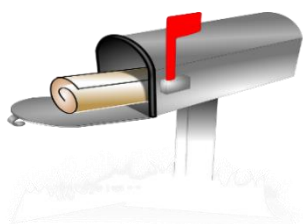
Burrumbuttock Tennis Club inc
OUTDOOR WORKS Junior Classic
AGES - Under 10's, 12's & 14's
Sunday March 08
9am Start - \$10/player - Boys & Girls Doubles, winners & runners up prizes
BBQ lunch - Complimentary Morning & Afternoon Tea
Entries: Ash Lindner 0458 293 328
Sponsors: Burrumbuttock Tennis Club, Hume Country Tennis Assoc. Tennis NSW, Sportspower, Maurice Tynan, Sportsmans Warehouse, Elders, Mark Mancer Coaching

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

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
May	
2 nd May	Anthony Male
9 th May	Corey Beckett
16 th May	Suz Forck
23 rd May	David Male
30 th May	Rex Lieschke



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 March

Mobile Library

Thursday 5th March

PHPS – SRPSSA Footy Trials

Friday 6th March

CWA Bunnings Wagga Wagga

Friday 6th March

PHPS Tennis Coaching

Friday 6th March

Tennis coaching

Friday 6th March

Fogo Rubbish Bin discussion 6 – 7:30pm

Sunday 8th March

PHPS Bunnings BBQ – Wagga Wagga

Monday 9th March

CWA Riverina Group Council meeting in Wagga Wagga

Wednesday 11th March

CWA Meeting 1030am at Henty

Thursday 12th March

Social Tennis at 9:15am

Friday 13th March

Tennis Coaching

Monday 16th March

Mobile library

Monday 16th March

PHPS Harmony Day – Yerong Creek

Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Thursday 19th March

PHPS – Kelly Cup at Culcairn

Thursday 19th March

Are your Footy Tips in?

Friday 20th March

Tennis Coaching

Saturday 21st March

CWA Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day - Uranquinty

Thursday 26th March

Social tennis at 9:15am

Thursday 26th March

PHPS – SRPSSA Netball trials at Henty

Friday 27th March

Tennis Coaching

Monday 30th March

Mobile Library

