

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our meeting was held in the Henty CWA Rooms, with a good attendance of members, and we welcomed two visitors, Coralyn

Warren & Kaye Dean.

The Group Council Meeting was held recently, and a report was given to the meeting.

The Group has financially helped several people in our region who were affected by the recent Bushfires.

Riverina Group's Project for this year is Sunflower House in Wagga Wagga, a place where people with mental health issues are able to go from Monday to Friday, and we had a guest speaker from this organisation who gave a most informative address on this very worthy project.

Marie Solyk, our International Officer gave us an update on what is needed by CWA of NSW for International work eg, used stamps, sewing aids, 3 metre lengths of cotton fabric, items for mother and baby packs etc, but with the cost of shipping etc, the most needed thing is money.

We had several things discussed – our Handicraft Entry, the Land Cookery items, a skit for Cultural Day to name a few, but due to the restrictions now in place because of Covid-19, the Handicraft & Land Cookery Day, which was to be held on 21st March, was cancelled, as has State Conference and the Sydney Show, which are all great social "meeting places". The Sydney Show is also one of our major fund-raising activities and will be sorely missed. The Cultural Day, which was to be held on 20th April, has been put on hold.

What a difference a week makes, or in this case, things changed by the day!

The Ag & Environment Bus trip this year will be a trip to Whitton Cotton Gin, and surrounds.

We were contacted from NSW Seniors offering a Tech Savvy Seniors program in June/July.

We have had two Scone & Muffin Stalls recently, and some cake sales, raising money for the Disaster fund and our general funds.

We were thrilled to learn that Henty IGA have given their \$469.83 proceeds from their yearly Community Chest Program to us for the Riverina Group Bushfire Appeal. We are very grateful for this money & have assured Dales IGA that it will be put to good use.

Several more Thank You's have been received from Branches & Groups that have received money from our Pamper Pack funds.

It was decided that with the \$50 Gift Voucher which we got from the Henty Show that we would purchase the DVD "Memories of the Australian Drovers", and we can all then watch it at some stage.

The raffle was won by Bev McLellan.

Next meeting was to be on 15th April at the Commercial Club in Albury, but all CWA meetings are now in recess until further notice.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The pub will be indefinitely closed effective immediately due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently the Post Office is still trading as normal and you can still buy Takeaway Alcohol from there after 10am Monday to Friday. The store / post office is stocking more staples to meet peoples' requirements for convenience & reduce exposure. If would like to buy boxes of chips and/or soft drinks please contact Suzanne. Please everyone stay safe throughout this time in our lives, support local businesses, instead of going to Wagga or Albury to reduce your risk of catching this virus. Use your phone to talk to people as we may need that distraction and when this is all over, we can have a great night at the pub to celebrate and catch up again.

School News and Reviews



Dear Families,

We would like to thank you once again for your patience and understanding over the past week, as we have all been navigating and making the transition to home learning. At school, we have been working hard to plan and develop consistent and individualised home learning programs accessible for all students.

Moving forward, we understand that this new mode of learning will bring its challenges. However, we are committed to embracing technology and the learning opportunities it will provide our students. Over the coming weeks, we aim to use technology to communicate with students and families in a range of ways, for example using Google Classroom and Seesaw to connect students with their teacher and peers as well as sharing video and audio experiences to support home learning. We are eager to deliver learning activities and connect with you and our students in a new and exciting way!

To assist and support the transition to home learning and the use of technology, we will be distributing school devices (laptops and/or iPads) to each family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We hope you are enjoying spending time with your families and embracing this beautiful weather!!

P&C news

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. We sold approximately 650 sausages.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

The children have had a wonderful time this month continuing and extending their play. They have been mixing colours with paint to make some beautiful artworks.

The teachers have been promoting the fundamental movement skill of galloping by making horses out of a pool noodle.

Play has also included the use of tools to 'fix' things.

The children are continuing to learn their colours as they read stories and engage in play.

The have been dressing up each week.

Sometimes as firemen, bob the builder or doctors.

One day they spent a whole day checking temperatures, broken arms and legs and bandaging them up. There has been plenty of talking and listening involved in these dressing up sessions.

A photograph of a group of seven people standing in front of a building with a sign that reads "Pleasant Hills Community". The group consists of four men and three women, some in blue polo shirts and others in casual wear. One man is holding a yellow folder. Overlaid on the bottom half of the image is a white box containing text. The text reads: "Community Bank - Henty", "Happy to be a support act", "Proudly supporting the", "Pleasant Hills Community". Below this, in smaller red text, it says "When you choose to bank with Bendigo Bank, good things happen in your community." Then, "Call us on (02) 6929 3683 or search Bendigo Bank Henty." and "bendigobank.com.au". At the bottom of the white box is the Bendigo Bank logo, which is a red stylized 'B' followed by the words "Bendigo Bank". To the right of the Bendigo Bank logo is the Rural Bank logo, which is a blue stylized 'R' followed by the words "RURAL BANK" and "Rural Bank Future Strong".

Hills Happenings

WEDDING:



Congratulations to Sharnee Christie and Tom Wilmore on their wedding at the Granya Shearing Shed on the 7th March 2020.

The weather was perfect & everyone had a wonderful time!

We were very fortunate that the guests & family that travelled from the UK & Sweden returned home safely before the travel restrictions & the increase in the severity of the Corona virus!

Had the wedding been at a later date it would not have gone ahead!!

For this we are very thankful



A BABY BOY:

Congratulations to Kelly and David Male on the arrival of Rueben Leo Male on the 5th March 2020.



A BABY GIRL:

Congratulations to Rae and Jason Morey on the arrival of Evie Amelia Morey on the 23rd March 2020.



CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to Rob Holyoake, Ian Holyoake and Gemma Mulholland on the passing of their mum / grandmother.

Linda Howell of Bourke passed away peacefully on the 9th March surrounded by her family. Linda is the beloved mother of Dennis Holyoake, Robert Holyoake, John Holyoake and David Holyoake. Linda was much loved by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be remembered with fondness and love by many. Linda's funeral was held graveside at Bourke Cemetery on Friday 13th March.

Condolences to Sherree Richardson and Grant Morey and family on the passing of Sherree's Grandfather, Mr Ken Richardson.



Tennis Club

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Tennis training and social games are cancelled until further notice.



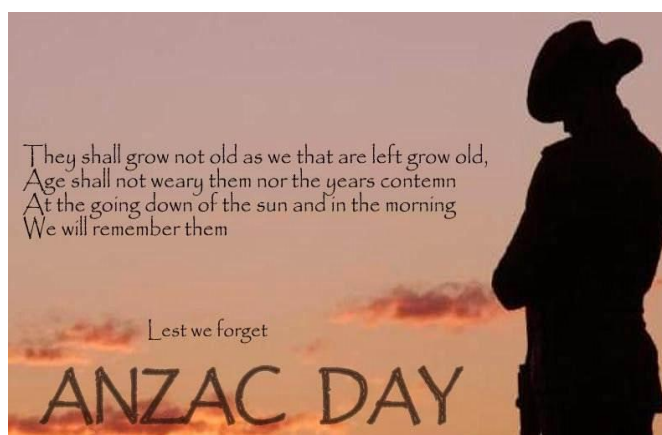
Hall



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year there will not be an Anzac service at the hall. Please spend some personal time in remembering those who have fought to protect this beautiful country we live in, especially those who gave their lives so we could live our lives in freedom.

“Anzac is not merely about loss, it is about courage, and endurance, and duty, and love of country, and mateship, and good humour, and the survival of a sense of self worth and decency in the face of dreadful odds.”

Unknown Author



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group meetings are suspended until further notice. This is a good opportunity to finish your Kids Cancer Small Quilt. We will not be able to donate them in the current situation, so keep them at home for the time being.

We look forward to our next meeting with everyone bring their “Show and Tell”. We expect many finished UFO’s while we follow the advice to *STAY AT HOME* whenever possible, and if in public practice *SOCIAL DISTANCING*.

Our theme for our May meeting is Fabric Bags for Charity. This can be any bag pattern that you would like to make that can be useful or elegant, but be able to hold necessary things for homeless, drought or fire victims.



Fire Brigade

Fire Permits end 1st April

Remember you must notify your neighbours and FCC 24 hours prior to burning off. Call Firecom 69714500 9am-5pm Mon – Fri to notify.

Any concerns please call Fire Captain – Grant Morey

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Hills History

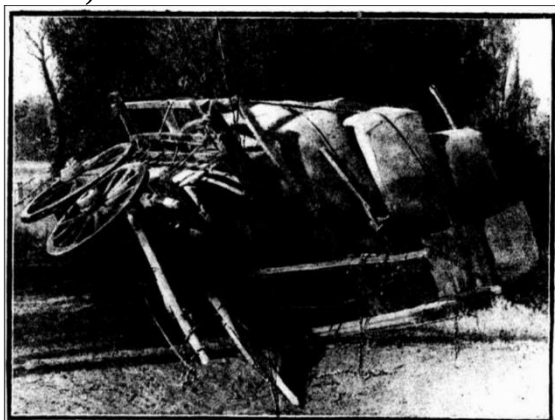
*Sydney Mail, 16th November 1921 (page 27)
The Wool Season.*

Brightened Prospects – A Bumper Crop.

These were the Headings at the top of the page. Newspapers in 1921 were the equivalent of today's internet, for finding out how the rest of Australia's farming community was doing. The article states that the Sydney wool stores were filled to their "utmost capacity" with wool and brokers had to secure additional storage for the wool clips.

Another headline "Far Western NSW. Since the breaking of the drought in 1920 a time of plenty has been experienced in that part of New South Wales west of the darling, such as has not been experienced for thirty years or more."

I also found this article which actually mentioned Pleasant Hills. On further investigation to my delight I found a photo attached. Which was rare in 1921 as photography was expensive and would have taken a number of days to develop the photo and then send it, probably by mail (yes children..... wack a stamp on it and take it to the Post Office).



The article reads: "The wool clip that missed the early sales.

This photograph gives an idea of some of the troubles experienced by a man on the land owing to the defective state of country roads. The owner of the wagon, a returned soldier, while taking a load of wool to Pleasant Hills Railway Station, NSW, with a team of six horses, worked the wagon down a slight incline with the brakes on. Pausing at the foot to release the brake, he heard something unusual and instinctively sprang clear, the wagon grazing his shoulder as it went over. He had unknowingly pulled up on a

soft patch, and both wheels on one side had sunk out of sight. One shaft horse was thrown off its feet, but fortunately, the horses behaved well, and were released without serious damage.'

Can anyone identify the returned soldier?

By Fiona Beckett



COVID-19

- **drumMUSTER Activities**

Dear **drumMUSTER** Community groups,

Following our recent communications on the escalation of COVID-19. With the pandemic intensifying **drumMUSTER** is asking all community groups that participate in program are to **cease** all future collections until further notice.

This was not an easy decision for Agsafe to make for the **drumMUSTER** program. It is however to protect the safety of all volunteers and members of a community group that participate in the program. Agsafe understands that community groups receive much needed funding from the collection of containers. However, at this stage we have to consider public safety and abide by government protocols during this extraordinary time.

Again, we thank you for your continued support of the program and hopefully, in due time, things will continue as normal. We will endeavour to communicate with all community groups with any updates.

Regards,
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Our Backyard

HOVER FLIES

Hover flies are distinctive as adult flies because of their ability to do just what their name suggests – hover. They just seem to hang in the air before they dart away at great speed. They are seen in warm weather when flowers are open, and they certainly help to pollinate many plants. Adults of many species have yellow patterns on the abdomen, making them quite attractive, colourful insects. Their black-and-yellow colours make some people think they are stinging insects like bees or wasps, but they are not. Quite possibly their colouring disguises them and also confuses other insects and so helps to protect them. It is also interesting to note that bees developed from wasps (possibly a piece of useless information that could be injected into a boring conversation in an attempt to stimulate it); “Did you know.....?”

What makes hover flies even more attractive for most gardeners is that the larvae (maggots) of many species are predatory. They love to feed on aphids in particular and so are very good to have around to control pests. It seems difficult to imagine a predatory maggot climbing plants, but this is just what they do. Fortunately for them, aphid colonies do not move quickly so the hover fly larvae can crawl up on their specially ridged and spined abdomens and attack their soft-bodied prey.

When observing insects, the easiest way to distinguish between flies and wasps is to remember that all flies only

have one set of wings while wasps have two.

ADJUSTMENT: Recently we discussed a very small beetle in the article “Small Things”. To be more accurate the beetle featured was not truly a ‘ladybird’ but a Museum beetle. Known to many as carpet beetles, but to insect collectors as museum beetles. Several species of *dermestids* will attack animal derived products such as carpets and furs. The presence of large numbers of these beetles in a house may mean an infested carpet or may also indicate a dead bird or mammal in the ceiling. It just goes to show you that “The truth is out there!” as long as one is prepared to keep looking (now who first said that?).

(From: Miniature Lives by Michelle Gleeson.



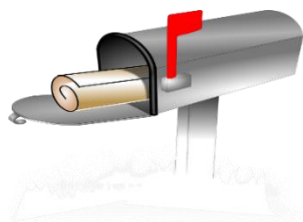
Bob Marshall

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

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
June	
6 th June	Brenda Gatehouse
13 th June	Shirley Lieschke
20 th June	Wayne scholz
27 th June	Barry 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

Wednesday 1st April

April Fool's Day

- Ring a friend and have a good laugh about past good April Fool's Day jokes.

Saturday 25th April

Anzac Day

- Bake Anzac Biscuits
- Ring a friend
- Say a prayer for those that sacrificed their life for our country.

Every Other Day of April:

- Stay connected with friends.
 - Phone calls
 - Emails
 - Social Media
- Ring your neighbour or an elderly person or a disabled member of your community and check they are OK.
- Remember to practice good hygiene and hand washing wherever you go and maintain social distancing.
- Remember that together **WE** can flatten the curve and get through a difficult time by supporting everyone, especially our children, the elderly and those finding these times difficult to cope with.
- Stay Safe and Healthy and at home whenever possible, and if out in public practice social distancing.

