

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Pleasant Hills CWA had some very exciting news – we had put in entries for a couple of yearly State Awards, and actually won both of them! What a huge thing, and so disappointing that we were unable to have



Lyn Jacobsen and Bev Frohling

Conference and be there to celebrate with everyone. The awards were The Past State President's Award for service to the community and the Daily Advertiser Publicity Award, and the certificates have now duly arrived in the mail.

Last year, we did have a very busy year, with much fund raising, which resulted in helping many more things than we normally could. Some of the things we helped with were; purchasing, together with a grant from Bendigo Bank, the defibrillator for the Pleasant Hills Community, a sizeable donation to the CWA Disaster Fund and Hilltop Carer's Accommodation in Albury, as well as bigger donations to the projects we normally help, such as the Royal Flying Doctor, State Medical Projects etc, but by far our biggest project was the Pamper Packs for rural women in drought affected areas of NSW in time for Christmas! We started off with the idea at the Henty Field Days, thinking we may be able to make 50 or even 100 packs, but as we set about asking "everyone we knew" if they had any goodies in their cupboards which they could donate towards our cause, people

came on board, starting with the Thurgoona Lion's Club, of which I am also a member, donating \$1000, and we have a member living in Riverwood Retirement Village, and they donated their entire annual "Trash'n'Treasure" funds to our cause – over \$3000! We ended up having CWA Branches and the general public from Albury to Wagga Wagga & everywhere in between involved, with IGA Stores in several towns acting as donation points, and many people contacted us with cash donations as well.

Eventually, we made around 680 Pamper packs, which were packed in Albury with around 50 people volunteering their time. These were then delivered all over NSW, courtesy of some local people who had offered to "do a drive" and also Land Transport, who delivered over 30 cartons to their depots in Dubbo, Tamworth & Moree free of charge. After purchasing quite a lot of "niceties" to put in the packs, we still had \$6,800 left over, so this was sent to the CWA Branches and Groups in the many areas we had sent packs to, and we asked that they use it to help people within their communities.

This was very much a case of "from little things, big things grow" and we were proud to have been able to achieve so much. We have received some very touching "thank you" letters since, as indeed in some cases, this was their only Christmas present. We did have great plans again for this year, but COVID-19 has really slowed us down, however we hope to get busy again, once we get the "all clear". Ecuador has been announced as this year's Country of Study and it we are looking forward to learning about it.

There was a program recently on great rail journeys, which included a three-day journey across Ecuador, which I think is still available on SBS iView. We are planning on having our Group International Day in Wagga on the 17th August – the week after our International Day at Pleasant Hills school.

Some members have been kept busy during "lockdown", making face masks when asked and also some doctor's scrubs when there was a shortage. By the photos on Facebook, we should have some very trendy new fashions with the scrubs that have been

made. It has also been a time for working on unfinished projects ...

We have been thrilled at gaining two new members, Coralyn & Kay, with a couple of others also looking at joining. We would love to get more people with new ideas to join us, so please think about it.

We wish Kay all the best with her hip surgery that is coming up.

We are hoping to be able to get back to holding our normal meeting in June, and we will hold it at the CWA Rooms in Henty, on 10th June starting at 10.30am, all going well. Members please note change of venue.



Flashback to the 2019 Annual State Conference held in Albury.

School News and Reviews



Reuniting with friends and peers has been the highlight to the beginning of our Week 5. The playground was buzzing again with lots of activities, talking and laughter. We are so happy to have all our students back and to be together as a school community again.



We have been busily catching up on our reading, writing and maths lessons, and the students level of engagement and eagerness to be back and learning alongside their peers is very pleasing.

Drop off and pick-up procedures:

To assist us in our efforts to maintain the health and safety of students and staff, we ask that unless absolutely necessary, you drop and pick up your children at the gate and avoid coming into the school grounds. This will support having less adults within the school and will allow social distancing between adults to be adhered to. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Autumn Weather

As the weather cools, we are experiencing cooler mornings. Please have all jumpers and jackets labelled. When students take their extra layers off during the day, we are able to give them back to the correct owner if they have a current name on them. Items of clothing not named will be found in the Lost Property Tub.

Please remember that if your child is unwell or has flu like symptoms then they (and you) should not attend school, to endeavour to keep everyone well this winter.



Pleasant Hills Pre School

Students have been able to attend again at Pleasant Hills Preschool in May.

The children were very excited to engage in some gardening.

First, they put on their gloves and pulled all the weeds out. They had to be very careful with the stinging nettles and had to problem solve to work out how to pull them out without getting stung.

The students also transplanted some existing plants to another part of the garden. They had to count to five to make enough holes to put the plants into.

Mrs Klemke provided a learning opportunity about germs by placing pepper into water. The student dipped their fingers in the water and then had to work out how they would get the pepper off. Mrs Klemke said it was the same with the germs that we cannot see. The students decided the best way to get the pepper off was to wash with soap and water.

National simultaneous story time was in the month of May. Students read the book titled 'Whitney and Brittany Chicken Divas'. As they read the book, they noticed the words that sounded the same and realised they were rhyming words. This then led to a discussion about other words that rhyme.

The decision to sell the bus run was not an easy one, however with a change of lifestyle for our family it was inevitable.

It has been an honour owning the bus run and knowing that you have trusted us to safely drive your children to and from school. Being the local school bus driver has been an experience that I have truly enjoyed. The time I have spent with your children, the stories we have shared, the many laughs we have had and watching them grow over the years has provided me with cherished memories.

To those of you who booked the bus for private functions thank you.

A special thanks must go to the many drivers who have helped us out over the years, in some cases being called upon at the drop of a hat. In particular, Peter Creek, Grant Morey, Betty Edwards and Jeremy Barker.

We wish Jeremy & Marissa all the best, knowing they will enjoy their time and the opportunities this fantastic business has to offer. As a welcoming and supportive community, they could not be in better hands.

Finally, it is not goodbye, it's see you later and stay safe.

**Yours Sincerely
Warren & Jade.**



The Hills Bus Run

1/4/2020

Hi to all Parents, Carers, Children, and the wider Pleasant Hills Community.

Its official, The Hills Bus Run contract has been sold to Jeremy & Marissa Barker. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all families, schools and the community for your support over the years.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

At this stage, the pub will be remaining closed as we are still unable to mingle in the bar area.

Things are changing all the time so hopefully this will change in the near future.

AFL starts again on Thursday 11th June so footy tipping will begin again. I will email everyone with the Round 2 fixtures.

Don't forget can purchase alcohol and takeaway food through the shop.

See you all soon

Hills Happenings

Birthdays:

Happy 21st Birthday to Bianca Fischer for the 17th June.

Happy 80th Birthday to Jeff Scott for the 22nd June.

Happy belated 90th to Ron Hausler for the 20th May.

(Sorry it missed last month's newsletter)

Apologies also Shamee (Christie) birthday was the 2nd May, not the 24th May as printed in the May Newsletter.

Wishing you all

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Get well / Speedy recovery wishes:

Wishing Amanda Lieschke a speedy recovery.



Tuna pasta bake

Ingredients:

- 300g dried macaroni pasta
- 40g butter
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- ¾ cup reduced-fat grated pizza cheese
- 425g tuna in springwater, drained, flaked.

Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Lightly grease an 8 cup-capacity ovenproof dish. Cook pasta in a medium saucepan of boiling, salted water, following packet directions, until tender.

Drain, reserving ¼ cup cooking liquid. Return pasta to pan.

Step 2

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add flour. Cook, stirring for 1 minute, or until bubbling. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in milk until combined. Return to heat. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3 to 4 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Stir in ¼ cup cheese. Season with pepper.

Step 3

Add to pasta with tuna and reserved cooking liquid. Toss to combine. Spoon mixture into prepared dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden. Serve.

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Hills History

MAMMOTH CASKET DRAWING

**First Two Prizes Go To N.S.W.
Brisbane, June 20**

Mammoth Golden Casket No. 22 was drawn tonight, the following being the principal results; First prize, £30,000, Ticket 5109, "Never Despair" syndicate, care of Mrs C. J. Brown, Waverly, Pleasant Hills, New South Wales.

BEGINNERS LUCK SYDNEY, June 20.

The winners of the first prize in the Casket are Mrs C. Browne and her two sons, Wallace and James. They own a station of 4000 acres near Henty, valued at £50,000. When told of her win Mrs Browne said: "It does not worry me a bit. My sons, who work our property, are staying at a house a couple of miles away tonight. I will tell them in the morning. It is no use getting them excited tonight."

She added that with droughts and other handicaps she and her sons had had a precarious two years. She would not take a trip around the world.

It was the first lottery ticket that Mrs Browne, who is aged 60, had ever bought.

(From the; Morning Bulletin QLD, Wednesday 21st June 1939, page 10.)
- found on Trove

A LITTLE BOY'S PLUCK

Mr W Rice, of Pleasant Hills, is moving about alright again after the shock he received a week or two ago by being thrown from his buggy. He was driving along with his son and another lad, when the wheel of the vehicle struck a stump, Mr Rice being thrown out, and the horse going off at a rapid pace. The other lad wanted to jump from the buggy, but Jack made him sit still. Then seeing the rein was caught on the step, stooped down, and getting hold of it pulled the horse up. He then drove back to where his father had been thrown out, and picking him up they drove home, little or no damage having been done.

(From the; The Lockhart Review and Oaklands Advertiser, Wednesday 24th January 1912, Page 2) – found on Trove



A beautiful crop of Magnet Wheat on the farm of Mr John Kennedy, Pleasant Hills, Riverina, NSW. Being harvested by the Sunshine 12ft No4 P.T.O. Header, drawn by a Sunshine Massey Harris Tractor. (January 1948)

Researched and written by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

FUR and FEATHERS

The emus formed a football team
Up Walgett way;
Their dark-brown sweaters were a dream
But kangaroos would sit and scream
Just to watch them play.

“Now, butterfingers,” they would call,
And such like names;
The emus couldn’t hold a ball
-They had no hands -but hands aren’t all
In football games.

A match against the kangaroos
They played one day.
The kangaroos were forced to choose
Some wallabies and wallaroos
That played in grey.

The rules that in the west prevail
Would shock the town;
For when a kangaroo set sail
An emu jumped upon his tail
And fetched him down.

A whistler duck as referee
Was not admired;
He whistled incessantly
The teams rebelled, and up a tree
He soon retired.

The old marsupial captain said’
“It’s do or die!”
So down the ground like fire he fled
And leaped above an emu’s head
And scored a try.

Then shouting, “keep it on the toes!”
The emus came.
Fierce as the flooded Bogan flows
They laid their foemen out in rows
And saved the game.

On native pear and Darling pea
They dined that night:
But one man was an absentee:
The whistler duck – their referee –
Had taken flight.

A. B. PATTERSON

I thought this month that an A. B. poem about football (even if it is about Rugby League) would help keep our memories kindled for the future (whenever that may be). One creature that has continuously defied travel restrictions is this Grey Currawong (pictured). This is at least the tenth year it has come and visited Pleasant Hills over winter. It arrives with the other currawongs but then remains here scavenging scraps and roosting in a peppercorn, while the rest of the flock heads further west. When the flock returns, after a couple of months, it re-joins it on the easterly trip for summer in the mountains. A most clever part-time resident of “The Hills” who knows a free feed when it sees on.

Bob Marshall



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Our next Patchwork date is June 20th, but unfortunately at this stage we are still restricted by COVID-19 rules and will work from home.

As it is a UFO day it will be a great time to finish a project you have started, or make a Charity Cloth Bag, which is this year's charity project.

Again, while we are all maintaining social isolation, please stay safe and look after each other.

As can be seen, some of our members have been busy in the past four weeks finishing off some projects. Well done.



Tennis Club

The 2019/2020 season finished a couple of weeks early due to Covid-19, with only the first final being played, with the 2nd and grand final being cancelled.

Section 3a finished 2nd on the ladder going into the finals and after a great afternoon of tennis in the 1st final, they were defeated by Walbundrie, & ended up 4th on the ladder for the season.

Sections 5 and 6b were 2nd on the ladder going into finals and remained that way to finish as runners up for season.

Coaching will be resuming very soon, keep an ear out for the details.

Thanks, Renae

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

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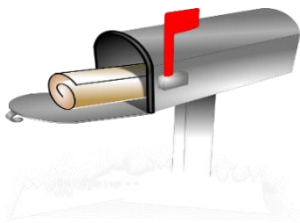
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HENTY

June	
6 th June	Brenda Gatehouse
13 th June	Shirley Lieschke
20 th June	Wayne scholz
27th June	Barry Terlich
July	
4 th July	Bob Jacobsen
11 th July	Hugh Clancy
18 th July	Oriel Ridge
25 th July	Rick Clancy



Diary of Events

Monday 1st June

Global Day of Parents

Tuesday 2nd June

World bicycle Day



Friday 5th June

World Environment Day

Monday 8th June

Queen's birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 10th June (to be confirmed)

CWA meeting Henty

Sunday 14th June

World Blood Donor Day

Saturday 20th June

Winter Solstice

Sunday 21st June

International day of Yoga



Every Day in June

Stay safe and be kind to each other 😊

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