

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



December 2020

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We did not have a meeting in November, as we wait until after the Group Council Meeting, then have our Christmas Party at the same time. This year, we are going to Soden's Hotel, meeting at 11am on Wednesday, 2nd December, and having a quick meeting before our Luncheon.

Please bring your RAFFLE TICKETS and money for the Ryobi Plus1 Home Essentials Kit with you. We have added a second prize– a Sophie Conran medium oval Plate. We will draw the raffle the following day at Lyn's home whilst many of us are there to watch the State announcements of the Volunteer of the Year Awards winners, allowing us time to get all the tickets folded earlier.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards are being held Virtually this year, which we're pleased about because it will allow all our Pleasant Hills CWA Ladies Team the chance to "be there", instead of just two or three members. It is to be held on Thursday, December 3rd, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. It is a great honour to be the winners of the Riverina Region, and we look forward to the State Judging and hearing what other people have achieved.



Pleasant Hills CWA Ladies Team

Marie Solyk, Bev Frohling, Lyn Jacobsen, Lynette Maloney, Bev McLellan, Lyn Lieschke and Margaret Hasler. Missing; Narelle Morey and Eunice McRae.

For our Christmas Party, don't forget something for Kris Kringle and something for a Hamper to give to people in need... I did have a phone call asking who we were helping out at Christmas time this year, however I have sort of let it go this year, and we will go back to Kris Kringle up to the value of about \$10.00.

Our Care Packs were very well received by a lot of people isolated from their families. We gave out over 200, mainly to people in various Nursing Homes etc who were isolated from their families, and I have received some lovely Thank You Cards from people, so it's nice that our Care Packs were so appreciated.

A Newsagency in Lavington has given us lots of Children's Story Books from a couple of series of books that were for sale with newspaper tokens, and Nett has spent some time sorting them into the various sets – there are predominantly two different sets, some are part sets, so we have given twelve local schools and preschools a set of each. We will be giving the others to the schools in the bush fire regions to give to their students who lost their homes in the bushfires and also some books to the Women's Refuge. These are good quality books, and we thank our donor for giving them to us and also Nett for all her trouble in sorting almost 700 books into sets.



*Lyn Jacobsen
presenting books to
Burrumbuttock Public
School Librarian
Amanda Church.*

We have got the Group Council Meeting on Monday, 30th November, which some of us will be going to.

Don't forget The Land Cookery Competition at our next Meeting – Steamed Fruit Pudding and Light Fruit Cake plus some condiments.

Marie Solyk & Margaret attended the Group International Day, and we look forward to hearing about it.

We have organised a small plaque to put on the defibrillator saying it was donated by Pleasant Hills CWA and the Henty Bendigo Community Bank.

We have officially finished lamingtons for this year, however we have some Muffin orders starting to come in, so we will do these when we can.

Many thanks to Virginia for all her hard work in keeping the Pleasant Hills Newsletter going, and to the Bendigo Bank for covering the cost of the printing. We all enjoy keeping up with what's happening at the "Hills"!

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and, since this year has been rather trying for many, we are all hoping for a better 2021!

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Well what a year 2020 has been, one we will never forget and one that will be happy to see the end of.

Would like to Thank everyone with their patience with the pub being closed for an extended period.

Thank you to all the volunteers that take time out of their schedule to open the pub.

The pub is now open both Friday (6pm) and Saturday (5pm) nights but for the next couple of months there will not be Counter Meals every Saturday due to the unavailability of a few Saturday cooks. The following Saturdays will be Takeaway Menu Only; 5th December, 9th January, 16th January, & 30TH January.

There will be NO Meals at all on Saturday 26th December and 2nd January. Not sure at this time if the pub will even be open these nights as we have not been able to have a committee meeting in November to make a decision.

Don't Forget the Community Pub 21st Birthday Celebrations on Saturday 27th February 2021, all going well and the easing of Covid restrictions it will hopefully be able to be celebrated as close to normal as possible. Stay tuned for further details in the coming weeks.

The Pub committee would like to take this opportunity all the best for the festive season and see you all in 2021 for a more "Normal" year.

School News and Reviews



You may have already seen Phil zooming around the school grounds in style. We would like to say a massive thank you to our P&C for funding and donating our brand new John Deere mower. Thank you also to Grant for organising and delivering the mower. This is a great asset for our wonderful school grounds and hope that it lasts another 20 years like our old mower we just replaced.

We have loved having Lachlan Barker join us for Kindergarten transition. He has fitted in quickly to our school after recently completing two transition days. Lachlan has loved working and playing with the K-2 students and thoroughly enjoys his time in the sand pit during recess and lunch. We look forward to having Lachlan with us for two more transition days this term before he is ready and eager to start 'big' school next year.



Lachlan loving his time in the sand pit

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We celebrated NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week, which was a time for us to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nations People - recognising them as the traditional owners of the land. The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week, "Always Was, Always Will Be" was at the heart of our learning activities. Students engaged in a creative arts lesson whereby they designed and painted a river stone, making connections with traditional Indigenous art/symbols and our local area. Once sealed, these rocks will feature in our garden bed resembling a harmonious meeting place.



'FOUND IT'

You may have heard whispers about our 'Found It' bucket. Our 'Found It' bucket lives in the main office and homes all lost property. To help our students take responsibility for their belongings, students are encouraged to regularly check for any lost property as well as register their name and item if 'Found'. Since implementing the 'Found It' bucket, we have been pleasantly surprised by students efforts to keep track of their personal belongings. Keep up the wonderful effort!!

The Pleasant Hills CWA presented us with some new books for the children to read. We are so very grateful to the CWA for this and everyone is looking forward to enjoying reading the new books.



Lyn Jacobsen, Pleasant Hills CWA president presenting our school captain Kai with some new books.

Our annual swimming program kicked off with a splash. We were very pleased to see all students brave the water and watch their confidence in water grow.



As we near the end of Term 4, students will no longer receive structured homework. Instead, we will be strongly encouraging students to continue their nightly reading. Students will continue to use their reading folders and change/swap their books as they need for the remainder of the term.



Maeve and Samuel with their Achievement Awards



Remembrance Day 2020
School Captain, Kai, raising our national flag and paying his respects

Pleasant Hills Pre School

With the warmer weather the children have been able to have more time outside exploring their environment.

They have been tracking down all the snails in the garden. Some of them have been hard to find and the teachers explained that it is called camouflage.

The teacher and children worked together to make spray trailers for them to tow behind their bikes. This created plenty of 'farm play'.

MUD MUD MUD!!! The sprinklers have been on to water the grass. This has created a muddy area which the children could not resist playing in. They spent hours splashing, rolling, jumping, and sitting in it. Covered from head to toe and required a soak afterwards.

We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas break and look forward to Preschool starting up again with staff returning 27th January and students returning the following Tuesday 2nd February 2021.

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 AM – 4:00PM for children aged 3 – 5 years.

*For more information / enrolments please contact Megan 69296407 or (M) 0407492062
Email: phpreschool@gmail.com*

Hills Happenings

Birthdays:

December

Alice Turner - (nee Lieschke) 2nd December
Happy 30th

Justin Coghlan 9th December – Happy 40th

January

Cathy Clancy 12th January – Happy 50th

Anthony Lieschke 13th January – Happy 70th

Dianna Jacobsen 15th January – Happy 50th

Peter Campbell 22nd January – Happy 70th



Get well / Speedy recovery wishes:

Wishing both Max Newton and Dick Smith speedy recoveries following their recent operations.

Condolences:

Condolences to the family of Jim (James) Banner, a well-known identity of Urangeline East. Jim passed away at Urana Hospital on the 18th November 2020, just 5 days short of his 84th birthday.



A BIG THUMBS UP

Chivalry isn't gone. Narelle Morey was bringing home some 6m lengths of pvc pipe for the shop on the Ute on the 11th November. Halfway back to Henty the load shifted a bit, so Narelle stopped to fix it.

Good friends Garry and Kerry Small stopped to offer assistance, as did another gentleman, but Narelle said she was ok. Then two young gentlemen employed by Antone Plumbing, Jindera, wouldn't listen and retied the whole load and Narelle finished the drive safely. One of these young men said.

if his nan heard about him not helping, she'd be ticked off.

These young men have been bought up well and let's hope "nan" hears about his good deed.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Its Christmas time and we would love everyone who can come to bring a plate of food to share to our Christmas meeting on Saturday 19th December. 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. We will discuss our 2021 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. Our first meeting in 2021 is on the 16th January.



Some show and tell from the November meeting.

CLOSURE OF ST TERENCE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH URANGELINE

On the 1st November, a beautiful spring morning, St Terence's Catholic Church Urangeline was officially closed by Bishop Mark Edwards from the Wagga Wagga Diocese, assisted by Fr Henry Ibe (Lockhart Parish) and Fr Terence Mahedy (Culcairn Parish).

At the conclusion of the last Celebration Mass, Bishop Mark Edwards presented the chalice to Patrick (Rick) Clancy, who is a direct descendent of Daniel Clancy who donated the chalice to St Terence's Church Urangeline in 1890. Rick then donated it back to Fr Terence Mahedy on behalf of the Clancy family to be kept safely in St Patrick's Catholic Church Henty. Fr Terence Mahedy's family grew up at "Valera" Urangeline and when he was ordained a priest, he said his first mass at St Terence's Urangeline.

After mass everyone enjoyed a brief history of St Terence's by local Chris Madden, and John (Chug) Kennedy recited his mother's poem (Delma Kennedy nee Madden) "*Mass at Urangeline Church in the 1940's*" which was very entertaining.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely morning tea provided with lots of catching up and reminiscing of past times at Urangeline. Thank you to everybody who helped make this day so successful. The church and surrounds looked beautiful and even though it was a sad end, it was a wonderful day and will be remembered fondly by everyone who attended.

Julianne Clancy.



Bishop Mark Edwards and Fr Henry Ibe.

Fr Terence Mahedy and Rick Clancy.

Mass at Urangeline Church in the 1940s

Delma Kennedy nee Madden

*On a Sunday morning
gathered
For Mass at Urangeline
The faithfull all will gather
Come rain or hail or shine*

*Bowyers, Bourkes and
McKinties
Are first upon the scene
Pat Bourke so true and loyal
Carries the case for the Dean*

*Looking round there are the
Ryans
Parked beneath the trees
The Mahedys and the Breens
And yes, the Dohertys*

*Pat Maddens and Tom
McGrathis
And Dan O'Connell too
Are sliding down Pat
Gleeson's Lane
I hope they make it through*

*There are the Gleesons and
more Gleesons
From North, South and East
and West
The Pats and Sids and
Harrys
And Domgarriiffs join the
rest*

*Then I see the Blights
Driving up the road
While inside the Church
The sinners tip their load*

*The Creeks with all their
little boys
Have topped Glenara hill
Followed by the Slatterys
Yes it's Rene and Bill*

*Still more cars are coming
From the eastern end
Leddens and the Clancys
Driving round the bend*

*The Farrell boys come racing
Cutting matters fine
But their ute is tuned to go
you know
And they make it just in time*

*I hear the Mass bell ringing
So inside we retreat
Where each and everyone
Does have a special seat*

*The children are so many
And little angels too
They say their prayers and
listen
Just as their parents do*

*Dean Galvin is our Parish
Priest
And his words are wise and
true
They have a meaning in them
And a lesson too*

*The Mass is said in Latin
And with prayer books
everyone
We follow through the Mass
Of Jesus Christ the son*

*When all the prayers are over
The social will begin
The men to talk of footie
And how they had a win*

*Over by the porch
The ladies have their say
I think it is the flower show
They're talking of today*

*And Kath Madden is back
from Sydney
Where a talk she had to give
At the NCRM Conference
On how country people live*

*Young bloods too have
gathered
To talk about the dances
There is also sport and tennis
And any new romances*

*In Danny Ledden's truck
The Youth Club went to the
weir
Beneath it they got lost
And were scared and full of
fear*

*The children too are mustered
For the Nuns have come
today
They teach the Catechism
And what the Lord did say*

*The picnic now has started
With eats and cups of tea
Because the fast from
midnight
Is catching up you see*

*We'll talk and linger on
And tarry at the gate
For the friends that we have
here
Are the best that one could
make*

*Those days for me have
passed
With the turning of the tide
But the memories I will
cherish
Where ever I abide*

*The faith at Urangeline was
strong
Where mum and dad and lad
and lass
Would come through dust
and fog and rain
To be at Sunday Mass*

Pleasant Hills History

January 1894

Harvesting is in full swing now. The farmers are all busy stripping. A few of the small holders are finished.

We had nearly 2 ½ inches of rain between Christmas and New Year. It did much more damage to the crops, which are all laying down, more or less, especially the high crops. In some places they will only get half the grain they would have otherwise had. I saw some of them stripping to-day, and it looked as though they were only running the machine over the top of the crop, but they tell me they can't get any more off it; it is tangled too badly. One farmer told me this morning he was getting nearly four bags to the acre off his crop before the rain and storm, and now he can't get two off the same crop. Albury Banner and Wodonga Express, pg 17 Fri 5th January 1894

District News 1901

A pleasant ceremony took place at the Pleasant Hills Public School previous to the "break up" for the Christmas holidays, the occasion being the presentation of an address and set of gold sleeve links to the teacher, Mr H. G. Fizelle. Vocal and instrumental items were rendered by the pupils and the Pleasant Hills Band. Wagga Express pg 4 Tuesday 17th December

An Australian in Egypt - 1915

The following extracts from communications that have recently been received by Mr A. E. Knobel, of Pleasant Hills, from Trooper Garrett, of the Australian Light Horse, in Egypt, and we have been favoured with permission to publish them. The first letter written just prior to Christmas and explained that his regiment was camped 10 miles out of Cairo, populated by Europeans mostly English. There are four regiments of Light Horse in our brigade, he says, comprised of the 1st (NSW), 2nd (QLD), 3rd (STH AUST & Tas), 4th (VIC), the Army Service Corps and Field Ambulance, about 3000 in all. The rest of the Australian Troops are encamped between us and the Pyramids. We have a very

well laid out camp with every convenience including a large canteen, by the way, is run by Lipton's (Sir Thomas Lipton). The only thing we are deficient of is bathrooms.

Henty Observer & Culcairn Shire Register, pg 3, Wed 24th Feb

December 1933

Dr. and Mrs. Jelbart "Rainbow", Wallandool East, motored to Albury, thence on to Melbourne for a few days.

Harvesting operations were again held up last week owing to adverse weather, which was as nippy as the middle of winter. The rainfall was again patchy, this district being fortunate, recording barely an inch and a half, as against three inches at Milbrulong. Fine weather for several weeks would be more welcome to the farmer now than the promised bounty.

Lockhart Review & Oaklands Advertiser, pg 2 19th December

November 1934

Both classes at the Sunday School are a full attendance every Sunday, making preparations for Christmas, when Santa, with his host of good things will arrive at the church. To the children, this event is always something to look forward to.

Mr. E. Pumpa, "Grain Farm", is the purchaser of a new Ford V8 two-ton truck.

Weather conditions have been ideal for hay-carting, which is in full swing. On some holdings, early oats and wheat is being harvested. With the havoc played by storms, rust, frost, and above all, the low price prevailing for wheat, tho harvest does not promise as much gold as of yore.

Lockhart Review & Oaklands Advertiser, pg2 Tue 27th Nov 1934

Written and Compiled by Fiona Beckett

Tennis Club

Save the Dates

Christmas Wind Up at the Pub Saturday the 12th December

Coaching Christmas BBQ at the courts Friday the 18th December

Coaching with Brock from Tennis 11 is going great guns of a Friday afternoon.

Brock's contact details are as follows if you are interested in contacting him in regards to coaching, for term one 2021

Tennis 11 is an active kids provider.

0408 066 506 brock@tennis11.com.au and you can find Tennis 11 on Facebook as well.

The Hume Country Tennis Associations Saturday competition is going well, with some friendly competition being had. Our juniors are improving every week.

Pleasant Hills has submitted an adults team in sect 3a and a section 5 & 2 x 6b teams this season.

Season dates are as follows;

Saturday 10th October - Saturday the 12th December

Mid-Season Break

Saturday the 16th January - Saturday 27th February

Finals: 6th, 13th & 20th March 2021

Feel free to get along to any of the games at Pleasant Hills to support the players.

The tennis club is also an active kids provider. Please keep in mind fees (flyer attached) are now due.

Social tennis will take a hiatus for December and January and will be back again in February.

The club has been busy doing a few things up at the courts and also has a few things in the pipeline thanks to the generosity of the Lockhart Shire Council.

As always, follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the news.

Thanks

Renae

Secretary

0428 296 147

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Pleasant Hills Tennis Club 2020/21 Membership Fees

Adults \$50

Juniors \$35

Social \$30

Ball Fees

Adults \$5 Juniors \$2



BSB: 633 000 Ac # 111 319 752

Please include a clear reference

Fees due by the 2nd Saturday of the season

Merry
Christmas

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and a happier
new year

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DALES IGA 60 YEARS YOUNG

CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday 23rd November 2020, Les Dale and family celebrated 60 years of trading of Dales supermarket. What a day it was. Over 200 people joined them to mark this occasion- past and present staff, including original opening day staff member & family friend Bev Frohling, customers, and friends. Member for Albury, Justin Clancy, gave a speech to Les congratulating him on his achievement also passing on a message from The Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. Ken Dale compared the day, Narelle gave a condensed history of Dales, Les read some anecdotes on trading over the years, Jason talked about various updates that have been done. Phillip read a message from original staff member Delma Yarrow (nee Meyer), from New Zealand. Les cut the 60th cake, and Jason and Narelle cut the ribbon marking the official opening of the new entrance to Dales IGA. Our local Hahn Constructions were given the task of our new entrance- automatic glass doors, safe ramp, replace front windows and foyer area. Thanks Peter, Janette, Tim & Co, as everyone remarks it looks awesome. Jason Morey did the painting, and the high façade and new IGA logo on top. We're hoping to complete the front early in 2021.

A presentation was made to Roy McInnis for his 47 years of loyal service to Dales, and to the family of the late Kim Poole for her service of 42 years.

The event continued for the week- with a PowerPoint presentation going in the shop, with pictures from over the years, and a historical display of many items used in the past in the shops, or that had been sold in the past.

On 23rd November 1960, Les & Mary Dale opened for business as Dales supermarket, trading at no 13 Sladen St. They had purchased the grocery, hardware, liquor, and toy departments off Haycroft's, and set up a self-service supermarket, the 1st

between Albury and Wagga. Haycrofts retained their furniture, manchester, clothing, and haberdashery departments in the No. 9 building. Five years later, in November 1965, both businesses swapped premises in a weekend, reopening on Monday. What a massive effort by Les & Mary, with the assistance of 59 family & friends to achieve that.

It must be noted, that Les had built and started Dales Highway store in 1953, and he continued to own and operate it, even after starting the supermarket, until sold in 1971 to Edward & Beatrice Dale. So, he's still working after 67 years.

Thanking our loyal customers for your patronage over the past decades and looking forward to serving you into the future.

Narelle Morey and family.



Celebrating 60 strong years in business.



Our Backyard

IT'S GRAND

As another year draws towards an end, I think we will all agree that despite the obstacles that have been thrown at us during 2020, times have ended on some unexpected very positive notes. Good crops, a new American president and hopefully a successful vaccine; just to name a few. Just the time for a little humour from "Banjo". This poem written in 1902, portrays some of the differences that are displayed in human beings, ending with a thought of hope that seems to have come through; at least for now.

IT'S GRAND

It's grand to be a squatter
And sit upon a post
And watch your little ewes and lambs
A-giving up the ghost

It's grand to be a "cocky"
With wife and kids to keep
And find a all-wise Providence
Has mustered all your sheep

It's grand to be a western man
With shovel in your hand
To dig your little homestead out!
From underneath the sand

It's grand to be a shearer
Along the Darling side
And pluck the wool from stinking sheep
That some days since have died

It's grand to be a minister
And travel like a swell
And tell the central district folk

To go to – Inverell

It's grand to be unemployed
And lie in the Domain
And wake up every second day
And go to sleep again

It's grand to be a lot of things
In this fair southern land
But if the lord would send us rain
That would, indeed, be grand!

Let's all pray that the good times
keep returning in the new year and
beyond.

Bob Marshall.



Fire Brigade

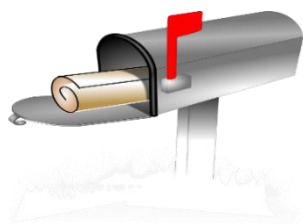
***Pleasant Hills Bushfire Brigade Maintenance
Sunday 4pm – Roster will be out soon.
Please remember to arrange your own swap if
required.
Any concerns please call Fire Captain – Grant
Morey.***

Warren Lieschke, and Peter Rayner would like to express their gratitude and say A big thank you to everyone who helped with the fire on Waverley on Saturday 28th November started by a lightening strike. It was greatly appreciated.

PAPER ROSTER

HENTY

December	
5 th December	David Male
12 th December	Rex Lieschke
19 th December	Brenda Gatehouse
26 th December	Shirley Lieschke
January	
2 nd January	Wayne Scholz
9 th January	Barry Terlich
16 th January	Hugh Clancy
23 rd January	Bob Jacobsen
30 th January	Oriel Ridge
February	
6 th February	Rick Clancy
13 th February	Trevor Terlich
20 th February	Anthony Male
27 th February	Corey Beckett



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Wednesday 2nd December
CWA meeting and Christmas Lunch at Soden's Albury

Monday 7th December
Mobile Library 1:15pm – 2:30pm

Friday 11th December
PHPS Presentation Day (COVID Restrictions in place)

Saturday 12th December
Tennis Club Christmas Windup at the pub.

Wednesday 16th December
PHPS Students last Day

Wednesday 16th December
Preschool Students last day

Thursday 17th December
PHPS Staff Development Day

Friday 18th December
Tennis Coaching Christmas BBQ

Saturday 19th December
Patchwork Group at the Hall

Friday 25th December
Merry Christmas

January

Friday 1st January
Happy New Year

Saturday 16th January
Patchwork Group at the Hall

Tuesday 26th January
Australia Day

Wednesday 27th January
PHPS Staff return Term 1

Friday 29th January
PHPS Students return Term 1 😊

Wednesday 27th January
Preschool staff return Term 1

Tuesday 2nd February
Preschool students first day back 😊

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 2021 (Hopefully to a more normal year ahead).

