

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

December 2021



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Well, another year is drawing to a close, and we do thank Virginia and the Newsletter Team for the opportunity of publicising some

of the things we do. We have worked hard raising money to help some of the charities and organisations that we've chosen to help, even though the lockdowns have restricted us more this year than last year.

We are very hopeful that we'll be able to get back to some sort of new normal after Christmas with fund-raising again.

Uranquinty Branch ran a very successful Seminar this year on Homelessness in the Riverina, with top speakers etc, and are planning a "Sconeversations" event in February on Rural Mental Health on 18th February in Wagga, so this will be something to look forward to, and hopefully help find some helpful ways to address this very real issue.

CWA of NSW is celebrating their Centenary next year, and we are very hopeful of getting a couple of the chairs which have been specially designed for the occasion.

We are drawing our Christmas raffle on 15th December.

Our Branch is holding their meeting and Christmas Party on 1st December in Henty, which will have some happy surprises for a couple of members.

We are giving a CWA of NSW Life Membership to Narelle Morey, who, although now working full time has contributed so much to our Branch since joining in 1987. As many older members of the Pleasant Hills Community will recall, for thirty years Pleasant Hills put on a concert every second year, so every year our Branch entered a skit in the Riverina Group Choral and Drama Day, giving us two skits for each concert, and in 1990, Narelle won the Best Actress Award. Before returning to full time work, she held a number of positions in

the Branch and is always trying to help out where she can when we are holding functions, and we thank her for her valued contributions.

We are also giving Beverley Frohling a Certificate of Appreciation for her valued services to our Branch since she joined in 2007. Bev grew up in Pleasant Hills, so it was lovely to welcome her back as a member of Pleasant Hills CWA after she retired from her working career.

Bev has been a very hard-working member, working tirelessly behind the scenes, adding "finesse" to our functions as only she can do, including doing the stage decorum at the Henty Field Days for many years, then before Covid, our Scone Stalls and later our Lamington making, and always her decorum sparkles at our Christmas Party. We thank Bev very much for her untiring efforts in helping our small Branch achieve many great things.

The next CWA Meeting will be at the Commercial Club in Albury on Wednesday February 9th at 10:30am.



Elaine Armstrong AM, a former State President, presented Narelle with her Life Membership and Carol Grylls, Riverina Group President, presented Bev Frohling with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

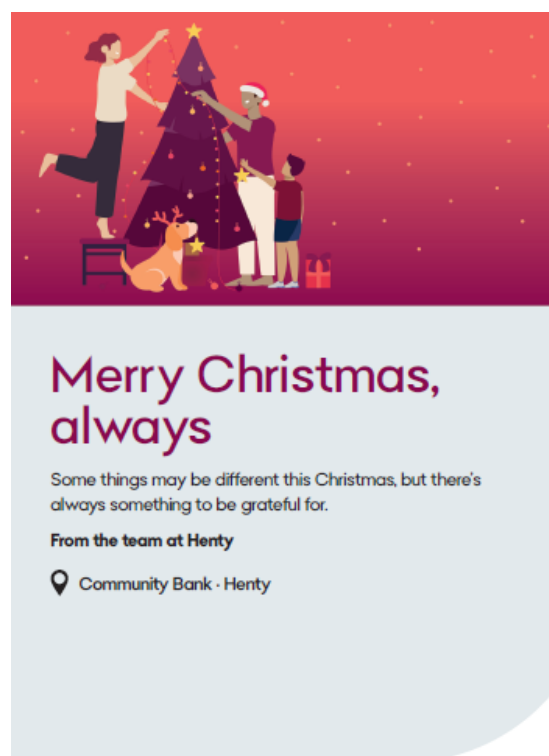


December is here already and where has the year gone. Let's hope by the time this newsletter comes out that we have had a number of dry days to get harvesting. Pub has a few items on this month. Sunday 5th December is Lunch under Verandah. Bookings Essential. Contact Michelle Sharp 0428296405. Christmas Party is on Saturday 18th December with Darren Colston singing and Jumping Castles available for the kids. Takeaway menu will be available this night instead of counter meals. Pub will be open Christmas Eve but will be shut New Year's Eve. Pub committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and let's hope that 2022 is a more "normal" year and thank you for your support and cooperation through these unusual times.

PLEASANT HILLS STORE / PO

I would like to thank the Pleasant Hills community for their support since I have taken over as the licensee of the Post Office in July. I now have a coffee machine at the shop. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a coffee and hot chocolate. Nidine and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. Stay safe over the holidays. Looking forward to your continued support in 2022.

*Staff at Pleasant Hills Post Office and Shop
Nidine and Cathy.*



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School News and Reviews



We're getting help from the NSW Government as part of the Schools Renewal Program to extend the shade structure either side,

essentially providing cover between the two main buildings.

The Schools Renewal Program is part of the NSW Government's commitment to provide students with modern and engaging learning facilities. Our school will contribute 50 per cent of the cost and the NSW Government contributes the rest, allowing us to deliver this project faster.

The new extension will mean we are able to have a larger covered outdoor area and a less hazardous entrance to the main school building when it rains, for our school community, now and into the future.

Breakfast with the Birds

Students enjoyed 'Breakfast with the Birds' recently. Ben from Birdlife discussed common birds for our area. Using a handout from Ben, the students enjoyed a field observation of birds within the school grounds.

School Swimming

All students from K – 6 will be attending swimming lessons at Lockhart pool for nine days commencing next Monday. We hope the weather is warmer by then!!

Remembrance Day

Students paused to remember all victims of war on Remembrance Day. A service was held at school, with flowers laid and poems read as part of remembering.



Year 6 Tree Planting

Our annual tradition of Year 6 students planting a tree as a memento of their primary schooling at Pleasant Hills was held recently. Harriet, Nicholas and Peter each planted a Manchurian Pear in the front garden of the school.



Pleasant Hills Pre School

Our last day for 2021 is on the 15th December. We wish all the children and their families a safe, happy and healthy Christmas / New Year break, and look forward to seeing our pupils returning in February 2022.



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Hills Happenings

Birthdays:

December

Tim Scott 12th December – Happy 50th

Rachel Clancy 18th December – Happy 30th

January

Margaret Hasler 18th January – Happy 80th



Local Government Elections

Remember, it is compulsory to vote in the Local Government Elections on Saturday 4th December.

Voting available at Pleasant Hills School 8am to 6pm.

Pleasant Hills is in the B Ward of the Lockhart Shire.

Candidates for the B Ward are:

- Peter Sharp from Pleasant Hills
- Jane Hunter from Yerong Creek
- Barbara Salter from Yerong Creek
- James Walker from Wagga Wagga

Tennis Club

Due to rain, a couple of weeks of both coaching & competition are all we've been able to achieve so far but hopefully we can get a few weeks in before the Christmas break. The kids have all been keen & coaches Matthew & Amelia are proving popular.

Please join us in celebrating Australia Day at the Pleasant Hills Recreation Ground on the 26th January. See last page for details.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Some show-n-tell (including best shoe's) and some work in November's Patchwork meeting.

November meeting was not only very productive but also, we welcomed back some patchworkers who have been away for a while.

December's meeting is on Saturday 18th

December and is a UFO Day, so bring whatever you like to work on, plus all your sewing needs, morning tea to share and \$6 Hall hire.

ALSO, it is our Christmas meeting, so bring something for lunch we can all share, a \$10 Secret Santa gift (with a Patchwork theme), your two-colour theme quilt (or photo), and ideas (preferably with photo's / instructions) so we can discuss the 2022 plan.

This Timber Jack is at Cobargo on a farm and was involved in the bushfires last year. It was parked in reverse in a locked shed, and when the fire came through, a spark got into the battery wiring, starting the engine, so it reversed out, taking the door with it across an area, then down a twelve-foot embankment, turned ninety degrees and backed up towards the house and orchard before stalling against a very solid big post. Their two sheds were burnt in a very hot fire, with very little salvageable – the man's precision tools were welded together in their tin, but the tractor survived, although it needed new tyres, battery and seat. A truly remarkable story!



Hills History

Education in the area:

Education, in the area around Pleasant Hills, has always been very important. Which is obvious by the number of schools in a 20km radius of the present day, Pleasant Hills Primary School. Listed in a clockwise direction on the map (see next page):

Eulenstein school was renamed the *Munyabla school* which became **the Pleasant Hills Primary School** - 1892 – still open.

Rawsonville school – exact location not known 1885 – 1890

Wralhall school – details unknown

Mundawaddera school – (4 sites) 1885 – 1955

Woodend school – details unknown

Grubben school – Aug 1899 – Dec 1961

Ryan school – Nov 1912 -Dec 1969

Alma Park school – (known as

Wallandool until 1906) 1895 – 1975

Thornhill Park school – July 1925 – Feb 1948

Oakdene school – Jan 1949 – Dec 1971

Fernthorpe school – Feb 1915 – Dec 1969

Urangeline school – also known as

Graburn school – Nov 1881 – Dec 1942

Grassmere school – (also known as *Urangeline East*) 1919 – Dec 1953

Glenara school – Aug 1918 – Dec 1969

Osborne school – (known as *Gum Holes school* until 1915) Oct 1902 – Dec 1971

Lalla Rookh school – Nov 1891 – July 1902 (Shared schooling with

Summerhill school Nov 1891 – 1894)

Counter Boundry subsidised school – (*Hillcrest*) 1945 – (further details unknown)

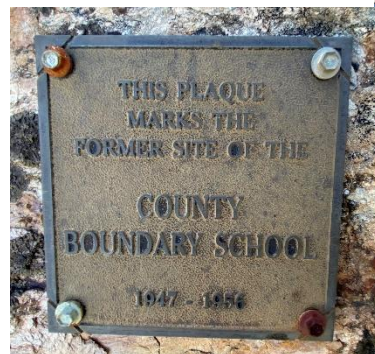
Some of these sites have memorial plaques and markers. Some schools are only identified by a road. Many have a stand of quick growing Sugar gum's which were planted to give the school a renewable supply of timber each year to keep the students warm in winter.

This is what I have found in my travels, by talking to locals and in the various books of the district. As well as the NSW Government website of historic schools. If anyone has any further details I'd love to know more.

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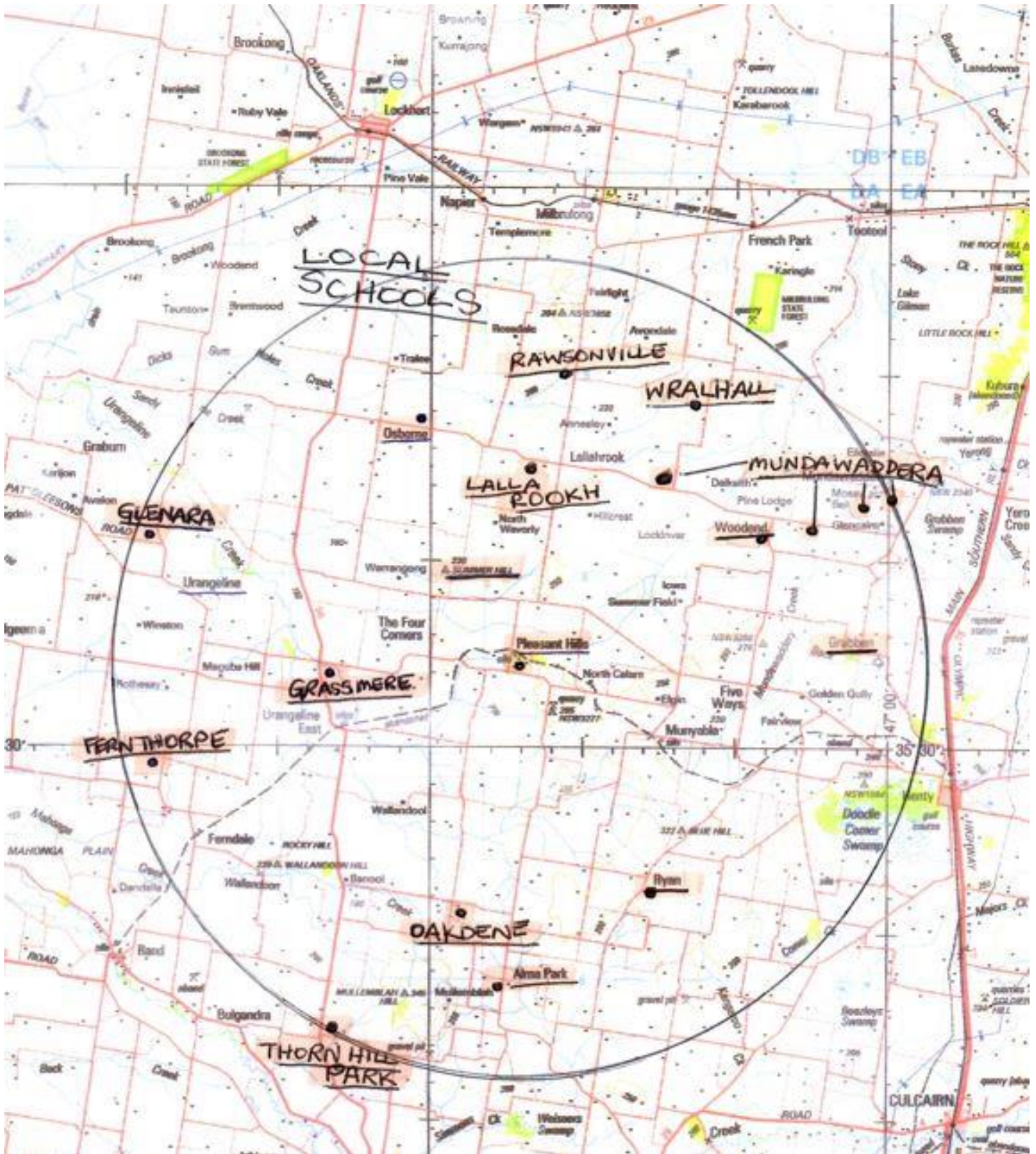


Fernthorpe School was relocated to Pleasant Hills and is the current School Library.





Happy sightseeing



Our Backyard

YOU MUST BE JOKING

Ever since humans put pen to paper, they have always injected some humour into their stories, but it wasn't until relatively modern times that the 'stand-alone' joke originated. This is to be believed to have first occurred, along with the 'pictorial cartoon' and the 'comic strip' with the invention and the popularity of the daily and weekly newspaper. Before this time the stories were affectionately handed down by word of mouth and it was maybe the newspaper that saved many of them.

The Australian of the bush or the outback of earlier days, the working men and woman in the armed forces are noted for a particular brand of humour delivered in a flat laconic style, with the most fantastic exaggeration made credible by the dead-pan delivery.

Here are some examples of humour published in early Australian newspapers.

James "Hungry" Tyson was a squatter who was famous for his meanness. When he visited one of his properties in New South Wales all the children were dressed up in their best clothes. The wife of one of the station hands said to him, "There's a fine lot, Mr Tyson." "Yes," said Tyson bleakly, "but they don't grow any wool."

On a Queensland station the squatter had one of his stockmen peddling furiously on the peddle radio so that he could listen to reports of the cricket in England. Now this bloke wasn't silly, but he had never attended school, and nobody could remember the last time he left the station, if ever. The weary stockman was kept at it hard in the night as Don Bradman piled up a great score of runs. Finally, the stockman exclaimed, "Crikey, this Bradman must be

good. How many could he make in the daylight."

Some shearers were talking about the sheds that they had worked in. An old shearer topped the lot. "The biggest shed I ever worked in had a hundred stands on either side," he said. "You could get the sack on one side, crossed the boards and be hired on the other."

A commercial traveller was doing his rounds in the far west. He stopped at a café and found their lunch consisted of the same thing he'd had for several days, corned mutton and potatoes. He said to the young girl serving him, "Do you have any pickles please?" "Hang on," she said and walked to the kitchen door, and called out "Hey Mum, there's a silly coot here who thinks it's Christmas." (From: Australian Folklore published by Leatherwood Press.)

And on that note, I will wish everybody the best for the Festive and New Year seasons. What will next year bring?

Bob Marshall

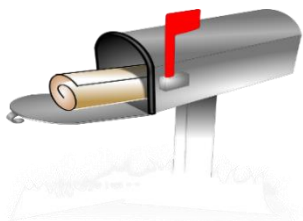


PAPER ROSTER

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

December	
4 th December	Suz Forck
11 th December	David Male
18 th December	Rex Lieschke
25 th December	No Paper
January	
1 st January	Brenda Gatehouse
8 th January	Shirley Lieschke
15 th January	Wayne Scholz
22 nd January	Barry Terlich
29 th January	Hugh Clancy
February	
5 th February	Oriel Ridge
12 th February	Rick Clancy
19 th February	Trevor Terlich
26 th February	Corey Beckett



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.

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Diary of Events

Saturday 4th December

Local Government Elections
Pleasant Hills School 8am-6pm.

Sunday 5th December

Lunch under the Verandah

Monday 6th December

Mobile Library 1:15pm – 2:30pm

Wednesday 15th December

Last day of Pre-School

Saturday 18th December

Pleasant Hills Patchwork meeting

Saturday 18th December

Pleasant Hills Pub Christmas Party

Friday 24th December

Pleasant Hills Pub open

Friday 31st December

Pleasant Hills Pub closed

January

Wednesday 26th January

Australia Day Pleasant Hills
Recreation Ground starts 8am
Free Breakfast.

Friday 28th January

Staff development day PHPS

Monday 31st January

Staff development day PHPS

February

Tuesday 1st February

Students return PHPS

Wednesday 9th February

CWA meeting Commercial Club
Albury 1030am.

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 2022. Stay safe and look after each other.





Billabong
LITTLE ATHLETICS
WE'RE BACK!

Tuesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
at Henty Sportsground
Starting **Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

Suitable for all kids aged 3 & up
Active Kids Vouchers accepted
COVID check-in and parental supervision required
All attendees 16+ need to be double-vaccinated (until Dec 1)
For enquiries contact Becky Chambers on 0429 323 723



Lockhart Shire Council

Australia Day—26 January 2022

Hosted by Pleasant Hills Tennis Club
Pleasant Hills Recreation Ground

Crawford Street, Pleasant Hills

Free Breakfast 8.00 to 9.30am

Official Ceremony at 10.00am

Morning tea after ceremony from
Pleasant Hills Primary School





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LESSONS**

Lockhart
Swimming Pool
have private
swimming
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\$15 for 20 minutes

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