

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our first meeting for 2022 will be at the Commercial Club in Albury on Wednesday, February 9th at 10.30am. Ms Alison Kincaid, OAM, will be our guest speaker. Please join us if you would like to hear Alison speak. 2022 is the Centenary year for CWA of NSW, and many special events are planned to honour this important milestone. Looking forward to another fruitful year in CWA.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn, with the \$100 Bunnings Gift Card being won by Mrs Elaine Armstrong OAM, Wagga Wagga and the decorated Christmas Cake was won by Margrit Kalin from Albury.

In light of the Tsunami which has devastated Tonga, the CWA of NSW has started a disaster relief appeal which monetary donations will gratefully be received. Please contact Lyn on 0428690222 for details if you wish to donate. We have also given \$200 to the Love Mercy Foundation's KODOKOTO Tailors – a project aiming to reach teenage girls in Uganda who have dropped out of school through issues such as lack of funding, to empower them with skills and resources to earn an income and provide for themselves and their family. We have been allocated a Bunnings BBQ in the early part of this year, so more on that as details come to hand.



Anyone who is knitting Teddy bears for Show Bags for the Sydney Show, could you please bring them to the February

Meeting, as we need to get them posted.

The federal government is developing a National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022 – 2032. CWA has been speaking

out on this issue for decades and will be putting in a submission on this very important issue.



At last minute we decided to do an Australia Day lamington drive, with the money going to the CWA Disaster Relief Appeal, since they say lamingtons are associated with Australia. We sold all the lamingtons – even the map of Australia cake.

Nett Maloney has organised a FREE course called Accidental Counselling, which will be held on Tuesday, 8th March from 12.30 - 4.30pm. Names, phone numbers and emails need to be given to Nett ASAP, so please call Nett on 0421983244, and Nett can give you further details. With so many people suffering now, the idea of this course is to give you some knowledge in how to help people with issues if they come to you. Knowing how to listen and then how to put them in contact with appropriate specialists who can help them will give you the skills required to be able to help.

I have been contacted by someone wanting Fowler's Preserving jars, so if you've got some you no longer want, please contact Lyn.

Land Cookery for February will be Dried Apricot Jam and Sweet Mustard Pickles.

Best wishes to Margaret Hasler on her 80th birthday in January. Congratulations also to Nett and Jack Maloney on their 50th Wedding anniversary. We hope they enjoyed their celebrations and wish them all the best.

Sympathy is extended to Narelle and the Dale Family on the passing of Les. Les will be very much missed in the community. He was a great historian and knew so much about Henty's history.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Welcome to a new year but unfortunately the Covid is still here and is now in our local community. So, masks are mandatory in entering the pub premises.

The pub is needing more people to put up their hands and help on the bar and in the Kitchen on a Saturday night. The number of people volunteering their time is decreasing and if we want the pub to continue operating, we need more people to help out. It doesn't have to be every month; it can just be every 2nd or 3rd month. Very little bit helps. Talk to any of the committee members and let them know what you are willing to do.

The Next Trivia Night at the Pub is on Friday 25th February. These nights have been very enjoyable and a lot of laughs. So, if you would like to book yourself in or a table contact Sherree 0457398898. Next Sunday Lunch under the Verandah is scheduled for the 20th March. Bookings are Essential.

Suzanne Forck.

School News and Reviews



Welcome to 2022! We are all looking forward to another fantastic year at Pleasant Hills Public School!

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains, Lily Beckett and Jesse Cheney, and Vice Captains, Charlotte Heald, Eliza Lamont and Bede Turner.

Congratulations to Julianne Clancy who received recognition of 20 years' service with the Department of Education and Training. Julianne received a certificate of recognition at our 2021 Presentation Day.

We farewelled our 2021 Year 6 students, Peter Cheney, Harriet Clancy and Nicholas Coghlan and also Bec and Denis Clancy after 17 years at PHPS. We wish the students every success in a new chapter of their lives as they commence high school, and we will miss them and the Clancy Family very much. We thank them for their contribution, time, and friendship during their time at PHPS.



Julianne Clancy receives recognition for 20 years of service at the 2021 presentation day.



Farwell to Nick, Harriet and Peter.

2022 School Captains and Vice Captains



2021 Presentation night Award Presentation:

Bendigo Bank Award—Maeve Turner and Lily Beckett

Department of Education 20 years of Service—Mrs Julianne Clancy

Billabong High School SRC Award—Peter Cheney
School Director & Henty RSL Award—Charlotte Heald

Citizenship Award—Isabelle Male

Gold Awards—Samantha Terlich and Caitlin Barker

2022 School Captains—Lily Beckett and Jesse Cheney

2022 School Vice Captains—Eliza Lamont, Charlotte Heald and Bede Turner

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal—Jesse Cheney

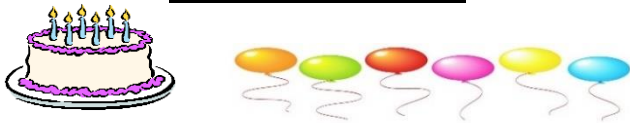


Pleasant Hills Pre School

Pupils return on Wednesday 2nd February. We look forward to catching up with everyone and hearing what they did during the holidays.



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 18th Birthday to Melanie Fischer for the 16th February.

Happy 30th Birthday to Hamish Christie for the 23rd February.

Condolences

Condolences to Narelle Morey, Ken Dale and Phillip Dale and their families on the passing of their father Les Dale.



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Tennis Club

A big thank you to everyone who helped us make the Australia Day Celebrations at Pleasant Hills such a success.

Please support the Burrumbuttock Tennis Club as these are usually fun days.

Burrumbuttock Tennis Club inc

OUTDOOR WORKS Junior Classic

AGES:
10 & Under
12 & Under
14 & Under
BEST JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Sunday March 06

9am Start - \$10/player - Boys & Girls Doubles, winners & runners up prizes
BBQ lunch - Complimentary Morning & Afternoon Tea
Entries: to Maurie - Text 0419416151 - Email be.mptynan1@hotmail.com
D.O.B required with entry & ages taken on day of tournament

Sponsors: Burrumbuttock Tennis Club, Hume Country Tennis Assoc. Walla Post Office, Sportspower Margaret Court Academy, Maurice Tynan, Sportsmans Warehouse, Elders, On-The-Mark Painting

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MIXED TOURNAMENT

Major Sponsor: KOTZUR SILO'S
Open Sponsor: zoetis
Winners: \$150 R/U: \$70
Sect.1 Sponsor: Hume Bank

Sunday March 27

9am Start - \$12 /player - Sections: Open & 1 - 5
BBQ lunch - Complimentary Morning & Afternoon Tea
Entries: to Maurie by Text 0419 416 151 or email mptynan1@hotmail.com

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ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLING

Accidental Counselling is aimed at those who would like to be able to safely and effectively support friends, family, colleagues, and strangers who are in distress or experiencing a crisis. The skills learnt in the Accidental Counsellor course can be applied in many contexts, and will provide participants with skills in active listening, calming and effective gentle questioning.

Please refer to CWA news, Page 1 for further details on this worthwhile FREE course.

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Max and Bev Hogg

We are now living in the Himalaya Estate at 12 Nullah Court, Table Top NSW 2640. We also have a new email address which is:
max.beverley.hogg@gmail.com

Our landline is 6130 1104.
Bev's mobile is 0429 453 732.
Max's mobile is 0484 290 167.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

We had a great day and lots of Patchwork Block Holders being started. This coming patchwork day will be a good opportunity for those to finish. Sue had more Patchwork block holders that were finished to show us and the Sewing Machine patchworked on her Block Holder was finished off with various sewing notions and buttons. Carole's Block holder has yummy looking Cupcakes applied on the front. Mavis has finished her Shadow Block and gifted it to her Granddaughter who loved it. With a great grandbaby on the way she is keen to do a smaller quilt using a panel. Janine finished her Fat Quarter Quilt, and it looks great, looking forward to seeing it again after quilting. The other ladies worked on their own projects, looking forward to seeing them.

Our next meeting is Saturday February 19th and it is a UFO day so that you can continue working on whatever you like. The day starts at 9.30 to 3.30 and BYO all your sewing requisites, lunch, \$6, hand sanitizer and mask. If you feel unwell, please do not come to Patchwork.

We love show and tell so please bring them along. Also, if you have any Rag Quilts or Bags previously made, please bring them along to show and tell maybe for inspiration to others as this is our next project.



Australia Day Celebrations:



Australia day 2022 at Pleasant Hills

There was a break in the “Storm Lotto” long enough for the sun to shine and for Pleasant Hills Tennis Club to host the Lockhart Shire’s Australia day celebrations.

The tennis club did a fantastic job setting up, cooking breakfast, providing refreshments and generally hosting a fantastic day. There seemed to be a very good crowd from all over the shire. All the chairs were taken up during the formalities.



This year’s Australia Day Ambassador was Ms Ange Clark who spoke about inclusion for all abilities in our everyday and into the future. Our new Shire Mayor, Cr Greg Verdon was in attendance to present the awards:
Sportsperson of the year - Noah Vennell.
Young Citizen of the year - Kiara Reed.
Australia Day Awards - Mrs Lynette Hamson and Mrs Rosslyn Nimmo
Citizen of the year for Lockhart Shire – Mrs Lynette Hamson

Congratulations go out to the Tennis club on the success of presenting Pleasant Hills to the shire.

Written and photos by Fiona Beckett.



Hills History

In the spirit of the Pleasant Hills Tennis Club hosting Australia Day this year I thought you might like to read about the popularity of tennis of almost 100 years ago.

The Pleasant Hills tennis team journeyed to Henty on Sunday to contest the Peirpoint Challenge Cup held by Henty united and were victorious by several games.

Source: The Albury banner and Wodonga express Fri 28th Sept 1934 page 42

With some 64 tennis players in action over 30 motor cars lined up on two sides and a large number of onlookers it is estimated that over 250 attended the night tennis courts on Saturday evening. The majority of those present had not attended at the night courts before and they were loud in their praises concerning the work of Mr Henry Davis in providing Lockhart (Shire) with this attraction. Mr Davies was present himself during the tournament and assisted the organising committee in every way possible. There were players present from Albury, Lockhart, Galore, Jackson’s Waterholes, Urana, Cullivel and Brookong North.

Source: Albury banner and Wodonga express 31 Jan 1930 page 41

Researched and written by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

WHY DO WE BOTHER?

This season, with all the added moisture around, I thought (as most gardeners would) try a few crops that I wouldn't attempt. First up was sweet corn, haven't grown it for years. After much attention, including replacing failed seedlings that didn't emerge, I had a small patch of healthy plants that grew to a height of over two metres. Things were looking good but soon took a downturn. Each plant only produced one cob even though the seed packet promised abundancy. Don't get me wrong though, the quality was excellent even though each cob probably cost me the best part of ten dollars each. Downturn really took hold when I noted in the supermarket's cobs were selling at 3 cobs for two dollars with equal or better quality.

The strawberries started off well but soon petered out although the plants are still vibrant and may recommence produce in the future...and in the supermarkets; some of the largest and sweetest strawberries in years for around one dollar per punnet. So why do we bother? Well, other crops are doing well (especially several varieties of tomatoes) and good produce should be achieved in the near future, hopefully. I guess it's all about life and we won't succeed unless we try and continue persevering even through failure. The last couple of years have been like this. It reminds me of the time (it may be a rural myth) when the farmer accidentally 'rounded up' his wheat crop. He didn't give up and is still producing successfully today by all reports.

Giant orb spinning spiders have returned to the garden, but this species

(pictured) doesn't live up to the beautiful web and magnificent looks of our usual visitors; the Saint Andrew Cross and other Golden orb-weaving spiders. It is probably a member of the family *Uloboridae*. These spiders represent a link between the apprentice and master weavers. Their webs aren't as mathematically accurate as the master weavers, but they are just as effective in snaring prey. Their ugly looks may give a hint of being poisonous but like most spiders that live outdoors they are harmless. They do not have poison glands. Their 'primitivity' is further revealed but the fact that most of them cannot walk on a flat surface but move about their silken threads very nimbly. (From: Spider watch by Bert Brunet). I guess that looks has nothing to do with 'getting the job done'.

Bob Marshall.

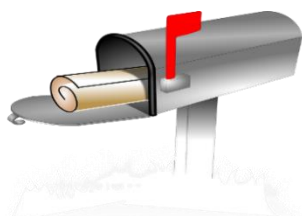


PAPER ROSTER

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

February	
5 th February	Oriel Ridge
12 th February	Rick Clancy
19 th February	Trevor Terlich
26 th February	Corey Beckett
March	
5 th March	Suz Forck
12 th March	David Male
19 th March	Rex Lieschke
26 th March	Brenda Gatehouse
April	
2 nd April	Shirley Lieschke
9 th April	Wayne Scholz
16 th April	Barry Terlich
23 rd April	Oriel Ridge
30 th April	Hugh Clancy



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 \$15 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

Tuesday 1st February
PHPS students return
Wednesday 2nd February
Preschool students return
Friday 4th February
PHPS swimming carnival
Wednesday 9th February
CWA meeting 1030am Albury
Monday 14th February
Valentine's Day 
Monday 14th February
Mobile Library 1:15 – 2:30pm
Saturday 19th February
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group
Friday 25th February
Pleasant Hills Pub Trivia night
Monday 28th Library
Mobile Library 1:15 – 2:30pm

MARCH
Sunday 20th March
Lunch under the Veranda

COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents and students



Being together in a classroom is the most effective way for students to learn and grow. Since COVID-19 remains a relatively mild illness for most children, we're committed to return to school safely in 2022. We will support this through the following measures.



WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

- If your child is unwell, even with mild symptoms you must keep them home and get them tested. If they display any symptoms they should take a PCR test (nose and throat swab) or rapid antigen test (RAT).
- If symptoms continue your child should stay home and take another RAT or PCR test in 24 hours. If that test is also negative, your child may return to school if another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever.



VACCINATIONS

- All staff on school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- We strongly encourage all students and their families to get vaccinated. Children aged 5 to 11 can now get vaccinated. Parents are encouraged to book their child in for a vaccination at the first available opportunity.
- Once eligible, all adults are encouraged to get booster shots.



TESTING

Before the start of term 1

- All staff and students are asked to take a rapid antigen test and get a negative result before attending school at the start of term 1. Your school will provide advice on when tests should be taken.
- Rapid antigen tests will be provided to all staff and students through their schools. Schools will inform parents on how these kits can be collected.

At the start of term 1

- For the first 4 weeks, students and staff should take a rapid antigen test twice a week on the morning before attending school. Test kits will continue to be supplied by schools.
- Students who are household close contacts must isolate at home for 7 days.



COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

- If your child has no symptoms and there is a positive case in their class, year or other grouping, they can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.
- Staff and students who get a positive rapid antigen test result must register it on service.nsw.gov.au or the Service NSW app as soon as possible.
- Staff and students who receive a positive rapid antigen or PCR test result must tell their school as soon as possible, and follow NSW Health advice.
- Schools will regularly communicate to parents about the presence and impact of COVID-19 in their community. Parents should expect to be provided with details of any impacted year groups or cohorts.



VENTILATION

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged.



MASKS

- All primary and secondary school staff will be required to wear masks indoors.
- No vented masks or cloth masks should be worn. If required, surgical masks will be available at schools.
- Secondary school students are required to wear masks.
- Primary school students are strongly recommended to wear well-fitted masks indoors.



ACTIVITIES

- COVID-19 will be considered in all risk assessments. Guidance will be provided to schools on applying appropriate safeguards across a range of activities.
- Parents will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give their permission for participation in extra-curricular, out of school hours or off-site activities.



STUDENT COHORTING

- Schools will continue using cohort arrangements and consider staggered drop-off and pick ups, break times, playground and canteen access.
- Depending on the school, cohort size and timetables, cohorts may be based on classes, years or stages.



VISITORS

- Visitors on school sites should be kept to a minimum to support essential school activities or student needs. Visitors will be required to wear a mask indoors and will be encouraged to wear a mask outdoors if they cannot maintain physical distancing.
- Schools are advised to allow a maximum of 2 parents or carers per student onto school grounds for Kindergarten orientation or Year 7 transition.



KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN

- Parents are asked to respect the rules at their child's school to help keep the community safe.
- Schools will do everything they can to maintain continuity of face-to-face learning including the use of more casual staff.
- Schools will need to make localised staffing decisions to ensure appropriate supervision can be maintained.
- Schools will not be able to guarantee particular staff for any cohort and students may not have their regular teacher for a class.



LEARNING FROM HOME

- We will continue to monitor the situation and where face-to-face learning is not possible, learning from home options will be supported for short periods.

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For more info, visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

