

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We had a good attendance at our monthly meeting which was held in Henty. Some time was spent sorting out our entries for the Group Land Cookery and Handicraft Day. A report was given on the Riverina Group Council Meeting, which was held at Coolamon. Since CWA is celebrating its Centenary this year, we have ordered some copies of the Centenary Book, plus various other special items. The Group are presenting a CWA Centenary Commemorative Park Bench to Wagga Wagga on Sunday, 3rd April, and it will be placed at the Tourist Information Centre. Please note that due to our next meeting being held during Easter week, it will now be held on Wednesday, 6th April, a week earlier. We will be selling home-made hot cross buns to raise money for the Flood Appeal, so anyone wanting to purchase any, please contact Lyn on 0428690222. More lamingtons have been made, with the money raised by them being sent on to the Flood Appeal. The Trivia questions organised by our secretary Nett, gave an interesting addition to our meeting. Preparations were also made for our Bunnings BBQ being held in Albury on Saturday, 9th April. Anyone who would like to help us in manning the stall, could they please contact Nett or Lyn. After enjoying lunch together, several members visited the "Cellar Museum" under Dales Supermarket, which was great, taking us back to bygone days, and enjoying many memories. The Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day was held at Galore on Saturday, 19th March, where our Branch did very well. In the Cooking, Oura Branch came first, Pleasant Hills were second with Wagga Wagga Evening third, so not

bad for our small Branch. There were some lovely articles in the Handicrafts, with Eunice McRae getting second place in the Over 80 section.

Special mention must be made of our 13-year-old junior member, Natalie Hasler who won first prize in the Junior Handicrafts in her age group, with her Diamond Dot artwork as well as first prize in the Land Cookery junior section with her Orange Cake. Well done, Natalie!



Instead of a guest speaker at the next meeting, we will be going through the agenda for State Conference so that our delegates have an idea on which way our members think.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th April at 10.30am at the Commercial Club in Albury.



Narelle Morey, Lyn Jacobsen, Kay Dean, Bev Frothling, and Net Maloney at the "Cellar Museum"

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The first Saturday of the month from April to July will be the Friday Takeaway menu due to a lack of cooks and then will be back to normal with extra volunteers coming on board after that. Lunch under the Verandah went well, thank you to all involved. See below for details.

School News and Reviews



Tennis is going well with our coach – Matt. The students are split into 2 groups – K3 – Yr3 and Yr4 – 6, which is working well in developing their tennis skills.



Pleasant Hills Pre School

A big welcome to Heidi van Venrooy! Heidi's role is Remote Early Childhood Teacher.

This month the children have enjoyed; playing with play dough, planting seeds and seedlings in the garden, towing bikes, marbles game; marble painting, trains and reading stories. Before each meal break, they sing a lovely song including Auslan actions. It goes like this, "Please and thank you, please and thank you, sounds so nice sounds so nice, manners are important, manners are important, be polite, be polite".

The parents and families of the children are also communicating via an App called Storypark, which includes photos, videos, and a summary of the day's activities. Parents and family members can add comments for everyone to see.

Thank you to all the helpers who cleaned up the Pre-School yard at the working bee.

Hills Happenings

Birthdays:



Happy 21st Birthday to Jaide Coghlan for the 4th April.

Condolences

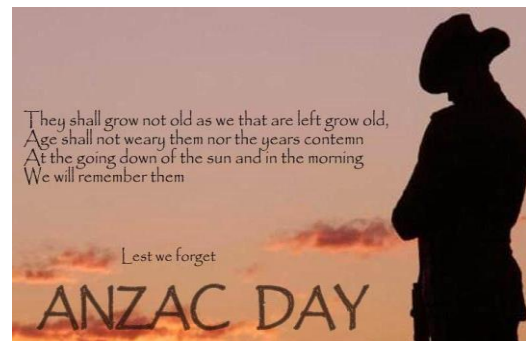
Condolences to Cameron and Emily Turner and family on the passing of Cameron's father, Mr Peter Boyd Turner.



Hall



The Anzac Day Service will be held again at 9am sharp at the Hall on 25th April, and we look forward to seeing good numbers attending and joining in the bring and share morning tea afterwards.



"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.

Lunch Under the Verandah

On the 20th March “*Lunch under the Verandah*” was held again. It was a huge success. We had a crowd of 81 people to enjoy the beautiful weather, amazing food and a couple of drinks in the company of friends.



Entertained with tunes from Jacob Wilksch on guitar and vocals for the afternoon.

A great big “Thankyou” for the hard work of Michelle Sharp and Janette Hahn for the planning of the day.

A huge thankyou to Sherree and Maddie who worked behind the bar and made some of their world famous and very delicious cocktails.



There is the biggest thankyou to Belinda (our fantastic Chief) and her team made up of local very professional budding restaurateurs, Chloe, Jorden, Molly, Grace, and Annie.

Thank you to anyone else I haven’t mentioned.

We should all be proud of the contribution and effort that is made in our small community. It is being noticed and complimented. Well done everyone.

The word is getting out people so make sure you book early for the next “Lunch Under the Verandah”.

Photos by Sherree Morey.
Written by Fiona Beckett.

Tennis Club

The tennis season has quickly come to an end. Sec 3a had a competitive season & actually defeated one of the clubs during the year that played in the grand final, but alas, no finals this season. Everyone enjoyed the season though & we had a few laughs along the way. We finished the season with a bus trip to Balldale Hotel (via Walbundrie Hotel) for a Sunday lunch. Dress code was anything tennis, so some fun was had with that. Thanks to Jeremy for driving their bus, it was a great social day.

See Renae's report following for sec 6 finals campaign.

The weather was against the club's windup BBQ after the last game as tennis was cancelled. The BBQ moved to the hotel verandah so thank you to them for allowing this.

Sec 6 report:

Coaching has 3 weeks to go this term & we are hoping to continue it for next term if we have enough interest. Please let Renae know if you're interested.

Thank you to all who played &/ or volunteered during the season & especially to the committee for a great job. Hope to see everyone back next year.

Section 6 has had a great season - with 12 players on the team, they probably didn't get to play quite as often as they would have liked as it was a 3 & 3 comp this season. But they all shared it around nicely and there was never any worries about getting a team each week.

They finished the home and away season second on the ladder which meant they played Walbundrie who finished third in the elimination final the first week and came away with a win by a very narrow margin - 1 game. It was a great afternoon of tennis at Pleasant Hills and Walbundrie are always a worthy opposition.

Then they moved on to the grand final which was played at Jindera on Saturday morning.

They again came away with a win against Culcairn, by only 3 games. Thanks to Culcairn for the great tennis, the Hume league executive for umpiring the kids as well as organising the day and to Jindera for hosting us and putting in all the effort in the background. The sportsmanship and encouragement our team showed towards each other, and the opposition is to be congratulated. The future is bright at

Pleasant Hills Tennis Club. Our team this season was; Jesse Cheney, Beau & Mahliq Brailey, Milly Forrest, Annie Singe, Zoe & Rachael Lieschke, Kelsey Maloney, Milly Quee, Declan Morey, Chelsea Reynolds and Joe Driscoll - well done kids.



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Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Our last meeting as can be seen was very productive with some doing Rag Quilts and a cute pair of Applique Bunny's making an appearance.

Our next patchwork day is coming up fast as we had to bring it forward to the 9th April due to Easter. It is a UFO day so you can continue to work on whatever project you would like to finish or start.

BYO your lunch, \$6 for hall hire and all your sewing requisites and any show and tell. Looking forward to another pleasant day at the hills.

Quilty Quote: ~ It's Saturday, time to be a hero and rescue some fabric trapped in a store.

We would all like to send our love and best wishes to our fellow Patchworker Lyn Howard, wishing you a smooth path ahead in your road to recovery. 



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Fire Brigade



The grand opening of the fire shed is on Friday July 1st, 2022, at 3pm. Bring your family along for a delicious afternoon tea!

Plenty of Permit burns are happening at the moment with no escapes been reported so keep up the good work obeying the permits.

Hills History

ROBERT RAND – (Part 2)

As I said in the March history article, I have found some new information on Robert Rand. The book “Land Galore” stated that Robert Rand died in 1904. I found his obituary and he actually died in 1894 and at his death, Robert Rand, was worth half a million pound sterling.



ROBERT RAND
His woolshed was one of the best in Australia.

He was born in Hadley England. He came to NSW in 1849 and took over Mahonga station where he commenced breeding cattle. In 1864 he bought Urangeline station and established a sheep stud (Vermont Rams). There is a whole month's article on the way he built up these bloodlines.

(Let me know if you would like me to write about this).

Mr Rand was the eldest of his family, and left 2 brothers, Messrs John and William (the latter of Wagga) and two sisters one of which resided at Mahonga and the other in England. At his death the latest stock returns state that Mahonga comprised 169,670 acres, carrying 258,156 sheep 265 horses (Arabians) and 431 cattle (Shorthorn).

Robert Rand died intestate. In 1852 he had made a will, but his attorney failed to have it signed. When his estate was finally settled it was split 6

ways. One sixth goes to his two brothers, and two sisters, if deceased the remaining two sixths is to be divided amongst the children of the two deceased brothers, one sixth being divided amongst two and the other amongst three.

I did a search and found that Robert Rand is in fact buried in the Albury Pioneer Cemetery. I found his grave which is one of the largest in that part of the cemetery.



In the week preceding his death Robert Rand attended a sale of stud sheep in Sydney, where he was attacked with Influenza. By all accounts he was a driven man, he travelled for home. When he reached Urana he consulted with Dr McKnight, who prescribed for him, and he returned home. In the days preceding his death he moved about the house, his complaint not deemed sufficiently serious to warrant him taking to his bed. On Wednesday evening he complained of pains in the chest (inflammation of the lungs). He returned to bed and was watched by one of his nephews. He died peacefully at about 1 o'clock in the morning.

Source: Sydney Mail and NSW Advertisers 27th October 1894, Wagga Wagga Express 21st April 1898, Ovens and Murray

Advertiser 30th April 1898, Wagga Wagga Express 14th July 1894,

Goulburn Herald 7th June 1895.

Written, researched and photos by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

THE SKIPPER

One of the most ‘elusive butterflies’ I have tried to photograph over the years is the skipper. Up until recently, I believed that the species portrayed here was what all skippers looked like, but it was far from the truth. In fact, many ornithologists consider them separate to butterflies and as a genus of their own. There are hundreds of species of skippers in Australia.

Because of their quick flight they are difficult to accurately capture and so I was very pleased to find a large quantity gazing on a bucket of garlic chives one recent morning. The trick in photographing them was to choose a suitable distance and randomly shoot shots around that distance for some time. Hopefully at least one would be in focus. Thankfully several were and with some cropping, many good examples were captured; one of the most striking being the one displayed. Before digital photography this process would have cost me around one hundred dollars and I probably wouldn’t have embarked on the process.

“SKIPPERs are similar to butterflies, distinguished mainly by the difference in their antennae. Butterflies have a club at the end of their antennae but skippers have more of a hook shape. Most skippers resemble small butterflies, but their flight is faster. This gives them their name, as they seem to ‘skip’ from point to point.

Many species of skippers have similar markings, making them difficult to tell apart and many, such as this species of *Trapezite*, only have their front wings in a vertical position when resting,

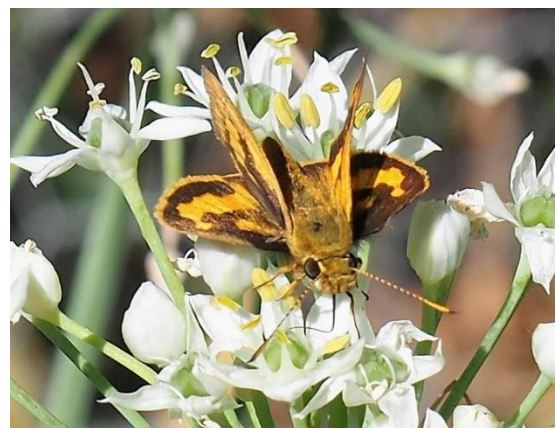
much like the appearance of some of our early fighter planes (I wonder if this was where the design shape came from?).

(From: Backyard Insects by Paul Horne and Denis Crawford)

There are of course other forms of skippers in our world, including the ones who captain or coach our sporting teams. Traditionally they fall into two camps; The dictatorial type who leads by singular superiority, making all the decisions and bearing all the consequences, although on their imminent demise are usually quick to blame others from their and the team’s ‘fall from grace’; a real ‘Captain Blood’ type.

On the other hand, we have the ‘all inclusive’ team player who gives everyone an equal say and willingly shares any spoils with their peers. The rest of the skippers fall somewhere between these extremes. I’m sure we have all witnessed many varying examples. One thing is for certain though, ‘A Captain’s Time is Limited’ and no matter however successful a skipper has been (though it does help), there are always those who are plotting their downfall for whatever reason. So, if you are in a leadership role, beware, it’s “the ones you never notice that are the ones you need to watch”. Believe me, you are only as good as your last premiership and sometime that is not enough.

Bob Marshall.

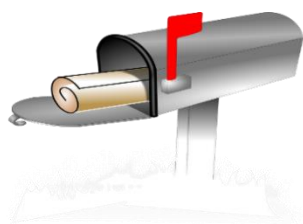


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April	
2 nd April	Shirley Lieschke
9 th April	Wayne Scholz
16 th April	Barry Terlich
23 rd April	Oriel Ridge
30 th April	Hugh Clancy
May	
7 th May	Rick Clancy
14 th May	Trevor Terlick
21 st May	Corey Beckett
28 th May	Suz Forck
June	
4 th June	David Male
11 th June	Rex Lieschke
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Diary of Events

Saturday 3rd April
Daylight Saving Time ends

Wednesday 6th April
CWA meeting 1030
Commercial Club Albury

Friday 8th April
Greater Kengal Cross Country
at Pleasant Hills

Saturday 9th April
CWA Bunnings BBQ Albury
(All help appreciated)

Saturday 9th April
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 11th April
Mobile Library 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Friday 15th April
Good Friday

Sunday 17th April
Easter Sunday

Monday 18th April
Easter Monday

Sunday 24th April
Working Bee at the Hall 1030
(All help appreciated)

Monday 25th April
Anzac Day

Monday 25th April
Anzac Ceremony 9am at the
Hall. (Please bring a plate to
share).

