

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our July meeting was held in Albury. Vice President, Margaret Hasler chaired the meeting in the absence of our President.

Several invitations were received from various CWA Branches for celebrations to mark the 100-year milestone of CWA, as well as one from CWA of Victoria about a State Creative Arts Exhibition at the Tallangatta Memorial Hall on 5th and 6th August. There was also an invitation from Henty Branch to their 90th Birthday party, which some members plan to attend.

Our newest Junior Member is 7-year-old Jessica Maloney and as she was at the meeting, she was presented with her membership badge by Vice President, Margaret. She had also done some cooking for Land Cookery, so all present congratulated her and look forward to seeing her learn more new cooking skills.

The next Riverina Group Council Meeting is to be held on Monday, 1st August in Wagga Wagga, where we will be represented.

This year we are studying Latvia, and our next meeting is our International Meeting, which will be held at the Pleasant Hills School, on 10th August, starting with a Luncheon at 12.30pm. This is open for everyone to come and join us and the students and staff to taste some Latvian dishes, and later to hear our Guest Speakers the State International Officer, Mrs Jenny Chobdynzki and the Group International Officer, Mrs Fi Gaston share their knowledge of Latvia. Several Latvian recipes were handed around at the meeting, and members who aren't cooking these dishes are asked to bring something else for the Luncheon.

Bev Frohling spoke of her recent visit to the Royal Flying Doctor's Headquarters in Darwin – it's an interesting place to visit, as you realise just how great the need is for this service to so many people.

CWA and the Dept of Planning and Environment are working together on a campaign to conserve koalas.

We are doing a Lamington fund-raiser for the Albury Cancer Hospital in mid-August.

We are also helping with raising funds to purchase a new Portable ECG machine for the Albury Base Hospital, which is badly needed.

Our State President, Mrs Joy Beames is visiting Riverina Group in August, with a Wagga Wagga City Mayoral Reception on Wednesday, 17th August, and then in the following few days, she will visit around the Branches. We are to combine with our neighbouring Branches in Henty for a light luncheon on Saturday, 20th August.

Land Cookery for this month was a Ginger Fluff Sponge, which only Margaret Hasler cooked, and a Sultana cake with two entries – one from our new Junior member, Jessica Maloney and the other was Margaret.

Next month we have three items – Simple Tea Cake for junior members, Chocolate Cake and Date and Walnut Roll.

Our next meeting will be our International Meeting at the Pleasant Hills School. Please note we will meet at the earlier time of 10am, so that we can have the meeting as well to prepare the luncheon.



Jessica Maloney

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

PUB AGM Friday 19th August @ 7.30pm
Important for people to attend this meeting to get some ideas on the future of the pub and looking for new committee members. Please put your hand up to help out.

Working Bee at the pub on Thursday 11th August @ 9am to get a few jobs done around the place. There will also be a working bee just before the Field Days to clean up the rooms and the pub before this usually busy time for the pub. There is still a couple of rooms available during the field day week so contact Suzanne 0428393047 if you hear of anyone looking for some accommodation. Also, if people want to bring a caravan and park in the back yard of the pub they are welcome. Just need to contact us.

Numbers are getting low on the kitchen and bar roster please help out even if only every couple of months.

Keep an eye out for some special kitchen nights. Looking at doing Indian Cuisine. There will be option of two dishes. When we have a set date for the first one will promote on the Facebook page and the display boards at the pub.

Beginning on 9th October the pub will start opening again on a Sunday afternoon from 2pm. This will be a trial to see how many people are going to support this whether it will be a permanent opening.

School News and Reviews



Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a lovely break. Hard to believe it's the end of Week 2!

The term has started with COVID continuing to lurk about, so please find the updated COVID-smart measures over the page.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Week 3 - Thursday 4 August

Thank you to those who have booked in a time. We look forward to seeing you. If this clashes with the Athletics Carnival, please give us a call and we can re-schedule a time.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library will now be coming to Pleasant Hills on a THURSDAY FROM 10.30-11.30AM.

BOOK WEEK

Wednesday 24th August



Book Week will be celebrated in week 6 this term. This week highlights the importance of reading. The theme is "Dreaming with eyes open". The students may dress up as their favourite book character. Pleasant Hills

Pre-School will join us for part of the day and will share a sausage sizzle for lunch.

SRPSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Next Thursday some of our students will travel to Albury to participate in the SRPSSA Athletics Carnival. Good luck to all students!

SCRIPTURE—Tuesday 2 August

As part of the Scripture program, we will be hosting Quick Works Incorporated. They will conduct a presentation to the students from 9.30-10.00am.

GYMNASTICS

Flyaway Gymnastics Albury Wodonga will be travelling out to our school to conduct a 2 hour session on Mondays in weeks 2,3,4. Tuesday of Week 9 will travel to Albury to the gymnasium from 12.45-1.45pm.

Just to let you all know that in Week 6 and Week 7, I will be taking Long Service Leave. Claire will step in and lead the school while I'm away, with both Mrs Gerhardy and Mrs Madden increasing their days to fill my absence.

Zillah Gleeson.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

This month at Pleasant Hills Pre-School we have been blessed to acquire a Smart Board TV. It will be used for reading books and chatting to our offsite Early Education Teacher.

A big thank you to The Pleasant Hills Public School for making this possible.

The children are continuing to build Pirate Ships. They enjoyed reading the Wombat Stew book and creating their own recipes for Wombat Stew.

Kelly Male.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 60th Birthday to Rick Clancy for the 1st August.

Happy 21st Birthday to Helena Fischer for the 21st August.

Happy 50th Birthday to Cindy Scott for the 30th August.

Congratulations:

Julianne Clancy for being inducted into the Hume League Hall of Fame.

Condolences:

Condolences to the Clancy families on the passing of Terence Clancy.

Condolences to Amanda Male and her family on the passing of her father Leonard Baker.

Condolences to Peter Sharp and his family on the passing of his mother Margaret Hibbins.



Get Well Wishes:

Wishing Rex Lieschke a speedy recovery after becoming unwell during a recent holiday.

Wishing Rachel Terlich (Clancy) a speedy recovery after a recent injury on the netball courts.

Hume League Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Julianne Clancy for being inducted into the Hume League Hall of Fame. Julianne is only the third female to achieve this award, so well done and well deserved.



Tennis Club

Our AGM will be held on Friday, the 12th August, beginning at 7.30pm at the hotel. There will be some action at the courts in the next couple of weeks, with work to commence on 2 new synthetic grass courts. This is very exciting for the club & is thanks to funding allocated by Lockhart Shire Council. We've also been looking into upgrading the lights which will be a big help for our coaching program held on Friday afternoons/night. However, this is a costly exercise, depending on which option we go with that, so still visiting available funding etc.

Carol Smith.

Hall News:

Over the past weeks you will notice that there is now a new metal fence on the west side of the Pleasant Hills Hall. This has been in the pipeline for a while and with the last of the grant money, Peter Sharp organized the materials for the job.

A huge thankyou to Wayne Scholz for collecting the 8-meter lengths of rails and delivering them back to the village for us. On Friday 15th July a few of us got together and installed the new fence in the afternoon.

Thank you to: Peter Sharp, Corey Beckett, Rick and Thomas Clancy for helping to get the job done.



Fiona Beckett.

The Hall had its AGM on Monday 25th July.

The office bearers are:

President - Peter Sharp

Vice presidents – Anthony Male and Rick Clancy

Auditor – Lyn Forck

Secretary/Treasurer – Fiona Beckett

Article and photo by Fiona Beckett.

Fire Brigade

The shed opening was a great turnout with over 100 people attending. We welcomed the Hon. Wes Fang the Minister for Emergency Services, Deputy Commissioner Peter McKechnie, Mr Justin Clancy State Member for Albury and Cr Greg Verdon Mayor Lockhart Shire. National Emergency Medals were presented in recognition of the unique contribution and commitment to the 2020 emergency's, seventeen members of Wagga area were presented these medals, congratulations to them all! The fire brigade also recognised the following members for their significant contribution to the brigade over many years, Max Hogg, Bob Jacobsen, Rodney Selwood, George Beckett, Ron Wellington, Claude Lieschke, John Lieschke, Ian Howard and Greame Clarke. We were also presented a plaque to officially open the shed. Thanks to all who helped leading up to the day was a huge success. The Mynyaplah tennis and old Oakdene school reunion joined us on the day with old teachers and ex-students travelling many miles to unveil their plaque. Afternoon tea, sausage sizzle and cold beverages finish off a great afternoon.

Grant Morey.



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Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Just a small number of people attended last month's meeting, where we welcomed a visitor to our group, and we hope to see Sue again. There were 3 ladies with the same first name and with such a small group present, made it interesting.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 20th August and is a UFO day, so bring along whatever you would like to work on and enjoy the company of like-minded people.

BYO your lunch, \$6 for Hall hire and all your sewing requisites.

MISSING

Black and Tan Kelpie



Lost a black and tan Kelpie from Forcks Lane Pleasant Hills, answering to the name of "NED". He is very quiet and friendly. If anyone sees him, can you call Corey or Fiona Beckett.

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PLEASANT HILLS TENNIS CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 12th August, 2022
7.30 pm Community Hotel
All welcome
Apologies to:
Carol: 0427 205 393
Sarah: 0409588112

Pleasant Hills Southern Station Opening

On the first of July there was a great roll up at the opening of the new Pleasant Hills South fire shed on the Munyapla-Settlement Rd. The shed was built over two years ago but with everything going on in the world this was the first opportunity to have the opening.

Many locals were in attendance as well as many dignitaries: Hon. Wes Fang representing Hon. Steph Cooke MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience; and Minister for Flood Recovery. Deputy Commissioner Peter McKechnie representing Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM. Mr Justin Clancy MP, State Member for Albury. Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager, Lockhart Shire Council. Insp. Scott Conlan, District Coordinator Riverina Zone. Group Captain Pat Smith AFSM. Group Captain Trevor Haines. Pleasant Hills Fire Captain, Grant Morey. Brigade Officers and Service Members. National Emergency Medal recipients from Bidgeemia, Osborne and The Rock Brigades.

At the opening of the new shed the Pleasant Hills Rural Fire Brigade recognised; Max Hogg, Bob Jacobsen, Rodney Sellwood, George Beckett, Ron Wellington, Claude Lieschke, John Lieschke, Ian Howard and Graeme Clark for their significant Contribution to the Pleasant Hills Brigade over many years.



There was also a fabulous country afternoon tea for everyone to enjoy the sunny afternoon. And many stayed on for the evening BBQ and drinks around a warm fire drum.

Pleasant Hills Brigade Fire Captains over the years:

Wilfred Groch

Kevin Terlich: 25 yrs

Brian Clancy

Rodney Sellwood: 2 yrs

Trevor Terlich: 9.5 yrs

Peter Morey

Peter Beckett: 6 yrs

Grant Morey is current Brigade Captain (and also the Great Nephew of Wilfred Groch)



On the same day there was also a gathering for the Munyapla Tennis Club and the Oakdene School where there were plaques unveiled at the Fire Shed.

Article and Photographs by Fiona Beckett.

Hills History

Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade

In 1930 the Equipment list for the Brigade was; Hand pump, Furphy, wheat bags and fire beaters.

The equipment list in 1940 was; Hand pump, Furphy, wheat bags, fire beater and private fire units.

In 1950 home-made equipment consisted of a centrifugal pump (belt driven by a Petters Stationary Engine) and mop up unit. A Rex unit with a Villars Engine, two Furphy's, 10 metal 5-gallon knapsack's and fire beaters were used. The first fire shed in Pleasant Hills was located at Lewington's transport, on the opposite side of the road to the Pub, on the corner of Hughes and Cullen Street to west side of where Graham Cheeney's house is now.

The fire units were used by Lewingtons transport company. The business was sold to the Creek Brothers.

When a fire notification was received a grain truck was unloaded at the silo, the Furphy was lowered from the gantry in the shed to the back of the truck. The fire unit was on the platform in the shed and this was manoeuvred onto the truck.

In 1956-57 a large bushfire started at Boree Creek. The fire was almost under control at Lockhart when a fox ran across the road and reignited the fire. It was finally brought under control at Osborne. Kevin Terlich was the fire captain at the time.

In the 1960's a decision was made to allow each landholder to obtain a ute pack or trailer unit.

A 1930 Chev Maple Left truck was purchased. Fitted with two 300-gallon tanks and a high pressure pump. This truck was located at Avocavale then owned by the Geddes family. Now it is owned by Anthony and Amanda Male. In the mid 1960's the Post Office staff were the fire informers notifying land holders of the details of a fire. At this time two-way radios were issued to the fire captains. The Lockhart Shire was the first regional shire to receive radios. This communication method helped with directing trucks when a fire

started on Scott's property at Munyabla and eventually being contained near Holbrook. Urangeline East Brigade merged with Pleasant Hills at about this time. A new Bedord truck was received by the Urangeline East Brigade and was forwarded onto Pleasant Hills Brigade. The old Ford truck from the Urangeline Brigade was moved down to Eric Lieschke's Property. This indicated that a truck and shed was required at the southern end of the Brigade. The Urangeline East shed was located near the Silos, it was moved to George Beckett's gateway at Allambee. George Beckett became the caretaker. The shed is still there today.

The Chevrolet truck that was located at Avocavale was replaced by a Mitsubishi full tanker truck was located at Ian Howard's property. Ian took care of it.

A Leyland truck was loaned from the Yerong Creek Brigade and located at the southern end of the Brigade for a few months. It was returned to the Lockhart Shire.

In the late 1980's Pleasant Hills purchased a second hand International equipped truck from Victoria and was located at Gary Lieschke's property, they operated the truck. In the late 1990's a new fire shed was erected in the Pleasant Hills village.

In 2010 a new Isuzu complete fire unit truck was presented to Pleasant Hills from Fire Command. The Mitsubishi at Ian Howards was replaced with a second-hand Isuzu truck unit. This unit was later moved to the southern end of the Brigade.

The new shed was erected just over two years ago.

Written by: Trevor Terlich

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Koalas make a beeline for 'nutrition bomb' solitary gum trees.

Lone craggy gumtrees that dot cleared farms are nutrition bombs for koalas that run the gauntlet to dine on them, a new study has shown.

It's fair to say that such trees, often the only landmarks in bare paddocks and on naked hillsides, don't seem like prime koala habitat.

But researchers from the University of Sydney who tracked 23 of the marsupials in an agricultural landscape in north-west NSW have shown they are. "We found they continually go back to these trees because they are so good," says the study's lead author, Associate Professor Mathew Crowther.

It turns out such trees are rich in nitrogen, one of the building blocks of life. That has little to do with their isolation and everything to do with the quality of the land they're grown on.

"The reasons these places were cleared in the first place was for farming, and farmers pick fertile land, and land with water," Associate Professor Crowther says.

The study showed the 23 koalas tracked near Gunnedah repeatedly

returned to isolated gum trees, risking exhaustion and dog attacks by leaving more protected bushland and dashing across exposed landscapes.

The koalas also stayed in isolated nutrient-rich trees longer than other trees.

Associate Professor Crowther says the study demonstrates the importance of farm trees as habitat for koalas, which were listed as endangered earlier this year.

"Don't cut down those paddock trees. And make it easier for koalas to get there by removing threats where possible and planting green corridors."

The study was published in Behavioral Ecology.

Article printed in the Border Mail 19/7/2022 page 13. Forwarded by Corey Beckett.



COVID-smart settings in Term 3

As the new term gets underway, I would like to update you on our COVID –smart measures. These have been developed in consultation with NSW Health and are aligned to the NSW Government’s general community settings.

Many of our existing COVID-smart measures continue into Term 3, including:

- staying home if unwell, even if you have a negative RAT, until you are free of symptoms
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and close contacts able to return to school
- strongly encouraging mask wearing, particularly for the first 4 weeks of term
- strongly encouraging all eligible students and their families to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and the flu

- maximising natural ventilation
 - good hygiene practices
 - strict requirements for close contacts attending school
 - responding to local COVID-19 conditions
- Some things are changing this term, including:

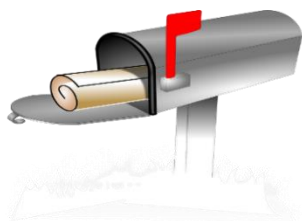
- **COVID-19 vaccination policy update** – the mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination will be lifted for staff in most school settings from 1 August 2022. We will continue to encourage all staff, students and our school community to keep up to date with their vaccinations, including getting a booster shot when eligible.
 - **Boosted day cleaning** – our cleaning model has shifted slightly and will now be more concentrated during school hours.
- Thank you again for your ongoing support.

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

August	
6 th August	Trevor Terlich
13 th August	Corey Beckett
20 th August	Suz Forck
27 th August	David Male
September	
3 rd September	Rex Lieschke
10 th September	Brenda Gatehouse
17 th September	Shirley Lieschke
24 th September	Wayne Scholz
October	
1st October	Barry Terlich
8 th October	Hugh Clancy
15 th October	Oriel Ridge
22 nd October	Rick Clancy
29 th October	Trevor Terlich



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Diary of Events

Thursday 4th August

PHPS Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 10th August

CWA meeting at 10:00
Luncheon at 12:30
at PHPS

Thursday 11th August

Pub working bee at 9:00am

Thursday 11th August

Mobile Library 1:15 – 2:30pm

Friday 12th August

Tennis AGM at 7:30pm

Friday 19th August

Pub AGM at 7:30pm

Saturday 20th August

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Thursday 25th August

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