

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We held our Annual Meeting in Albury, with a good number of members

attending.

Wendy hopes to attend the Handicraft learning day at Tarcutta later this month. The Rock Show has been postponed until 12th November, due to inclement weather, and our Branch is planning on having an entry in the CWA exhibit. The Branch took cakes to Conference which were collected for the Kurrajong Fete.

A carload of members attended the Group Conference at Uranquinty and reported that it was a great day.

Margaret and Lyn L are planning on attending The Rock Branch's International Day.

Lyn J reported that she had been in contact with Lockhart Shire and that the Centenary Chair was still a work in progress.

Our thoughts are going out to the many areas that are dealing with a flood crisis, and no doubt we will be having a fund raiser to do our bit to help out.

The next Group Council Meeting will be held at Galore on 28th November, and three members are hoping to attend.

Our Christmas party will be held at Brady's Hotel, and the gift colour scheme is gold or silver, and can be re-cycled or

bought from an op shop. This idea created a lot of fun last year.

In the Land Cookery, the cake was a Gluten-free Orange Cake, which was won by junior cook, Jessica Maloney, and second place was Kay Dean.

Next Month, the competition will be a Boiled Fruit Cake, a fruit pudding boiled in a cloth, and Lemon and Carrot marmalade.

For our Annual Meeting, Mrs Lynette Buck, Murray Group President took the Chair, and all positions are the same except that we now have an Agricultural and Environment Officer, so thank you Wendy, and thank you to everyone for filling all the positions.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Break up at Brady's Hotel, starting at 10am on Wednesday, 30th November.



*Mrs Lynette Buck
Murray Group President.*

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The pub has had another busy month in October, with a very successful Indian food night, compliments of Annie from The Railway Hotel in Lockhart. I would like to thank her very much for preparing and delivering the meals out to Pleasant Hills. There are still some meals available at the hotel in takeaway containers @\$35 per meal. Sheree made cocktails for the night, for Sam Rutland's bucks' party. The next cocktail night is Saturday 5th November 2022.

The following weekend saw Cindy Scott's birthday on Saturday for lunch, with the tables set up on verandah. Thank you to Cindy & Steven for holding the party at the pub. They generously allowed us to use the chairs for our Sunday lunch the next day.

Sunday lunch saw 59 people attend with thanks to Belinda and the wait staff.

I know December is a busy time for all of us but, we will be having a Christmas party at some stage. It is hard to find a suitable date but, Friday 23rd looks to be the best time we will discuss it at the next committee meeting and confirm in next month's newsletter.

The pub is open on Sunday afternoons on a trial basis for the next few months, it opens at 2.00pm. Thanks to Marty and Laurie for doing this. Please come down for a Sunday session and show your support.

We are hosting the Wagga Rotary Club for lunch on Sunday 30th October, thanks to Col Weise for organising this.

Please keep supporting the pub either by getting on a roster to cook or work the bar or just come down for a drink and a chat and help keep the doors open.

Also thanks to Hugh and the team from Delta in Henty for holding a pre-harvest grower meeting on Thursday 20th October. This was a most informative evening well attended by local farmers, thanks to Annie and Catherine for their catering efforts.

Peter Sharp.

Lunch under the verandah

59 people enjoyed the food and gorgeous weather last Sunday. Thanks once again to our capable chef Belinda Hindmarsh and our local waitresses. A great deal of volunteer labour goes into cleaning verandah, setting up, and packing away afterwards. Thank you so much to all involved.



School News and Reviews



This term has certainly got off to a flying start! We are already at the end of week 2! The students are all smiling and have enjoyed the activities of the last two weeks.

3-6 Excursion

It was great to be able to go on a school excursion again! By all accounts it may have been wet but the students and staff had the best time, which was evident with their smiles in the photos. Thank you to Mrs Baaten for her time and her attention to caring for the students.

Kinder Orientation

We welcomed Cohen to the Infants classroom on Thursday, as he commenced his 2023 Kinder Orientation. We look forward to spending the next three Thursdays with you Cohen!

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Healthy Harold

Harold was here to talk to the students in the areas of: K-2- Growing Good Friends, 3/4- Bcyberwise, 5/6- Decisions.

Thank you to Stephanie Vance and Harold for visiting!

AFL Clinic

Thank you to Tia from AFL Southern Riverina for imparting her knowledge and expertise to develop the students AFL skills. The inflatable was an added bonus for the day and the students thoroughly enjoyed the target practise.



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 70th Birthday to Alison Campbell for the 9th November.

Happy 80th Birthday to Rodney Cox for the 11th November.

Happy 30th Birthday to Hannah Kilo (Sharp) for the 19th November.

Wedding:



Congratulations to Julie McRae and Mark Anderson for their wedding on the 23rd October 2022.

Wedding Anniversary:

Von and Les celebrating 30 years of marriage.
Thank you Les for being there for us all these years, you are the rock we all depend on.

Love you to bits.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

In Term 4 we are welcoming Mrs Finn to Pleasant Hills Pre-School as the new Director/Teacher.

So far, the children have enjoyed playing in the sandpit with Earth Movers, they have even been bogged and figured out how to tow them out. One day there were 2 frogs discovered so they caught one in a jar and after observing it, they gave it a pat and let it go. After this they read a story about frogs.



Tennis Club

Well we haven't been able to get on the court much as yet, but what we've had has been enjoyable. Our young sec 6 had one match & lost by only 3 games. Unfortunately, no Friday night training as yet.

No further news on new courts with council liaising with the contractor to have them in a playable state.

Just a reminder for players/members to pay their memberships asap thank you.

Carol Smith.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Well we had a big roll up for October with lots of different items being sewn. We had quilts, table runner, applique work, dressmaking, machine quilting, English paper piecing, Sewing Machine Cover from a free motion sampler, Christmas tea towels, crocheting and Elasticising a Tablecloth, lots to eat and talk about. Welcome to Fiona who joined us for the first time.

Our next meeting is Saturday November 19th and we are doing a Quilt As You Go Table runner. Contact Deb Stanley or Virginia Clancy if you would like more information on the Table runner.

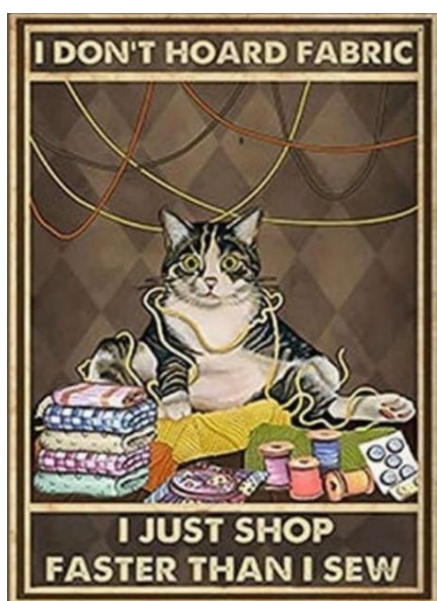
If you prefer to keep working on your UFO's that is fine also.

BYO your lunch, \$6 for hall hire and all your sewing requisites and Show-n-Tell.

It's time to start thinking of our programme for next year, so if you have a pattern or technique that you would like to share or learn, and you will not be at our December meeting then please bring them along so that we can present them for you at the December meeting for voting. Looking forward to another Pleasant Day at the Hills.

Deb Stanley.

Show-n-Tell October meeting:



Tour De Pleasant

Now that Spring is finally here
The sun has shown its face
It's time to get my E-bike out
And ride around the place.

Perhaps before I say much more
And people start to glower
An E-bike is an electric bike
The battery provides more power.

You charge it up before you go
And secure it in its place
Purists say it's the cheaters way
I'm not here to win a race.

There's loads of roads I can explore
Some tracks are still too wet
I'll find a lane or corridor
And work up quite a sweat.

The pedal assist is such a gift
It means I can ride further
Even on the steepest hills
My legs don't scream blue murder.

The wider seat cannot be beat
Long rides are much more fun
A chair to rest one's derriere
A cradle for your bum!

A magpie cries but doesn't swoop
It settles in its tree
As I cycle underneath
I know it's watching me.

Cattle stare from behind the fence
They stamp their feet and snort
Perhaps I'll find a different spot
To enjoy the snacks I've brought.

And when the shadows start to grow
The cricket calls get stronger
Reluctantly I head for home
I'd rather linger longer.

But even when I'm riding back
And making good headway
The best thing about an E-bike is
New adventures every day.

Trudi Smith



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Fire Brigade



Bush Fire Danger Period commences
Midnight Tues 1 November. Fire Permits are
required going forward, Riverina general
conditions apply. For more info call Grant
0428869666. Maintenance rosters will be
sent out soon.

Grant Morey

Hills History

November 11th is Remembrance Day.

At 11am on this day we remember all those who served in our Australian defence forces. To pay respect to those who came home after service to defend all of us and remember those who gave their lives by doing their duty.

In the Second World War many local men served in the 17th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps.

I didn't know what this was, so I did some investigating.



The Volunteer Defence Corps was an Australian part-time volunteer military force modelled on the British Home Guard. The origins can be traced back to 1860 when it was formed as the New South Wales Volunteer Rifles. They have been disbanded and reformed a number of times. The 17th Battalion was raised at the beginning of WW1 in Egypt where they were then sent Gallipoli and later went to the Western Front in France and Belgium as part of the Australian Corps. It was disbanded again in 1921.

The 17th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps was established again in July 1940 by the returned and Services League of Australia and was composed of ex-servicemen who had served in WW1. The government took control of the Volunteer Defence Corps in May 1941 and gave them the role of training for guerrilla warfare, collecting local intelligence and providing static defence of each unit's home area. Following the outbreak of the Pacific War the government expanded the Volunteer Defence Corps in 1942. Membership was open to men aged between 18 and

60 including those working in reserved occupations (farming and essential services, etc). By 1944 there were nearly 100,000 men in the Volunteer Defence Corps organized into 111 battalions. There were 1,500 full-time personnel, more than 30,000 part-time active members and over 43,000 part-time reserve members. As the threat to Australia declined the Volunteer Defence Corps role changed to operating anti-aircraft artillery, coastal artillery, and searchlights. The members of the inland units were freed from having to attend regular training in May 1944 and the Volunteer Defence Corps was again disbanded in August 1945.

Some of our local men who were part of the Volunteer Defence Corps were:

William Theodore Altus
Benjamin George Beckett
Wallace Crichton Browne
Wilfred Nicholas Burmeister
Frederick Raymond Leonard Gale
William Arthur Groch
Alan Harris
Alan Ellis Jelbart
William Everett Jelbart
Herman Julius Knobel
Peter Norman Knobel
John Stephen Lewington
Frederick Herman Lindner
Alan Roy Pumpa
Arthur Bernhardt Scholz
Robert Christopher Sellwood
Clifford David Smyth
Cecil Henry Wilfred Spencer
Herbert Leonard Terlich

Lest we forget.

Written by Fiona Beckett

Our Backyard

PETS ARE A PRIVILEGE

Although we have probably talked about it before, those of us who acknowledge the 'animal kingdom' are presumably better off. Though we live in a rural community where animals are usually part of our lives, sharing our lives with them arguably keep us healthier and tend to live longer than those who live in the city and don't have any contact with animal life.

Luckily most the problems remain in the city, but the urban sprawl is slowly filtering into country realms. Most pets in the city centre around dogs and cats, birds, and fish, but here in the country we can embellish native wildlife, if only for a short while. Who hasn't sat outside regularly, having a cuppa, and see the same bird or insect for a few days that just seemed to know you'd be there and taking your thoughts away for couple of minutes: away from the stress of modern life. You can't get that in the city.

There a plethora of possibilities include bird life and many animals, even they than can be pests at times, do not have to be contained. Now you can't do that in the city.

One such character who came my way the other day who refused to leave the rain gage that it had made its home in (no doubt enjoying the warm water), was this *Litoria peronii*. You could swear it has a smile on its face and looks most contented. Another was a shot that has the little frog with its tongue hanging out, most amusing.

Yes, we may be restricted in the country in many things, but we still have the wild life to keep us sane and I reckon it is worth the sacrifice.

Speaking about frogs; it has been a couple of years since we have heard the 'pobblebonks' or giant burrowing frogs happily calling from the Pleasant Hills dam. Normally they can be heard in large numbers day and night. I hope they haven't moved on or become a victim of 'climate change'. Frog calling is a sign of a healthy environment and after this persistent rain one expects to hear their calls. Time will tell.

Bob Marshall.



CULCAIRN STREET PARTY

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER 5-9pm

Momentum is now gathering as we move towards this major event in our town. With over 30 market stalls already booked, food and entertainment secured, balloons ordered, and fireworks organised, we are certain to have a great night where the community can come together to celebrate.

Our Street Party has been made possible through the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program which aims to boost tourism, facilitate economic recovery, and create social opportunities in rural/regional communities, especially following COVID. Our Culcairn Community Development Committee applied for a grant earlier this year and was very excited to receive approval. It is now a matter of coordinating all the various parts, so it comes together on the night.

We trust that everyone will put FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER in their diaries so they can join in the fun between 5 and 9pm in our main street. Remember to also invite friends and family to join us in the festivities. It will definitely be a case of “the more the merrier” and with Christmas approaching it will be an opportune time to buy a few gifts!!!

If anyone would like to have a market stall (or knows someone who does) please email our committee at

culcairnstreetparty@outlook.com so we can send you a registration form.

Applications close the week before the event, so we have time to plan sites.

Looking forward to a fantastic night and hope to see lots of people there.

Philip McCartney
Progress Committee.



LASCI – Lockhart Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

Your local Swim club LASCI will be commencing in **November 2022**, and we can't wait to get back in the pool and have some fun. To kick start the season for lap swimmers (Intermediate & Advanced) there will be a Development session with Billy Nicholson from NSW Swimming on Sunday 6th 2pm – 5pm. RSVP to Penny.

Juniors commence Tuesday 8th November 4pm.

Tuesdays Junior Swim Club 4 to 4:30pm
Lap Swimmers 4:30 to 5:30pm (Time Trials)

Thursday Lap Swimmers 5 to 6pm (Training)

Sunday Lap Swimmers 11am -12 (Laps)

Junior Swim Club - water confidence building, games & stroke development. (Prior swimming lessons a prerequisite, minimum 5 years old.)

Lap Swimmers (all ages) - improving strokes, technique, and PB times.

Registration details available on commencement. For more information contact Penny Lane 0407 753 431.



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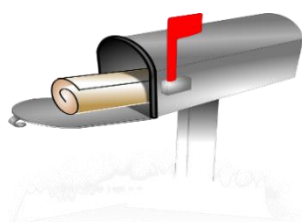
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HENTY

November	
5 th November	Corey Beckett
12 th November	David Male
19 th November	Rex Lieschke
26 th November	Brenda Gatehouse
December	
3 rd December	Shirley Lieschke
10 th December	Wayne Scholz
17 th December	Barry Terlich
24 th December	Hugh Clancy
31 st December	Oriel Ridge
January	
7 th January	Rick Clancy
14 th January	Trevor Terlich
21 st January	Corey Beckett
28 th January	David Male



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Diary of Events

Thursday 3rd November
Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Thursday 3rd November
PHPS Kinder Orientation

Thursday 3rd November
PHPS P&C meeting 2pm.

Saturday 5th November
Cocktail night @ the pub.

Thursday 17th November
Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Friday 18th November
Culcairn Street Party 5-9pm

Saturday 19th November
Patchwork group meeting

Thursday 20th November
PHPS Kinder Orientation

Monday 28th November
PHPS swimming @ Lockhart
Pool commences.

Wednesday 30th November
CWA meeting Brady's Hotel
10am.

