

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our first meeting for the year was held in Albury.

On the first Friday in February, we took advantage of the very

cool day and held another very successful Scone, Muffin & Biscuit Stall at Bunnings, this time the profits going to Avondale Place in Henty. The Square Reader has proved invaluable at Stalls, as many people no longer carry cash. My thanks to our helpers at these stalls as it's only possible to have them when the weather is cooler, so there is often very short notice. Several members attended the Avondale Place Open Day on Sunday 5th February, and all were very impressed.



Avondale Place

We are looking into buying some outdoor furniture for the complex.

We entered the CWA Exhibit at the Henty Show and were thrilled when our entry received 1st Prize.

The purchasing of a Portable ECG Machine for the Albury Base Hospital that was a joint project between the Albury & Thurgoona Lions Clubs and the CWA has arrived, and the staff were very appreciative of the new machine, valued at \$7,500. We were proud to have contributed towards this machine.

We have ordered some books on this year's Primary Product, Hemp.

We are going to enquire about doing a tour of Albury's Re-cycling Plant, which we've been told is an interesting tour.

Some discussion took place on what we would do for our International Day at Pleasant Hills, since the State aren't changing the Country of Study until 1st October, so we've decided we will base our day on Australia.

Riverina Group is holding a day to learn more about cooking in Wagga on the 6th March and three members hope to attend.

Our Combined Handicraft and Land Cookery Day is to be held on 11th March at Collingullie, and members are asked to bring any handicrafts they have to our next meeting. Margaret has given the members concerned the list of cakes they can cook for this day, and we'll sort getting the cakes there closer to the time.

Several members are attending the Riverina Group Council Meeting at Uranquinty.

CWA of NSW has given \$50,000 to Türkiye and Syria from the International Fund.

Lyn Jacobsen was presented with a beautiful dried flower arrangement at the meeting in acknowledgement of her Order of Australia status, which she thanked the Branch for.



Lyn Jacobsen OAM

Our next meeting will be held in Henty at the B&B on Wednesday, 8th March, commencing at 10.30am, followed by lunch.

School News and Reviews



WELCOME BACK for 2023! The students have settled back into school routine and are eager for the learning to begin. A big welcome to

Cohen Morey who started Kindergarten this year!



Sentral

Just a reminder that Students Absences can be entered into the Sentral Portal. This is then directly saved to the students record.

NAPLAN

The window for NAPLAN has been brought forward this year and will commence on March 15 and run through to March 24.

Lockhart Show Society

Invites you to a
Market Day with Live Cooking Event

Cooking with Lyn Jacobsen OAM

HOT CROSS BUNS AND CWA
SCONES

Professional traders in attendance

Sunday 26th March, 10am – Lockhart Showground

\$20 adult includes Devonshire Tea & light luncheon.
Also raffle and lucky door prizes.

RSVP by 19th March to Joy 0428 566 902



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 21st Birthday to Dominic Coghlan for the 8th March.

Happy 90th Birthday to Frank McRae for the 8th March.

Happy 18th Birthday to Issy?? McRae for the 18th March.

Happy 90th Birthday to Oriel McRae for the 18th March.



Condolences

Condolences to family and friends on the passing of Mr Rodney Cox.





Fire Brigade

Effective as of Wednesday 1 February 2023, fire permits will be available across the Riverina Zone.

Non-Standard Conditions

In addition to standard permit conditions, the following local conditions will apply:

- › No burning before 1400 hours;
- › Minimum of 2 fire units must be in attendance;
- › Burns are to be completely extinguished prior to being left unattended;
- › No timber of any nature may be burnt;
- › No burning on Public Holidays;
 - › Permits for Sunday burning will be issued on a case-by-case basis by the FCC

Note: Permit Officers may strengthen permit conditions or reject requests for a permit at their discretion should they feel that a particular burn holds too much risk.

Careless & Illegal Fires (RFS Legal Process) There is a growing emphasis from Head Office at ensuring that all careless and illegal fires are investigated and appropriately followed up.

Triggers for the RFS Legal Process include:

- › Escaped burns
- › Permit conditions not being met
- › Failure to notify (24 hours)
- › Leave fire unattended
- › Light fire without permit

Please be aware that any escaped permit burn regardless of the cause have to be investigated by an Authorised Officer and this may result in one of three follow up actions being applied.

These follow up actions include:

- › Community education,
- › Formal cautions, or
- › Penalty infringement notices (PIN)

Grant Morey
Fire Brigade Captain
0428 869 666

Tennis Club

Our last round is 25th Feb (which will have played out by newsletter). Sec 3a remains in 5th place with a close game last sat, losing by 4 games. We were already unlikely to reach the finals on percentage but have enjoyed a good season & good teams to play against. Sec 5 is in 6th place & sec 6 in 5th.

Our **windup/presentation will be on Saturday 11th Saturday** at the courts starting at 5pm for a hit followed by a BBQ tea. Gold coin donation. Let's see as many there as possible to celebrate a fun season.

Carol Smith.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Even though it was a hot day in February we were as cool as cucumbers in the Pleasant Hills Hall, sewing away finishing some unfinished objects.



Our next meeting is March 18th with a choice of small projects - Pin Pal, Origami Bag (2 styles), or continue working on your UFO.

Remember to bring your lunch, \$6 for hall hire and your sewing requisites, and any show and tell.

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Rain – Friend and Foe.

A decent drop of rain we crave, it's such a
fickle beast
It always seems to have its way when it is
needed least
It's not welcome at harvest time or when
you're making hay
And if your washing line is full then it will rain
all day.

A sudden flash of lightning means a good
chance of a storm
A welcome summer shower would be
awesome on the lawn
The plants and trees are wilting, and the tanks
are getting low
Yet despite the harsh conditions the weeds
will always grow.

It's unwelcome in the city when you're
running for a bus
Or at an outdoor concert where it causes too
much fuss
Cloud formations tease us as the paddocks
turn bone dry
And hot and dusty farmers gaze forlornly at
the sky.

It's not much fun at football or any outdoor
sport you choose
You end up soaking wet and cold with soggy
muddy shoes
And if you're pouring concrete it will rear its
ugly head
I like to hear it on my roof, at night when I'm
in bed.

So akin to feast or famine, be it flooding or in
drought
It seems we are all chalk and cheese when
there is rain about
We'll measure what is in our gauge then
compare it with next door
And hope it's not far down the track before
the next downpour.

A poem by Trudy Smith.



Hills History

Every month I try to make Pleasant Hills history new and interesting. Sometimes it can be difficult to find something to write about. I was at the Pleasant Hills patchwork day, and I was asking the ladies for any ideas about what to write about when a lady, that no one knew, walked through the door.

A lady, Sandra, drove from Canberra to Pleasant hills for a day trip. Sandra had brought her dad, Ron Wooden, and mum Marion along with her two sons, back to where Ron had grown up. What an opportunity to write about someone who had grown up in Pleasant Hills many years ago. I asked Ron if I could interview him and write a story for the local newsletter. Luckily for me he said yes.

He was born, Ronald Alfred Wooden, at Coolamon on the 20th May 1935. The family moved to Wagga Wagga until he was about 4 years old, when they made the move to Pleasant Hills. Ron's father worked on the railways. The family lived at Pleasant Hills in the 1940's and 50's. Ron attended the Pleasant Hills Primary School. In their teens Ron and his brother worked at the chaff mill at Pleasant Hills. Ron lived in the area until he was 17 or 18 years old, when he moved to Sydney. Ron joined the NSW Fire Brigade where it became his life's work for 40 years.

Ron also did his part by giving his time in the National Service.

Ron returned to Pleasant Hills for the school centenary celebrations, in 1989. Ron's grandsons found his name on the mural from the Pleasant Hills School centenary, which is hanging in the Pleasant Hills Hall meeting room.

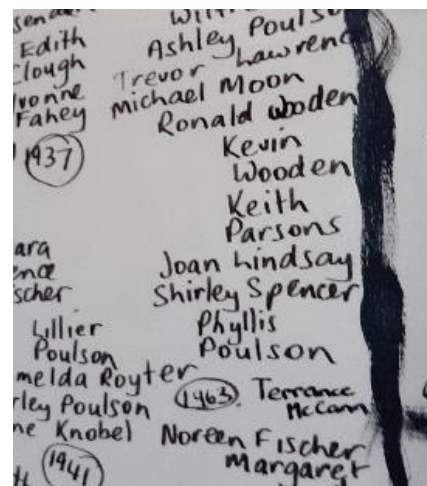
Ron's Sister Joan married a Pumpa. Ron remembered some of the local families of the time: Lindners, Knobles, Pumpa's, Clancy's, Grunow's, Groch's, Manson's, Turlich's, and Gibson's.

The family rented a mud brick home on the north side of the silos.

Ron Wooden and his wife, Marian, now live at Putney in Sydney and they have 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

This year Ron Will be 88 years of age. I have been in contact with the family since we first met. Hopefully they will visit our town again.

Written by Fiona Beckett



Our Backyard

DAMSELFLIES

Damselflies, and their close cousins, dragonflies are considered the second most primitive of our flying insects. Only mayflies are older and anglers use their larvae along with dragonfly and damselfly larvae for bait (mud-eyes).

They do not make good pets, but if the larvae are captured, they will live in a fish tank or the like until they mature, but they will require a constant supply of live food, which may prove difficult. The abdomen of an adult damselfly is about six times as long as its head and thorax combined. Sexes of the same species are often markedly different in colour but with those swarming about my dam and yard, it would be reasonable to assume that the 'blue' are the males and the 'brown' are the females. A male 'blue' damselfly is often referred to as the 'blue darning needle' (*Coenagrion lyelli*).

Being predatory, nymph and adult damselflies contribute to the biological control of mosquitoes. Damselfly nymphs in particular are an important food item for other creatures. Damselfly nymphs possess three leaf-like gills, something that dragonflies don't possess and the female is able to submerge herself completely underwater to lay her eggs so that her eggs, if they survive, are ready to hunt prey immediately. Some species simply scatter their eggs on the surface of the water. Sometimes they will mistake bright shiny cars or the like for water and lay their eggs there. What a job they do though in controlling the mosquito population, This year, especially after we have had all that rain, the 'mozzies' population is reasonably manageable (though not extinct) through the actions of damselflies.

Both pairs of wings are held above the body when at rest with most species.

Damselflies and dragonflies are relatively easy to photograph as they will remain motionless at rest for long periods of time. The trick is getting a shot with the wings in motion. When waiting for prey, they leave with incredible speed but are gone for only about one second when they return to usually the same hunting spot. If a focus is kept while they are at rest, the returning damselfly can often be photographed when re-aligning to its perch. There will be errors but I have found the success rate is pretty good. Fossil finds from the Triassic Period (245 million years ago) show that early dragonflies were gigantic, spanning 600mm across their gauzy wings and the nymphs had a body length of over 300mm. Although apparently harmless to humans, I don't think I would trust something so large and hungry. Today, Australia is the home to some of the largest dragonflies and damselflies in present existence.

(From: Australian Insects by Bert Brunet)

Bob Marshall.

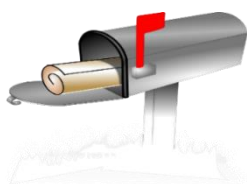


PAPER ROSTER

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

March	
4 th March	Barry Terlich
11 th March	Wayne Scholz
18 th March	Oriel Ridge
25 th March	Rick Clancy
April	
1 st April	Trevor Terlich
8 th April	Corey Beckett
15 th April	David Male
22 nd April	Rex Lieschke
29 th April	Brenda Gatehouse
May	
6 th May	Shirley Lieschke
13 th May	Wayne Scholz
20 th May	Barry Terlich
27 th May	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 Virginia Clancy. 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

Wednesday 1st March

Autumn starts

Wednesday 8th March

CWA meeting Henty B&B

10:30am

Thursday 9th March

Mobile Library 10:30-11:30am

Friday 10th March

Henty Street Scape 4pm 'til late

Saturday 11th March

Tennis windup /presentation

5:00pm

Wednesday 15th March

PHPS NAPLAN starts

Friday 17th March

St Patricks Day

Friday 17th March

St Paul's College Walla Walla

75 Years celebration 4:30 - 8pm

Saturday 18th March

Patchwork group

Thursday 23rd March

Mobile Library 10:30-11:30am

Thursday 23rd March

Clearing Sale @ "ATTUNGA"

Alma Park (Webb's)

Sunday 26th March

Lockhart Market Day

