

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our Branch held its March meeting at the B&B in Henty.

We've had a busy month with members attending the Group Council Meeting at Uranquinty, next a number of us attended a special "How To" day held in Wagga Wagga with the Chairperson of The Land Cookery Committee, Mrs Ellice Schrader giving us lots of tips, recipes and ideas to help everyone with competition cooking as well as general cooking.

On Saturday, 11th March we had two car loads of members go to Collingullie to attend the Handicraft and Land Cookery Day, where in the Handicraft Section, we had a great display and two of Nett Maloney's Grandchildren, Jessica and Flynn won first prize in their junior sections which now go on to State Conference.



Nett Maloney representing her Grandchildren's successes in the Handicraft Section, Natalie Hasler holding her first prize Tea Cake, Lyn Jacobsen with her prize-winning Plum Pudding and Margaret Hasler with the Land Cookery Burkinshaw Trophy.

Pleasant Hills won the trophy for the Most Successful Branch in the Land Cookery with Natalie & Margaret Hasler, Jessica Maloney, Lyn Lieschke and Lyn Jacobsen all winning prizes. This was open judging, and we all learnt a lot from hearing the judge's comments along the way.

The next Handicraft learning day will be held at The Rock on the 22nd April.

The Agricultural & Environment Bus Trip was held on the 27th March, and several of our members enjoyed lunch with them at Jindera and going through the Museum.



We have purchased an Outdoor Setting of a table and eight chairs and donated it to Avondale Place in Henty.

Lyn is cooking Hot Cross Buns as a Fund Raiser.

Some of the Resolutions for State Conference were discussed briefly at the end of the meeting.

Sending get well wishes to Eunice who had a fall, however, is now on the mend.

Our next meeting will be held in Albury at the Commercial Club on Wednesday, 12th April at 10.30am.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

On Sunday April 2nd there will be a working bee to install plastic blinds around the verandah out the front. Many hands make light work, so please come to help with ladders etc.

On Anzac Day the pub will be hosting a poker run by party unlimited from Albury, they are expecting 250-300 bikes to come. They will be here for lunch, about 1 ½ hours in total. Any help that day would be much appreciated.

Hopefully, we will get a bit busier some Saturday nights once the football starts on 15/4/23.

Next Sunday lunch will be 7/5/23 please let Michelle or Janette know if you would like to attend.

Please keep supporting the pub, so we can keep it open for all the community to benefit.

Peter Sharp.

School News and Reviews



#LOVE YOUR SELFIE Program.

The Year 3-6 girls have been participating in a fun self-esteem building program specifically aimed at girls. The program helps to build the development of confidence and self-esteem. The girls are enjoying having Emily from Intereach visit our school over the course of 8 weeks.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

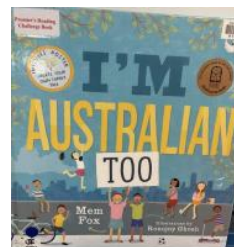
Well done to all the students who participated at the Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival at Lockhart Pool. To come away Champion School with only 8 students competing was absolutely fantastic and was achieved through a wonderful display of sportsmanship, courage and a 'have a go' attitude. Congratulations to Milly Quee who



was the Senior Age Champion and went on to compete at the Southern Riverina PSSA in Lavington.

HARMONY DAY

Pleasant Hills and Boree Creek Public Schools celebrated Harmony Day at Yerong Creek Public School on 21 March and all students attending had a lovely day. Thank you to the Yerong Creek P&C for providing lunch. The students all enjoyed the activities and celebrating our diversity and belonging for all Australians.



BLUEARTH - Students are enjoying Bluearth every fortnight.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN online assessments for Year 3 and Year 5 were completed in March. Thank you to all students for engaging in the process.

NETBALL

The SRPSSA Netball trials were recently held. Well done to Isabelle Male and Milly Quee for their participation and attendance. Milly will now attend the Riverina East Trials on May 28.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Greater Kengal Cross Country will be held on Thursday April 6 at Pleasant Hills Public School. A BBQ will be available on the day.

Hills Happenings



Belated Birthday:

Happy 21st Birthday to Grace Clancy
for the 20th February.

Birthdays:

Happy 70th Birthday to Bob Marshall
for the 4th April.

Get Well Wishes:

Wishing Peter Hahn, Peter Beckett
and Eunice McRae speedy recoveries.



Pleasant Hills Preschool is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

We will require a group of people who have knowledge of the preschool's history to come together and form a committee so we can compile historical information as well as contact details of past directors, committee members and students.

If you, or anyone you know, has information regarding this, we would love to hear from you and work together with us to compile information and cater for a morning tea, where there will be a reunion from the last 50 years of past staff, committee members and students.

Please contact Frances on 0400 347 602

After The Rain – a Poem by Trudy Smith.

We were desperate for rainfall and now it has been,
Already some paddocks have a slight tinge of green.

The sky wears bright blue and it brings out the sun,

A signal that there is much work to be done.

There's weeds to pull out and rough lawns to mow,

Vege plots to inspect and seeds we must sow.

There are bushes to trim and dead leaves to rake,
And tomatoes to be checked that are tied on a stake.

Lots of paths to be swept and cobwebs to brush,
A hot sticky job it's best not to rush.

You don't want to disturb the wasps in their nest,
Their many clay homes create such a mess.

The small citrus trees look remarkably bright,
Fingers are crossed they will come through alright

The long dry summer meant most plants did it tough,

Our efforts at mulching might have just been enough.

Coloured fruit ripens behind nets on the trees,
Red and green apples are surrounded by bees,
A precious small harvest soon ready to eat,
We look forward to devouring a fresh juicy treat.

Kookaburras sit patiently above the front yard,
Waiting for lizards to let down their guard.

The dust has just settled, but they laugh not in vain,

At the cycle of life that comes after the rain.

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Hills History



Ron Wooden

Fred and Grace Wooden welcomed Ronald into the world on 20/5/1935 at Coolamon. Soon after Ron's birth the family moved to Marrar where Fred worked on a shared wheat farm. In 1938 the owners of the farm sold the property and Fred and Grace, and the family moved to Wagga Wagga. It was in Wagga Fred leased a butcher shop and worked there until 1939. The following year the Wooden family moved to Pleasant Hills, where Fred worked on the railway. At this stage Ron was now 4 years old. He continued to live at Pleasant Hills in the mud brick home now owned by Marty and Amanda Cunningham, until Ron was about 17 years old.

Ron and his siblings attended the Pleasant Hills Public School until Ron left school at 15 years of age. After leaving school Ron worked at the Chaff mill owned by Jack Lewington. A typical working day starting at 7:30am until 5pm. Duties included cutting straw feed for cattle, bagging it and loading it onto trucks and eventually being loaded on cars at the railway station. When Fred's position was made redundant on the railways the family moved to Cabramatta, Sydney (1953). Ron joined the NSW Fire Brigade in 1955 and retired in 1995. Ron married Marian in 1958 at St Mary's Catholic Church Concord and had four children: Jeff, Ken, John and Sandra. Ron and Marian have 13 Grandchildren and 4 Great-Grandchildren.

Written by Sandra Wooden.

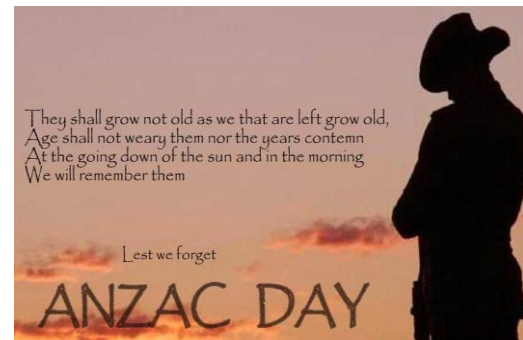
ANZAC Day at the Pleasant Hills.

This year ANZAC Day, 25th April, is a Tuesday. The service will begin at 9am at the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

There will be a working bee at the Hall, at 2pm on Sunday 16th April, to get the Hall looking the best for ANZAC Day.

"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.

An advertisement for insurance through Bendigo Bank. It features a stylized illustration of a red car parked in front of a building with a 'P' parking sign. A person is standing next to the car. In the background, there are trees and a plane flying in the sky. The text reads: "Insurance through Bendigo Bank", "Through Bendigo Bank, you'll have insurance you can rely on.", "Visit us in branch or at bendigobank.com.au/insurance to get a quote.", and "Community Bank - Henty 6929 3683".

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WITH THANKS:

FLAMING FIRES OF DEVASTATION TO FANNING FLOWERS OF LOVE

A wedding ceremony location of stunning historical features was held in the grounds of the Jindera Pioneer Museum behind the old Wagner Store on the 5th March.

This was enjoyed by all guest who attended the wedding of Jillian Nolan née Wegener from Galston, Sydney, and Bevin Wenke from Walla Walla.

After organising the local photographer, Frances Terlich and local celebrant Sarah Schmidt just hours before; the couples entire belongings, home and shedding were destroyed by a fire that began in a newly installed standalone solar system on the evening of the 3rd January.

The couple were not deterred from changing their marriage date and were able to replace birth certificates burnt in the fire in time for the celebrant to complete the paperwork.

There has been such an outpouring of love and support to both of us over the last 2 months and we feel that God has shown us a new way forward.

We also want to thank all those involved in fighting the blaze; particularly the local RFS brigades, neighbours, and volunteers.

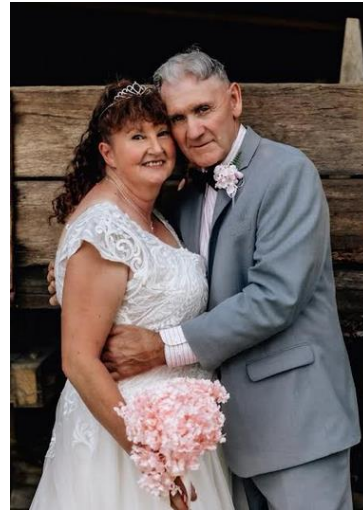
We want to thank all the individuals who have so generously donated clothing, food, money and household items for us to rebuild our lives to some normality.

We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

P.S. We also wish to give a special mention to all the folk who helped with organising refuge of an immediate nature on the night of the fire; the ADRA op shop run by the SDA church in Albury opened their op shop for us at midnight and paid for 2 night's accommodation and the Pleasant Hills community has provided us with ongoing accommodation.

It is with gratitude that we owe you all for your love and support during our hardship.

Bevin and Jillian Wenke.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Our April meeting is on Saturday 15th April with a UFO theme, so remember to bring \$6 Hall hire, general sewing requirements and Morning Tea to share and your lunch. Our March meeting was very productive as can be seen above, some being show and tell, which everyone loves. Please continue to bring in your show and tell items to inspire us all.

Our Backyard

REVISITED

One creature that we talked about a long time ago is the Orchard Butterfly and its lesser friend the Dingy Swallowtail. Both butterflies are common around our gardens especially around this time of year and they surely add some colour to our gardens with their, at times, slow loping antics. We find them today around our citrus trees where they deposit their eggs (and sometimes cause considerable damage) to our lemon trees. But did you realise that these large butterflies are native and although they have taken a liking to our introduced citrus trees they should be preserved to some degree. The conundrum is; How can we continue to have these distinguished creatures around without having our citrus demolished?

There can be a solution where both can be achieved. Being a native, means that we should find and plant native plants that support the species. All the native food plants belong to the family Rutaceae including Eremocitrus and Microcitrus. The problem is sourcing these plants. Recent reclassification of these plants has technologically only left two species in the Rutaceae family.

Wax plants are good place to start but professional help may be needed to plant the correct varieties. This surprisingly is harder to achieve that it looks. The internet may be of some help though. The second problem is that these plants need a bit of loving care so that they will survive. This year, I decided to sacrifice a lemon tree onto which I transported the colourful grubs from other citrus trees in my garden. This process was going along merrily until a large magpie who lived nearby decided that the feast was

too good to be true. At least he extended the feed for two appearances. So much for that idea. There must be some Rutaceae plants about somewhere because the Orchard and other Swallowtail varieties of butterflies are still about in reasonable numbers. There are books about which will explain what other plants are necessary to attract other species of butterflies to your garden. One is "How to attract Butterflies to your Garden" by Densey Clyne (remember her?) The rewards will be most satisfying in time especially as Pleasant Hills' varieties seem to be slightly different from those experienced elsewhere.

Well, we didn't get far talking about past encounters just say that after a small hiatus, probably due to the weather, the dreaded fruit-fly is making a comeback. Although not doing much damage at the moment, I suspect the future may need addressing. It is not too early in preparing for a future infestation.

Bob Marshall.



PLEASANT HILLS - ESPLANADE

The esplanade is a Pleasant Hills community Tidy Towns project to enhance an area of Grassy Box Woodland with an overstorey dominated by White and Grey Box with White Cypress Pine. Other plant species to note include Mallee Wattle, Golden Wattle, Gold- dust Wattle, Water Bush and weeping Pittosporum along with the native lilies and daisies. A walk along the Esplanade may reveal the nests of the Grey-crowned babbler. This bird is uncommon and appears to be declining in NSW (early 2000's). Grey-crowned Babbler. Size 25-29cm



A couple of years ago I wrote a proposal to the Lockhart Shire Council to see if we could get some funding for our part of the shire, and I chose to propose that the Esplanade be given some love. It's such a beautiful native green space in the Pleasant Hills village which is overgrown and forgotten about. And to my surprise it was publicly announced on Australia Day 2022 at Pleasant Hills that we were given funding of \$100,000 to spend on the Esplanade. Below is part of my proposal.

*The original treated pine poles with plaques have not survived. At some stage in the past decade, they were replaced with steel posts/star pickets, customised with plaques attached. Most of the trees/plants with identifying markers are long gone. They need to be replanted or relocated to the actual identified species.



The landscape has been altered to direct excess water through the Esplanade. The signage is tired and dated. The sign identifying the Grey-crowned Babbler, from the Tidy Towns project, is still legible and functional.

I gave them some of my ideas for the Esplanade at Pleasant Hills.



Footpath's made from natural materials. Local gravels, and/or sleepers. Keeping the native and natural feel to the Esplanade. The hide(s) to be constructed of sleepers and allowed to weather to become part of the landscape. The hide(s) to allow access for all abilities, for everyone to enjoy the natural environment of the Esplanade. The seating at the hide(s) and the Esplanade in general, to enable the viewer to relax and allow the time needed for fauna to come to the viewer.



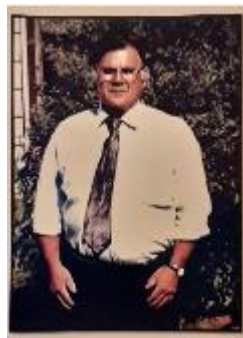
Having an enclosed and weather protected hide(s) would be ideal. An onsite pictorial reference to the flora and fauna of the area would be a learning opportunity for the Pleasant Hills school children and to nature lovers visiting the esplanade. *

Last month I got word that if the \$100,000 wasn't spent by 30th June this year then it would be withdrawn. So I have had a meeting, on site, with those on council who would be doing the works and now it seems that they need to a public consultation process before any work can begin. The plans will be released shortly and will be available for viewing at the Pleasant Hills Post Office. If you support this project maybe we can get other things for our community in the future.

Fiona Beckett.

	St John's Lutheran Church Pleasant Hills Good Friday Service 7th April at 1100am	
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VALE Rodney Cox



At the start of March, we said goodbye to Rodney Eric COX (Cox and Pud). Rodney was born 11th November 1942 in Maidstone, UK.

He was the 3rd child to Harry and Esther Cox, a brother to Smiler, Nelson, June, Trixie and Johnny.

Rodney aged 7 and his family came to Australia in 1949 and settled at Bathurst NSW. Rodney left school a 15 and became a station hand at Black Spring, Oberon. After 5 years as a station hand Rodney moved to Queanbeyan and worked in a sawmill for about 12-18 months before taking a job with the Queanbeyan Council laying pipes, digging trenches, but his love of working as a station hand lead him back to the job he loved. Rodney worked as a station hand in lots of places, Rylstone, Conoundra and Young where he hurt his back and wasn't able to do much at all.

In 1999, Rodney took on the role of Caretaker at the Pleasant Hills Hotel, which also gave Rodney the role of Postal Manager.

On retirement Rodney had lots of moves around the local district, Pleasant Hills, Henty and finally Culcairn. Rodney was Uncle to Toni and Maree and Great Uncle Rodney to Toni's children. Rodney passed away on the 15th February and was laid to rest on the 1st March with a graveside service at the Henty Cemetery.

(Taken from the funeral service booklet.)

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Years
1948-2023

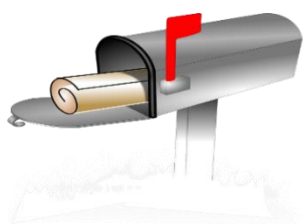
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Academic Scholarships are open to new and current students entering Year 9 and 11 in 2024
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CLOSING 28 APRIL

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HENTY

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	Hugh Clancy
27 th May	Barry Terlich
June	
3 rd June	Oriel Ridge
10 th June	Rick Clancy
17 th June	Trevor Terlich
24 th June	Corey Beckett



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Sunday 2nd April
Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday 2nd April
Working Bee at the Pub

Wednesday 5th April
PHPS Easter Activities with Pre-School

Thursday 6th April
Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Thursday 6th April
Cross Country at PHPS

Friday 7th April
Good Friday

Sunday 9th April
Easter Sunday

Monday 10th April
Easter Monday

Wednesday 12th April
CWA meeting Albury
Commercial Club 10:30am.

Saturday 15th April
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Sunday 16th April
Hall Working Bee 2pm

Thursday 20th April
Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Tuesday 25th April
Anzac Day

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

Tuesday 25th April
Poker Run at the Pub

Wednesday 26th April
PHPS students return Term 2

Friday 28th April
PHPS Netball in Albury

