

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We had a large number of members present at our April Meeting held at the Commercial Club in Albury.

We have three members attending Conference in Bathurst. Nett Maloney and Kay Dean will be our Delegates, whilst Margaret Hasler will go as an Observer. I'm sure they will all enjoy themselves as there's some very interesting motions that have been put forward, including a Motion of Urgency from Eugowra Branch "that in the event of flooding or natural disasters, entry and clearing out a building or home must be carried out with permission of the owner or their authorised person." Apparently, the powers that be cleared out people's homes taking everything to the garbage tip, including inherited jewellery, sentimental photographs, historical books etc. How frustrating the people concerned must have felt, having already had their homes condemned!

Our cooks will be busy cooking their first prize winning cakes from Land Cookery Day to represent Riverina Group at State Conference in Bathurst. Eunice McRae, whom I missed last month when mentioning the prize winners, will also be cooking her Grapefruit Marmalade Jam, as it also was a first prize winner, so we wish all the ladies the best of luck with their entries.

Many women around the world are entering in the "Women Walk the World" fundraiser and awareness event, and because our members are scattered, we are participating with a virtual walk.



Our Hot Cross Bun fund-raiser was a big success, raising more than \$560.

*Wendy Crosby
Helping make the
Hot Cross Buns*

We also have had a Mother's Day raffle going for accommodation for two with Breakfast at Art Deco B & B in Wodonga as first prize and second prize is a collection of Tupperware. We had a Scone, Muffin and Biscuit Stall at Bunnings on 28th April, and we drew our raffle there.



*Lyn Jacobsen, Nett Maloney,
Bev Frohling, Margaret
Hasler and Wendy Crosby
at the Bunnings Stall.*

The profits from this stall will go to helping Women in Crisis, both locally and further afield. We have contacted Lockhart Shire regarding some ideas for the planned Community Tidy Towns project in the Esplanade.

Narelle Morey laid our CWA wreath at the Pleasant Hills Anzac Service this year.

Our next Meeting will again be at the Commercial Club in Albury on 17th May, at 1030am. Please note that due to Conference our Meeting is a week later.

Our Ag and Environment Officer, Wendy Crosby gave us a talk on our Primary Product for this year, Hemp and it has some very interesting facts which I'd like to share with you.

HEMP - Hemp is an edible protein that contains all the essential amino acids, nine essential fatty acids, as well as omega 3 & 6. In three to four months, it can grow to produce over 50,000 commercial products, including anything that cotton, plastic paper or wood can be used for. It is a renewable resource that doesn't need to be genetically modified because it is naturally pest resistant.

HEMP FACTS

- Anything made from plastic can be made from hemp.

- Hemp requires about half the water that cotton needs.
- One acre of hemp produces the same amount of paper as 4.1 acres of trees, saving millions of acres of forests.
- One acre of hemp produces more oxygen than 25 acres of forest.
- Hemp grows quickly and is harvestable in six months.
- Hemp is easy to grow without poisons or heavy fertilization.
- Hemp can be used as a biofuel.
- Hemp fabric is more durable than cotton.
- Wood made from the stems is 20% stronger than oak.
- The carbon sequestration is 15 tonnes per hectare.

The Governor chatted to each recipient and their guests outside and again posed for photos with our families.

Thank you to everyone who had any input into writing the citation that is a requirement for this Award. I know there was a lot of work done for this, and I was surprised at the many things that were included.

It was a truly memorable and very special occasion. We all had an absolutely wonderful day and one that none of us will ever forget.

Thank you everyone for this acknowledgement!

Kind regards,
Lyn Jacobsen OAM

My OAM Investiture!

On the 17th April, Jim, Dianna, Marie, and myself flew to Sydney for the Investiture of my OAM at 10am the following morning. Each recipient was allowed three guests each, so that worked well.

We arrived at Government House in good time on Tuesday, 18th April and I, along with the other 27 people recipients were presented in turn to the NSW Governor, Mrs Margaret Beazley. Our citation was read out by the MC as we were presented to her. The Governor then pinned on our Order of Australia Medal, spoke briefly to each of us in turn before formal photos were taken and we returned to our seats.

Afterwards, we were all invited to a light luncheon in the grounds of Government House, where the gardens were at their absolute best.



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The rumble of 300 Harleys reverberated around the village on Anzac Day, as the Party Unlimited motorcycle club came to the pub for lunch, on their annual Poker run. They were raising money for Legacy; we were able to donate \$208 from the hall collection and \$250 from the pub for a very good cause.

Thank you to all the people who helped in the bar, outside with the can bar, by picking up glasses and empty cans. Thanks to the ladies and young ladies who worked in the kitchen to get them all fed in a short period of time.

It has been a very good day for the pub with about \$3700 banked. They were only there for a little over 1 hour. Things have been quiet with most farmers busy sowing, taking advantage of the great weather. Trade should pick up a bit now that footy has started, so please all keep supporting the pub to help keep it open.



Please note: There will not be a May "Lunch Under the Verandah". Stay tuned for upcoming events at the pub.

School News and Reviews



We welcomed all our students back to school after their holiday break. They all seemed very happy to be back at school!

Our school has had new carpet laid through all the classrooms and office over the school holidays. We also had our new cabinetry installed in the old library which has now been converted into a meeting room for staff, parents, and community members to use.

We held our Greater Kengal Cross Country on the last day of Term 1 at our school with Boree and Yerong Creek schools attending. All the GK

students enjoyed the day especially with the weather being so nice and our school grounds looking so green and tidy. The Pleasant Hills students all ran very well and received places in their age groups and were very excited to win the GK Cross Country Championship trophy. Congratulations also to Milly Quee and Samantha Terlich for winning the Senior and Junior Girl Champions. Thanks also to the Pleasant Hill P & C Association for cooking a lovely barbecue lunch for everyone on this day.



Thank you to the Parents and students who attended the Anzac Service at the Pleasant Hills Hall. The students were all dressed nicely in their school uniforms and our school captain Milly Quee presented our Anzac wreath on behalf of our school.



Well done to Emily and Maeve Turner for playing the piano for the service too, they did an excellent job. A lovely morning tea was provided after the service, thank you to everyone involved.

The Biggest Morning Tea

Our school will be holding "The Biggest Morning Tea" on Wednesday May 17th. Please save the date and support this great cause.

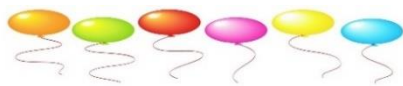
Pleasant Hills Pre School



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

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 60th Birthday to David Schneider for the 1st May.

Happy 70th Birthday to Laurie Gear for the 21st May.

Happy 60th Birthday to Louisa Heycox for the 22nd May.

Happy 18th Birthday to Joseph Clancy for the 31st May.



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Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



As can be seen, April was a very productive day with everyone doing their own thing.

We also welcomed a new patch worker, Shirley, to our group.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 20th May in which many of us are going to Temora to see a quilting shop and visit a long arm quilter. This should be great fun. For those not wanting to go to Temora you can meet at the Hall for a UFO day. Remember to bring all your sewing requirements and \$6 hall hire money.

Hall

ANZAC Ceremony

Anzac Day in Pleasant Hills was a little different this year, perhaps it was a look at what the future may hold.

For the first time since 1994, we had no RSL or RAAF in attendance. Fortunately, we had a little bit of warning that this would occur. Thanks to Trudy and Julianne for reading and to Fiona for her research, that became the guest speakers talk. We also would like to thank Emily for providing the music. Numbers were good with about 50 people present, we will always have a service on Anzac Day, as long as people want it. I hope next year we will be able to the RAAF to attend. Thank you to all, who brought morning tea and helped in anyway.



The Anzacs

A Poem by Trudy Smith.

A time to remember, to pause and reflect,
It's now we should question our own intellect.
So much that was fought for, so much that
was lost.
So many years later still counting the cost.

What has war taught us? What have we
learned?
Do our enemies still haunt us, their souls
perhaps burned?
Families still grieving yet daily they try,
To grasp why on earth did their loved one die.

Still we follow our leaders with whom we place
trust,
Hoping future decisions will be careful and
just.
We must fight with our actions and not
weapons or guns
A chance to write history for our daughters
and sons.

So here's to the Anzacs, for your bravery and
strength,
And a plea to our leaders – don't sit on the
fence.
Encourage us to listen and look out for our
mates.
A new generation of Australia awaits.



Hills History

ALL persons are CAUTIONED against HUNTING WILD HORSES or otherwise TRESPASSING on the Wallandool and Munyabla Runs.

M B Ryan The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express: 18/11/1887 - Page 6.

DEATHS –

KURTZE : On the 24th January 1887, at Albury, NSW, Herman, schoolmaster at Munyabla, the dearly beloved son of Robert Kurtze, in his 20th year; deeply mourned. *Hamilton Spectator, 3rd Feb 1887 Page 2.*

The farmers of the Riverina district at Mundawaddera, Yerong, Greens, Gunyah, Brookong, Urangeline, Munyabla, Pleasant Hills, and Henty, who are interested in the election of directors on sheep boards and stock directors, are again loudly complaining of the want of proper facilities for recording their votes for the election of suitable candidates. Recently a meeting has been held at Mundawaddera, and a petition sent to the Minister to gazette a polling-place for these elections at Yerong Creek, which will be convenient for a large number of owners of sheep in the districts surrounding the township, as well as others further back. *The Daily Telegraph (Sydney) 1/2/1894 Page 2.*

Strong opposition is being shown by selectors to having the district proclaimed rabbit infested under the present law. At a meeting of the Munyabla and Doodle Cooma Farmers Union' a resolution was carried unanimously against that course until the new Act is passed. The wire-netting was condemned as useless for protection against rabbits. *The Sydney Morning Herald 30/3/1896 page 6.*

Manyabla – Proclaimed a Village

New South Wales Government Gazette – 31st December 1892- Index - page 4.

Meetings Henty

A public meeting of the residents of Henty

and district will be held at the Henty Hotel on Friday, the 24th Feb, at 10am.

Business:

To take steps to improve the main roads to Pleasant Hills, Munyabla, and Culcairn.
F W Spence, Hon. Sec. Henty Progress Committee
The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express 17/2/1899 - page 40.

Munyabla, via Henty, October 22nd, 1908.
Dear Uncle Jeff.- I have always had an intention of writing to you, but I have never done so until the present occasion. I read in one of the recent letters in the "Banner" that you passed through Henty some time ago. So perhaps it would interest you if I told you a little about it now. There have been some very nice buildings put up lately – a two-story bank and hotel, several boarding houses, and a court house. I attended the Munyabla private school: our teacher's name is Mr Trues. The grass and crops are looking splendid after this rain. We had about 112 points of rain this month. A number of the people about here are shearing now; we finished last week. The Henty Show was on the 29th and 30th of last month. We won a good many prizes. I enjoyed myself very well, especially on the ocean wave, although I was somewhat nervous when it started. I am collecting postcards; my favourite ones are buildings and scenery. With best wishes to our Children's Page – Your niece – Sophia A Schultz (13 years 2 months).

The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express 6/11/1908 page 12.

Written by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

Wolf Spiders are everywhere but we rarely encounter them unless we are digging in the garden or go looking for them. They are of a reasonable size, but care should be observed when encountering them. They are non-poisonous but will bite if cornered. It is best to let them go on their way. Sometimes their bite will encourage a rash or local infection if left unattended so some care should be taken such as wearing gloves when gardening. Just the look of them can evoke some fear as they are usually dark coloured and relatively hairy. You may be lucky enough to spot a female carrying her egg sack behind her or even her newborn young, sometimes in their hundreds, nestling on her back. They are very maternal in nature and safely crawl up your arm as they often will.

The Wolf Spider earns its name by its method of hunting and capturing its prey – chasing it and running it down as a wild dog does. The most distinguishing features are the eyes (8 of them) and the head region of its carapace, which stands almost vertically against its abdomen. They can recognise landmarks to find their way home if their hunting takes them far afield. The carapace is commonly patterned in various shades of contrasting colours, often radiating bands, sometimes extending to the abdomen. The feet have three claws but no claw tufts, so the spider cannot negotiate smooth slippery surfaces, so we rarely see them inside except scurrying on the floor.

Digging a tunnel is not always necessary. Sometimes the Wolf Spider uses the abandoned tunnel of another invertebrate like holes and tunnels made by cicada nymphs emerging from the soil. Wolf Spiders are perhaps amongst the most versatile and adaptable of all spiders. They are found in just about all climates and situations.

(from: Spider Watch by Bert Brunet)

Travelling around the local area in recent times, I came across this incredible masterpiece on a water tower on the outskirts of Urana (opposite The Victoria Gardens). A

welcome change to the regular painting. Although not confirmed, it could only be a Wolf Spider and is worthy of “checking out” if you are still into Sunday drives and the like. Urana is a near-by town which has suffered severe hardships over recent times and like Pleasant Hills is slowly dragging itself back to recognition. Easily accessed from ‘The Hills’ it a good drive and it one wishes they can return via Lockhart. There is plenty to see along the way, and if one plans the journey; lots to see.

Bob Marshall



Matt's Cooking Corner:

Grandpa's Chicken Risotto

Ingredients:

2-3 tablespoons olive oil
1 garlic clove, crushed.
1 medium brown onion, diced.
1 medium carrot, diced.
2-3 sticks celery thinly sliced or diced.
2 cups Arborio Risotto rice.
5-6 cups (1.5L) stock (veg and/or chicken).
1 red capsicum seeded and chopped.
1 medium zucchini, chopped.
1 small, cooked BBQ chicken, meat removed and chopped.
100gm (1/2 cup) peas.
1 tablespoon chives, chopped.
½ head broccoli florets.
1/2 cup grated cheese.

Method:

1. Heat oil in a heavy-based pan over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring, add carrot, celery, garlic, stirring until vegetables are softened. Add rice and cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until lightly coated in oil. Add 2 cups of the stock and bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 6-8 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Continue to add remaining stock (about 1/2 cup at a time) along with the capsicum, zucchini, and chicken. Cook, stirring gently, for 8-10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender yet firm to the bite and the risotto is creamy. Add peas and chives.
2. Meanwhile cook broccoli in microwave safe container with a little water for 2-3 minutes.

3. Serve risotto in a bowl, add cooked broccoli on top and sprinkle cheese over broccoli to melt.
4. Season with cracked black pepper and pink rock salt to taste.



► For something different, hollow out a large zucchini cut in half lengthways to about 1cm thick, fill with cooked risotto, cover with grated cheese, sprinkle paprika over cheese and place in oven at 180° for ½ hour or until zucchini is cooked. Serve with broccoli or salad on the side. Bon Appetit ☺

► For Pumpkin and Camembert Risotto, simply replace the zucchini with butternut pumpkin. The next night, use the base of two butternut pumpkins (about 7cm high), and hollow the seeds out with a spoon. Fill with left-over risotto mixture, stab a thick slice of Tasmanian camembert into each of the risotto cups, add broccoli, cover with grated cheese, and cook as before.

Recipe supplied by Mathew Rush.

A TRIP OF A LIFETIME - TO MUDGEES AND BACK

On the 11th of April 2023 a 1960 Deutz tractor pulling a camper van headed to a vintage tractor rally. Kerry Pietsch and Peter Roberts left on a big trip to go to the 18th National Vintage Rally in Mudgee. People come from all over Australia to attend the rally which includes vintage and veteran cars, trucks, tractors, engines of all sizes, motor bikes. You name it, it was there! On the first day after leaving at daybreak, we got to Cootamundra and stayed at a caravan park which was very good. The next day we went to Cudal and stayed the night. It was on the highway and very noisy with trucks all night. Then off to Mudgee, arriving at 3pm. 520 km in three days. I just cannot get over how many trucks are on the road. More trucks than cars and real big trucks too.

The rally went for 3 days. We stayed 4 days at the rally, which had to be prebooked through the National Historical Machinery Association. The rally was great with much to see and admire. They had a tractor pull which was interesting, two Chamberlain Super 90 with GMS. The crowd really enjoyed the sight of these two mighty old tractors. Also, a hotted up bulldog tractor, when it was on the pull, fire was coming out of the exhaust and it was banging and smoking which was also great to watch. I think the highlight of all was an Australian made tractor. An Upton, made in Corowa. All painted up like it had just come out of the factory. It was put on the sledge, and it could not be stopped. A tractor pull is when a tractor is attached to a very heavy sledge and the tractor pulls until it cannot go any further. The Upton did not stop. Well done, to the mighty tractor and the owner who put so much work into restoring it.

On the Monday we left to head to Gulgong, another 25 km north of Mudgee which is a very old gold mining town and had a look around, causing quite a stir when we drove down the main street. With cars parked on both sides, there is little room for a vintage tractor and camper.

We arrived at Wellington that night. Just near Wellington there is a solar farm covering 2000 acres and it's not finished yet, also a wind farm.

On the way home we had a look at a collection that a guy at the rally had invited us to visit. It was at Canowindra, and this took some time, as it had all been restored and painted like new.

The next night we stayed at Young. The young blokes of the town were burning rubber, wasting fuel, and keeping people awake.

The last night was at Junee, where we enjoyed a really good park and sleep.

Then it was time to head home, arriving at 2pm. What a trip, 1175 km, not bad for an old tractor.

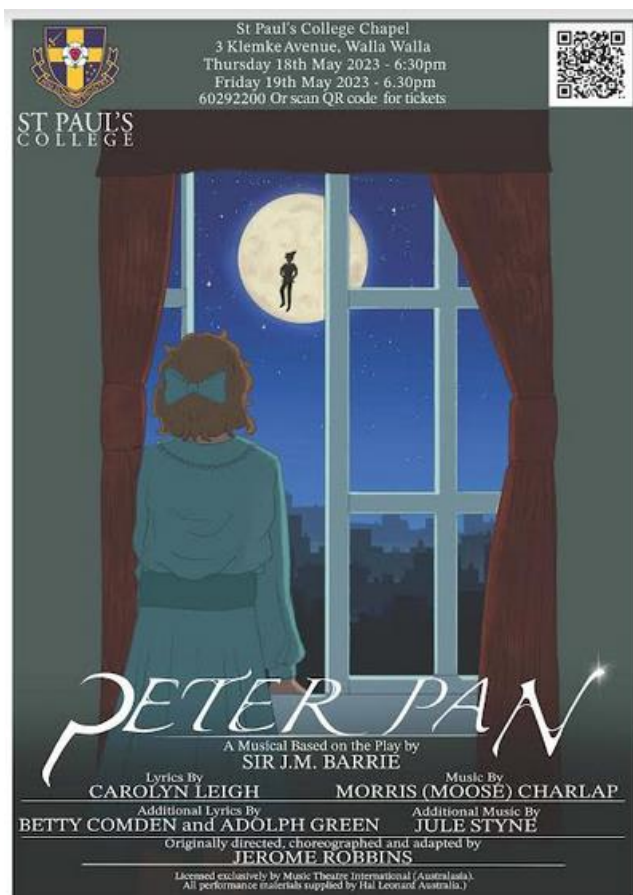
From the tractor and a slower pace, you see many things that are not visible from a car.

KERRY PIETSCH.



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Fire Brigade

Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade - Annual General Meeting

Friday 2nd June 2023 at 7pm

At Pleasant Hills Hotel

All fire members and community invited.

Hotel will be open, should you wish to bring your families along for dinner.

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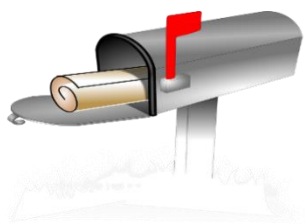
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HENTY

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
July	
1 st July	David Male
8 th July	Rex Lieschke
15 th July	Brenda Gatehouse
22 nd July	Shirley Lieschke
29 th July	Wayne Scholz



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Diary of Events

Thursday 4th May

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Sunday 14th May

Mother's Day

Wednesday 17th May

Biggest Morning Tea at PHPS

Wednesday 17th May

CWA meeting Commercial Club Albury 1030am.

Thursday 18th May

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Saturday 20th May

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

June:

Friday 2nd June

Fire Brigade AGM 7:00pm at the Pub.

