

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our CWA Branch has had a most successful month!

At State Conference, we had a very unusual happening - our

Branch got 3 first prizes at State level, which in

itself, is probably a record, but the fact that all recipients were Lyn's – Lyn Lieschke, Lyn Jacobsen and Lyn (Nett) Maloney, is I guess really quirky and something for the history books!



Lyn Lieschke won first prize with her Plain Butter Cake with the judges commenting on what an outstanding cake it was, apparently *THE* best cake there according to the judge's comments in last week's *The Land* newspaper – and Lyn Jacobsen got first prize with her Boiled Fruit Pudding, whilst Nett Maloney, not letting the side down, won first prize in the photography section!



Regarding the Land Cookery, Riverina Group was the only Group to get two first prizes in the State, and the fact that they were both from the

same Branch is something I don't recall ever happening before.

Nett Maloney, as well as winning first prize for her photo, also had an article in Riverina Group's Handicraft display, whilst her granddaughter, Jessica got a second prize in the eight years and under handicraft section.

The cakes, jams and pickles were given to a Charity in Bathurst on the Wednesday evening, for people doing it tough, and they were very grateful.

At our meeting, I was hoping to get a photo of the three Lyn's and their prizes, but sadly Nett had Covid so couldn't attend.

Re State Conference, Ovarian Cancer was the Medical Project for the past twelve months and a cheque of more than \$36000 was raised for this during the past year. It has also been declared as our Medical Project for the coming year, and this will be the fourth year we have helped them.

By all accounts the Sydney Show with the new dates working in with school holidays was the busiest ever. They made over 43,000 scones and a donation of \$100,000 was the total raised at the previous Sydney Show.

As well as having three members attending State Conference, our members at home were busy cooking for a Mother's Day Street Stall, which Bunnings had invited us to do and as we had never had a Saturday Stall, we weren't sure how it would go, but it went off very well, in fact the most successful we have had. Wendy Crosby made us a lovely new sign for use at our Cake Stalls, so thank you Wendy. We will have another Street Stall in June.

One of Wendy's friends has kindly offered to mosaic a bird bath for us to raffle at some stage, which is very generous of her.

Since the Albury Women's Health and Well Being Centre were asking for help, we've given them a very generous donation, and we will give

money to various other projects in August when we normally allocate our Funds.

The ACWW Project of Women Walk the World was held on 29th April and our Branch decided we would do a virtual walk for this fund-raiser. Riverina Group has a Council Meeting on the 29th May at Coolamon which four members hope to attend.



Our donation to Avondale Place in Henty of an outdoor setting has now been unpacked and set in place.

\$1.5 million has been donated to the CWA Emergency Fund from members in Australia.

We will be organising a luncheon at Albury CWA Rooms sometime in July where we will invite members from the community and have a guest speaker to talk on what things are available through My Aged Care.

Since Lyn Lieschke's cake was such a winner, she is happy to share the recipe for her Plain Butter Cake.

Plain Butter Cake.

250grms Butter, 2 ¼ cups SR Flour, 1 ½ cups sugar, 5 eggs, ¼ cup milk and vanilla. Put all in together and beat to a good texture.

Cook in a moderate oven for 45 minutes, or until skewer comes out clean.

Our next meeting will again be at the Commercial Club in Albury on Wednesday, 14th June at 10:30am.

School News and Reviews



Our 2 youngest students James Terlich and Cohen Morey learning how to manage the Australian Flag.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Southern Riverina Cross Country at Jindera recently. Good luck to Samantha Terlich who will now represent us on Friday 23rd September at the Riverina PSSA Carnival.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to everyone who visited our school on Wednesday 17th May to support our Biggest Morning Tea. The sun was shining with the students organising several competition games to raise extra money on the day. Thank you also to staff and parents who provided a very delicious morning tea. We raised \$330 which is a great effort for a very small school!

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our school leaders, Milly Quee, Samuel Heald and Isabelle Male attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Wagga on the 1st May with Mrs Baaten. They enjoyed the day and now have a few ideas as leaders to bring back to our school.

GOLF



We have received funding through the Sporting Schools Grant and participated in their first skills session here at school with Scott from the Wagga City Golf Club. Everyone enjoyed their golf lesson and look forward to the coming weeks and hope to be able to learn to play on a real golf course by the end of the term.

Scott teaching the students to hit the ball with their golf sticks.



EXCURSION TO LOCKHART

On Wednesday 31st May our students will be travelling by bus to visit the Lockhart Museum in the morning and attending the Musica Viva concert held at Lockhart Central School in the afternoon.

Pleasant Hills Pre School

During Term two we have welcomed Janet Hando to our team. She will work alongside Kate Finlayson and Kerryn Scheetz and she has enjoyed settling into Pleasant Hills Preschool.

The children have enjoyed a variety of activities already this year.

They have been working together to enjoy fun, creative play and have enjoyed many outdoor activities.

There are some enthusiastic doctors, builders, bike riders, and rescuers amongst the children.

The children have also been working on their fine motor skills with cutting and pasting activities, cooperatively worked together to build a car.

For Mother's Day, the pre-schoolers invited their mums in for a pampering session at the preschool, which was a lovely time for all.

A mushroom farm has been set up and the teachers have used the mushrooms in their cooking already.

Izu Hooper is one of our valued casual teachers and she has been engaging the children in artistic and sand pit play.

We look forward to seeing what the rest of this term brings.



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 50th Birthday to Bec Clancy for the 2nd June.

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Hills History

FH Harberecht

FH Harberecht was born at Angaston, South Australia. When he was 17 years, he accompanied his parents and family to Jindera, where his father ran a blacksmith business. He learnt the trade with his brother Oscar, and later began a blacksmith business of his own, firstly at Henty, then at Pleasant Hills.

The Harberecht Blacksmith shop helped to develop the farming district of Pleasant Hills. In the early days of farming with horses, the need for machinery and means of transport was very important to be able to get close by. The Harberecht blacksmith business, which built garden scarifiers and ploughs, wagons, sulkies, buggies, and a number of other things, was essential to the increase of farm produce, and ways to deliver the goods to markets on the rail lines, and also the means to have their horses shod. Repairs to their machinery, and the wheels of wagons and sulkies.

Wooden fellies which circled the wagon wheels, had at times needed to be replaced or shrunk. He also supplied employment for local men, within the town, having up to fourteen men working at times. Even having a painter fully employed, painting his products. One other service which was given, was the welding of broken machinery parts. This was done by heating both pieces of iron, and then hammering them together. This weld was as good as an electric weld is today. In its heyday Harberecht's had three forges operating, as well as many harvesting machines in the yard for repair. He had a large lathe and engineering tools, and a woodworking section for coachbuilding.

He was also instrumental in getting a branch of the Bank of NSW coming out once a week, for the benefit of two stores and the Hotel. The bank agency at Pleasant Hills opened 14th February 1918. It was open Thursdays from 11am to 3pm. The office was rented from Fred Harberecht, initially for one year at an annual

rental of 26 pounds. The office was in Harberecht's blacksmith shop buildings and remained there until the Agency closed on 24th March 1942 (24 years).

Fred married Janet Crawford on 18th September 1895, the ceremony being performed at "Argyle" the Crawford home at Urangeline. Janet was born at Urangeline, the daughter of Archibald Crawford and Isabelle, nee McNeil, who both came from Scotland. Janet was educated at Urangeline. She walked 5km to school for her 18mths of schooling, often only having bread and dripping for lunch.

Fred was a blacksmith and wheelwright all his life. Their home in Crawford Street, Pleasant Hills was "Merridong". Fred was an outstanding rider of the penny farthing bicycle, being involved with the Angaston Cycle Club in his younger days. He was regarded by many as the "Father of Pleasant Hills". He was secretary of the Railway League which saw the building of the Henty to Rand Railway, which opened in 1920. Fred was also a Trustee of the Common, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church Committee, the School of Arts (Pleasant Hills Hall) and the Progress Association.

Fred passed away in 1930. Janet continued living at Merridong with daughter Elsie until she married. They shifted to Henty, where Janet passed away at the grand age of 96. Both Fred and Janet are buried at Henty Cemetery. Fred's parents are also buried at Henty.

Fiona Becket.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

We had 11 ladies tripping away to Temora for some Retail Therapy and to get an insight into what happens when you engage a longarm quilter to finish your quilt. We had coffee and muffins first, then to the left we had Community Art & Craft Shop and to the right we had Nel's fabric shop which was amazing with lots of fabric to choose from including all types of fabrics, widebacks, precuts, patterns and more. Vinnies down the road enticed a few with more bargains to be had, not just secondhand, but new as well. Lunch was terrific value at only \$12 per head and the menu had good choices and food was excellent. Sarah the quilter had two Gammill longarm quilting machines working away on different quilts. After explaining how they work, she treated us to afternoon tea. The weather was kind to us as well. Our next meeting is a UFO on the 17th June, so bring whatever you would like to keep working on and all your sewing requisites. BYO your lunch and \$6 for the hall hire. Don't forget your show and tell as that's always fun, I may even actually have something thanks to Sarah. In light of our recent shopping trip here is a Quilty Quote: -
"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy fabric and that's pretty close"

Deb Stanley.



Deb's quilt professionally quilted by Sarah Streifeneder "Temora Quilter"



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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.

Our Backyard

THE HUMBLE GUM

A few years ago, we talked about the 'infallible' Australian invention "The Gum Tree". But there is more. Although we have been a persistent bunch with our tree replanting, it appears that we have become 'asleep at the wheel' in this regard. Lately, the demolition of native trees seems to be greater than regeneration. I can't remember the last time native trees were replaced in the Pleasant Hills district: they do have use by date. Some have been embarking on planting natives but the number of participants involve could increase – assess what you have been doing. In the last public attempt, all of the trees died (drought may have helped); they do need constant attending for some time but once established, need little attention. I have found that a single planting of trees is usually not enough, and they need continuous replacing until a good survival group can establish itself. I can remember some time ago, in another rural district, where this idea was followed, and it has now got to a point where tree replacement has been considered by the community as 'saturated' and just needs to be continuously monitored. Salt levels have dropped and a much more profitable enterprise has been achieved in the community. Don't forget the famous words of Joni Mitchell:

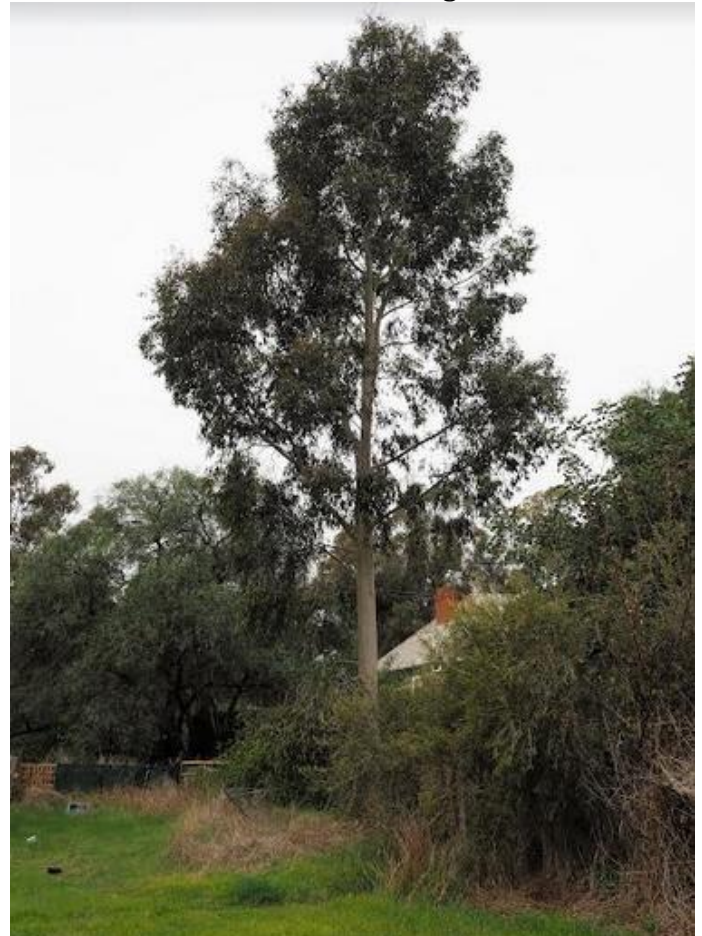
*"They took all the trees
And took them to a tree museum
And charged the people a dollar and
a half
Just see 'em
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
'til it's gone"*

Anyway, enough of the preaching. Gums are usually defined as any tree being a member of the "eucalypt" family; and there 100's of them.

If you can believe Gardening Australia, there are new species being rediscovered all the time. Many of the species being introduced recently come from Western Australia (possibly because of the striking flowers they display) and although we may attempt to plant with local varieties, this is sometime quite difficult.

Surprisingly the introduction of the new varieties may help with crossbreeding and help protect local species during climate change. Native birds and animals don't seem to mind though, feeding and nesting in the new trees just the same. I just hope they aren't label as 'invasive species' by some future bureaucrat.

Pictured: I planted this 'Eucalyptus Nicholii' (Black Peppermint) about 15 years ago in an area prone to waterlogging but well drained; it no longer needs tending and although no mammals have yet made homes in its boughs, numerous birds have begun to roost and fauna such as possum and goannas come to visit. It doesn't take long.



Bob Marshall.

“Untitled”

A poem by Trudy Smith.

Here I sit poised with my pencil in hand,
Ready for a trip into poetry land.
A big list of ideas about which I may write,
That find their way into my head late at night.

Lots of topics and themes and words I will
share,
There's plenty of great inspiration out there.
I'll decide which subject fits in the best,
And put on my thinking cap to sort through
the rest.

I might try some humour or perhaps some
satire,
Or something more mellow after watching the
fire.
I could write about mayhem and mystery too,
Perhaps I should delve into subjects anew.

I could write about weather although I've done
that before,
It's always there waiting outside the front door.
I could touch upon romance and the seasons of
love,
With sunshine and rainbows from the heavens
above.

So with all that in mind I will return to my task.
What have I decided? Indeed you may ask!
Back to the drawing board with seeds I will
sow,
With practice and patience my poetry will grow.

DrumMUSTER

The next collection date at
the Pleasant Hills tip is
Mon 19th June, 2023
9am--10:30am.

Triple rinse
Remove lids
Remove bungs

Puncture steels top & bottom
Approved drums only
Accredited inspectors

Please book in
large loads
ring
Suzanne
0428293047

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Save the date:
Next luncheon under the Verandah
Sunday 27th August

Matt's Cooking Corner:

Grandpas Corned Silverside

Ingredients:

- 1.5kg silverside.
- 2 carrots, peeled, coarsely chopped.
- 2 celery stalks, trimmed, roughly chopped.
- 1 large brown onion, halved, coarsely chopped.
- 1 tbsp whole black peppercorns.
- 6 whole cloves.
- 4 bay leaves.
- 2 tbsp brown sugar.
- 2 cloves garlic.
- 2 cups vinegar.
- 4 cups beef stock or water.

Method:

1. Place the silverside on a bed of onions in your slow cooker (or large pot). Add the carrots, celery, garlic, bay leaves, peppercorns, sugar, and cloves. Cover with vinegar, stock, and plenty of cold water.

2. Cook on high for 1 hour, then low for 6 hours or until silverside is tender. (If cooking in pot, bring to boil then simmer for six hours). Remove from slow cooker. Drain and discard the vegetables and spices.

3. Cut the corned silverside across the grain into thin slices. Serve with white sauce and mashed potato or vegetables of your choice.

Note:

The terms 'corned beef' and 'silverside' are often used interchangeably, however corned beef is a cut of meat (brisket) that has been cured or pickled in a seasoned brine. Silverside is also a cut of beef, the hindquarter just above the leg, and it gets its name because of the silver appearance on the side of the cut.



Feedback from one of our readers 😊

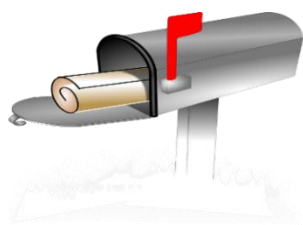
"I made the Risotto that was in last months and it was amazing!"

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

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
August	
5 th August	Barry Terlich
12 th August	Hugh Clancy
19 th August	Oriel Ridge
26 th August	Rick Clancy



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Diary of Events

Thursday 1st June

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Friday 2nd August

Fire Bigrade AGM 7pm

Monday 12th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th June

CWA meeting Albury

Commercial Club 1030am.

Thursday 15th June

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Saturday 17th June

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 19th June

DrumMuster 9am – 1030am

Thursday 22nd June

Winter Solstice

Thursday 29th June

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

