

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our CWA has had a rather busy month, especially the week of the meeting with 3 separate CWA Functions on!

We held our meeting at the Pleasant Hills Primary School library before our International Meeting with the students.

The students had been very busy and done lots of cooking, which was lovely to see, as well as preparing their entry for the International School Competition.

Our recent Bunnings Stall was very successful, and we're giving the Albury Cancer Hospital a cheque for \$500.

At our meeting, we discussed the Henty Field Days catering, as we are needing sandwiches and slices, as well as workers at the event. Lyn has made Fruit cakes and her friend Kate Aldridge is decorating them, and one of these will be raffled each day during the Field Days – one for Mental Health, one for the Leukaemia Foundation and one for Country Hope.

CWA is going to raise funds for the Gidget Foundation Australia from October to December, so we are hoping to do some fundraising during that time for them.

August is the month when we allocate the funds we've raised during the year, and this year, since we've held many Street Stalls, we're giving away a record amount of money! We've already given over \$2000 for Flood relief earlier in the year, and we're giving another \$3000 plus to various charitable organisations, including Air Medical Services, Association Funds, Medical Projects, Scholarships, International work, and our Group Project, Avondale Place, as well as previously having purchased an outdoor setting for Avondale Place.

For our International Meeting, we featured an Australian style lunch, so party pies, homemade sausage rolls, cocktail frankfurts in mini bread

rolls as well as lots of other tasty delights, which both the students and adults enjoyed. We had a big lamington in the shape of Australia plus Australian flags around, and the meal was served on green and gold tablecloths, giving it an "Aussie theme".



Wendy Crosby enjoying the International Meeting at Pleasant Hills Public School



Bev Frohling helping serve an "Aussie" meal.

Our Guests were the State International Officer, Mrs Jenny Chobdzynski and the Riverina Group International Officer, Ms Nicole McHenry, and after lunch we went into the classroom where the older students gave us their prepared presentation telling us a little about living at their place. Their presentation will now go on to be judged in the Riverina Group competition. Mrs Chobdzynski spoke about how some of the Islands were very poor and had no books, so she was going to make their presentation into a book for the children over there to learn a little about Australia. She also asked if any adults had fine crochet hooks, men's shirt patterns, elastic and buttons that were surplus to their needs as these Material Aids were desperately needed for these people. If anyone who is not a CWA member would like to contribute, if they could leave these items with Narelle Morey, I'll get them off her and give to Jenny at the Field Days.

As I said earlier, the students had been very busy doing some baking for the two junior sections in The Land Cookery Competition, with the five students all winning prizes, and all were given a book each! It was wonderful to see so much cooking and next year, we will consider doing a cookery competition just for them.

Winners overall in the Land Cookery were - Junior Sections, 18yrs & under, Tea Cake: 1st Natalie Hasler, 2nd Caitlin Barker and 3rd Lachlan Barker: and 12yrs and under, Decorated Patty Cakes: 1st Jessica Maloney, 2nd Maeve Turner and 3rd Isabelle Male & Milly Quee .



In the Open Section, Apricot Loaf cooked in a roll tin, 1st Natalie Hasler, 2nd Lyn Jacobsen, 3rd Margaret Hasler, and in the Jaffa Cake, 1st Lyn Jacobsen, 2nd Natalie Hasler and 3rd Margaret Hasler. Next meeting the competition is for Whole Orange cake, any recipe, and 6 Remembrance Biscuits, with the recipe in the June 2023 Journal. Our next meeting will be at a different venue, the Commercial Golf Club in Albury, on Wednesday, September 13th, starting at 10.30am.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The Pub AGM was held recently, and the committee has stayed the same! Thankyou for those who were able to attend and show their support.

PRESIDENT – Peter Sharp

VICE PRESIDENT – Wayne Scholz

SECRETARY – Sherree Morey

TREASURER – Dick Smith

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Marty Chamberlain, Corey Beckett, Julianne Clancy, and Dave Grant.

We would like to send a huge thankyou to all our volunteers for your hard work and effort through

the year to keep our Community Pub running! It is not easy to find the time, but the benefits of volunteering are well worth it, for yourself and your community. It can provide a sense of belonging, improve our mental health, and help us continue our friendships within and outside our local community.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out, so if you are interested, please reach out to one of our committee members. We would love to see some new faces help out at our great little pub at Pleasant Hills.

Sherree Morey.

The patrons of verandah luncheon enjoyed a sunny afternoon. 49 people; some newcomers which is always welcoming, delighted in a gorgeous menu prepared by our talented chef Belinda Hindmarsh (nee Creek).

Many helpers set up the area, with special mention to Meg and Trudy for the artistic flower arranging. Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to help with these functions, Janette and I couldn't do it without your help. Next luncheon is scheduled for 12th November '23 book in for your Christmas parties.

Michelle Sharp.



School News and Reviews



Book Week

The students celebrated Book Week on Aug 23. They all looked wonderful! The character description and justifications they gave to school community were fantastic!



International Day

Thank you to our local CWA for coming to our school on Wednesday August 9. The country of study for the day was Australia. The students used the theme "My Australian Home" to base their research on, which they then presented to the CWA ladies. The day also includes the CWA providing a delicious lunch and a cooking competition judged by the ladies.



Golf

As part of our Golf lesson's PHPS attended the Wagga City Golf Club. They had a fantastic time putting, driving, and hitting over the bunker. After our golf we relaxed in the Golf Club sharing pizza and discussing their hitting.



Pleasant Hills Pre School



**50 YEARS CELEBRATION
SAVE THE DATE**

You are invited to help Pleasant Hills Preschool celebrate its 50th year of operation. 15th October at 2pm at Pleasant Hills Preschool/Hall.

We are asking for photos and information regarding the preschool from the last 50 years so we can correlate the history to celebrate on the day. Please email photos with dates and information or any other information about the history of Pleasant Hills Preschool to:
francesm85@hotmail.com

Hall

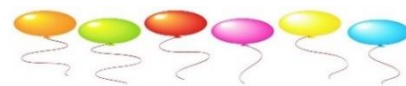
The AGM was held on the 16th August. Peter Sharp was returned as President. Joint Vice Presidents are Anthony Male and Rick Clancy.

Fiona Becket is returned as Secretary / Treasurer.

The other committee members are: Michelle Sharp, Amanda Male, Corey Beckett, Ellis Jelbart, Julianne Clancy, Oriel and Trevor Ridge, Bob and Margie Jacobsen, Peter and Lilly Creek, David Grant, Narelle, Grant and Sherree Morey.

All existing hire fees for the Hall remain the same for the next 12 months.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 18th Birthday to Declan Clancy for the 9th September.

Happy 70th Birthday to Von Heald for the 30th September.



The Pleasant Hills Post Office and Shop will be closed on Thursday's as from the 1st September 2023. If anyone requires anything urgently or any documents signed by a JP, please contact
Cathy Terlich on
0427725352

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had lots of stitching happening at the hills in August, another UFO day and as you can see by the collage we had lots to fit in. Great to see all the show and tell.

Our next meeting on the 16th September, is a project called A Circle of Geese which is a paper pieced pattern by Piece by Number which is copyrighted so therefore the use of the pattern and template is for personal use only.

For those of you that prefer to continue on your UFO's please come along and enjoy finishing those projects. Any textile project is welcome. Bring \$6 for hall hire, your own lunch, sewing machines and all you require and show and tell if you have anything finished.



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The Colours of Spring

Poem by Trudy Smith.

Now that Spring is finally here,
The colours of nature are especially clear.
Days are indeed brighter, that much is true,
When bathed in a vista of magnificent blue.

The yellow of wattle frames the canola of gold,
A valuable carpet to be harvested and sold.
The soil underneath is a rich brownish red,
And straw-coloured hay helps the horses get fed.

Fat cattle graze greedily on pastures of green,
Wearing shiny black coats with a glorious sheen.
They forage all day until dusk becomes nigh,
Then drink from dams under a burnt orange sky.

Ewes busy lambing with their wool a soft grey
Some guarded by alpacas keeping foxes at bay.
Bushy tailed bantams with fine silvery plumes
Their flamboyant feathers quite the perfect costume.

Bare trees burst forth with buds pale pink and white
Their pastel formations a gardener's delight.
The lavender bush blooms its bright purple hue
And citrus bear lemons tasting vibrant and new.

So whatever the chroma the season is here
A new revolution of our kaleidoscope sphere.
Birdlife is most radiant, and long may they sing,
To celebrate the beauty of the colours of Spring.



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Hills History

The Esplanade has always been shown on the earliest maps of the Village dating from the late 1800's.

At first it was Knobles Esplanade.

Then when they changed the original names of the village streets the

Esplanade was also changed, to Bridges Esplanade.

I found that J. Knoble was actually a soldier in the Boar War. But I have no further information at this time.

Mr. Owen Dunlop was the head teacher at the Pleasant Hills Primary School, appointed in 1988 and into the 1990's.

During his time the town entered the Tidy Towns challenge and did very well over a number of years. I am told that the town put the award to good use by doing up the Esplanade. Planting trees and adding name plates in the form of metal stakes and a track through the wooded area.

Mr. Dunlop moved on to the Burrumbuttock Primary School, where he started an environmental educational centre, which has received state, national and international acclaim. Providing an outdoor environmental education centre for Primary School to University Students.



Mr Owen Dunlop today.

The Esplanade project continued to be supported in the community by Susan Creek, her passion for our natural environment continued up until her passing a few years ago.



Susan Creek

The first meeting of the Pleasant Hills Pre-School was held on the 7th March 1972.

And the first session was held on the second week of July of the same year.

This year is the 50th anniversary.

Does anyone have any memorabilia, photos from the last 50 years of the Pre-School they wish to share with the community. I can copy, without removing the items.

Written by: Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

BELONGING

With all the recent interest with the Women's World Cup, it leads us to discuss one of the strongest fabrics that binds our community together. It is all well to show how farms and the 'pubs' help to cement our way of life, but deeply ingrained in that are the clubs and the like that shape our community; and not just sporting organisations. Of course, we have strong ties with sporting teams such as the Osbourne Football and Netball clubs (including supporters) but any casual peruse through this newsletter shows that other groups are represented as well. The CWA and the Patchwork Group just to name a couple. Even supporting this newsletter is a group that shows common interest. Of course, over the years, some organisations have folded such the annual cricket match between The Hills and Osbourne and the Darts competition, but these are attritions of the times and such things such as time, expense, and drink driving laws may have contributed to this happening.

We enjoy to participate with others in a common cause and usually can find something around that interests us. We find clubs merging or folding but here in the country we have been pretty resilient in keeping the social groups thriving, and there is always opportunity from new groups forming. In the city, we tend to have shifted from sporting clubs to cultural groups, but this is often driven by insurance and lack of space. Future land should be set aside for sporting fields but with a housing shortage I can see town planners ignoring this to some degree. In America, unless you possess a scholarship to a college you have little chance in continuing in a team sport as there are no grounds; and you have to be rich and a member of a select club to continue with tennis or golf. Many years ago, on a school excursion, I can remember talking to an elderly gentleman outside the Colosseum in Los Angeles who was trying to get inside. He had money but not enough to get a ticket from one of the many scalpers outside. He had never been inside even though for many years he had lived nearby. I could not give him my ticket as my ticket had to show that I was the owner (it was corporate sponsored).

Of course, we are usually introduced to team and club events when we start school, and these develop into either adult activities or combined adult and child activities such as the Tennis Club are important. When these ideals aren't not continued and nurtured, it opens the door, which has happened in the cities, for gangs to develop and our young children are for want of other words, "led astray". Beside chances of this happening, modern times have caused some the young who have had their social life extinguished, finding social interaction on the internet either by being exploited by others or exploiting others themselves in activities such as 'bullying'.

So be thankful that we live a community where we have both sporting and social clubs and try and to get our young interested in joining them because it may be an activity that won't be there for ever; if we look at the way some other parts of the world are going.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's chickpea and lentil soup



Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium brown onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 1 litre vegetable liquid stock
- 400g can chickpeas, drained, rinsed
- 400g can brown lentils, drained, rinsed,
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh coriander leaves
- Crusty bread, to serve

Method:

- Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened. Add garlic, cumin, cayenne pepper and ginger. Cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until fragrant.
- Add tomato, stock, chickpeas, lentils, and tomato paste. Cover. Bring to the boil then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until slightly thickened.
- Stir in lemon rind, lemon juice and coriander. Ladle into bowls. Season with Himalayan rock salt and cracked pepper. Serve with crusty bread.





Kotzur Family Reunion

An invitation to family members and friends of the Kotzur family for a special reunion

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of October 2023.

Saturday Evening

WHERE: CULCAIRN BOWLING CLUB

WHEN: 6:00PM ARRIVAL / 6:30PM DINNER

Kotzur's love to talk, so arrival at 6:00pm for meet and greet, some drinks and name register is preferred.

We'd love this evening to be a time of reacquaintance with people that we may not see often, and in some cases have not met. So, bring your stories and let's begin the laughter.

Sunday Morning.

WHERE: SALEM ALMA PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEN: 10:30AM

Begin with Thanksgiving service at Salem Alma Park Lutheran Church

This will be followed by a shared luncheon/sausage on bread at the Alma Park Hall and obviously more yakking!

TO BRING: Plate of sandwiches / favourite dessert to share / a good excuse as to why you rocked up empty handed.

Any items of memorabilia for display like family photos, small timelines of your own family, old bibles, confirmation, marriage or baptism certificates. Small articles of interest.

RSVP: 20th Sept 2023. For catering requirements re: Culcairn Bowling Club.

Reply on Facebook: Kotzur Family Reunion.

Graeme Wenke: graywenks@hotmail.com or 0427 327 215.

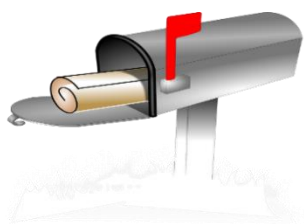
Vanessa Withers: vanessa_kotzur@hotmail.com or 0403 142 186.

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HENTY

September	
2 nd September	Trevor Terlich
9 th September	Corey Beckett
16 th September	David Male
23 rd September	Rex Lieschke
30 th September	Brenda Gatehouse
October	
7 th October	Shirley Lieschke
14 th October	Wayne Scholz
21 st October	Barry Terlich
28 th October	Hugh Clancy
November	
4 th November	Oriel Ridge
11 th November	Rick Clancy
18 th November	Trevor Terlich
25 th November	Corey Beckett



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Diary of Events

Thursday 7th September

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Wednesday 13th September

CWA meeting Albury

Commercial Golf Club

1030am.

Friday 15th September

Kerbside Pickup at Pleasant Hills

Saturday 16th September

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st

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