

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

December 2023



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our recent Street Stall was very successful, and a big thank you to the members who were able to help. It was lovely to have

Natalie Hasler come along with her Nan, Margaret to help since she had a pupil free day from school.



We held a raffle as well for the Gidget Foundation (which supports young mums and mums-to-be who are having difficulties) and this made \$96 plus over \$1000 was raised at the Stall, with half going to the Gidget Foundation and the other half going to the CWA Disaster Relief Fund.



Wendy drove to Sydney recently to attend her father's 100th Birthday Celebrations! What an achievement, and one very few of us ever get the chance to go to! We hope Wendy had a wonderful time catching up with family!



We've had two members who have recently had surgery and glad to know that they're both now on the mend.

We have a Group Council Meeting at the end of November in Wagga which some members hope to attend.

We are holding our Christmas party on Wednesday, 6th December, starting at 10.30am at the Peard's Borella Rd Café.

We are having Henty Evening Branch join us for our party. For the Kris Kringle, we are asked to either buy something from an Op Shop or "oncycle" something to the value of up to \$10.00, with the colour scheme this year being Silver and Blue! We have found these gifts create lots of fun!

Member are reminded to please bring their tickets – sold or unsold – in our Christmas raffle which has 3 prizes, as we will be drawing it at our party.

Our grateful thanks once again to Virginia Clancy for compiling the Pleasant Hills Newsletter, we are so lucky to have this to keep us all up to date with what is happening at "The Hills". This is a lot of work, and we appreciate Virginia and other's work each month. Wishing everyone a wonderful Festive Season, and a nice break, and looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Food Handling Course

All Kitchen Staff please read.

Food Safety & handling laws have brought in a food handling course that all who are handling food need to complete and it's being enforced and all people cooking in the kitchen at the pub need to complete by the 8th December. The free online course is on the website as indicated by the attached. When you have completed this and you get your certificate could you email, locksley76@yahoo.com.au or text to 0428293047 to Suzanne

School News and Reviews



SCHOOL SWIMMING

School swimming at the Lockhart pool commences next week for 10 days (Weeks 8 & 9). The students will be divided into groups as we have 2 swim teachers arranged.

PRESENTATION MORNING

On Thursday 7 Dec @ 10am, we will be holding our annual Presentation Assembly.

Please join us in congratulating all the students for the year of 2023. Full school uniform is to be worn. We will be holding a sausage sizzle following our presentations to celebrate our year together, before heading off to swimming.

CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE

A Christmas Scripture will be held on Monday 11 Dec @ 11am. Families are welcome to attend.

TRANSITION

Well done to Connor who has completed his transition. We look forward to welcoming you next year!

LAST DAY OF TERM

We will be holding a small lunch celebration with the students to wish Milly well as she heads off to high school. Further details to follow. Mufti can be worn if your child/ren/grandchild wishes. Water fun will also be part of the day!



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Wishing students, staff, parents/grandparents, and our local communities a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Here we are with harvest underway again, trying to doge the rain, except for the few who are finished already 23 November 2023. As a consequence, the Hotel has been a bit quiet, so please still come when you get a chance.

Since the last newsletter, we held a public meeting at the Hotel about the NBN tower, 11 people attended and there was a unanimous vote to reject the tower in the pub yard.

The last Sunday "Lunch Under the Veranda" was enjoyed by those that attended. It was unfortunate that a number of people that booked did not attend. Please, if you book for upcoming luncheons and cannot attend, **please call or text Janette or Michelle so that we can avoid over catering.**

Please pencil in on your calendars our Christmas Party on Friday 22nd December. Hopefully we will all be finished harvest and make a really good night, until then happy harvesting.

Many Thanks
Peter Sharp

(Late entry due to technical complications – apologies this did not make it in time for printing the hard copies)

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 18th Birthday to Chole Scholz for the 7th December.

January:

Happy 60th Birthday to Gerard Clancy for the 5th January.

Condolences

Condolences to Bruna Terlich and family on the passing of Bruna's Aunty Stefna, on the 20th October, 2023, aged 75 years. Stefna arrived in Australia aged nearly 2 years of age, fleeing war torn Europe in 1950.

Condolences to Tanya and Shane Elphick and family on the passing of Shane's uncle, Ronald Elphick, who passed away on Wednesday 8th November in Narrandera. Ronald was buried at the Wagga Wagga Monumental Cemetery on Wednesday 22nd November.

Ron was a past Mailman at Pleasant Hills.

Condolences to the family of Prida McGee who passed away on Tuesday 21st November. Prida's funeral will take place on Friday 1st December, 11am at the Pleasant Hills



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had lots happening in November with the patterns Woven Bliss and Scrap Patch Interlace. Denim Jean Bags made from old jeans. Appliqued Bunny Baby Quilt bound in an oval shape, Japanese hand sewing known as Sashiko and an amazing quilt where the Centre Feature was a Tapestry. Attic Window Wall Hanging and many quilts of various patterns finished and off the UFO pile. To protect the tapestry whilst being quilted it was covered with tear away interfacing which was then removed. The photo collage includes the front and backs of some of the quilts.

We would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Prida McGee on her recent passing. Prida attended the patchwork meetings in the past, more often than not making clothes for her beloved grandchildren. Prida will be sorely missed.

Christmas is coming and December 16th is our Christmas Party. We will have a UFO Day so you can bring whatever you would like to work

on or maybe Christmas themed. We hope to have a projector and slides to view quilts from the recent Braidwood Quilt show and ugly fabric challenge and from Melbourne Quilt Convention and a couple of games as well. We also decide on our Calendar of Projects for the next 12 months and therefore if you have a pattern to share with us, please bring it along (picture and instructions) or if you would like to learn a particular pattern or technique please ask as a pattern may be found.

BYO: A plate of Food to share for Lunch or Morning Tea (not both). If you have a special diet requirement, then please just bring your own morning tea/lunch. A wrapped gift related to patchwork or sewing costing less than \$10 for our Gift Swap Game. \$6 for Hall Hire, Sewing Requisites for Project you are working on.

Feel free to come dressed in a Christmas shirt, Santa hat or tinsel if you would like to help set the Christmas Theme for the day. Let's have fun on our last patchwork day for 2023.



Local Wildlife

I was home one hot day at the start of November when I heard a loud bang. I went to the back door and there was a beautiful Kingfisher laying on the ground. I think he had flown into the kitchen window and had knocked himself silly.

I picked him up to keep him safe from our pets and after five minutes he'd gotten a bit better but still not well enough to fly.



I got some beautiful photos and a video of our close encounter. The Kingfisher is a very small bird. About the size of a sparrow. The colours were an iridescent deep aqua blue with a pale, coppery tinge to his pale feathered chest.

He became more conscious, and I let him sit on my hand, so he wasn't feeling threatened. And after about a half an hour he flew away. It was only the second one I had seen, both in this area. The other one was in the Pleasant Hills village.



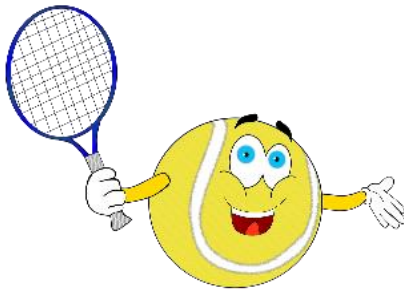
Article and photos by: Fiona Beckett.

Tennis

Almost halfway through the season already! There's been some close matches and after round 7, sec 3a sits in 5th place, (had a draw with 1st placed Howlong), sec 5 in 3rd and sec 6 in 4th. Sec 6 have shown much improvement from last season which is great to see. In the new year, we say farewell to Luke Stein (moving to Adelaide) & Ebony Williams to Darwin. Shortly after that, Lucy Bennett will be heading to Sydney to uni. We will miss them all & appreciate their efforts in travelling to play tennis.

Anyone wanting to see some good young players should come to watch Micah & Aaron Lieschke play- very impressive & play with great sportsmanship.

Carol Smith.



Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

From the Community Bank Henty team.

During the festive season our branch will close on Sunday 24 December, and reopen Wednesday 27 December.

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Harvest – A poem by Trudy Smith.

When days become stretchers,
bearing long, hot, and dry,
The arrival of Summer brings a
bold sultry sky.
Harvest is imminent, the lush
canopy awaits,
Impatiently growing behind fences
and gates.

Hay baling completed, some have
already sold,
Their round and square parcels of
straw-coloured gold.
For many a race to be won before
rain,
Storms danced all around with
some efforts in vain.

Canola mostly is finished, some
crops were quite tall,
It can be worthwhile if you get a
good haul.
There are paddocks a plenty of
oats, barley, and wheat,
Some with legumes and brassicas
for livestock to eat.

Silos become busy and trucks
claim the road,
A convoy of prime movers with
trailers being towed.
When one load is emptied another
soon takes its place,
It's all hands-on deck in this
harvesting race.

For tired hungry farmers day
morphs into night,
No rest for the wicked, someone
sure got that right.
Cold drinks and packed lunches are
consumed on the run,
Sleep deprivation is never much
fun.

If not finished by Christmas it's
time for a break,
A hot meal with family and a piece
of fruit cake.
Then back to the paddocks, not
long till New Years,
We'll wash down the dust with a
couple of beers.

It's all going well till the header
breaks down,
Hopefully the part can be picked
up in town.
Whoever is available is despatched
in the ute,
With time of the essence and a dog
in pursuit.

So, here's to the harvest, truly
great when it's done,
Hard work is rewarded with some
holiday sun.
Time to stop and take stock of
this farming game,
As no two seasons are ever the
same.



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Hills History

I have been asked to write on the impressive Wallandool Shearing Shed.



The Wallandool Station shearing shed in 2015.

Wallandool Station was primarily engaged in sheep farming, from the 1850's. Records indicate from 1899 to 1905, 41,000 sheep was the average number carried on the property. The wool clip from these sheep produced in-

1907 --- 691 bales

1908 --- 659 bales

1909 --- 849 bales

1910 --- 486 bales

1911 --- 710 bales



Wallandool Station shearing shed wool handling area.

Wallandool built a large woolshed consisting of 32 stands to cope with the number of sheep. Between 2,300 and 2,500 sheep could be housed under cover.



Wallandool Station shearing shed catching pens.

Exact dates when the shed was built are not known, however, it appears to have been built in two stages and insurance documents indicate a woolshed being in existence in 1884.



Wallandool Station shearing shed in 2015

(Wallandool/Alma Park School History Book. Pg13)

The word is that when the station was broken up, a wing or part of the original Wallandool shearing shed was moved to the west and added to the stables at the Wallandool homestead to make another shearing shed.

This building is still standing today but is showing the ravages of time.



The land on which the original Wallandool shearing shed is now, is a farm call Truro. Truro was bought and sold from the Ryan family (in 1925) to the Jelbart Family, Mr Everett Jelbart, to Mr Gordon Hogg in the 1940's. Truro and the original Wallandool shearing shed was then passed from Gordon Hogg to his son Max which was the last time the shearing shed was used. The property was sold a few years ago, where the old original Wallandool shearing shed now stands quietly reminding us of times passed when Australia was founded and prospered on a sheep's back, through the toil of many a shearer and shed hand.

Written by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

Common Brown

At this time of the year, the Common Brown (*Heteronympha merope merope*) is prolific in the skies around Pleasant Hills. So common that we can be prone to take it for granted. Closer observation though and one will discover one of the most beautiful butterflies in the Australian landscape. Males of this butterfly are commonly flying around before the females are seen. Mating takes place in spring, but eggs are not laid until autumn when males have disappeared. At rest on the ground the butterflies of both sexes are well camouflaged and are most often seen taking flight when disturbed. Here in Pleasant Hills, camouflage doesn't seem to be paramount for these butterflies and at the moment they everywhere in our landscape (mostly males); maybe that will change over summer when the females dominate the numbers. You can look for the differences as time progresses. The male: brown (pictured). Bordered and patterned very dark brown, a small, blue-centred eyespot on each wing. The female: larger, brighter. Orange and with yellow patches on forewing, blue eye spots as in male. See if you can see the changes in this butterfly's appearance as the different sexes dominate the environment. This species truly a 'two for one' species.

The eggs are cream in colour and the larvae are green with a black head and long black hairs. Although they are good pollinators, rarely are seen on vegetable flowers, preferring to stay around both native and introduced species of grasses (family: Poaceae). Especially kangaroo

grass (*Themeda australis*), dreaded 'fruit fly'.

Well, is getting to that time of the year and unusual rain (not too much though) has fattened some crops and has certainly benefited the veggie patch to a degree that we should get tomatoes and other goodies for the Christmas spread. Slugs and snails are rampant though at present and need to be taken care of; I hope the next pest isn't the dreaded fruit fly – be prepared.

Strong winds recently, sadly took the eggs out of the white-necked heron's nest although the nest survived. On a good note, it also brought down some large limbs (which will be good for next winter); good because some (unknown) people took all the fallen (and some not fallen) wood around the district recently. The environment will take time to recover.

Anyway, back to the now; and the prospects are looking good for the future in this 'up and down' world we live in. A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

Bob Marshall.



**It's starting to feel a lot
like Christmas 😊**



Pleasant Hills Post Office

Wishing everyone a Blessed
Christmas and Joyful New Year.
Thank you for all your support in
2023 and looking forward to a safe,
happy, and healthy 2024 and your
ongoing support.

Kind Regards

Cathy Terlich & Pleasant Hills Post
Office Staff.



Thank you to all those that contribute
to this Community Newsletter. It is only
through all your contributions that we
can get the Pleasant Hills news out to
everyone, especially those that are not
on social media. Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
and look forward to your ongoing
contributions in 2024.

Merry Christmas
Virginia Clancy

Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Chicken, bacon and cheddar sausage rolls

Ingredients:

- 1 egg.
- 1/4 cup milk.
- 500g chicken mince.
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs (or 4 slices bread, crusts removed, cut into 1/2 cm cubes).
- 1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, grated.
- 2 rashers middle bacon finely chopped (remove if not preferred).
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped (including leaves).
- 1 small granny smith apple, grated.
- 1 carrot, grated.
- 1/3 cup flat-leaf parsley finely chopped.
- 1/3 cup coriander leaves finely chopped.
- 3 tablespoons tomato chutney (or basil pesto if preferred).
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika powder.
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- 3 sheets butter puff pastry, thawed.
- Sesame or poppy seeds, for sprinkling.

Method:

- Preheat oven to 200C. Line a baking tray with non-stick parchment paper.
- Make egg wash by beating egg into milk, set aside.
- Combine chicken, breadcrumbs, cheddar, bacon, onion, apple, carrot, parsley, coriander, coriander powder, paprika and chutney in a large bowl, season generously with salt and pepper and knead with clean hands until sticky.
- Cut pastry sheets in half. Shape meat into logs along the centre of each piece of pastry, brush one edge with egg wash and firmly roll pastry over the meat, pressing to enclose edge. Now cut each length into 6 sausage rolls.
- Arrange sausage rolls on a prepared tray, brush with remaining egg wash and sprinkle with seeds. Adjust and bake in the oven at 180 degrees for 25 minutes until golden brown and cooked through. Serve warm with extra tomato relish or mashed potato and peas.

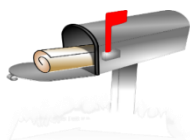


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HENTY

December	
2 nd December	David Male
9 th December	Rex Lieschke
16 th December	Wayne Scholz
23 rd December	Barry Terlich
30 th December	Rick Clancy
January	
6 th January	Oriel Ridge
13 th January	Hugh Clancy
20 th January	Trevor Terlich
27 th January	Corey Beckett
February	
3 rd February	David Male
10 th February	Rex Lieschke
17 th February	Wayne Scholz
24 th February	Barry Terlich



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

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Wishing everyone a happy, safe and joyous Christmas, and a relaxing start to the new year. Remember, there is no January Newsletter. We will return in February 2024. Stay safe and look after each other.

Diary of Events

Wednesday 6th December
CWA Christmas meeting 10:30 at Peards Borella Rd Café

Thursday 14th December
Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Friday 15th December
Students last Day Term 4 – Mufti Day

Saturday 16th December
Patchwork meeting

Friday 22nd December
Pub Christmas Party

January

Saturday 20th January
Patchwork meeting

Friday 26th January
Australia Day Awards

Tuesday 30th January
PHPS Staff return.

February

Thursday 1st February
PHPS First day Term 1 students return.

Wednesday 7th February
PHPS GK Swimming Carnival at Lockhart.

