

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

A Happy New Year to all!
We were thrilled that our Pleasant Hills Primary School students won the Riverina

Group International Primary School Power Point Presentation, so now go on to State, where the winners will be announced at State Conference in May.

Our delegates to State Conference will be Kay Dean and Lyn Jacobsen, and we have two observers, Margaret Hasler and Bev Frohling going as well.

We gave \$1000 to the CWA State Disaster Relief Fund. Money was also given to the Gidget Fund. Our Christmas Break-up was an enjoyable time for all, with the Khris Kringle causing lots of laughs.

We drew our Raffles there with the 1st prize, a Mosaic Bird Bath being won by Hazel Cook, 2nd prize was a plant, won by Maureen Millar, and 3rd prize, a Diamond Dot Painting, won by Yvonne Stanja (who just happened to be having lunch at Café Borella so very convenient for handing it over). Our thanks to Wendy who sold the three winning tickets! Wendy is organising our exhibit for the Henty Show, which has to be in Henty by 8th February. We also have the Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day coming up on Saturday, 16th March at Collingullie, so the crafty members are reminded that we need some articles for our entry. All the cooks during the year that have won either first or second place are eligible to now cook for the Group Day, and the winners from this will be eligible to compete at State level in May. Our Land Cookery Officer, Margaret will be handing out reminders to winners at the next meeting. We had a mini-Lamington Drive prior to Australia Day which earned us \$200.

Our congratulations to Allison Scott for winning the Citizen of the Year Award for Greater Hume Shire at Wymah on Australia Day. She had previously won Lockhart Shire Citizen of the Year many years ago when residing in the Shire. A 2024 Calendar is being organised and will be printed shortly.

Our next Meeting will be held at the Commercial Club in Albury on 14th February, starting at 10:30am.



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The pub has been ticking along quietly over December and January with harvest and people away on holidays.

We had a very successful Christmas party on 22/12, with a large number of people attending. There have been some changes to the management of the pub kitchen, with Suzanne resigning as co-ordinator and Annie Scholz stepping back into that role. So to book any future functions involving food, please contact Annie.

It is a pleasure to see 2 new barmen on the roster; Dale Lieschke and Ross Newton. We welcome them wholeheartedly and hope they find it a positive experience. Please keep supporting our hotel to keep it open.

Cheers Sharpie.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 21st Birthday to Maddie McRae for the 5th February.

Happy 50th Birthday to Marie Gale (Jacobsen) for the 9th February.

Happy 50th Birthday to Nick Creek for the 26th February.

Wedding Anniversary:

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Peter and Jannette Hahn for the 18th February.

Condolences

Heartfelt condolences to Donna McRae and family on the passing of Ken McRae on the 2nd December 2023.

Condolences to the Clancy family on the passing of Margaret McDonnell on the 5th December 2023.

A service was held for Jim Banner on the 20th December 2023, where his ashes were scattered along the Urangeline Creek.



Nick Creek and Marie Gale (Jacobsen), celebrating their 50th birthday's with family on a Cumbaroona Luncheon cruise.

School News and Reviews

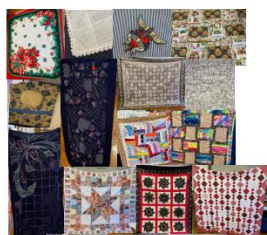


Pleasant Hills Pre School



Preschool starts back for the students on Tuesday 6th February with everyone very excited and perhaps somewhat nervous to be enjoying preschool activities.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



December Christmas Party – even our transport came with a very festive look.

January Patchwork



We had 11 people at our January meeting making the Peg Bags, Cutlery holder and Bowl Cosies as well as working on other projects. Attached is collage of the projects, I love the Ladies apron peg bag, something different.

Our next meeting is Saturday February 17th and it is a UFO day so you can byo project to work on, sewing requisites, lunch and \$6 for hall hire. The Henty Show is Saturday February 10th and we would love to see your entries and support the show. If you would like a Show Schedule you can download from Greater Hume Shire Council Website or get the booklet from Henty Post Office. Attached is Needlework section.

Quilty Quote: *Weekend forecast, quilting with a chance of wine.*



SECTION L—NEEDLE AND FANCY WORK

All exhibits throughout this section be the bonafide work of the exhibitors, and must not have been exhibited at any previous show of this association. No one piece of work may be entered for more than one class.

All exhibits shall be unwashed, cleanliness is essential in handwork.

Entry Fee \$1.00. Up to 15 then \$0.50 in all pavilion sections. Members \$ free entries. Prizes: 1st- \$3.00. 2nd- \$1.00. Points Allocated: 1st-5, 2nd-3, 3rd-1.

Stewards: Mrs J Scheuner, Mrs A Maher, Mrs I Macreadie, Mrs J Parker, Mrs Julie-Anne Willis, Mrs Peta Shoemark.

CLASS

1. Adult's Knitted Jumper Cardigan Vest
2. Child's Knitted Jumper or Cardigan
3. Baby's Knitted Matinee Jacket or Cardigan
4. Knitted Booties or Footwear
5. Knitted set of Baby Clothes (2 Articles)
6. Knitted Baby Blanket
7. Knitted Scarf
8. Knitted Rug
9. Knitted Article or Garment, not otherwise specified.
10. Baby's Crocheted Matinee Jacket or Cardigan
11. Baby's Crocheted Booties or Footwear
12. Baby's crocheted Blanket
13. Crochet Scarf
14. Crocheted Rug
15. Crocheted Article or Garment not otherwise specified.
16. Crochet Dolly
17. Crochet edged Handkerchief
18. Baby's/ Childs Garment Sewn
19. Men's or Woman's Garment, sewn
20. Bag, made of fabric
21. Hand embroidery
22. Cross Stitch
23. Tapestry
24. Hand Applique
25. Machine Applique

26. Patchwork-over 1.25m length or width
27. Patchwork-under 1.25m length or width
28. Quilting
29. Coat hanger
30. Cushion
31. Soft Toy
32. Article suitable for Gift (under \$10)
33. Article suitable for Gift (cost over \$10)
34. Article or Garment made by a person under 18 years
35. Article or Garment made by a person in aged care or aged care assessed
36. Any Other Article or Garment not otherwise specified
37. Article made from Recycled Fabric hand or machine Sewn

MOST SUCCESSFUL

Class 1—37
\$25 Voucher donated by:
JUDY'S BAZZAR

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Voucher donated by:
HENTY COMMUNITY CLUB

BEST EXHIBIT

Classes 1—37
Voucher donated by:
STATEWIDE ALBURY

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Tennis Club

Tennis commenced back on 20th with sec 3a having a big win against Culcairn. This has moved them into 4th place & play 5th placed Jindera next weekend. Sec 6 lost by 10 games & sit in 5th place. They are in a tight tussle with 4th placed Brock Burrum.

Sec 5 lost but are winning more games now consistently & have improved greatly since the beginning of the season. They are in 4th place in a 4 team section.

We had 2 mornings of tennis coaching in the last week of holidays with 15 children receiving fun lessons from Matt & Melissa.

We hope to see some coaching lessons this term so stay tuned for more on that.

Photos from the 2nd day.

Carrol Smith

Australia Day Celebrations:

Congratulations to Tash Beckett and her Grandmother Sandra Schilg, and Allison Scott on your Australia Day Awards.

Natasha Beckett was awarded the St Paul's College, School Citizenship Award for 2024, and celebrated with her Grandmother Sandra Schilg being named Citizen of the Year, both being in the Greater Hume Shire.

Well Done.



Natasha Beckett and Sandra Schilg



Congratulations also to Allison Scott, being awarded Citizen of the Year for Greater Hume Shire for her dedication to volunteering and supporting her community, presented at the Wymah Australia Day celebrations.



Hon. Susan Ley MP, Allison Scott, and Justin Clancy MP.

Between The Lines ~

A poem by Trudy Smith.

The noble art of letter writing is something
that is old.

It used to be a common way that family news
was told.

The postman's knock at ten o'clock was a
highlight of the day.

When hoping for a letter to see what Nana
had to say.

She'd talk about her busy week of many
household chores.

And on a rainy Saturday had cleaned out all
the drawers.

She'd been checking in on neighbour Bill who
had a broken hip,

And was looking forward to going on the
Garden Club bus trip.

After many years of corresponding my Nan
has sadly gone

But her love of writing letters has been happily
passed on.

My mother in her eighties likes to sit with pen
and pad,

And will compose a weekly letter comprising
news both good and bad.

Mum will write about her garden which is
colourful and neat.

She'll also tell me who she met when shopping
in the street.

She'd say how Dad had asked if she might
make him scones for tea,

My mouth would start to water as I know how
good they'd be.

In my reply I'd indicate I'd noted all their news
And shared some pearls of wisdom with which I
hoped I may amuse.

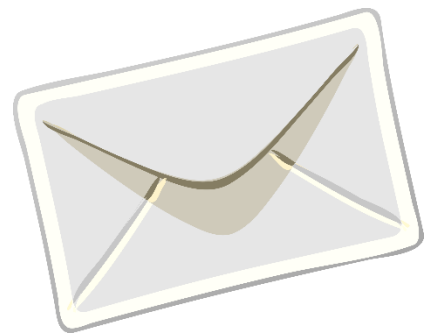
While the cost of stamps keeps rising it
doesn't bother us at all,
And no complaints if one can't read the others
hasty scrawl.

I'm glad to say our family way of putting black
on white.

Has passed the baton on to me as I really love
to write.

While mobile phones and other tools are great
to keep in touch

For a page of modern cursive, I will thank you
very much.



Fire Brigade



The Riverina Zone is reminding residents within the Coolamon, Lockhart, Junee and Wagga Wagga areas that fire permits are available. Fire permits can be issued for either 'Monitoring the Fire - Continuous' **OR** 'Monitoring the Fire - Temporary'.

Monitoring the Fire - Continuous

- Permit issued up to a maximum of 21 days.
- Sufficient people need to remain onsite to monitor the fire from the time it is lit until the time it is fully extinguished.

Monitoring the Fire - Temporary

- Permit issued up to a maximum of 7 days.
- The fire may only be lit if, at any time of lighting, the Fire Danger Rating is not forecast to exceed MODERATE during the following 48 hours.
- The fire must be monitored as per the permit conditions provided by the Fire Permit Officer.

Riverina Zone specific fire permit conditions include:



No burning before 2:00pm.



Two private fire units must be in attendance, with a minimum of 1,000 litres of water.



3 metre bare earth fire breaks.



No pile burns, heavy timber or stumps are to be burnt or catch alight.

ENFORCEMENT



Substantial fines and prison terms of up to 12 months may apply to persons found to be in breach of the NSW Rural Fires Act 1997 and its regulations.



Council Rangers, Police and RFS Authorised Officers can issue on the spot fines for breaches of the RF Act.



Civil law suits can also be brought against persons responsible for fire, by those seeking compensation, for losses sustained.



Special Meeting

Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade Members are invited to attend a special meeting on Monday 12th February at 7pm at Pleasant Hills Community Hotel to discuss recent request for funding support for a local project.

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Hills History

Last February I was lucky enough to meet and talk to Ron Wooden and his family when they visited the Hall wanting to have a look around. Ron and his brother attended the Pleasant Hills School. They both worked at the Chaff Mill when they left school. I wrote about our meeting in the March 2023 newsletter.

I received a phone call from Ron's wife, Marion, just before Christmas.

Marion told me of their sad news. In April last year two months after their visit to Pleasant Hills, Ron had a fall from which he did not recover and sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with Ron's family.

Another goodbye....

In December a number of locals gathered to say a final goodbye to a local identity, James "Jim" Banner on the banks of the Urangeline Creek at Urangeline East. Not far from the house he lived in for a number of years. He passed away in 2020 and it was only now that we could all gather to pay our respects by spreading of his ashes with tributes in the form of a "chainsaw serenade" and "a two shell shotgun salute". Finally, a memorial plaque was attached to a gumtree overlooking where his vegetable garden plot and his yabby shed still standing, which all local landholders' dams

contributed to his thriving business.



Pleasant Hills Football Club

As many of you will have seen our article in the Border Mail before Christmas. Peter Sharp, Rick Clancy and myself were searching for anyone who could give us some information on the Pleasant Hills football club, which folded in 1955. We have been very lucky with the response we have received. Robbie Mackinlay has almost finished the podcast that everyone will be able to access via a QR code. Stay tuned for the launch date. Fingers crossed it should be in the next few months.



The late Ron Wooden played in the Pleasant Hills Football Team.

An update on Esplanade.

The works have stalled. We are just waiting for the right conditions before the really wet season returns, to do a cold burn. Be assured that Deputy Mayor Sharp and I will keep the council on their toes until the project is completed.

Written by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

NOT UNCOMMON BUT RARELY SEEN

The Tailed Emperor (*Polyura Pyrrhus*), although not uncommon, is rarely seen as it spends most its time at the top of trees. This one obviously decided to take a trip down to the ground to have a look around (well it was holiday time).

A strikingly unusual caterpillar, if you can see one, and a handsome butterfly. The caterpillar is a greenish colour with distinct yellow bands. If you are lucky enough to see one or two they are easy and rewarding to rear on cut foodplants in a suitable enclosure; but the grubs are hard to find unless you are able to get up into gum trees, the larvae are well camouflaged. They will come down for some fresh water but can survive on drinking at a patch of fermented sap on a tree-trunk.

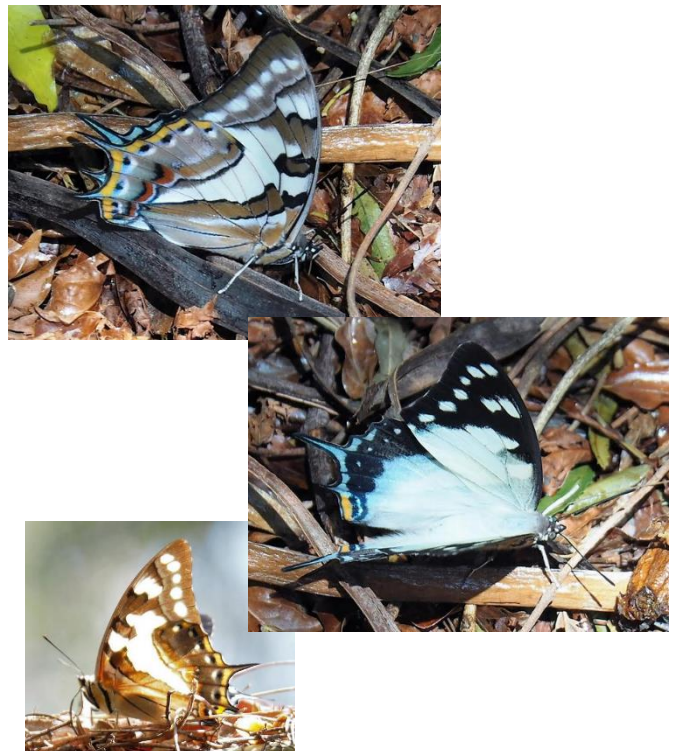
The main native food plants to help you looking for the grubs are wattles, both feathery and plain-leaved species. Cootamundra wattles (*Acacia baileyana*) and Queensland wattles (*Acacia podalyriifolia*) are popular; and kurrajong trees (*Brachychiton populneus*). Exotic trees (introduced) include crepe myrtle, elm and camphor laurel. If you are keen on breeding, then you might be better collecting the eggs; but the plants (and larvae) will die if collected too early. It may be better to harvest larvae just after they hatch. The eggs are round, yellowish, laid singularly on the upper surface of a leaf. (from: How to Attract Butterflies to Your Garden by Densey Clyne)

The larvae cover one or more leaves of the food plant with silk, upon which it rests during the daytime, during moults, or during the coldest parts of the winter. The winter is passed either as a larvae or a pupa, neither of which appears to be adversely affect by frost in inland areas.

They are attracted to the fermenting juices of over-ripe fruit, and have been reported feeding at sap exuding from shrubs, and even at the leaking bung-hole of a wine cask (even an empty beer can). In this situation the adults are easily captured (from: Butterflies of Australia by I. F. B. Common and D. F. Waterhouse)

On a good note, to start the year, the White-necked herons have returned. Although not here all the time, when they do, the male is not shy in making a ruckus, as if to say, "We're back now stay away from our nest!". They look larger (and much more friendly): let's hope they resume their breeding cycle.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Zucchini Fritters

Ingredients:

- 2-3 tablespoons organic plain flour.
- 2-3 tablespoons self-raising flour.
- 1-2 tablespoons organic cornflour.
- 1 zucchini, grated.
- 1 small, peeled potato, grated.
- ½ small brown onion, peeled and grated.
- ½ cup water.
- 1 teaspoon chicken or vegetable stock powder.
- 1 small can of corn kernels.
- Chopped parsley and chives, good handful.
- ½ teaspoon coriander seed, ground.
- Good pinch turmeric and/or paprika.
- Salt and pepper.
- 1 ½ cups sunflower oil.
- Lemon or lime, wedges to serve.

Method:

- 1 Lightly fry grated onion and set aside,
- 2 Mix flours, spices, salt and pepper, stock, and water together in bowl to pancake like consistency,
- 3 Stir in zucchini, onion, potato, corn and most of the parsley and chives (leave some for garnish),
- 4 Heat oil in shallow pan (careful not to burn), add heaped tablespoons of the mixture, flatten and fry until golden brown on each side,
- 5 Drain each one on paper towel and serve on plate with salad and lemon/lime wedges, cracked salt and pepper to taste, enjoy!

Note:

This easy recipe requires no eggs or milk because the cornflour helps to bind.

Replace water with chicken/veg stock to create fuller flavour 😊

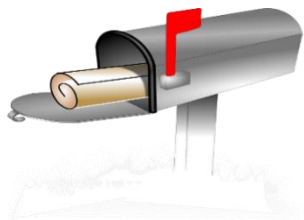


PAPER ROSTER

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

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



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Thursday 1st February

PHPS students return.

Tuesday 6th February

Pre-School students return.

Wednesday 7th February

PHPS GK Swimming Carnival at Lockhart.

Thursday 8th February

Mobile Library 10:30 – 11:30

Saturday 10th February

Henty Show

Monday 12th February

Fire Brigade Special Meeting

Wednesday 14th February

CWA Meeting Commercial Club Albury at 1030am.

Wednesday 14th February

Valentine's Day

Saturday 17th February

Patchwork group meeting

Thursday 22nd February

Mobile Library 10:30 – 11:30

