

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We had a good roll up for our first meeting of the year.

The first excitement for the year was winning the CWA Exhibit at the Henty Show this year. They had an amazing number of 9 entries, so plenty of competition! We actually won "back-to-back", since we also won last year, so thanks to all the ladies who contributed. Several of our members also entered individual items, and Margaret Hasler won the cooking championship, Lynette Maloney won a photography section, junior

Henty Show Summary 2024 Feb 10th	
SECTION N - CWA of NSW	
Hand Craft Exhibition Inter-Branch Competition	
A Collection of Seven Articles: Sewing, Art, Cooking, Floral Arrangement, Knitting, Crocheting and crafts of all kinds.	
BRANCH: F. PLEASANT HILLS	
ITEM	POINTS
Biscuits	95
Lemon Butter	95
Butter Cake	90
Cross Stitch	100
Mosaic Plate	100
Patchwork Bag	100
Other Bag	40
TOTAL POINTS 670	

member Natalie Hasler won the novice cooking section whilst another junior member Jessica Maloney won the 8 – 10 year craft section, so well done to all.

It was noted that jams etc in competitions must have new lids.

We are joining with the two Henty CWA Branches in a Food Security Program, and are asking the community to support this with donations of food, baby-products, sanitary items etc. There is a box at Dales IGA where you can leave goods, and they will be donated to CAREVAN and local food security groups. We thank you in advance for supporting our venture as there are many people finding it tough at the moment.

Two of us did the zoom Food Handling Seminar recently to ensure we are up to date with food handling.

Dr Joe McGirr is putting on a Morning Tea for International Women's Day on 8th March and all CWA Members were invited, however we have to register.

We were invited to the annual Bunnings meeting of stall holders, held on February 29th from 6 - 7pm.

Wendy, our Ag and Environment Officer gave an excellent talk on Fire Ants – our "Foe" for this year.

We decided that the Branch would put an entry in the Wagga Daily Advertiser State Publicity Award and also the Past State President's Award.

We have the Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day coming up on Saturday, 16th March at Collingullie, so members are busy getting their entries sorted. Anyone is welcome to go and have a look – some of the handicraft entries are outstanding – however leave it until after lunch as it is closed for judging. If you're a cook and wanting to learn more, it is "open judging" so you can listen in to the judges' comments from 9.30am onwards.

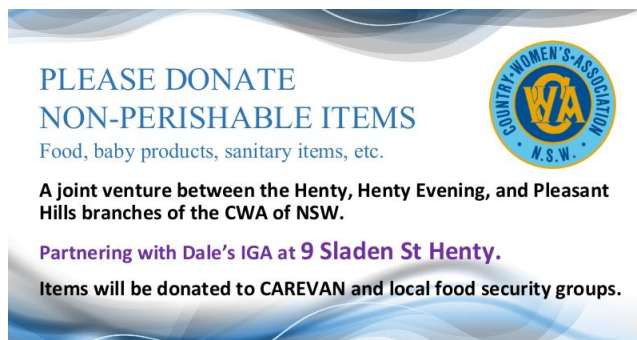
It was brought up in the Meeting about the crime rate, however the CWA of NSW state executive unanimously voted at its November Meeting to support the call for a Parliamentary Inquiry into regional crime.

We hope to hold a Street Stall at Bunnings some time before Conference, but we will have hot cross buns Easter week, so it will probably be in April.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th MARCH at 10.30am at the Commercial Club, due to clashing with Murray Group's Handicraft & Land Cookery Day.



Wendy giving a presentation on Fire Ants.



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

It is great to see some new faces stopping at the pub for a drink and a meal with the cooks being kept busy during February.

On Sunday March 17th the Riverina Roadrunners car club are stopping in for lunch so if you would like to see some older cars call in for a look. Always looking for kitchen staff whether it's cooks or waitresses for a Saturday night just have to be 14 years of age before you can start.

School News and Reviews



Welcome back to 2024!

We trust you all had an enjoyable break, and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning, creativity and courage! It is wonderful to see the children all playing together again and catching up on the holiday escapades.

A special welcome to Connor Barker as he starts his education journey!



School Bytes

The transition to using School Bytes has gone very well. Thank you to those who have activated their account. If you haven't already downloaded the app, it is available through the App Store for your convenience. Please contact the school if you are having difficulties connecting.

GK and SRPSSA Swimming Carnivals

Our recent Swimming Carnival was a day filled with fantastic feats of athleticism, camaraderie, and spirited participation! Well done everyone! Our swimmers showcased their determination in every stroke, from freestyle sprints to exhilarating relay races! Every participant, regardless of skill level, contributed to the vibrant atmosphere, demonstrating courage and enthusiasm in every lap contributing to PHPS being crowned the Overall Champion School!



Congratulations to Samantha, Caitlin, Isabelle and Sam who represented our school at the Southern Riverina PSSA.

Virtual Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (vAPC&I)

Rebecca Thompson has been appointed our 2024 vAPC&I and takes over from Carolyn Harloff. We thank Carolyn for her enthusiasm and instruction in 2023 and look forward to our partnership with Rebecca in 2024.

Harmony Day

Our school will be travelling by bus to Yerong Creek Public School for Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. We will celebrate this day with Boree Creek and Yerong Creek schools.

Flyaway Gymnastics

We have received another School Sporting Grant for Term 1, 2024 and are looking forward to our Gymnastic sessions at school and visiting the Flyaway Gymnastics Centre in Albury on the 22nd March.



Arthur Lieschke also started Kindergarten at St John's Lutheran School - Jindera.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



We welcome Alister, Remi, Willow, and Storm to a year of fun and learning.



We are looking for an enthusiastic new Pre School Director. Please refer to Page 9 for details.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 80th Birthday to Janice Clarke for the 7th March.

Happy 30th Birthday to Kestrel Lieschke for the 10th March.

Happy 18th Birthday to Ashtyn Quee for the 19th March.

Condolences:

Condolences to the Trethowan family on the passing of Bruce Trethowan on the 17th February 2024.



Pleasant Hills Community Thanks You.

A big thank you to the Pleasant Hills, Munyabla and Henty fire brigades, and Pleasant Hills locals for your quick response to a recent fire in Pleasant Hills. Unfortunately, a historical building was lost in the fire but with the quick work of everyone involved no other buildings were lost.



*Photo of fire courtesy
Tanya Elphick*



Tennis Club

Our home & away season has just finished on the 24th Feb. Sec 3a has made the finals for the 1st time in quite a few years, Sec 5 is in & Sec 6 has just missed out. Sec 3a will go in with an undermanned team with a few being unavailable on top of 3 players moving away earlier. We will do our best though!

Thanks to all parents & guardians for bringing the kids along & helping out with scoring, tidying etc. Thank you to the committee for keeping things running along, especially Dave & Renae.

Whilst the committee has been maintaining the tennis club premises, life is busy for everyone so we will be asking for help from players & parents/guardians, to keep things tidy over the off-season.

There has still been little news on the courts upgrade but we will be pushing for this to occur during the winter.

Good luck to all players for the finals.

Carol Smith.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had lots of stitching happening at the hills in February, 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, finished quilts, quilts in the making and even a harness driving apron. Our next meeting on the 16th March, is a lesson in Celtic Quilts.



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, morning tea to share, sewing machines and all you require and show and tell if you have anything finished. We start around 9:30am and finish around 3:30pm. But you can arrive and leave anytime that suits you. New faces always welcome.

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Did you know.....

***St Patrick's Day
March 17th.***

St Patrick's Day, also known as The Feast of St Patrick, is a global celebration of Irish Culture. It remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland in the fifth century.

Patrick's Day tradition was popularised by Irish immigrants in the United States, who believed that wearing green made them invisible to leprechauns – the classic fairy creature who pinched anyone they could see.

Fire Brigade



Council Waste Disposal

Pleasant Hills Council Waste Disposal site open every Tuesday 1000 – 1200.

An illustration for a Bendigo Bank insurance advertisement. It shows a red car parked in front of a red building. A person is standing next to the car, and another person is sitting at a table outside. A large 'P' parking sign is visible. In the background, there are trees and a blue sky with a white airplane flying. The bottom half of the image is a solid purple color with white text.

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A Priceless Picture

A poem by Mathew Rush

Standing alone on the peak,
Birds and clouds my true friends.
Casting an eye on a land to behold,
The scene scanned so easy to endure.
From the turquoise sky above snow white
mountains,

To the sparkling flash of ocean blue.
It's twisting rivers and valleys green,
Hills clad in Messmate, Ash, and Brown
Barrel,

My heart sings its praise to the life in this
land.

My mind cloaked in peace with these
tranquil surrounds.

I thank God as I gaze upon this jewel,
Tasting the fragrance of the thin cool air.
Alone, yet feeling at one with this world,
So close to the barren rocks 'neath my feet,
And the wind as it gently sends out its
tendrils,

To playfully caress my body like feathers.
I can feel the warmth from the shimmering
fields,

I can taste the clear cool of swift flowing
streams,

I can smell the perfume of the forested
glades,

And I can doze to the melodies of the
balladeers in flight.

Here, within easy reach, lies a world at
peace,

Where life ebbs like a slow-moving current,
Of a gently meandering river through plains
of gold.

A deep sigh and a widening smile as this
vista touch's my very soul.



The next collection day at
Pleasant Hills Tip will be:

Monday, March 18th
9am- 10:30am.

**NOTIFY US IF YOU HAVE A
LARGE LOAD.**

Suz Forck: 0428293047

RINSE, RINSE, RINSE

**NO LIDS or BUNGS
PUNCTURE STEEL DRUMS.**

**All proceeds go to the Pleasant Hills
Community Assoc (the pub).**



Every little bit helps.
Clean up Australia Day is the first
Sunday in March
Remember Change Starts with You

Hills History

On Monday, 21st, a send-off was given in the Pleasant Hills School of Arts to Trooper J.E. (Billy) Dorman, of the A.I.F. home on final leave.

There was a large and representative gathering of friends and the general public. Mr F.H. Haberecht occupied the chair and in presenting trooper Dorman with a wristlet watch and speaking with some emotion said that outside his own family no one knew the young soldier better. He had come to him as a young apprentice and learned his trade under his supervision.

During that time Trooper Dorman had grown from a boy to a man, and not one angry word had passed between them which he attributed to Trooper Dorman's diligence, rather than his own angelic temper. As one who had been his second father he was sure the departing soldier would always bear himself with courage and honour and hoped he would speedily return safe and sound to Pleasant Hills.

Mr J Bunyan, said he found difficulty in speaking on this occasion. He congratulated

Trooper Dorman's father upon having signed his consent allowing his son to enlist underage, and said one who voluntary gave his best was, himself, worthy of being called a soldier.

Mesers J. Knobel, S. Klemke, and R. Penny, also spoke wishing Trooper Dorman God speed and a safe return. Mr F. Klemke, in a brief speech, on behalf of the Pleasant Hills Band, presented Trooper Dorman with a set of pipes, and Mr. O. Sticker, in a few well chosen words presented him with a wallet on behalf of the Tennis club.

Trooper Dorman made a short and suitable reply.

(Henty Observer and Culcairn Shire Register, Friday 1st June 1917, page 2)

The article went on to describe the entertainment and the nights festivities.

As a result of the event they raised over ten guineas, with the sum of 9 guineas going to the Red Cross.

The final song was performed by the Pleasant Hills Band, "God Bless our Splendid Men".

Researched and written by
Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

DOUBLES

Word Games (and Number Games) are a good way to relieve stress in a mild manner and just increase enjoyment in these tough times. If you haven't delved into the 'world of Word Games', give them a try and just see how practical they are. Newsagents usually sell many of them and they are cheap.

The other day I was confronted by the clue: “a 9 letter word with 3 double letters with in it”. Easy I thought and wrote down bookkeeper. I was wrong, and had to keep on searching.. Bookkeeper is a 9 letter word with 3 double letters but is considered as the only English word containing 3 consecutive double letters. After some time, I remained stumped and had to look up the answer. Silly me, it is a common word used in this publication more months than not. (I’ll leave to you to find the answer).

Moving on, I began to wonder about double letters. Starting off with the vowels I found nearly all the vowels that double up are either **ee** or **oo**. There are few **aa** (including *aardvark* and *bazaar*). At least one **ii** in *Hawaii* and one **uu** in *vacuum*; and none in the part time vowel of **y**. Most of these later words have found their way into English from other languages.

There was more success with double consonants. Most seem to fairly represented except for **hh**, a couple in **jj**, one in **ww** with **powwow** and none with **xx** (except in advertising; words such as **maxxon** which you may spot on your next drive into Henty). There are probably others that I might find if I used more than dictionaries; like a computer – but that would take the fun out of it.

I have purposely left **qq** to last because “I Know My English!” A few days ago I would have bet that the answer was none. As any schoolchild can tell you, the letter **Q** is followed by the letter **U** and to date I haven’t found any words in Word Games that do not incorporate this rule. But it isn’t true.

Although most have been introduced from other languages all are legitimate English words. At least 67 of them (1995); Two of them being: Riqq – an Egyptian tambourine and Zaqqum – a tree with bitter fruit.

One of these words Zaqqum, is the only English word to have a **Q** followed a **U** and a **Q** not followed by a **U**. I reckon you get a copy of this list before you try one of them on your friends in a game of Scrabble.

(Q information from: The Wordsworth Book of Intriguing Words by Paul Hellweg).

Bob Marshall.



Position Vacant:

Preschool Director

Pleasant Hills Preschool



Pay rate per hour \$43.81



Location is 85km from Albury or Wagga, 25km from Henty.

About us

Pleasant Hills Preschool is in a rural farming setting. It is for children 3 to 5 years of age with a focus on integrated and holistic early childhood education, child development and health and wellbeing.

At Pleasant Hills Preschool, we're looking for a passionate and enthusiastic Educator to join our team in a Director's role.

We are open on Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 8.15am-4.15pm The Director's role will be paid for two face-to-face days and one administration day, which can be a 'work from home' day. This is a total of 22 hours per week.

Tasks & responsibilities:

- Create a stimulating, positive and appropriate environment to foster and support the development.

- Provide care, assisting children in daily routines. Respond to the emotional needs of the children.

- Work together with other staff members for the best outcome for students learning.

Qualifications & experience:

- Valid Working With Children's Check.

- Current First Aid Certificate including:
 - Anaphylaxis and Asthma training.

- Child Protection qualification

- A creative and cooperative team player.

Benefits:

- Travel allowance is provided as part of this role.
- The preschool is well equipped with a variety of resources.
- Ratios are excellent.
- Pay is above award rates

Call Frances 0400347602 for a confidential discussion about the position.

Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Summer chicken with beans and squash

Ingredients:

- 6 to 8 chicken thigh fillets, (bone in).
- 3 tablespoons olive oil.
- 2 tablespoons self-raising flour.
- 1 large brown onion, chopped.
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander seed.
- 200g yellow squash, thickly sliced.
- 450g heirloom 'Nicola' potatoes, peeled, thickly sliced. (or other waxy variety).
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed.
- 2 bay leaves.
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved (or San Marzano tomatoes, roughly chopped).
- 250ml (1 cup) chicken liquid stock.
- 250ml (1 cup) vegetable stock.
- 2 tablespoons whole grain mustard.
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano leaves, plus extra to serve.

- 150g green beans, trimmed.
- 100g snow peas, trimmed.
- Crusty bread, to serve.

Method:

- Heat oil in a large heavy-based frying pan over medium heat. Add onion to pan. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes or until lightly golden and just tender, adding garlic near the end. Remove and place in slow cooker.
- Season chicken well with flour, salt, pepper, and coriander seed. Cook chicken in pan for 1-2 minutes each side or until golden. Remove and place in slow cooker.
- Add potatoes, squash, oregano, bay leaves, and mustard to slow cooker. Add stock and cook on high for 4 hours (or 8 hours on low).
- Add tomatoes, beans, and snow peas in last 30 mins of cooking.
- Before serving, remove bay leaves. Season well. Divide among serving bowls, scatter with extra oregano and black pepper. Serve with crusty bread.

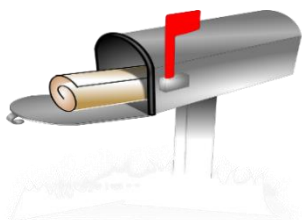


PAPER ROSTER

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HENTY

March	
2 nd March	Rex Lieschke
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 Scholz
27 th April	Barry Terlich
May	
4 th May	Hugh Clancy
11 th May	Oriel Ridge
18 th May	Rick Clancy
25 th May	Trevor Terlich



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Friday 1st March
Autumn starts.

Sunday 3rd March
Clean Up Australia Day

Thursday 7th March
Mobile Library 10:30-11:30am

Monday 11th March
Riverina Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 12th March
CWA meeting Commercial Club Albury 10:30

Wednesday 13th to Monday 25th March
PHPS – NAPLAN Y3 & Y5

Saturday 16th March
Patchwork group meet.

Sunday 17th March
St Patricks Day

Sunday 17th March
Riverina Roadrunners car club visit the pub for lunch.

Monday 18th March
DrumMUSTER 9:00 – 10:30

Thursday 21st March
Mobile Library 10:30-11:30am

Thursday 21st March
PHPS Harmony Day at Yerong Creek.

Tuesday 26th March
PHPS Civic Theatre Excursion

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Sunday 31st March
Easter Sunday

April

Monday 1st April
Easter Monday

Monday 1st April
April Fool's Day

