

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We held our March meeting at the Commercial Club, with a good number of members present.



We have made Eunice McRae our Patron for Pleasant Hills Branch!

We sent a donation to Narrandera Evening Branch for their "Bake for Babies" Hi Tea, which I believe raised over \$2500 for the Canberra Hospital.

The Ag and Environment Committee have started two competitions for primary school aged students - a colouring-in competition for K-Yr 3 and a short story for Yrs 4 – 6. I have forwarded details to the school.

We are doing hot cross buns as a fund-raiser the week before Easter, but it will be orders only. Our two Bev's had a trip to King Island, and they gave us an interesting talk on Bull Kelp, as Seaweed is our Primary Product this year. As



well as fertiliser, it can be used in medicine and iodine it is also made into ornaments etc and they showed us some items they had purchased.

For our International segment, we are studying France and Kay has been over there visiting relations and spoke of some of her interesting experiences when she's been over there. The "Carevan" box at Dales IGA is going very well and allowing those who are able to contribute to do so locally, thus helping local people in need.

Four members went to Collingullie on Saturday for the Handicraft and Land Cookery Day. Our members did very well – in the handicrafts, our set of four glasses cases won first prize so goes on to State. Jessica Maloney got a second place in a craft made by a junior, 9 to 12 years. Our Branch entry, whilst not winning any prizes, looked great and got good marks!

In the Land Cookery, the Branch came second in the Group, with Oura winning first place. We have a closely contested competition between our two branches each year. This year, we were thrilled with our junior cooks as Natalie Hasler came first with the Tea Cake and Caitlin Barker came second, whilst with the four decorated cupcakes, Jessica Maloney got first and Maeve Turner came second, so Pleasant Hills has some promising cooks coming on. We do appreciate the effort the Pleasant Hills students did to make their entries again and the mums for getting the cakes to Henty, so thank you all! All over, Pleasant Hills had 6 first prizes, 4 seconds and 4 thirds, so considering we are a small branch, that's pretty good!

We are having the Group International Day on 29th April at The Rock.

Next meeting will be on 10th April at the Commercial Club, starting at 10.30am.



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The pub has had, a busy month in March, with a bucks party visiting on Saturday afternoon. The next day 2 car clubs with about 46 people came for lunch with a fine display of cars.

Thanks to PH Tennis club for holding their windup luncheon with a BBQ.

We still are working on getting a bus out from Henty one Friday night a month. We think, whilst the Henty pub is closed, we should get a bit of business.

We also hosted the launch of the Pleasant Hills Football Club history podcast. Thanks to Rick Clancy & Fiona Beckett for all their hard work to make this happen.

Peter Sharp.



See Page 11 for QR Scan to listen to Podcast – goes for 59 minutes.

Enjoy 😊

School News and Reviews



NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 have completed the NAPLAN Assessments in Week 7. Well done to all who participated.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. PHPS celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March @ Yerong Creek Public School with the Greater Kengal Schools. All students had an enjoyable day.



FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS ALBURY

Thank you, Flyaway Gymnastics and Oliver for coaching the students over the last few weeks. We also took a drive to Albury on Friday 15th

March to have a lesson at the gymnasium. The children pushed their own boundaries, persevered, achieved and the self-confidence was overflowing.



PLEASANT HILLS FOOTBALL HISTORY PODCAST RELEASE

The students attended the release of a podcast on the history of the Pleasant Hills Football Club held on the 27th March, at The Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.

GREATER KENGAL CROSS COUNTRY

The Greater Kengal Cross Country will be held at Pleasant Hills Public School on Friday 12th April. (Last day of Term 1) We look forward to having Boree Creek and Yerong Creek schools attend our cross country with a barbecue provided afterwards for all students.

EASTER

We have a 4-day break during Easter and come back to school on Tuesday 2nd April. Last day of Term 1 is Friday 12th April.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Apologies for incorrect Birthdays in the March Newsletter – corrections as below:

Happy 80th Birthday to Jim Jacobsen for the 30th March.

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

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

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

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Stephanie and Tom Robertson on the arrival of their son, Paddy Thomas Robertson on the 19th March 2024.



Congratulations:



Congratulations to Rick Clancy on receiving a Life Membership from the Hume Football Netball League for his long service to umpiring and organising finals for over 20 years.



Rick Clancy has an unwavering passion for Aussie Rules. Spend a few minutes with the man and you can't help but sense his undying love of all things footy.

No one knows this to be truer than the Walbundrie Football Club, whose life member Rick Clancy plays an integral part in the club's operations and management.

Rick's own footy career in senior football was cut short when he got concussed three times in one season.

True to his character, this didn't stop him pursuing his passion for the game.

Retiring at the age of 18, Rick turned to umpiring as a way of satiating his love of AFL. Thirty five years on, Rick continues to approach umpiring with the same fervour and energy as he did when he was a 18 year old boy. This is a man who doesn't plan on hanging up his footy boots any time soon.

Rick's football resume is exhaustive.

He was the Secretary of the Walbundrie Football Club between 1991 and 2000 and was a committee member for over 20 years. In 1981 he received Club Person of the Year, and in 2001 received a life membership with Walbundrie. Rick's ongoing commitment to the club was recognised in 2010 when he was inducted in the Hall of Fame, as part of the Walbundrie Football Club's Centenary celebrations.

Rick is a vital cog in the well-oiled Walbundrie football machine, organizing all of the club's umpires every week. He takes an unconventional approach to organizing his umpires, preferring to ring the umpires personally each week rather than creating a roster.

Ten years ago, Rick took up yet another role in community in football, but this time it was with the Hume Football Club.

Due to the shortage of umpires in football at the time, the Hume Football League approached Rick to be one of two Umpire Co-ordinators.

Since then, Rick has trained countless Hume club members to become accredited umpires.

As an umpire co-ordinator, Rick is responsible for organising umpire clinics throughout the season and selecting club umpires for finals. In 2007, Rick received an award from the Hume Football League as the 2007 Boundary Umpire of the Year.

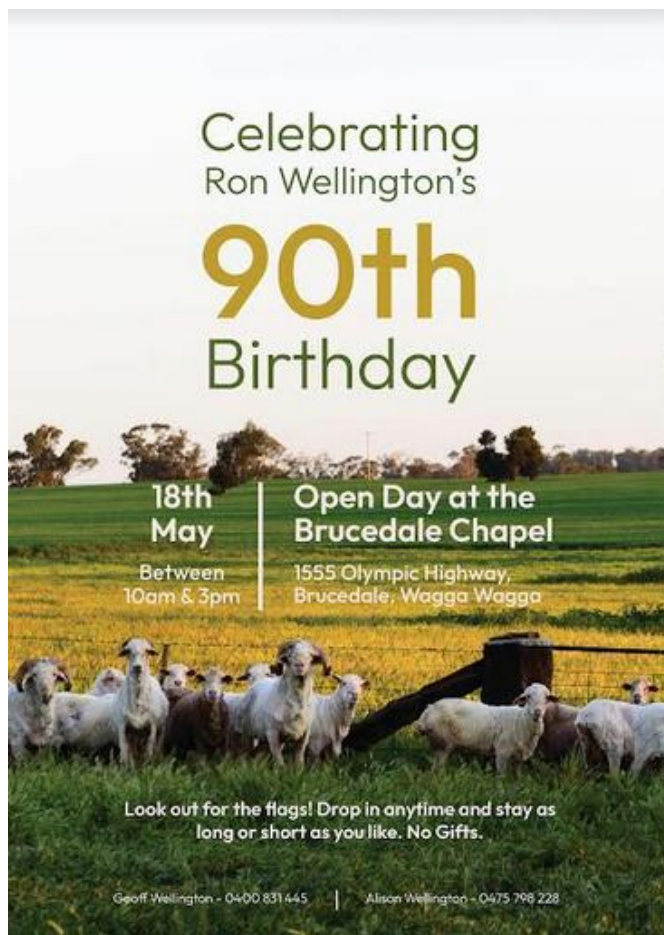
Three years later, he won the Hume Volunteer of the Year award and in 2015 he won an Umpiring volunteer award from us here at AFL NSW/ACT.

Rick simply loves being part of country football.

He never expects anything in return and thoroughly enjoys being involved with football at all levels of the game.

For Walbundrie locals, Rick is a familiar face on Thursday evenings, where he joins the boys for a few laps of the oval in order to keep fit. Those who have had the pleasure of knowing Rick personally will tell you that he is an immensely passionate supporter of Aussie Rules and loves a good yarn or two on a Monday morning about the previous weekend's games!

Excerpt from AFL/ACT Community Legend: Rick Clancy, July 2015.



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Tennis Club

The season has now finished with finals results as follows:

Sec 3a lost to Howlong in the prelim final 61 to 89, on a very hot day. Howlong went on to defeat Walbundrie in the grand final.

Sec 5 did very well in a closer one, Losing 56 to 66, 7 sets to 9.

We enjoyed a BBQ windup last Sunday on the verandah of the pub.

Thank you to all for a successful season. The two grades that combined with Gerogery West enjoyed the season; they were very good to work with. The only disappointing part was that two teams couldn't play on our courts together.

Carol Smith.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday 7th April

Don't forget to wind your clocks
back 1 hour.

Bendigo Bank

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Hall

ANZAC Day at the Pleasant Hills.

This year ANZAC Day, 25th April, is a Thursday. The service will begin at 9am at the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

There will be a working bee at the Hall, Sunday 21st April, to get the Hall looking the best for ANZAC Day.

Remember: Many hands make light work.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had 12 ladies at Patchwork and it was great to see the Celtic patterns emerging and more. Our next meeting is Saturday April 20, which is a UFO day so bring your own projects to work on and \$6 for hall hire, lunch and all sewing requirements.

HOW I CLEAN MY SEWING ROOM



1% CLEANING



29% COMPLAINING



70% PLAYING WITH STUFF I JUST FOUND!!



Fire Brigade



Beanie Festival June 2024

If interested in making Beanies for the Beanie Festival, then warm up your knitting needles and follow the pattern below. Yvonne Booth is the contact person in Henty on 0428293193, alternatively email the Newsletter if more details required.

Adult sized beanies to be at Dale's Electrical Store by May 25th 2024.

Sections: Just a Beanie

Colourful

Novelty

Down by the Sea

BASIC BEANIE PATTERN

Cast on 84, 88, or 92 stitches.

Knit 2 purl 2 to end of row - repeat until work measures 4cm.

Knit 1 row purl back.

Repeat until work measures 7 or 8cm.

Knit 2 together, knit 10 - repeat until end of row.

Purl back to end of row.

Knit 2 together, knit 9 - repeat until end of row.

Purl back to end of row.

Repeat until knit 2 together, knit 1 to end of row.

Knit 2 together all along row.

Thread through remaining stitches.

Sew up seam.

Use 8ply wool and No. 4 needles.

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Long Live the Brumby - a poem by Trudy Smith.

In the rugged wilderness with plains
up on high
Our Australian brumbies dance
under the sky
Co-existing with nature for many a
year
Living freely together with not much
to fear.

Their heritage is precious, their stories
are told
Their unbridled beauty a sight to
behold.

They pick their way carefully through
valleys and creeks
And graze on the hillsides topped
with snow covered peaks.

A stallion stands proudly guarding
his herd
Ears pricked to attention at the cry of
a bird.

There are mares of all colours
including chestnut and grey,
And several with foals who seldom
will stray.

But sadly these equines are now
under threat
From ivory towers new rules have
been set.
Authorities have come to a verdict
that stands,
Government and bureaucrats with
blood on their hands.

These beauties face danger from
which they can't run,

A volley of bullets fired straight from
a gun.
Out of aerial patrols that loom up
overhead,
Pigs, goats and foxes also riddled
with lead.

It's claimed there's too many of these
creatures that roam,

Over spectacular mountains they
know as their home.
They say culling is needed to manage
ground where they stand,
As their hooves are apparently
damaging the land.

These horses and ponies have earned
so much more,
From service in battle and after the
war.

They mustered our cattle and helped
us find gold,
They deserve to have lives left in
peace to grow old.

So long live the brumby, a plea we
must make
Action is needed to save history at
stake.

Such magnificent equines, so iconic
and free,
May they thrive and prosper for our
children to see.



Hills History

In light that ANZAC Day is this month I thought I'd shine a light on National Service also known as conscription. There were about 280,000 young Australian men called up in two separate schemes for compulsory training in the armed services, post WW2. With the view to ready Australia against future conflicts.

Over the 20 years that it ran, 1951- 1972, sadly 212 service personnel died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam.

These men were known as Nashos. Our very own Ellis Jelbart was one of these men. Fortunately, when he completed his training, they were no longer sending troops overseas. We thank Ellis for his service to our country.

If you know of any other Nashos who served in the area, please let me know. I'd like to acknowledge their service too.

Lest we forget.

The Australian Government had introduced conscription before this time, it began January 1911 and ran throughout World War 1, but it ended when World War 2 ended in 1945.

Boys were also trained at school as either; junior cadets aged 12-14 or senior cadets aged 14-18.

Young men aged 18-26 registered with their local Militia, officially called the Citizen Military Forces (CMF). They were trained locally at various times of the year.

No men were conscripted into the First Australian Imperial Force (AIF) for overseas service.

Amid widespread debate, Australians voted against 2 referendums, to introduce conscription during wartime. The first scheme was suspended in 1929.

Source: Australian Government ANZAC Portal.

ANZAC DAY

A service will be held at the Pleasant Hills Hall, 9am on ANZAC Day, to remember our service men and women. All are welcome to attend.

Written by Fiona Beckett.



Our Backyard

A STRANGE LANGUAGE

English is a complex language. There are many thousands of words that we will never use (or even hear) in our time speaking and writing them; and they can be quite long. Not only do these words exist but we have a habit of grouping them to try and understand their purpose. Most of them fall into the realms of Medicine or Science so we really don't have any use for them. For example, the longest English word has 1,185 letters. It is the name for the:

“Tobacco Mosaic Virus, Dahlemense Strain”

(try memorising that one!).

Medical terms I am sure are devised just to scare us. Words such as:

“SYNGENESIOTRANSPLANTATION” (a graft of tissue between two closely related individuals). Surely it could be more simply explained: but could we survive without the word:

“SUPERCALIFRAGILISTEXPIALIDOCIOUS” (meaning ‘superb’) Of course from the movie Mary Poppins. One of the newer words being introduced into our dictionaries.

Shorter word can be considered too. Of the 15 words that have no vowels are Grr, Hm and Shh. They are usually words that imitate sounds (but not always) and there are 139 two-letter words; all accepted in The Official Scrabble Player's Dictionary.

There are words named after people (if I should be so lucky), such as: Doily – A type of napkin invented by Mr. Doyley, a London draper in c.1712; and Maverick – An unbranded calf, or non-conformist; named after Samuel Maverick (1803-1870), a Texas cattleman who refused to brand his cattle.

And just when we thought that we are getting English ‘under control’ we find made up words such as **Acronyms** (words where the first letter or letters make up the word). Words such as Laser – Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation; and Scuba – Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus; and **Portmanteaus** (a blend of two words). Ballute, Brunch, Motel and Smog. Don't forget computer words!

Going further afield, we could consider **Palindromes**, painstaking human works of sentences spelt backwards and well as forwards. Believed to have originated in the 3rd century B.C.

Madam, I'm Adam

Was it a car or a cat I saw?

A man, a plan, a canal: Panama

Back to long words, Jeff Grant (a New Zealander), constructed a Palindrome, consisting of 11,125 words (he needs a hobby!). After all that it would seem appropriate to go to the last word in the Webster's Third New International English Dictionary: Which is....

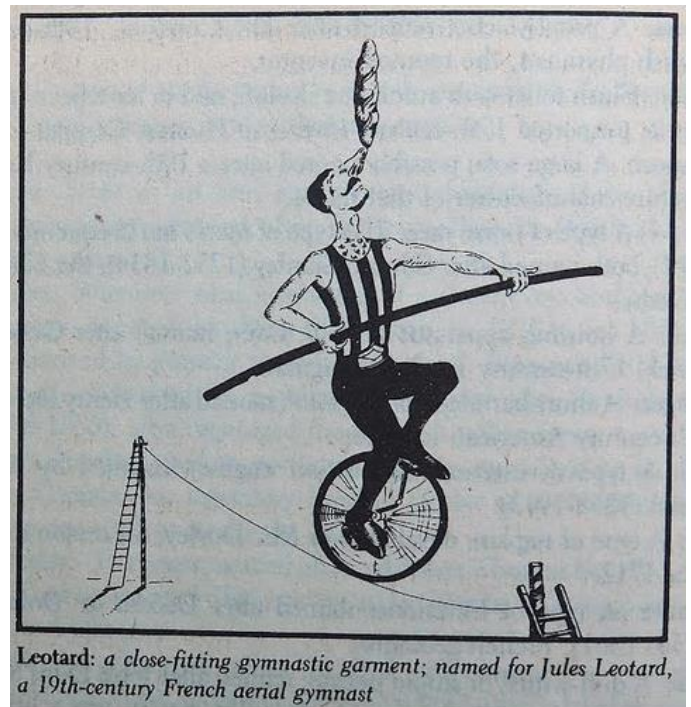
Zythum: A beer of ancient Egypt

(I hope the Pleasant Hills Hotel is open tonight!)

(from – Book of Intriguing Words by Paul Hellweg).

One word omitted from last month (which most of us probably encounter every day) is **Baa**. The more I think, the more I remember.

Bob Marshall.



Leotard: a close-fitting gymnastic garment; named for Jules Leotard, a 19th-century French aerial gymnast

Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Almond, Apricot and Coconut Slice



Ingredients:

- ½ cup raw cashews, crushed in mortar and pestle.
- 1 cup rolled oats.
- 1 cup self-raising flour.
- 1 cup almond meal.
- ½ cup shredded coconut.
- ½ cup slivered almonds.
- 10 pitted dates, chopped.
- ½ cup organic Panela sugar (or brown sugar).
- ½ cup honey.
- ½ cup diced apricot.
- ½ cup organic cold pressed extra virgin coconut oil.
- 2 tbsp almond oil.

- 2 tbsp macadamia oil (walnut or olive oil will do).

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C if fan forced. Line baking tray with baking paper.
2. Place all dry ingredients in a bowl and mix well.
3. Place coconut oil, sugar and honey in saucepan and heat till coconut oil just melts. Turn off heat and add the other oils and stir in.
4. When cool enough to handle, pour honey, sugar, and oil mixture into dry ingredients, and mix well by hand.
5. Place mixture into tray and tamp down to a consistent thickness.
6. Bake in oven for 25 minutes or until brown.
7. Remove from oven and let cool before slicing.

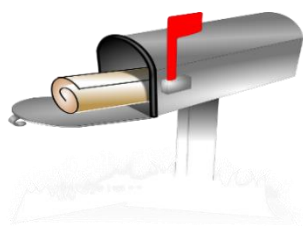


PAPER ROSTER

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

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
June	
1 st June	Corey Beckett
8 th June	David Male
15 th June	Rex Lieschke
22 nd June	Wayne Scholz
29 th June	Barry Terlich



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Diary of Events

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday

Monday 1st April

April Fool's Day

Thursday 4th April

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Sunday 7th April

Daylight Saving Time ends.

Wednesday 10th April

CWA meeting Commercial Club
Albury 1030am.

Friday 12th April

PHPS Last day term 1

Thursday 18th April

Mobile Library 1030 – 1130am

Saturday 20th April

Patchwork group meet.

Sunday 21st April

Working Bee at the Hall 2pm.

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Day

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Ceremony 9am at the
Hall. (Please bring a plate to
share).

Scan below to listen to the – ***Pleasant Hills Football Club – The Last Point Post*** – Podcast.

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