

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We had a well-attended meeting held at the Commercial Club in Albury.

State Conference reports were given, and resolutions were discussed.

We held a Street Stall at Bunnings on the Friday following our meeting with the idea of raising \$1000 for Samuel Johnson's "Love Your Sister" organization and the results were amazing – our best ever Bunnings Stall! We had so much to sell, we wondered how it would ever "go", but it did!

Our biggest sellers were the "six packs" of scones with jam and cream on them, and I think we sold around 60 of them! I know Margaret had a full-time job putting jam on scones all morning, they were selling that fast!



A big thank you to all the members who helped, including the two who gave generous donations. Three of us attended the Ag and Environment Day at Erin Earth in Wagga Wagga, and heard guest speakers talking about micro bats - they are very good for eating mosquitos, and did you know that they can eat up to 1200 fruit fly larvae in one hour? This was a most interesting talk about these tiny creatures. One of the other speakers was the government veterinarian from Temora, who spoke about the various aspects of her job, including the issues of baiting rabbits and wild animals, whilst her friend from Bio

Security Land Services also from Temora spoke on caring for the environment in general, including the creating of more disease resistant varieties of seeds and the seedbank which the late Tim Fischer was greatly involved in of stored seeds in case of any major disaster on Earth which is in Norway.

After lunch, Sam from Erin Earth gave us a tour and talk around the gardens. Altogether a most interesting day!

We have Cultural Day coming up in July, and we are hoping to contribute an amusing item.

Margaret handed out our new Land Cookery Schedules for the year, and next meeting we will have the Chocolate Butter Cake, cooked in a 20cm tin and iced on top only. The Sultana cake results were 1st Natalie Hasler, 2nd Lyn Jacobsen and 3rd Margaret Hasler.

Eunice won the raffle.

Next meeting will be held again at the Commercial Club on Wednesday, 10th July at 10.30am.

Lyn Jacobsen.



Ag and Environment Day at Erin Earth in Wagga Wagga

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Pub AGM will be on Friday 16th August at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend on this night and we are looking for a number of new committee members so please consider taking up a position.

So great to have some outside groups coming to the pub like the Lockhart Railway Social Club, Henty locals coming out on the bus supplied by the Pub committee. There is also a number of other groups coming in the next couple of months with Delta Ag having a Christmas in July dinner, the Riverina Tractor trekkers coming back in late August and of course the local footy/netball clubs supporting our little pub.

Date to put in the Calendar, Sunday Lunch on the Verandah 28th July. Bookings will be online this time and pre-payment required to stop the no shows. Keep an eye out for the menu and the booking link when it becomes available.

(See page 4 for details).

The Community Pub will be 25 years in 2025 and the committee is planning an event to celebrate, most likely in March but as more details become available, I will put out in the newsletter and the Facebook page. If you have any ideas for this day, please pass onto any of the committee members.

Would like to thank all the volunteers helping out at the pub with the extra happenings as all have busy lives and the pub doesn't operate without this extra commitment from all these people.

Suzanne Forck.



School News and Reviews

RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY GUNDAGAI

Congratulations to Samantha Terlich for achieving 7th place for her age group at the Riverina Cross Country recently. We are all very proud of your effort, determination and sportsmanship.



EXTERNAL VALIDATION

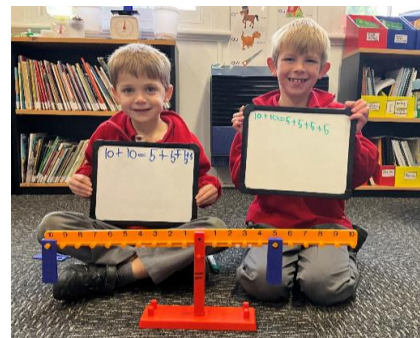
The external validation process is an important component of a system-wide approach to school excellence. Schools regularly self-assess their improvement efforts using evidence to support their reflections and an external validation panel considers the school's evidence, providing assurance to the school and the system that the process being made either through the school plan or as part of their ongoing school focus areas, aligns with the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework. The panel validated the school's self-assessment in eleven elements and in three elements indicated a higher operational level than the school's self-assessment.

NAIDOC DAY BOREE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

All students from Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek are attending Boree Creek Public School by bus to participate in the NAIDOC Day activities on Friday 5th July. They will be doing cooking, languages, sports/games and individual artwork with Amanda Hinkleman. The students will be divided into 3 groups and rotate through 3 x 40 min activities. A barbecue will also be provided with a sausage sizzle and fruit boxes to purchase.

MATHS LESSON

Cohen Morey and James Terlich were investigating "Equal Means Equivalent".



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Pleasant Hills Pre School



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 40th Birthday to Cameron Turner for the 14th July.

Tennis Club

We are very excited to announce (for those who haven't been past) that the **FOUR** (yes 4!!) new tennis courts are taking shape. Thank you very much to the Lockhart Shire Council, for sorting this & organising. There will also be new fences in place around these courts which are coming from the Bolton Park tennis redevelopment in Wagga. It should all look very smart! It augers well for the upcoming season when several teams will once more be able to play at home. A big thank you to Dave, Dale & Grant for their time & muscle (& tractor!) to get things ready.

Our **AGM will be held on Friday, 9th August, at 7pm at the pub.** Please let any of the committee know (David, Renae, Sarah, Carol or Grant), if you or someone you know, is interested in playing, whether it be to fill in occasionally or more regularly. Always great to see new faces (or familiar faces back!).

Stay tuned for coaching updates over the next months.

Carol Smith.

Community Survey

Please complete my survey and share your feedback and concerns so we can continue to work together towards positive changes across the electorate.

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Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Well 7 ladies braved the cold and were snug and warm in the Pleasant Hills Hall last Saturday. Lots of productive work on many UFO's as can be seen by the collage above. Our next meet is 20th July where we have a new project being a Book Review Wallhanging or Quilt or make a smaller version as a Library Book Bag or cushion for a reading nook. The Book Review pattern is by Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Co and is available to watch on YouTube. Jenny shows step by step and also offers other variations of books, cats, vases, and more to put on the bookcase shelves. This pattern uses layer cakes, but you can use up your scrap fabrics at various widths from 1" to 2 ½ " wide. Jenny doesn't use the fabric selvedge's but if you have collected them you may sew them onto the strips. Fabrics that have words on or look like a book wrap cover will work perfectly too. If you prefer to keep working on your UFO's then bring those. BYO: Your own lunch, \$6 for hall hire, Sewing machines and all sewing requisites.



Fire Brigade



Following the Fire Brigade AGM the Office Bearers are as follows:

President – Corey Beckett

Secretary – Andrew Terlich

Treasurer – James Clancy

Captain – Grant Morey

Vice Captains – Peter Beckett, Denis Clancy, Ross Newton, Tony Christie.

Training Officer – Grant Morey



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Slow Time Winter

by Mathew Rush

The fog lifts,
And the land is blessed by the
warmth of the sun,
The dew, sparkles in the morning
light,
Thin sheets of frost still lurk in the
shadows,
And the birds sing,
Everlasting melodies drift on the
breeze,
The wan fingers of leafless
branches,
Gently swaying,
Tiny buds sleeping, waiting,
The promise of things to come,
The sky, more blue than ever
before,
Fairy floss, white and light,
Wisps of the morning, wandering
by,
The air, vibrant with the chill,
Crisp and sharp, yet sweet,
The lake, like glass,
Mirror of a man's dreams,
Beguiling, caressing,
The veils, like curtains of mist,
Pass like silent spirits,
Watching, yet seeing other,
Gradually, time interferes,
The scenario fades,
And the day moves on.



Tennis

Pleasant Hills Tennis Club AGM will be held on Friday 9th August, at 7pm, at the Pleasant Hills Hotel.

NOTE: This is also the AGM for the Recreation Ground Committee.

Apologies to Sarah Newton 0409588112 or pleasanthillstennisclub@gmail.com

Hall

Pleasant Hills Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th August, at 7:30pm, in the meeting room at the Hall.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel AGM will be held on Friday 16th August, at 7:30pm, at the Pleasant Hills Hotel.

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Hills History

PLEASANT HILLS POLICE STATION - PART 1

Pleasant Hills Police station was established on April 14th 1919, as part of the Murray Police District, with headquarters at Albury. The original strength of the station was one foot constable. In 1921 it came under the Riverina Police district still with headquarters in Albury. The station at Pleasant Hills closed during 1940 due to staff shortages.

Premises for Police purposes were rented in both Edgehill and Ryan streets.

The first Policeman- Constable Arentz, then followed by Gregor, Donohue, McLean, Whitney, More and Teague.

The following letters detail the closing of the Police station in 1941.

Superintendents' Office, Albury, 18/3/41.

The Officer in Charge of Police, Henty.

Subject: The temporary closing of Pleasant Hills Police Station on 5th June 1940, for a period of six months.

The Police Station at Pleasant Hills was closed on the 5th July, 1940 for a period of six months. As the temporary closing of the Police Station has lapsed, a report is required as to the present position in regards to affairs there, and whether it is considered the Station might now be permanently closed.

(Signed) GH Armstrong. Supt. 2/S

The Superintendent of Police Albury.

I beg to report that during the last six months Pleasant Hills has gone back considerably.

Over 30 persons have left and there are five unoccupied houses in the town. The Public School has an enrolment of 21, attending from a radius of 4 miles, and the total population of the town is 52.

During the period the station has been temporarily closed, no complaints have been received from the town or district of any inconvenience being caused by the temporary closing.

On the 25th instant I visited Pleasant Hills and interviewed a number of residents, including Mr S Klemke, JP Storekeeper, Mr FRL Gale, Post Master, Mr Smyth School Teacher, and a number of farmers, all were unanimously of

the opinion that the town would continue to go back, and the district was so quiet at the present time that a Police station was unnecessary.

Under the present circumstances I consider the Police Station at Pleasant Hills could be permanently closed, and the town and portion of the patrol now added to Henty Patrol worked from Henty, providing the second man at the Henty Station is an experienced Mounted Constable.
Sergeant 3rd Class Henty, 26/3/41.

Source: *Under the Fig Tree* book.

Fiona Beckett.



Our Backyard

NEW TREES

When I was younger and the conservation movement was in its infancy, it was deemed important to replace or plant new trees that were from the same species and trees that came from the same geographical area. Much time was collecting and propagating seeds locally collected and building appropriate greenhouses.

Although this endeavour was successful in principal, we now know that diversity in where we obtain our seeds, even of the same type, is paramount.

Trees behave like other living things and flourish with genetic diversity to prevent 'inbreeding' within the species. Think of them as the same as your livestock and introduce new stock as a principle in your new tree-introduction.

A visit to the nursery should be enough to keep genetical diversity thriving but if you keep going to the same source year after year may be detrimental in the long run; continuously check your source if tree planting is a regular occurrence. We often read about indigenous people trading trees but may not just a case of regenerating a barren area, maybe it was introducing diversity.

Another 'Furphy' we were led to believe in was not to introduce of species from a different area, such the Cootamundra Wattle. Rather than fervently remove introduced species, surely we are ingenious enough to manage their control. Any native tree is a good tree (and some native varieties as well).

A recent article on television highlighted how new rainforest trees, possibly not local, were being brought in from Northern Queensland to Northern New

South Wales to combat the future effects of climate change may have the environment.

Nurseries today have a variety of species on offer, many colourful species coming from all parts of Australia; many that would be suitable and successful in your neck of the woods and would thrive considering climate change in mind. Many years ago, several new trees were planted around the village but none survived and there hasn't been any public plantings since. Around here, trees don't thrive like plantation trees but take careful nurturing, survive rate is around 50%. Looking around the village all we see is large healthy trees but they are the ones that have had their roots reach the water table. Getting through the harsh topsoil is the problem. Take a second look, and one can see that there aren't many young trees regularly taking their place. Remember, trees need regular replacing as they don't live forever. And remember, there are the wood-cutters to contend with. It seems a little paradoxical that after such a terrific success we have had in The Esplanade that they can still operate so brazenly just across the road.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Sausage and white bean cassoulet



Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 knob of butter
- 6 thick Beef Sausages
- 2 chorizo (sliced)
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp gravy powder
- 2 cups water
- 400g can Diced Tomatoes
- 1 sprig rosemary
- ½ tsp thyme
- ½ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp coriander powder
- 400g can Cannellini Beans, rinsed, drained

Method:

Heat a heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Put oil in pan with a knob of butter and cook the sausages for 2-3 mins or until golden brown.

Transfer to a plate.

Add the onion to the pan and cook for 1 min or until softened. Add garlic and cook for 30 secs.

Return the sausages (sliced chunkily) to the pan. Add the sliced chorizo.

Stir gravy powder in three tablespoons of water in a cup then add to pot.

Add water, tomatoes, rosemary thyme, paprika and coriander. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low.

Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until the sauce thickens slightly and sausages are cooked through.

Stir in beans and cook further 10 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper.

Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli or with chunky bread.

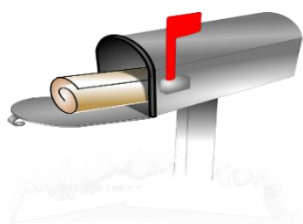
Add small balls of mozzarella or other cheese upon serving for something different.

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

July	
6 th July	Hugh Clancy
13 th July	Oriel Ridge
20 th July	Rick Clancy
27 th July	Trevor Terlich
August	
3 rd August	Corey Beckett
10 th August	David Male
17 th August	Rex Lieschke
24 th August	Wayne Scholz
31 st August	Barry Terlich
September	
7 th September	Hugh Clancy
14 th September	Oriel Ridge
21 st September	Rick Clancy
28 th September	Trevor Terlich



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Diary of Events

Wednesday 10th July

CWA meeting 10:30am at the Commercial Club Albury.

Thursday 11th July

Mobile Library 1035 – 1135am

Saturday 20th July

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Thursday 25th July

Mobile Library 1035 – 1135am

Sunday 28th July

Lunch Under the Verandah
(Bookings essential – see Page 4).

AUGUST

Friday 9th August

Tennis Club AGM 7pm at the Hotel.

Friday 9th August

Recreation Ground Committee
AGM 7pm at the Hotel.

Wednesday 14th August

Pleasant Hills Hall AGM at
7:30pm at the Hall.

Friday 16th August

Pleasant Hills Hotel AGM at
7:30pm at the Hotel.

