

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We held our monthly meeting at the Commercial Club.

We had invitations to Euberta's 50th birthday, The Rock's

International Day and Wagga Wagga's 100th birthday, which is coming up on 30th of August.

Since our next meeting is our International Meeting at Pleasant Hills, and we are studying the country of France, we discussed French recipes suitable for our International Day luncheon at the School at Pleasant Hills on Wednesday, 14th August. We will have a guest speaker and members of the public are welcome to join us at about 12:45pm for our luncheon and afternoon.

The Group's Cultural Day was held on the 29th July and we had four members attending and some of us were involved with a funny skit in which we received a High Commendation for our act. Lyn helped to co-ordinate the day. We've had a bit of an international touch this month – Kay's daughter and granddaughter went to Thailand working in an orphanage, which was very interesting to hear about. Wendy received a Christmas gift from Canada – posted on 26th November 2022! Snail mail?? The ACWW South Pacific Conference is being held at Griffith in early September and they are having a huge Multi- Cultural Event on Saturday, 7th September from 2pm -7:30pm. Some of us would like to go, so I have booked accommodation to stay the night after it. I still have a spare bed if anyone else would like to come, so please contact me ASAP, as we need to have our names in by 7th August.

We held another very successful Street Stall last Friday at Bunnings. As we allocate our funds at our August Meeting, we will now have a tidy sum to give away.

After receiving the cheque for \$1000 that we sent to the "Love Your Sister" organisation, we were so thrilled when Samuel Johnson himself rang Lyn to thank her for the donation from our small CWA Branch, and then made a video and emailed through to thank everyone personally, and also asked us for photos of our efforts for their social media!

Our Land Cookery was a bit light on due to several members being away, but our results were; Chocolate cake, 1st Lyn Jacobsen, 2nd Lyn Lieschke and the Peppermint slice was won by Lyn Lieschke.

Next month, we will have the Children's Cooking, which is; decorated cupcakes for 8 years and under, packet cake of choice for 12 years and under, and a chocolate butter cake for 18 years and under. We are hoping the local school children will again show us their cooking skills.

For the Seniors, we will have a plain butter cake, cooked in a 20cm round or square tin.

As stated earlier in this report, our next meeting will be at Pleasant Hills, Wednesday 14th August, commencing at 10am –

please note the earlier than normal time so we can get the lunch organised as well.

Lyn Jacobsen.



Bev Frohling, Kay Dean, Wendy Crosby, Lyn Jacobsen and Margaret Hasler at the Bunnings stall.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The pub has an extremely busy couple of months coming up so any extra help would be appreciated and if you are able to help out, please let someone on the committee know or contact Annie Scholz in regard to the kitchen. A number of footy clubs are coming back to the pub for tea on Saturdays for the remainder of the season and the finals series and then we hit September and that means Henty Field Days' time. The Pub will be open extra days and nights which means extra volunteer hours, so if you can spare a couple of extra hours that would be great.

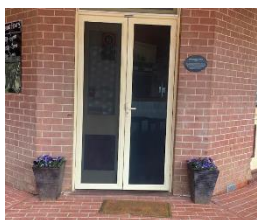
Riverina Tractor Trekkers are staying at the pub on the weekend of 24/26th August. If you would like to have a look at some of our old machinery in action call into the pub or around the Pleasant Hills district that weekend.

The committee would like to say a big Thank you to Delta Agribusiness on holding a client dinner at the pub on Wednesday 24th July with about 160 people in attendance.

Lunch under the Verandah

The Pleasant Hills July luncheon was enjoyed by 64 patrons. Whilst it was a sunny but cool day, the veranda blinds and overhead heating made the day very enjoyable.

We would like to thank Belinda Hindmarsh for the beautifully prepared food, and all the helpers that made this day a success.



Suzanne Forck.

School News and Reviews



Our students are looking forward to doing a presentation of France on the CWA

International day with a French lunch provided by the Pleasant Hills CWA. Some students are also keen to participate in the CWA Cooking Competition too.

The Greater Kengal schools will be attending Lockhart Central School on the 16th August for their Sports Day. They will be practising netball and football getting ready for the Bernie O'Connor carnival at the end of August.

Well done to all students who participated in the SRPSSA Athletics Carnival in Albury last Friday.

Congratulations to Samantha Terlich who won 1st place in the 1500 m race and will now be going to the Riverina Athletics Carnival on the 6th September. We wish Samantha all the best.

P & C Meeting – Date to be decided.



Infants at lunch time making cubby houses.

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Pleasant Hills Pre School

Term three has begun. We are welcoming our new Director Mia Heaphy. We spent term 2 of this year recruiting and we are so pleased we have found someone.

Mia has 20 years experience in Early Childhood and is already settling in nicely. We look forward to her role in leading our preschool forward into the future.

We would like to thank both Kate Finlayson and Janet Hando for their wonderful input into our preschool and their nurturing. Both these ladies said goodbye at the end of term 2.

We also welcome Katie McCall who has filled in casually this year and will be working one day a week in term 3 while we look for a replacement for that position. Thank you also to Kerry Scheetz as she has worked with all the staff and for her wonderful input into the teaching and learning experiences for the kids.

We currently have 9 children enrolled at preschool.
Frances Terlich.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Whilst the numbers were down last month, those that were there, were very productive, as can be seen in the above collage.

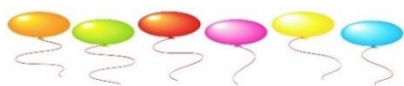
We next meet on Saturday, 17th August and it is a UFO day, so bring whatever you would like to work on, your sewing requisites, lunch and \$6 for hall hire.

Tennis Club

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!).

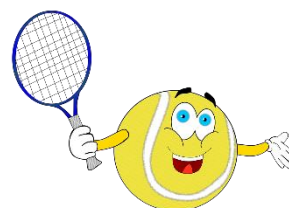
Carol Smith.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 18th Birthday to Isabel Lieschke for the 26th August.





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.

The Three Wise Hens

– a poem by Trudy Smith.

The first mother hen had not much to say,
It was getting quite cold so she'd gone off the lay.
She was a much older girl who'd laid many eggs,
All that squatting had been most unkind to her legs.

The second hen also had a casual job,
Her occasional egg was only worth two bob.
She'd much rather be laying about in the sun
And scratching for tidbits when not on the run.

The third hen was colourful as chickens can be,
She'd been hatched up the road under the old apple tree.
As she strutted about she squawked with a whoop
I hereby announce I have laid chicken fruit!



Hall

The Hall was a busy place of creativity on the 27th and 28th July when it played host to award winning textile artist, professional quilter, artist and tutor Michelle de Groot. Henty Active Arts inc. arranged for Michelle de Groot to present a two-day workshop teaching painting and free motion quilting in which the participants created a picture of Koi Fish. Everyone who participated in the workshop really appreciated Michelle travelling from rural Victoria, some five hours away, to teach her craft.

Day 1 results:



Day 2 results:

Unfortunately, one participant was unable to attend Day 2.



Hills History

Pleasant Hills CWA Branch History

A group of ladies met at a clearing sale in March of 1936, and it was suggested to them that they should form a branch of the Country Women's Association at Pleasant Hills.

A notice was placed in Mr S Klemke's store inviting the ladies of the district to a meeting at the Pleasant Hills Literary Institute on 16th April 1936.

Mrs F A Burton, who, aided by Mrs S Klemke, was responsible for the effort, read the notice of meeting.

Mrs A Heriot of Holbrook, Vice-President of the Riverina Group CWA, presided at the meeting. Mrs F A Burton was elected President of the newly formed branch, Mrs J Bunyan, Secretary, Mrs A Lindner, Treasurer. Vice-Presidents elected were – Mesdames W S Browne, S Klemke, G Sutherland and A Brissendon.

Other ladies present at this inaugural meeting were Mesdames F Harberecht, C Spurrell, W McRae, J Knox, L Manson, D Clancy, J Dorman, L Anderson, and Miss M Sticker.

Many more ladies joined as the year progressed.

The branch held flower shows to augment their funds in the first few years. Their efforts doubled when war broke out in 1939. The Australian Comforts Fund was one of their main money-raising objectives. Camouflage nets were made and sheepskins were collected to make vests for the RAAF.

After the War many food parcels were sent to Brittain – the members having special packing days.

The Literary Institute or "Hall" as it is fondly known, built around 1910 of local pine milled on a property close to Pleasant Hills, has always held pride of place as one of the objectives of the branch.

We have over many years, added amenities to the hall for the use of all. The members realised also how fortunate they were to have such a building for their meeting and functions.

The branch has faithfully endeavoured to carry out the aims and objectives of the

Association. Handicrafts have been a pleasure to many, while the branch has quite a reputation for their entertaining items at music and drama over the years.

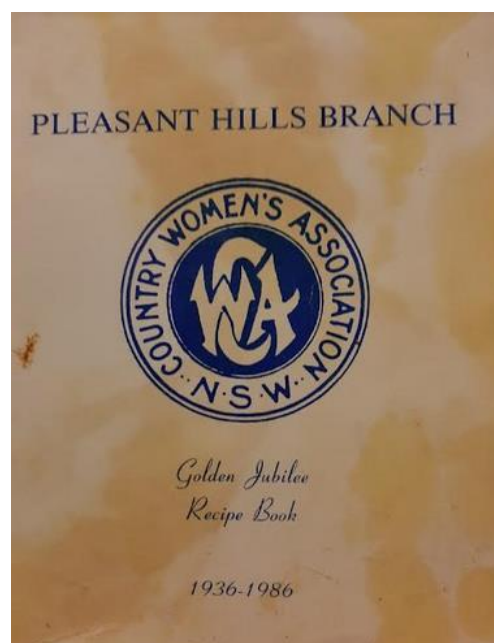
Over the last decade the branch has given liberally to the CWA Club in Sydney and to the group projects each year. These have included the Kurrajong Complex, The Haven, Ethel Forrest Centre in Wagga Wagga and to the purchase of two Transcutaneous Blood Gas Monitors for use by premature babies for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. This year the project is the Life Education Centre Drug Caravan.

International work is also enjoyed by the members. We hope that the branch will still be active, bringing friendship and enjoyment to its membership their service when it reaches the 21st century, always remembering its motto –

" Honour to God
Loyalty to the Throne
Service to the Country
Through Country Women
For Country Women
By Country Women."

Source - Pleasant Hills Branch CWA "Golden Jubilee Recipe Book" 1936-1986

By Fiona Beckett.



Our Backyard

BLACK and WHITE BIRDS

Australia is the home to many black and white birds and although many share their names with other species around the world, many are uniquely Australian. The family *Artamidae* have ten species, all confined to the Australian region: They include magpies, currawongs and butcher birds. The magpie name is English but the Australian magpie is unrelated and we live in a crossover area where we have both blackback and whiteback varieties. The further south we go the more white is on their backs and the further north the blacker the backs. Currawongs, the largest of the species have three endemic species. The Pied Currawong is presently spending its winter in our region.

Soon they will return to the mountains for the warmer months. I originally had one bird visiting the house (for a feed) over the last few years, but that number has now increased to five, all looking for a feed; I guess they are all related but though looking the same, have different personalities and they have no problem devouring large quantities of meat scraps and bread every morning.

Butcherbirds are smaller than magpies. They are aggressive hunters of small birds, rodents, reptiles and large insects which, if too large to eat whole, are impaled, perhaps on a thorn, in a 'larder' to be dismembered with their strong hooked beak and eaten later. All are aggressive and no doubt all should be encouraged, not just for their beautiful songs but before their ability to keep snakes at bay.

White-wing Choughs are a large friendly bird and along with Apostlebirds, are the only member of the mudnester family (uniquely Australian). Although different in appearance, they are highly sociable birds and keep together in tight-knit family units of up to a dozen or more birds. They do everything together. Occasionally more than one female may lay in a nest which can contain up to ten eggs. Usually having a croaky call, they can display a beautiful melodic call at will. This one (photographed) has learnt to crack open walnuts on the road (or metal gate) considered to be a sign of superior intelligence.

There are many more black and white birds but one family with which one usually has a love/hate relationship with, are the Ravens and Crows. You often see other smaller birds chasing them away and they seem to have no friends. They are found all over the world (except South America), but the five Australian species found here are truly just Australian. If we didn't have them the place would literally "stink" as they do such a good job (with other B&W birds) eating carrion; they are sometimes accused of eating livestock; which is possibly why we sometimes despise them.

Bob Marshall.



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.

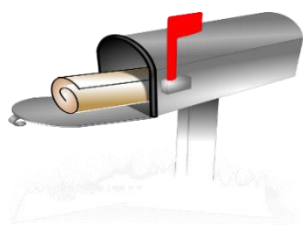


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August	
3 rd August	Corey Beckett
10 th August	David Male
17 th August	Rex Lieschke
24 th August	Wayne Scholz
31 st August	Barry Terlich
September	
7 th September	Hugh Clancy
14 th September	Oriel Ridge
21 st September	Rick Clancy
28 th September	Trevor Terlich
October	
5 th October	Corey Beckett
12 th October	David Male
19 th October	Rex Lieschke
26 th October	Wayne Scholz



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Diary of Events

Thursday 8th August

Mobile Library 1035 – 1135am

Friday 9th August

Tennis Club AGM 7pm at the Hotel.

Friday 9th August

Recreation Ground Committee AGM 7pm at the Hotel.

Wednesday 14th August

CWA meeting at Pleasant Hills School at 10am.

Wednesday 14th August

PHPS CWA cooking competition & country presentation.

Wednesday 14th August

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

Friday 16th August

PHPS Greater Kengal sports day at Lockhart.

Friday 16th August

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

Saturday 17th August

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Thursday 22nd August

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Friday 30th August

PHPS Bernie O'Connor Cup at Yerong Creek.

