

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

September 2024



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We held our International Meeting and the Children's Land Cookery Competition at the Pleasant Hills Primary School

with some guests.

We were so thrilled that we had eleven entries Land Cookery entries from the students, which made it interesting doing the judging. Winners in the 8 yrs and under were Decorated Cup Cakes 1st James Terlich, 2nd Connor Barker, 3rd Lucy King. In the 12 yrs and under section, Packet Cake 1st Samantha Terlich, 2nd Lachlan Barker, and 3rd Mauve Turner. Thanks also to the parents for encouraging their children to enter.



Some members are attending The Rock's International Day, and it is hoped some can go to Wagga's 100-year Birthday Afternoon at the end of the month.

The State Conference Committee 2025 has handed out sewing material to all branches to be made into small wallets for the delegates bags for next year, so these were given to some of our sewers.

Wendy is attending the Craft workshop in Henty on Saturday.

Four members are going to Griffith for the ACWW South Pacific Region Multi-Cultural Day on Saturday, 7th September and staying

overnight. The Conference is starting on the Monday, but we're unable to stay on for that.

Catering for the Field Days was discussed, and members have been asked to make slices and sandwiches. More discussions next meeting as we are adding wraps to the menu this year. The matter of having our own banner was discussed as it was felt this would be great when we are holding street stalls etc. so we are looking into it.

August was the month where we allocated the money we've made to various charities and once again, we've been very generous in our giving. For a small branch, I consider we are very generous.

Some of the Cultural Books from previous years have been misplaced, so if someone has them, could they please contact Lyn.

As a matter of interest to everyone, you can now purchase a personal defibrillator which fits into a handbag, so quite small for just under \$600 and does everything the same as the commercial ones. We had one shown to us at the Group Council Meeting. If anyone is interested in the details, please contact Lyn on 0428690222.

In the other sections of Land Cookery, 18 yrs and under Chocolate Cake was won by Natalie Hasler and in the Seniors, the Plain Butter Cake was won by Lyn Lieschke, 2nd Natalie Hasler and 3rd Margaret Hasler. Next Meeting we will have Coconut Loaf, recipe is in the journal and also the Gluten Free cake, the Magic Bean Cake, with the recipe being again in the June Journal.

After our meeting, we prepared and served the luncheon with some hot and also cold dishes

with a French theme, to the students and guests, including some delicious desserts. We had some French snails to look at too but not to eat – we were told they tasted like eating rubber bands!!



We then had our afternoon in the classroom where the students entertained us with their wonderful Power Point Presentation and the State International Officer, Jenny Chobdzynski congratulated the student's again on obtaining third prize in the State competition earlier in the year and presented the school with a book on France and another book.



One of our members, Kay Dean has been to France a couple of times having relatives over there, so she told the students about things that children do in France – also the school hours!

Our next meeting will be at the Commercial Club on Wednesday, 11th September at 10.30am.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Pleasant Hills Pub held its AGM on Friday 30th August with a reasonable attendance. The committee has increased to 10, with us welcoming new members Ross Newton, Adam Lowrie and Clare Hamson who will be the new Treasurer. The only one to step down is Dick Smith and we would like to thank him for his number of years' service on the committee.

Peter Sharp is still the President and Suzanne Secretary.

The pub has had a great couple of months with many football clubs supporting the pub and last weekend the Riverina tractor trekkers stayed for the weekend also.

Field days are coming up and the pub will be open every day during this week.

There will be a working bee on Friday 13th September at 3pm to get the pub tidy and beds made in preparation for this busy week.

Next Drum muster Monday 14th October.

Suzanne Forck.

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School News and Reviews



BOOK WEEK The students all looked fabulous in their outfits and enjoyed their sausage sizzle. Thank you to those who could make the parade.



CWA COOKING AND COUNTRY OF STUDY—FRANCE

The CWA Ladies were all very impressed with the number of entries we had for the cooking competition. The time and effort that went into baking the cakes was appreciated. Also, a huge thank you to the ladies for cooking us lunch. We were very spoilt and enjoyed a French cuisine for lunch.

Virtual Assistant Principal – Curriculum & Instruction (vAPC&I)

Mrs Thompson will be here next Monday and Tuesday. We look forward to having her at school.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT

The Check-In Assessment window begins next week and runs to the 20 September. All students in Years 3 to 6 will complete 2 tests, each approximately 50 questions in reading and

numeracy. Year 6 also undertake an additional writing assessment. It is an annual requirement for department schools to participate.

These assessments support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and informs next steps in teaching and learning.

BERNIE O'CONNOR CUP

Bernie O'Connor Cup will be held @ Yerong Creek next Friday Aug 30. Permissions have been sent out via School Bytes. Mouthguards are needed for students playing football. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will travel on the bus and will attend Yerong Creek Public School for the day. Mrs Aygun will be supervising alongside Mrs Casely from Yerong Creek.

Infants will NOT have access to the canteen and will need to bring their lunch as per normal.

IMPORTANT DATES.....

Friday 6th September – Riverina Athletics Carnival

Week 9 – 16th -20th September – Henty Machinery Field Days Week

Week 10 – Last day of Term 3 – Friday 27th September 2024

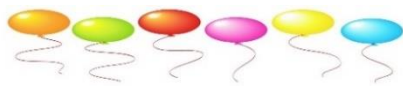
Term 4 – Starts Monday 14th October 2024

Pleasant Hills Pre School

Please note:

Deadline for October newsletter will be Monday 23rd September evening due to School Holidays starting 30th September.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 30th Birthday to April Salzke
for the 15th September.

Happy 60th Birthday to Julianne
Clancy for the 20th September.

Condolences:

Condolences to Jason and Cathryn Singe,
Brett and Jacinda Singe and the Singe family
on the passing of Alan Singe.



Many Hands Make Light Work

The major fundraiser for the Pleasant Hills
Public School P&C is the HMFD this month.
Please contact Emily Turner on 0427296401
if you can help.
(especially if you can donate some eggs)

Tennis Club

The tennis club had its AGM earlier in
August & there has been no change to the
committee.

President: David Stein

Vice president: Grant Morey

Secretary: Sarah Newton & Carol Smith

Treasurer: Renae Lieschke

We're looking forward to the upcoming
season of tennis. At the moment, we're
still a bit light on with junior players so if
anyone knows of children that may be
keen, even to fill in, please let one of the
committee members know. We have
good numbers for sec 3a but if anyone is
keen, we welcome any new players,
especially during harvest.

We're looking forward to playing on the
new courts & the other courts will be
completed close to the end of the year
with some new fencing to follow.

Exciting times!

Carol Smith.

PH Holiday Tennis Day
Wednesday 2nd
October
9am til 12:30pm
Matt Hort from Bounce
Back Tennis in Wagga

Please message Renae on 0428 296 147
with names and ages to register your
interest or to ask any questions.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

There was lots of productive work at last month's meeting. The two fish panels were painted with Lumiere paints and then and using free motion quilting to thread paint which was learned in the recent workshop with Michelle's Patchwork as a Henty Active Arts Inc workshop. Great to see a bookcase quilt started as well as other quilts and the Celtic Rose is a finished bag. Bowl holders and applique work happening.

This month's project is making a Quillow. Should you prefer to continue working on your own Unfinished projects you are more than welcome to do so.

Don't forget show and tell, we love seeing finished projects.

BYO your sewing machine and sewing requisites and fabrics, your own lunch and \$6 for hall hire and enjoy a great day at the hills on Saturday 21st September.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG:

- Enjoy some gardening
- Be sun safe but enjoy nature's Vitamin D
- Take a walk and take notice of the flora and fauna around us
- Keep an eye open for snakes – I have heard of a snake sighting already.
- Look out for the Wallaby and it's joey in the Pleasant Hills Village – drive carefully





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Hall AGM:

It was great to report that the Hall is doing well.

Our main support being the Pleasant Hills Patchwork ladies having their regular monthly sewing days.

There has been a few more hall hires this past financial year which has made a difference.

As always, the Pleasant Hills CWA are a great supporter of our little hall, which they have done since their inception.

From the AGM we have a few maintenance issues to attend to this year, but nothing that is too substantial.

All in all, the Hall is ticking along quite nicely.

Hall Hire remains the same, and Fiona Beckett remains as the contact person, mobile 0409849140, when wanting to hire the Hall.

Thank you to the community for your support.

Fiona Beckett.

Council Elections

Don't forget it is compulsory to vote on the 14th September for the Local Council elections. Polling booth at Pleasant Hills Public School open 8am to 6pm.



Riverina Trekkers Inc. at Pleasant Hills.

We had 17 tractors and 1 vintage truck in attendance for our weekend gathering at Pleasant Hills. Most of us arrived on Friday evening and enjoyed a meal at the Pub with the locals. On Saturday morning we trekked out on some back roads to Rick & Julianne Clancy's property where we enjoyed a morning smoko which was supplied by our Club President, Geoffrey. Rick and his family made us very welcome on their property, then we departed and continued on to Osborne Football Grounds where we displayed the tractors in a compound which had been set up for us. We enjoyed our meals purchased from the kiosk before departing back to Pleasant Hills. Our Club held a meeting in the dining room before enjoying dinner cooked by the lovely volunteers at the Pub. It turned out to be a very busy night for the Pub, with a few busloads of young people turning up. I think that someone said they dished up over 90 meals on Saturday. That is a big undertaking for the volunteers.

A few of our trekkers booked rooms for Friday and Saturday nights, and most of us enjoyed a continental breakfast in the dining room on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Sunday the remaining trekkers were led on a short 1 hour run out past Kerry Pietsch's property and back to the pub. We had a great time, it was good to see the countryside looking so green while we were enjoying the

wonderful weather.

The oldest tractors were 2 Lanz Bulldogs, which were 1936 and 1937 vintages. These tractors were driven up from the Yarrawonga district along with a Chamberlain 9G. Because they can get along at a reasonable speed the trip took around 4 hours. We also had 2 Deutz tractors, a Fordson Dexter, David Brown Cropmaster, a number of Massey Fergusons, along with another 2 Chamberlains. Brian Gleeson attended in his 1942 Ford Jailbar truck. This truck was purchased by the Gleesons in 1950 and carted both bagged and bulk grain a distance of between 8 and 18kms to the Urangeline Silos during its working life.

We would like to thank the Pleasant Hills community for making us welcome. It is a great venue to run a weekend activity like this.

Robyn Cole
Secretary
Riverina Trekkers Inc.



*Trekkers parked at Kerry Pietsch's property
"Warrangong"*



Trekkers parked at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.



Starting the Bulldog Tractor.



Trekkers parked at the Osbourne Football Club grounds.

Music to my Ears

– a poem by Trudy Smith.

I like to play my music loud
when I am on my own
Some people store the latest
songs and listen on their
phone
They buy their tunes on
spotify, it's the trendy thing
to do
And I remember the compact
disc when it was still brand
new.

Browsing in a record store
was such a special thing
You'd grab the latest new
release and peruse the
bargain bin.
Such a range of genres that
appeal to young and old
Rows and rows of vinyl
treasures waiting to be sold.

A single was on forty-five,
and albums were long play
The classics were on seventy-
eight back in our parent's day
Depending on the RPM was
how long the songs would
last
And when you played your
favourite tune you'd turn it
up full blast!

When records became
obsolete they had been 'round
a while

But everything old is new
again and now they're back in
style

The mighty stereo played
them all as well as cassette
and CD
And the latest hi fi systems
have Bluetooth and USB.

So, whether its classical, folk
or jazz, the blues or country
rock,
A prelude from an aria or
some colourful eighties pop.
While the way we choose to
listen has evolved throughout
the years,
The strain of a familiar
chorus is always music to my
ears.



Hills History

1886 SHEARING CONTRACT

Contract Rules and Regulations:

1. All sheep to be carried from the pen and put quietly down on the floor.
2. The crutch, brisket and points to be properly trimmed, and the belly wool removed without injuring the fleece by twice-cutting.
3. The belly wool to be detached from the fleece and put aside.
4. In opening the fleece at the neck, both blades of the shears to be kept under the wool and close to the skin to prevent twice-cutting. No shearer allowed to run his shears through the fleece so as to break it down the centre back.
5. No shearer allowed to put his foot or knee on any sheep.
6. Any shearer injuring any sheep, or cutting any of the teats of any ewe or lamb or ram will forfeit eight shillings.
7. Any shearer turning out a sheep with a cut insufficiently tarred shall at once bring it back to the shearing floor and tar the wound.
8. All sheep with horns growing into head or eyes, and any unmarked lambs, to be put back to catching pen by the shearer or forfeit price of such sheep.

Shearers Rules and Regulations:

1. Shearers will be paid at the rate of seventeen shillings and sixpence per hundred sheep.
2. Working hours from 6am to 6pm except Saturdays, when shearing will cease at 4pm generally.

3. One smoko of 15 minutes will be allowed in the morning and two similar in the afternoon.
4. No shearer to catch sheep while his pen is being filled.
5. No swearing, bad language or disorderly conduct allowed in the shed, and no talking permitted during working hours.
6. Any shearer who is discharged through misconduct or bad shearing will be paid at the rate of ten shillings per hundred and will pay the rate of fourteen shillings per week for his board.
7. Any person engaging as a shearer who is afterwards found not to be a shearer shall forfeit whatever money may be due to him and to be prosecuted for breach of contract.
8. Any shearer bringing intoxicating liquor on to the station shall be liable for a fine of 20 shillings, and also to instant dismissal.
9. No “grog” shall be brought to the shed or huts thereof.
10. No shearer allowed to shear more than 100 sheep in any one day.

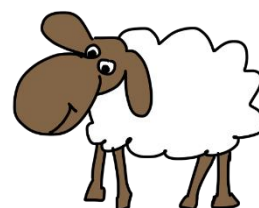
Those were the days.

My have things changed now.

I wonder if anyone can tell me how you became a shearer in those days.

I imagine there weren't any schools you could attend to get your ticket, which would make it hard to break into the industry.

Fiona Beckett



Our Backyard

TOO MANY TO COUNT

How many insects are there in Australia? One recent estimate is that there are more than 85,000 species. This compares to about 250 mammals and more than 750 species of birds. It stands to reason that most books on insects tend to focus on species that people easily recognise and more often than not, those varieties that are found in the cities. Many examples are just overlooked. One such insect that is found in the Pleasant Hills District are the members of the Meliridae family. They are often disregarded as they usually only appear in southern agricultural areas and in Melbourne, but not abundant there. They are often referred to as ‘soft-winged’ beetles or colloquially as ‘red and blue’ beetles. They are small (about 5-8 mm long) and are easy to see. Besides their flattened form and soft bodies and by their pronounced antennae; they are brightly coloured, varying between reddish yellow, coppery and black and of course, blue. These beetles are predatory, and will feed on a range of suitably sized (small) soft-bodied prey. They are a native species, but as they are not usually plant feeders they are not restricted to native vegetation. This means that they can be quite common in agricultural crops unless broad-spectrum insecticides are used. They are usually considered as beneficial insects, but an article from 1942 stated: “that the insect is adaptable. It is becoming a serious pest of growing rice on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas, where it destroys the grain in the ‘milk’

and ‘dough’ stages; it also destroys fruit, both ripe and green, while hanging on trees” (Keith C. McKeown, 1942). I guess if they look like they are becoming overabundant in your crop, consulting an agronomist’s advice would be the best solution.

The eggs are bright yellow and the larvae orange and not noticed in crops. The larvae live on or near the surface of the soil rather than in foliage. They have six segments of the abdomen that are visible and the male antennae of the species has the third joint considerably swollen or distorted. This makes the photo displayed a female. (I could not find a male at this point of the search and should be noted that different species can be very different in appearance).

(Backyard Insects-Paul Horne and Denis Crawford; Australian Insects-Bert Brunet; Australian Insects-Keith C. McKeown)

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's Fettuccini Carbonara



Ingredients:

- 375g fettuccine noodles
- 100g pancetta or bacon, coarsely chopped
- 2 eggs, lightly whisked
- 2 egg yolks
- ½ cup spring onions, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp pink rock salt
- ½ cup (40g) finely grated parmesan
- ½ cup (125ml) thickened cream
- ½ cup cheddar cheese, grated
- Shaved parmesan, extra, to serve

Method:

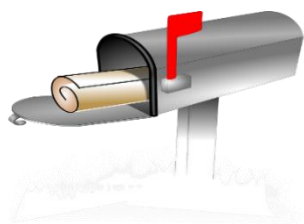
- Cook the pasta in a large saucepan with olive oil and pink rock salted boiling water until al dente. Drain well.
- Meanwhile, heat a medium frying pan over high heat. Add the pancetta and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2-3 minutes or until just crisp. Remove from heat.
- Whisk the eggs, egg yolks, parmesan and cream in a medium bowl until well combined. Season with salt and pepper, add chopped spring onions.
- Return the hot pasta to the pan. Add the pancetta and pour over the egg mixture. Add cheddar cheese. Gently toss until just combined (the heat of the pasta should cook the eggs; (do not overcook).

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

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
November	
2 nd November	Barry Terlich
9 th November	Hugh Clancy
16 th November	Oriel Ridge
23 rd November	Rick Clancy
30 th November	Trevor Terlich



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Diary of Events

Sunday 1st September

Father's Day

Thursday 5th September

Mobile Library 1035 – 1135am

Wednesday 11th September

CWA meeting Commercial Club

Albury at 10:30am.

Friday 13th September

Pub working bee 3pm

Saturday 14th September

Council Voting

Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th

HMFD

Thursday 19th September

Mobile Library 1035 – 1135am

Saturday 21st September

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 23rd September

October Newsletter deadline

Friday 27th September

Last day Term 3

Saturday 28th September

AFL Grand Final

Go the ???? 😊

Monday 30th September – Friday 11th October

NSW Public School Holidays

October

Monday 7th October

Walbundrie Show

Monday 14th October

Term 4 starts.

Monday 14th October

DrumMuster

