

# Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



## October 2024

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### PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We had a good attendance at our September meeting which was held at Commercial Club in Albury.

Four of our members travelled to Griffith for the ACWW Multi-Cultural Afternoon, finishing with taste testing different foods from several countries for our evening meal – a most enjoyable time.



*Dancing demonstration at the Multi-Cultural Day at Griffith.*



*Kay Dean, Bev McLellan, Bev Frohling and Lyn Jacobsen attending the ACWW Multi-Cultural Day in Griffith.*

We purchased \$100 worth of sewing aids for the Island Countries and gave them to the State International Officer, Lyn Braico whilst we were in Griffith.

We are planning on having an entry in The Rock Show on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Eunice McRae is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and we're having a luncheon that day at the Commercial Golf Club to celebrate this special occasion.

The Henty Field Days catering was discussed and the making of sandwiches, wraps and slices was organised. Several members are planning on helping at the Field Days.



*Scone eating challenge at the Henty Machinery Field Days.*



*Libby Smith-Draper demonstrating exercises to Kay Dean and others from the audience.*

There was a craft workshop in Wagga Rooms on 21<sup>st</sup> September, with the next workshop to be on 26<sup>th</sup> October at The Rock.

Riverina Group Conference is to be held at Ganmain on October 9<sup>th</sup> and a carload of us hope to attend.

Our Land Cookery results were – Coffee Sponge Sandwich, 1<sup>st</sup> Natalie Hasler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyn Jacobsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Hasler, and the Apricot Loaf 1<sup>st</sup> Lyn Jacobsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Hasler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lyn Lieschke. Next month we'll have Gluten Free Magic Bean Cake and Coconut Loaf – both recipes in June Journal.

Next month is our Annual Meeting and it will be held a week later than normal due to Group Conference being held that day, so it will be on 16<sup>th</sup> October at the Commercial Club in Albury at 10.30am.

Late edition!

Many thanks to all our members who made sandwiches, wraps and slices for the Field Days and many of you also were working hard in the Country Lifestyle pavilion. We had a successful Field Days once again and I thank you all for the support given to me.

The decorated cakes we raffled each day were very successful – Tuesday we raised over \$200 for Leukaemia; Wednesday over \$300 for Mental Health Counselling and Thursday, we made \$500 for Boys to the Bush, and Domestic Violence to women, \$200 so well done all! All recipients were just so grateful.

Lyn Jacobsen.

## **Pleasant Hills Community Hotel**

Has been a busy and successful September for the pub with the field days and the footy finals. The pub had all rooms booked for the field days which was great and the positive from the group both new and old that they will all see us again next year. I would like to thank all that put in the extra shifts over this time and the people that attended the working bee on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Reminder that Drum muster is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Contact Suzanne if you have any big loads that will be coming. The money collected from the drums will be going to the refurbishment of the accommodation rooms at the pub. So, please get them in.

Suzanne Forck.

## **School News and Reviews**



### **BERNIE O'CONNOR CUP**

Well done to all the students who attended Bernie O'Connor Cup. The sportsmanship and fun you had during the day was evident. A big THANK YOU to Jeremy for taking the time to transport all of us over to Yerong Creek on tbus.



### **SCHOOL HATS**

With the commencement of Spring, the students will now need to start wearing their hats when they are on the playground. Could you please check with your child/ren to make sure they have a hat and that it is clearly labelled.

### **HENTY FIELD DAYS**

Congratulations to the PHPS team for successfully running the Henty Machinery Field Days fundraiser. It has been a massive week for you all and the school appreciates everyone's efforts. Thank you!

### **CWA**

The CWA Country of Study PowerPoint Presentation from last year (that won 3rd prize at the CWA State level) is on its way to

Scotland!! In early September there was an Associated Country Women of the World Conference in Griffith, and our presentation was handed over at the conference. The World Treasurer of ACWW is from a farming community on the Isle of Aran and will share the PHPS presentation with her community. Well done to Mrs Baaten and last year's 3-6 class!

### **YEAR 3-6 MAJOR EXCURSION – JINDABYNE**

All our primary students are looking forward to their excursion to Jindabyne in late October. They will be travelling by bus with Boree Creek and Yerong Creek schools.

### **NEW STUDENTS**

We have welcomed three new students, Laura Smith, Maddison and Lucy King to our school in Term 3. We look forward to their families settling in and continuing their learning journey at PHPS.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Connor Barker, Cohen Morey, Laura Smith, Lucy King, James Terlich, Lachlan Barker, Maeve Turner, Maddison King, Samuel Heald

### **RECENT MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

Isabelle Male, Samantha Terlich, Maeve Turner, Lachlan Barker, Emma Coghlan, James Terlich, Connor Barker.



This is the last newsletter for this term. Wishing you all a fabulous break and we will see you back on Monday October 14.

### **Pleasant Hills Pre School**

Term three has been a wonderful experience for both staff and students as the weather has been warming up and everyone can get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

We have successfully employed two more staff members this term. Sandra and Louise will be helping on a Wednesday to support Mia in her director role.

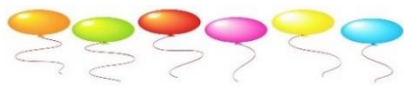
The preschool recently had a check from the department of education who were very happy to find our preschool in excellent working order. A huge thanks to Mia and her hard work getting all the paperwork up to date.

Frances Terlich.

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## Hills Happenings



### Birthdays:

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Eunice  
McRae for the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Grand Final Congratulations:

Well done to our locals becoming 2024  
Premiers in the Hume League Football  
/ Netball Grand Finals

Joe Clancy - Osbourne Seniors  
Football Premiers.

Andrew Smith - Osbourne Seniors  
Football Premiers.

Jesse McDonnell - Osbourne C  
Reserve Netball Premiers.



## Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Everyone enjoyed the September  
Patchwork meeting with many projects  
being worked on, as can be seen in the  
collage above.

Our next Patchwork meeting is on  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and is a UFO day.  
BYO your sewing machine, accessories  
and project, \$6 for hall hire and your own  
lunch.



**drumMUSTER**

The next collection day at  
Pleasant Hills Tip will be:

**Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**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).

Art Partners Australia invites you to the opening of *Abstract Landscapes* by Chris Ellis.

This exhibition of drop paintings by Chris Ellis was inspired by the landscape of the arid zone.

The uniform spacing of the vegetation and the random scattering of the rocks, the patterns can be found at any scale. From the mosaic patterns of the broad acre farming to the minute patterns on an insect's wing.

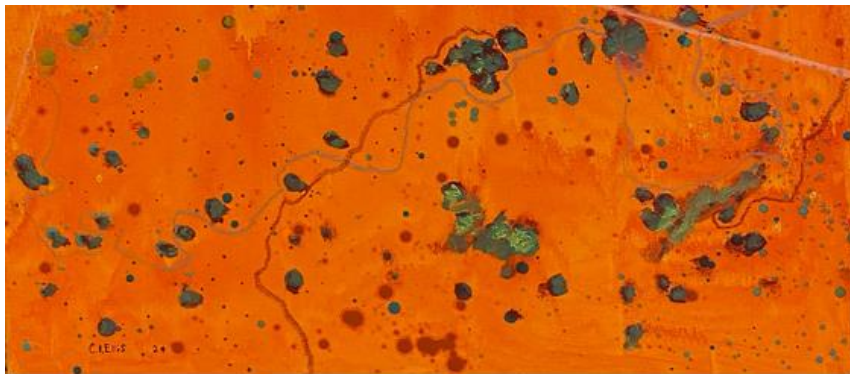
These drop paintings can be interpreted any way the viewer chooses; each drop can be a rock, a plant, a hole, a star, or something seen through a microscope. Many different things to many different people.

The abstract can be found in the landscape and the landscape found in the abstract.

**Date: Thursday 3 October 2024**

**Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm**

**Venue: 488 David Street, Albury**



*Dinao Fence* oil on cotton 1220mm x 910mm

Save the date:



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## The Winds of Change

– a poem by Trudy Smith.

The departure of winter is  
a sigh of relief

No more cold frosty  
mornings wearing coats  
lined with fleece

But an unwelcome visitor  
has blown open the door  
As strong howling winds  
have arrived with a roar.

Dry dusty gusts greedily  
gobble up the rain  
Leaving farmers to ponder  
if they planted in vain  
Large trees lurch  
dangerously and lean to  
the side  
Some silly galahs use wild  
thermals to glide.

They are the only ones  
crazy enough out on the  
wing

Like the bravest of  
trapeze artists doing their  
thing

Many horses are unsettled  
as they pace up and down  
There's an almighty crack  
as a branch hits the  
ground.

A lone heifer calls in a  
quavering voice  
To compete with the wind  
she has little choice  
The elements have led her  
away from her kin  
Her feeble cries lost in the  
blustery din.

The spectacle of wind  
with its invisible touch  
It arrived in a hurry and is  
gone in a rush  
Although you can't see it  
you know that it's there  
Blowing dirt in your eyes  
and upsetting your hair.

But finally near nightfall  
the squalls start to ease  
And the laugh of a  
kookaburra floats on the  
breeze

As the familiar song  
echoes it soothes like a  
balm  
And the silvery moonlight  
restores nature to calm.



## *Hills History*

### **Rifle club**

The Pleasant Hills rifle club was formed in 1936. The first President was Mr S Klemke and Captain was Mr WC Browne.

There were 32 members and the memberships were 7/6. Shooting days were Wednesday afternoons and the changed to Saturdays.

The range was on the property of Mr WC Browne north-west of Pleasant Hills being leased for 1 pound a year. In 1966 the club went into recess.

The other day I cleaned the silver trophy's at the Hotel and I had thought that they were all from the tennis club. Once cleaner I found that one of them was from the Rifle Club of Pleasant Hills.



The inscription on this one reads:

Pleasant Hills Rifle Club 1938  
The Browne Aggregate  
Won by W A Groch.

Vice-Captain Browne received the thanks at the meeting for his offer to donate a cup to be shot for over the 300- and 500-yard ranges. It was decided to name the trophy "The Browne Cup" and the conditions and dates of the match will be fixed by the range committee at an early date.

*Source: The Lockhart Review and  
Oaklands  
Advertiser Tue 12<sup>th</sup> July 1938, Page 1*

Rifle Shooting – the final stage of the Brown Cup Handicap Shoot over 300-500 yards was fired on Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1938) at Pleasant Hills. Results – A Brissenden Aggregate, 69.6:  
A Groch 69, E Pumpa 66.9, J Pumpa 65.9. Final results were the best three out of four stages to count (including handicaps): A Groch 208, A Brissenden 206.5, E Pumpa 202.8, J Pumpa 202.8.

*Source: The Albury Banner and Wodonga  
Express Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1938 Pg44*

As a note:

The story is that the trophies that are at the Pleasant Hills Hotel, behind the bar, were given to the Hotel after someone found them going into landfill at the Wagga Wagga tip some years ago. This person needs to be congratulated for saving some of our heritage from passing from all memory forever.

Thankyou again.

If anyone has something related to the town and would like to donate it, we will gratefully accept it and keep it safe for future generations.

*Written and researched by Fiona Beckett.*

## Our Backyard

### What Did You Say?

We all wonder what birds are saying when we hear a bird singing or talking to one another. Even though we can't exactly translate the lyrics into language (yet), we can place the type of call into loose categories. Here are some of the categories that experts have identified. You may not know what they are saying (they may be talking about you!) but see if you can identify the type of call they are making. They sometimes just talking to themselves, a very human condition.

**Songs:** Certainly, for most songbirds, the vocalisations used in day-to-day activities, including those vocalizations associated with the competition for a mate or territory are more or less part of the bird's instinctive repertoire. They also benefit from hearing the sounds from other members of their species or other species that have a message to be heeded. Songs can be exactly repeated or may change from time to time. Just listen to a solo Australian Magpie; the song seems to stay the same but can change as if in verses, time after time. They may also interchange between male and female in rendition; what us humans call – duets.

**Calls:** Calls tend to be short, simple, unrelated to breeding season, and uttered by both sexes. They may act as communication between one another or serve as warning signs between all species of a predator. "stay away" or "danger is near". You will often see several species of birds harassing a goanna, all squawking at the same time, seemingly all saying, "go away, go away!" in their own tongues. They are often used as mobbing calls to bring the group together, possibly to help in dispersing predators; or a call to

distract a predator away from the nest or young.

**Food Begging Calls:** The sound of "wah" coupled with an open mouth, acts as a food call in many species along with the fluttering of wings. The female may mimic this behaviour when sitting on eggs if she is hungry. The urge may become so strong that in the absence of a mate, the budgie may try to feed his mirror image, or his human companion. In colonies, studies indicate that the parent birds can pick out their own young based on the two-note food call of the newly fledged babies.

**Whisper songs:** A whisper song, also widely as a subsong, is a minor variation of a full song. It tends to be a prolonged, rambling series of vocalizations that are not employed to attract mates, proclaim territory, not necessarily seasonal and are sung at such low volume that they can only be heard a short distance away. It is almost as if that the bird is practicing for a grander display on a later date. Any how can we forget:

**Mimicry:** One does not hear wild songbirds imitate the human voice. However, species like the Superb Lyrebird not only incorporate other bird species' songs into their own long rambling serenades, but also mimic such things human whistles, creaking hinges, barking dogs and chainsaws.  
(from: *Bird Sounds* by Barry Kent MacKay) Bob Marshall.



## **Matt's Cooking Corner:**



### **Grandpa's French chicken with tarragon and vegetables**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 6-8 chicken thigh cutlets, bone in, trimmed.
- 2 celery sticks, chopped.
- 1 large brown onion halved and sliced.
- 200g button mushrooms.
- 3 Spring onions chopped.
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed.
- 250ml (1 cup) white wine.
- 2 tbsp cornflour.
- 2 tbsp organic self-raising flour.
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste.
- 1 tsp ground coriander seed.
- 1 litre chicken liquid stock.
- 500ml vegetable liquid stock.
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon, plus extra sprigs, to serve.
- 350g heirloom 'Nicola' potatoes, 4cm cubes.
- 1 bunch baby carrots, trimmed, peeled.
- 200g fresh green beans, trimmed.



#### **Method:**

- Heat 1/2 the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened. Transfer to slow cooker.
- Heat remaining oil in the pan over medium-high heat. Coat chicken pieces in flour and coriander seed. Cook chicken, in batches, for 2 minutes each side or until just browned all over. Add to slow cooker.
- Add potatoes, celery, carrots, garlic, stock, tomato paste, tarragon, stock, and white wine to slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover. Cook on high for 4 hours (or low for 8 hours), adding mushrooms and beans in the last 30 minutes of cooking. Season.

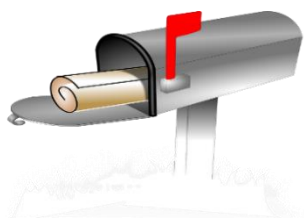
Note: If no Nicola potatoes available, use any creamy white potatoes. You can substitute fresh tarragon with dried, but reduce by half the amount.

## 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

| October                   |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October   | Corey Beckett  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October  | David Male     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October  | Rex Lieschke   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Wayne Scholz   |
| November                  |                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Barry Terlich  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Hugh Clancy    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Oriel Ridge    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Rick Clancy    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November | Trevor Terlich |
| December                  |                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Corey Beckett  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December | David Male     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December | Rex Lieschke   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> December | Wayne Scholz   |



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## Diary of Events

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Day Light Saving starts.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Chris Ellis Painting Exhibition

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Mobile Library 1030-1130am

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Public Holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Walbundrie Show

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Spirit of the Land Lockhart.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Spirit of the Land Lockhart.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

PHPS Term 4 starts.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

DrumMUSTER – 0900-1030

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Preschool Students return.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

CWA meeting Commercial

Club Albury 10:30am

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Mobile Library 1030-1130am

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Patchwork Group meeting.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Mobile Library 1030-1130am

