

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

November 2024

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA



We held our October meeting as well as our Annual Meeting at the Albury Commercial Club with two visitors, Shirley Tilbrook and Gush Kipper, who later chaired our annual meeting. We held a 90th Birthday Party for Eunice on the 1st October which was a lovely day, topped off with a lovely cake made and decorated by Kay Dean.



The Riverina Group Conference was discussed, and we were thrilled for Wendy Crosby, who won first prize with her Ag and Environment Report, which now goes on to State.



The water compulsory buy-back scheme is worrying many Group members, and we have been asked to submit an email ASAP voicing our disapproval.

Uranquinty Evening Branch is having a "How to" Day for anything crafty from 10am – 3pm on 10th November and we've been invited to attend.

Our Country of Study for the next year is South Korea, and our new Environmental topics of study are: Fauna- Frogs, Flora – Saltbush, Foe – Common Myna bird, and Primary Product is Cut Flowers.

Our next Group Council Meeting will be at Narrandera on 25th November and several members hope to attend.

We held another cake stall at Bunnings, which was very successful, so many thanks to the members who were able to

work and cook for this. We wanted to have another stall before it got too hot. We had some Land Cookery with the results being : Coconut Loaf- 1st Lyn Jacobsen, 2nd Wendy Crosby and 3rd Natalie Hasler. In the Gluten Free Magic Bean Cake, 1st was Kay Dean, 2nd Margaret Hasler, and 3rd Natalie Hasler. Remembrance Biscuits was won by Kay Dean.

At our last meeting for the year, we will have a Light Fruit Cake and a Steamed Fruit Pudding as our Land Cookery competitions.

We were all invited to another birthday party this month – Bev Frohling turned 80, so many of our members enjoyed a Luncheon at Thurgoona Golf Club with Bev and her family and friends.



We are not having a meeting in November, opting instead for a combined Christmas Party and meeting on Wednesday, 4th December, which we are going to hold at Kay Dean's home at Morven.

Please note that we will start this meeting at the earlier time of 10am. Everyone is asked to bring a salad and we will buy the meats. We are also asked to bring items for a hamper to help out needy people. We will have a Kris Kringle again, buying something from an op shop or upcycling in a red or green colour up to the value of \$10.00. This creates lots of laughs and is a bit of fun.

Mrs Gush Kipper took the chair for our Annual Meeting and all positions remain the same.

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

We would like to thank all that supported the DRUMmuster on the 14th October, with over 3600 drums collected, keeping the inspectors busy and the drum cage overflowing. The pub has had a quieter month, which was needed for the volunteers working and cooking.

We are in the process of getting some new shirts so if needing one please be patient they will be here soon. They will be a different colour to the previous ones.

Keep posted for the next Lunch under the Verandah on Sunday 8th December. Bookings will be taken shortly.

Suzanne Forck.

School News and Reviews



Welcome back to Term 4! We have a variety of exciting events and activities planned for our final term of the year. We look forward to consolidating the learning, analysing the individual growth and celebrating the students' success.



Creativity in the playground.

K-2 SCHOOL EXCURSION

The Infants class travelled to Wagga to visit the Bidgee Strawberries & Cream Farm on Wednesday 30th October. They had their lunch at the Wagga Beach Playground afterwards.

YEAR 3-6 MAJOR EXCURSION—JINDABYNE

Years 3 -6 students from Pleasant Hills, Boree Creek and Yerong Creek schools attended their major excursion at Jindabyne from 28th to the 30th October. Mrs Baaten, Mrs Noske and Mr Jones supervised the children. All the students were very excited to visit Jindabyne!

BUSH FIRE SEASON

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for Riverina NSW Fire Area or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me app](#)^{External link} (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media.

HEALTHY HAROLD

Boree Creek and Yerong Creek will be visiting our school for Healthy Harold on Tuesday 5th November.

Permission has been sent out via School Bytes. Programs are as follows:

Infants - Safety Rules - Problem solving, personal safety, seeking help, how to care for others and behaviours that maintain friendships
Stage 2 - The Inside Story - Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, and safety with medicines
Stage 3 - Think Twice - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 7th November. Envelopes will be sent home closer to this date.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Due to the change of pool supervisors, I have been assured that our program will still go ahead at the Lockhart Pool in December.



Infants doing their Maths Lessons.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



Fire Brigade



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Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 60th Birthday to Gavin Fischer for the 9th November.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Peter Sharp for being elected Lockhart Shire Council Mayor.



Condolences:

Condolences to family and friends on the passing of Mr Grant Andrew Lieschke.



Save the date:

December 8th next Lunch under the verandah.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Fun was had in the October meeting with ladies doing a variety of patchwork for our UFO meet. We had more quillows, a giant daisy, folded patchwork circle, sashiko, snakes & ladders apron, sewing trolley bag, circle boxes quilt with 16" blocks, an appliqued star for a cushion, drunkards path examples for our next meet, all of which can be seen in the above collage.

If you would like to join in the Braidwood's Apron Challenge 2024 you can find all the information online including the pattern.

Our next meet is November 16th and the project, if you would like to participate, is the Drunkards Path. It is primarily 2 block patterns that can be put together in many different layouts both traditional and modern. Contact Virginia Clancy via this newsletter email if you would like more information regarding this quilt.

If you prefer to keep working on your UFO projects, bring them along instead.

Show and tell is always welcome.

BYO: your sewing machine and accessories, fabric etc, template for drunkards path, \$6 for hall hire and your own lunch.



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Tennis Club

We had a great turn out for one morning of coaching in the school holidays, just over 40 kids attended. There is also 6 weeks of coaching on Friday afternoons & about 20 were there for the first session on 25th Oct. These are being run by Tom Janetzki who has been learning from Matt Horn. We thank Tom for taking this on & also Renae's efforts in organising.

Unfortunately, this hasn't led to filling junior teams for this summer's Hume Assoc comp. We didn't have quite enough to fill either team.

Sec 3a has started strongly with 2 wins & a bye.

Photo shows our very first day playing competition on the new courts. We love them & the updated amenities too are wonderful.

Carol Smith.

A Farming Yarn

- a poem by Trudy Smith.

There was a young lady called Mary
Who worked at the Robinson's dairy.
While milking the cows, she knitted her brows
And her face was really quite scary.

In strolled the milk man named Pat
It was his turn to empty the vat.
He saw Mary's face and tripped over the race
He'd never seen eyebrows like that.

He called out to old farmer Bob
Who was outside doing a job.
While running inside he ripped his good strides
Then promptly fell over the dog.

The farmhand, a young man called Jack,
Was out forking the nearby haystack.
While swatting the flies he ran for the cries
But slipped in manure out the back.

The arrival of good neighbour Jean
Saw her wildly surveying the scene.
I'll go and get help she said with a yelp
It's more mayhem than I've ever seen!

It was up to the farmer's wife Bess
To take charge and sort out the mess.

She patched them all up, gave them rum in a cup
And said my work here is done, nonetheless.

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Christmas as
from 1st Nov.

Just Saying!



Pleasant Hills Community Hotel
**LUNCH UNDER THE
VERANDAH**

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

12:00pm

2 x course

MAIN:

*Pan seared eye fillet of beef, smashed baby roasted potatoes, greens,
red wine jus (GF)*

Grilled pork cutlet w maple apple, creamy mash & greens (GF)

*Baked chicken breast supreme w tomato basil sauce, hassle-back
potatoes, crispy greens (GF)*

DESSERT

*Vanilla bean panna cotta, w mango, pineapple salsa, and gingerbread
crumb*

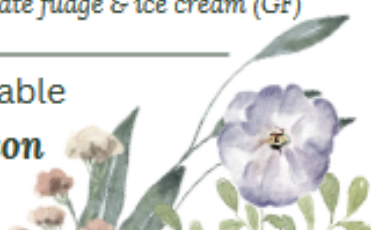
Traditional Christmas pudding, brandy custard, vanilla ice cream

Chocolate raspberry brownie, hot chocolate fudge & ice cream (GF)

Kids meals available

\$55 per person

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Hills History

**Letter to Max Hogg from Mr Everett Jelbart
(Ellis' Uncle) 1/9/1985**

-Part 1-

Dear Max,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th August, containing a number of enquiries concerning "Truro" and which I am pleased to answer for you to the best of my ability, considering the matters have now almost passed into the realm of history it is now 39 years since I lived there!

The property was purchased by us in the year 1925 and was at that time pretty open country necessitating it to be almost wholly fenced.

Survey pegs were there along which the fences had to follow. We did all the clearing of stumps and timber so you see that we were the original owners after its severance from "Wallandool".

"Truro" is the name of a Cornish town close to where my grandmother was from. Because both my grandparents on my fathers' side were of Cornish origination. I thought it appropriate to adopt a Cornish name for the property. I am pleased to note that it has been retained by you.

On our taking possession of it in the year 1925, I and my uncle (Chas. Spurrell) lived in the cooks' gallery attached to the extensive shearers quarters which were situated adjacent to the windmill and underground tank.

After the lapse of some two years my uncle desired to build accommodation on his own block ("Tavistock") to which he wished to bring his new wife. But this had to be

postponed for quite some time and so we decided to dismantle the two long sleeping galleys and one dining section which were situated adjacent to the kitchen. The framework was re-erected to build the home you now own; and in which Chas. Spurrell began his married life. Some few months later he moved to his own block, and I began 10 years of batchelordom until I married myself in 1938.

to be continued.....

A follow up on the Pleasant Hills Riffle Club:

I was chatting to Ellis Jelbart at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel and he said that he had a trophy of his fathers, that he had won in 1936 with the Pleasant Hills Riffle Club. It turns out that the cup was originally call the "Waverly Cup" and then when old Mr Browne passed away the cup was renamed the "Browne Aggregate".

Ellis Jelbart has kindly donated his father's (Alan Jelbart's) trophy to be on permanent display at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.



If anyone has more information or any photos of the Pleasant Hills Riffle Club then I could set up a display at the Hotel.

Transcribed and researched by Fiona
Beckett.

*With thanks to Max Hogg for sharing his letter
and history.*

Our Backyard

TWITCHERS in BRITCHES

What is, or rather what was a 'twitcher'?

Although bird watching survives 'twitchers' are sort of a dying breed that seem to today are considered to have been a 'fad' of the 1960's to the 2000's where they were very prolific all over world where some farmers were forced to erect signs such as:

'NOTICE TO BIRD WATCHERS – KEEP OFF HEDGES AND GATES. YOUR PRESENCE IN LARGE GANGS IS BECOMING VERY IRRITATING'

(sign on a farm in England c. 1978).

Bill Oddie, you know, the short guy with a beard from "The Goodies" wrote a book about it and though basically English, resonates the craze that existed world-wide. I remember that around that time, camping grounds and hotels around Australia were often infiltrated by marauding bands of 'twitchers' who would easily be recognised, when seen in the open, usually due to their similarity in dress and habits. As Bill says: "What is a bird watcher? Non-bird watchers tend to have a certain image of what bird watchers are like. They are little unmarried ladies in tweed suits, with long woolly stockings, curly walking sticks and a pair of binoculars that look like opera glasses. If they are not little old ladies, they are retired colonels, still in tweet suits, woolly stockings etc, but with the addition of a deer stalker hat and a moustache. If they are neither of these then they sensitive 'loners'.

Middle-aged men (or even young men) quietly dedicated. They wear white fishermen's polo-necked sweaters and live in old windmills, or they are rugged and mystical". But as Bill says, "They can be tense, competitive, selfish, shifty, dishonest, distrusting, boorish, arrogant, pedantic, unsentimental and above all envious". A combination of these traits will reveal a 'birdwatcher'. "The fact is, birds bring out the worst in people. And what's more, bird watching probably attracts a greater number of 'loonies' than any other hobby; and of a greater variety, from 'upper-class twits to punks'".

The emotion a birdwatcher knows best is jealousy – the most insidious and powerful of the deadly sins! Why? Because birdwatching is

collecting. Just as a stamp-collector collects stamps, or a train spotter collects train-numbers, a birdwatcher collects birds, and ulcers. Rivalry blossoms in the fact that you have to 'collect' more species than anyone else to be at the 'top of the perch'; continuously ticking off examples from a list (an endurance event). Sometimes it comes down to how many species that are spotted in a specific length of time (a sprint event).

Sometimes is spotting a bird that has never been spotted in that area or country before (a blow-in). Phew, I could go on.....

To finish (I've really just started); this photo depicts three hundred twitchers at Falmouth in March 1980.

(From: Bill Oddie's Little Black Bird Book by Bill Oddie)

So, if you're a birdwatcher (and many of us are), be careful how you display your craft, because others might get the wrong impression of you.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's beef and noodle stew



Ingredients:

- 330g egg noodles (or pasta of choice).
- 450g premium beef mince.
- 1 (440g) jar spaghetti sauce.
- 1 (420g) tin corn.
- ½ brown onion, chopped.
- 250g beans, sliced.
- 1 tsp ground coriander seed.
- Fresh coriander leaves.
- 1 tbsp. whole grain mustard (or hoisin sauce).
- 2 cups beef stock.
- Himalayan rock salt and cracked pepper.
- 1 cup (115g) grated Cheddar cheese.

Method:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add egg noodles and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
2. In a large pot over medium heat, add olive oil, cook onion till soft then add the beef mince and brown.
3. Heat through over medium the beef stock, spaghetti sauce, corn, beans, stock, mustard (or hoisin), coriander seed then add mince mixture, salt and pepper and stir.
4. Serve with grated cheese and coriander leaves.

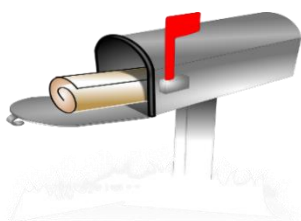
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9 th November	Oriel Ridge
16 th November	Hugh Clancy
23 rd November	Rick Clancy
30 th November	Trevor Terlich
December	
7 th December	Corey Beckett
14 th December	David Male
21 st December	Rex Lieschke
28 th December	Wayne Scholz
January	
4 th January	Barry Terlich
11 th January	Hugh Clancy
18 th January	Oriel Ridge
25 th January	Rick Clancy



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Diary of Events

Tuesday 5th November
PHPS Happy Harold

Thursday 7th November
PHPS School Photos

Thursday 14th November
Mobile Library 1035-1135am

Saturday 16th November
Patchwork Group meeting.

Thursday 28th November
Mobile Library 1035-1135am

December:

Wednesday 4th December
CWA meeting at Morven at 10am.

Sunday 8th December
Lunch under the Verandah
(Bookings essential)

