

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

December 2024



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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Instead of having a meeting in November, we're having our Christmas Break-up and meeting at Kay Dean's home in Morven on Wednesday, 4th December, starting at the earlier time of 10am.

Riverina Group Council Meeting was at Narrandera on 25th November, and we had a car-load attending. Narrandera has recently come into our Group after Sturt Group folded, and this is our first Group function at Narrandera. Congratulations to Kay Dean on coming second in the Group with her Cultural Report for 2024!



Kay Dean with her Cultural Report.

Several little wallets have been stitched by Branch members to be included in the Delegates bags for State Conference in May next year and we will be handing them in at the Group Council Meeting.

Don't forget the Land Cookery for next Meeting is a Light Fruit Cake and a Steamed Fruit Pudding.

Members are asked to bring something to the meeting to add to a Christmas Hamper for the needy, and for a bit of fun, something for Kris Kringle either bought at an op shop or upcycled in the colours red or green.

Our grateful thanks to Virginia Clancy for all the work she has put into getting the Pleasant Hills Newsletter organised and printed each month again this year, it is most appreciated, and we all enjoy reading it.

Our first meeting in the New Year will be at the Albury Commercial Club on Wednesday, 12th March at 10.30am. Anybody interested is welcome to attend.

Wishing everyone best wishes for the Festive Season and good health and happiness for the New Year.

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Upcoming events:

Lunch under the Verandah 8th December

Christmas Party 20th December

Save the Date:

25th Anniversary 8th March 2025.

School News and Reviews



HATS

Just are reminder that students need to bring their hats every day!! We are running low on spare ones and the rules is no hat – no play.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night will be held on Monday 16th December, starting 6pm at the Pleasant Hills Hall. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Could students please be there 10 minutes before starting time.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

All students are looking forward to their swimming lessons from Monday 2nd to 13th December at the Lockhart Pool. Thank you to Mrs Fran Jones for organising the swimming lessons.

LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

Our students will be provided with a sausage sizzle lunch on their last day, Wednesday 18th December. Thank you to our General Assistant Ian Widdison for helping us out with the cooking!

YEAR 6 TREE PLANTING

On Friday 15th December we held our annual tradition of the Year 6 Tree Planting. Isabelle and Sam have planted a Manchurian Pear, outside the kitchen window where in a few years this will provide a lovely canopy to sit under. This year we have added to the tradition by incorporating a blessing for the students to say. Thanks goes to Von for sourcing this.



THANK YOU

Special thanks also to our leaving parents, Les and Von Heald and Anthony and Amanda Male. We have appreciated everything you have done for our wonderful little school over many years, you will be greatly missed!!

We wish Isabelle and Sam all the very best next year as they look forward to High School.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Thank you for your support throughout the year and wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!!!

Pleasant Hills Pre School



We have had a fantastic end of the year.
The concert will be held at the Pleasant Hills Hall on Wednesday 11th December.
We have two students who are graduating, and the teachers are busy preparing for a wonderful evening of celebrations.
We welcomed Maisie Terlich this term and she has been a delightful edition to our preschool. We currently have 9 students enrolled.
There is plenty of outside play with sandpit and water play very popular with the warmer weather.
We are looking forward to some new enrolments at the beginning of 2025 and this will keep our preschool numbers up.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.
Frances Terlick.

Fire Brigade



Truck Maintenance Roster for 2024/25 summer fire season.

Maintenance run to be done Preferably Sundays
9am onwards they will ask for ODO reading and engine hours so have them ready.
If unavailable to do your shift please arrange with someone else.
If all can download RFS active and contact firecom re password etc. this will notify you of fires well before receiving a text message.

1Alpha located in southern shed.
1Bravo located in town fire shed.

Roster:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fire Station</u>	<u>Checked by</u>
1/12	Alpha Bravo	Grant Morey Grant Morey
15/12	Alpha Bravo	Ellis Jelbart Dennis Clancy
29/12	Alpha Bravo	Andrew Newton Cameron Turner
5/1	Alpha Bravo	Corey Beckett Peter Beckett
12/1	Alpha Bravo	Ross Newton Hugh Clancy
19/1	Alpha Bravo	Grant Morey Barry Terlich
26/1	Alpha Bravo	Trevor Terlich Shannon Lieschke
9/2	Alpha Bravo	James Clancy Rick & Tom Clancy
23/2	Alpha Bravo	Garry & Brice Lieschke Warren Lieschke
2/3	Alpha Bravo	Andrew Terlich Tony Christie

Grant Morey
Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade Captain.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 40th Birthday to Kirrilee Terlich for the 5th December.

Happy 60th Birthday to Virginia Clancy for the 14th December.

Happy 60th Birthday to Carole Morey for the 29th December.

Happy 40th Birthday to Andrew Terlich for the 30th December.

January 2025

Happy 30th Birthday to Stephanie Robertson (Clancy) for the 10th January.

Happy 60th Birthday to Hugh Clancy for the 30th January.

Wedding Anniversary

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Peter & Lynne Forck for the 25th January.



Get Well Wishes:

Wishing Graham Lieschke a speedy recovery following recent surgery.

Condolences:

Condolences to Virginia Clancy and family on the passing of her father Bernard Hore on the 5th November.

Condolences to Shelly Lambert and family on the passing of Marty Lambert.



Congratulations:



Handover of Urangeline 1 A New Second-hand Tanker to Captain Wayne Parker.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had a good roll up to the November patchwork day for the Drunkards Path project and some UFO's, as can be seen in the collage.

We have changed the date for our Christmas meet to Saturday 14th December as the regular date is too close to Christmas. It will be our last meet for 2024 so come along, have some fun, be festive if you like. Bring a wrapped gift (as a guide the value set was \$10) and preferably patchwork, sewing or textile related or themed as such and bring a plate to share for our Christmas Lunch. It is a UFO day for your projects that you want to finish and the race is on if you want them finished by Christmas.

Don't forget to bring along any ideas for our 2025 Patchwork Programme of projects you have learned, would like to learn or think others might be interested in learning. Please bring a photo or the quilt/project itself and instructions/pattern. It's nice to have a mix of small and larger projects. We will vote for 6 projects for 2025.

For those that we will not see on the 14th December we wish you a Merry Christmas and hope to see you in the New Year.

Tennis Club

We had our last week of tennis coaching with Tom Janetzki on Friday 29th November. Everyone enjoyed Tom's coaching with players picking up tips & improvements to their game. We thank Tom for his efforts.

Sec 3a sits undefeated on top of the ladder after 7 rounds with some good tennis being played.

The old tree stumps near the courts have finally been removed with the area safer now as they were breaking apart & looks much better too.

Carol Smith.



Pleasant Hills Post Office

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and Joyful New Year. Thank you for all your support in 2024 and looking forward to a safe, happy, and healthy 2025 and your ongoing support.

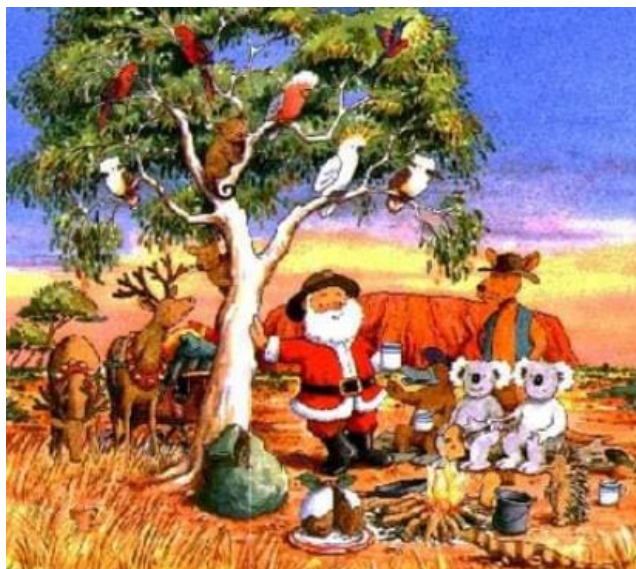
Kind Regards

Cathy Terlich & Pleasant Hills Post Office Staff.



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**He's making his
list....He's checkin' it
twice
He left it at home
He's texting his wife**

Thank you to all those that contribute to this Community Newsletter. It is only through all your contributions that we can get the Pleasant Hills news out to everyone, especially those that are not on social media. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to your ongoing contributions in 2025.

Merry Christmas
Virginia Clancy

The Esplanade

Worth a visit

Explore the beauty of the Pleasant Hills Esplanade!

Discover Pleasant Hills' hidden gem - a Tidy Towns project showcasing the stunning Grassy Box Woodland. Wander through a canopy of White & Grey Box Trees, White Cypress Pine, and vibrant native plants like Mallee Wattle, Golden Wattle, and Weeping Pittosporum! 🌸

Keep an eye out for the Grey-crowned Babbler, a rare bird known for its football-sized stick nets and fire-siren-like call. 🐦 Their breeding season runs from July to February - spot their fluffy young ones who stay close to home for up to 3 weeks!

When you're exploring our region, please share your best shots with [#VisitLockhartShire](#) to be featured on our page! 📸



Acknowledgement to the Visit Lockhart Shire Facebook post.



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*

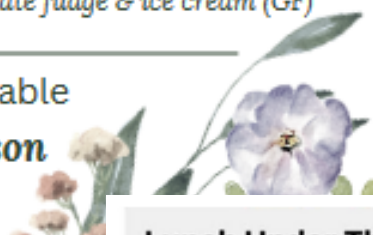
Traditional Christmas pudding, brandy custard, vanilla ice cream

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

Kids meals available

\$55 per person

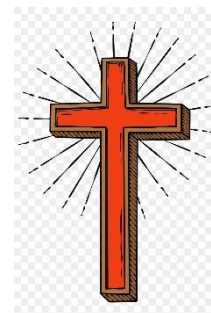
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CATERING



Bookings will be through [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)
or
contact Michelle Sharp on 0428296405

**Lunch Under The
Verandah - Pleasant
Hills Community Hotel**
www.trybooking.com





Pleasant Hills Lutheran Church
Christmas Service
Monday 23rd December
8pm.
Super provided
Everyone most welcome to join us
and celebrate this holy time.

Hills History

Letter to Max Hogg from Mr Everett Jelbart
1/9/1985 -Part 2-

The outer walls of the home were at that time covered with iron from the gallery walls but prior to my marriage renovations were carried out, the iron was taken off and expanded steel fixed to the studs over which plaster was applied (cement) and lined out as you will have noted. At the time of renovations the front gable alteration to the roof was an addition and all this carried out by a Henty builder named Jack Barry whom I still occasionally hear from. The only other building on the property at the time of our purchasing it was the weatherboard hut, south of the woolshed. We built the machine shed blacksmith shop and garage were re-erected on the site I presume the now occupy. With regard to your question No.6 concerning the northern wing of the woolshed I cannot be precise as to the year of its dismantling but it would have been in the early 1930's. Some 100' to 150' were taken out and recreated on "Rainbow" for my uncle (Dr Jelbart) who had no buildings at that time. "Rainbow" was purchased at exactly the same time as "Truro", as was "Tavistock". The extreme northern end of the shed which we turned into a chaff shed and stable (in the days of the horse teams) may not still be standing. Or is it? If still there you may note that to seal the floor for chaff, we had pine strips cut to fit between the sheep gratings. These strips were easy to obtain as in the late 1920's we had a pine saw mill set up near the dam down the hill from the house. This mill was run by Mr Jack Taylor who died while his mill was there. The reason for having the mill in was to use the timber while it had some value as most trees were getting past maturity.

I shall try to locate a picture of the shed for you, Max, but am not very hopeful of success. Most of the dam sinking done in the early days of "Truro" and which you probably have enlarged was done by a contractor named

Jack Allen with his men and horse teams. He also did some of the work on "Rainbow" during the early years until my uncle got some buildings up and Ellis' father (Alan Jelbart) was ready to take over the management.

I trust that what I have said will at least give you some idea of the early history and establishment of "Truro".

It is possible that I shall be paying Ellis and his mother a visit in the near future in which case, if time permits, I shall say "hello" to you for a brief call.

I must call your father and mother, too, as they are not far from here where I now live. All the best for your future.

Yours faithfully
Everett Jelbart.

Gordon Hogg took over "Truro" in 1947, after his brothers stopped share-farming at "Wallandool", Gordon's father-in-law went guarantor. The first year of farming (1948) that he took over was a severe drought, with the banks wanting to take over. Gordon managed to convince the banks to let him keep going, and within 3 years "Truro" was paid for.

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

Transcribed and researched by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

2024

Well, 2024 is nearly 'done and dusted', and the Pleasant Hills District is beginning to see some slow changes. Even though we saw one unoccupied building go 'up in smoke', there are a few new dwellings beginning to appear; not to mention significant additions and renovations to others.

A new park, tennis court refurbishments and a new display building opposite the pub just to name a few finished attractions. Not to mention some other works that are in the pipeline. Like last year, there are several 'new faces' being seen around the village and though we have lost a few familiar faces, the population seems to be 'on the up' and predicted to grow. Considering that around 20 years ago there was a "For Sale" in the pub where some lucky punter could have bought 5 building blocks for \$1000. Although not reflected in the Official Government Land Values, you would be surprised to hear what some land sold in The Village recently has fetched. Although nowhere near 'Big City' prices, people are generally happy to pay the extra to live here.

The wildlife numbers seem to be holding their own but remember that it's trees and shrubs that support their survival and trees don't live for ever. So, whether you live in town or a rural setting, plant some trees when you can and you will be rewarded in the long run. It doesn't take long to build up a small forest.

Speaking of wildlife, there aren't many places to live other than The Hills, where you may see; wallabies, kangaroos, echidna, possums, antechinus, bats, frogs, goannas, tortoise, butterflies, a variety of birds too many to mention, and yes, brown snakes, when you step out the back door. Well, it is the country, and brown snakes are a part of our community; we just have to learn how to live with them. If you don't like them, move to the city. This one, (photo) soon became aware of my presence but still stayed around the same area for most of the day. Staying a good distance away, I was able to frequently photograph him (Thank goodness for

zoom lenses). He eventually moved on and hasn't returned since, but I am also always aware of him and his friends' presence. If he was closer to the house I might have reacted differently.

The herons have returned to the same nest and looks like they are breeding, but up to now I have not been able to photograph any young. I am confident that I will achieve this fairly soon as they are not disturbed by my being nearby.

Yes, we are surely privileged living in a place with so much to offer. And as they often say in the movies; "Don't tell anybody about it, let's just keep it to ourselves".

And on that note: "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New year" to all.

Oh, I nearly forgot; Congratulation to Sharpie on his gaining of the "top job" in the Shire.

Let the progress continue.

Bob Marshall.



A Matter of Time.

A Poem by Trudy Smith.

When once I was asked what
vocation I do,
I had to pause for a moment or
two.

"Semi-retired" was my banter
feeling rather amused
Perhaps at that time I was
somewhat confused.

"Never a dull moment" is a
favourite saying of mine
There's no shortage of ways of
spending one's time.
"Time is of the essence" other
people will say
I've a long list of jobs that I'd like
done today.

There are clothes I should wash
and trousers to mend,
Some bills to be paid and mail I
should send.
The garden needs weeding and the
mower won't start,
It probably will when we get that
new part.

The dust layer gets thicker as the
vacuum lies still,
The dog needs a bath and his all-
worming pill.
But while I procrastinate and
bemoan lack of time,
To be perfectly honest it suits me
just fine.

For a few days each week I enjoy
my paid work,
While gainfully employed its home
duties I shirk.
I'd much rather be reading or
riding my bike,

And thinking up ideas for new
poems to write.

Some spend their time serving on
committees and boards
The community benefits and we all
reap rewards.
Others will sacrifice for the sake of
their sport,
Much time is spent training and
new skills will be taught.

For those who learn music time's
not always your friend,
Daily practice and rehearsal take
long weeks on end.
Hours well spent when learning
something that's new
The opportunity for knowledge and
most worthwhile to do.

But when I reflect on which pieces
are missed
It's family and friends that are top
of the list.
So, I'll use my time wisely and
prioritise with care
Because spare time tomorrow will
not always be there.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Chicken and Chorizo Skewers



Ingredients:

- 8 (about 600g) chicken thigh fillets, cut into 2cm pieces
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 red capsicum
- 1 green capsicum
- 1 onion, halved then quartered
- 2 teaspoons ground oregano
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 4 chorizo sausages, thinly sliced diagonally
- Crusty bread rolls, split, to serve
- Mixed salad leaves, to serve
- 1 bottle Ranch dressing (or mayonnaise)

Method:

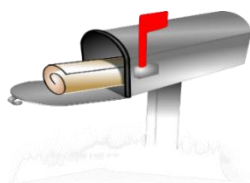
- Combine chicken, oil, garlic, oregano, paprika, lemon juice and sugar in a bowl. Place in the fridge for 2 hours to marinate.
- Evenly thread the chicken, alternating with chorizo, capsicum and onion among the skewers.
- Heat a char-grill pan or barbecue on high. Add the skewers and cook, turning, for 6-8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with bread rolls mixed salad leaves, and a squeeze of Ranch dressing, if desired.

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

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
February	
1 st February	Trevor Terlich
8 th February	Corey Beckett
15 th February	David Male
22 nd February	Rex Lieschke



Newsletter

Many thanks to all our contributors, as without your contributions we would have no newsletter to read. Please continue sending them in by the last Friday of the month to phnewsgroup@gmail.com

Our newsletters are now free thanks to Henty Bendigo Bank, but cost \$17 per year if you need them posted to you. If so, please give your postage cost to Virginia Clancy. If you now have access to emails, a digital copy can be sent to you. If you would like to join our email subscribers, please send your address to phnewsgroup@gmail.com



Diary of Events

December:

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

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

Wednesday 11th December
Pleasant Hills Preschool
Concert

Thursday 12th December
Mobil Library 1035 - 1135

Saturday 14th December
Patchwork Group

Monday 16th December
PHPS Presentation Night 6pm

Wednesday 18th December
PHPS Students last day

Friday 20th December
Community Hotel Christmas
Party

Monday 23rd December
Lutheran Church Christmas
Service.

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day 😊

Thursday 26th December
Boxing Day

January

Thursday 9th January
Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40

Saturday 18th January
Patchwork meeting

Thursday 23rd January
Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40

Sunday 26th January
Australia Day Awards

Monday 27th January
Public Holiday

Friday 31st January
PHPS Staff return.

February

Thursday 6th February
PHPS First day Term 1 students
return.