

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our Christmas break-up was held at Kay and Peter Dean's home at Morven, and the weather was kind, making it a very enjoyable time of fellowship and friendship finishing with a delicious lunch.



We held our last Land Cookery for the year, the results were – Light Fruit Cake, 1st Margaret Hasler, 2nd Lyn Jacobsen, 3rd Lyn Lieschke: Plum Pudding, 1st Lyn Jacobsen: Microwave Strawberry Jam equal first, Margaret Hasler and Lyn Lieschke: Tomato Jam, 1st Margaret Hasler. We hope everyone had a nice break, and now it's back to reality and the start of a new year.

We are welcoming some new members to our Branch, which is very exciting.

It is our turn to donate the raffle for the Group Council Meeting, which is being held at Uranquinty on Monday, 24th February and Nett has offered to mosaic a mirror for this purpose. We have been asked to cater for a morning tea at Bunnings at the end of January, and plans are in hand.

Henty Show is being held on Saturday the 8th February, and we are looking for items for our entry which, please note has to be submitted early. Anyone who has been busy over the break and has made a suitable item, can you please contact Lyn on 0428690222. We also have the Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day

coming up next month, so we are encouraging our crafty ladies to get busy.

Incidentally, McKenzie's Foods have some great free e-books available to download – I checked them out because there was one on the many uses of Bi-Carb Soda (very interesting) however there are many more if you're interested. The website is www.mckenziefoods.com.au/ebooks We were very excited on Australia Day that at the Greater Hume Shire Celebrations, our Life member, Narelle Morey and her son Jason were given a special Community Recognition Award from the Henty community as a thank you to them and Narelle's parents, Les and Mary Dale beforehand for the contribution that Dales IGA have made to Henty over the past 72 years! So well deserved!

We wish both Margaret Hasler and Eunice McRae a speedy recovery as they have both been on the sick list.

Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 12th February at 10.30am at the Albury Commercial Club, and we look forward to having some new ladies join us. Everyone is most welcome, whether you're interested in crafts, cooking, international work, the environment or whether you just want some different company, we'd love you to join us! Any enquiries, please call Lyn 0428690222.



Lamington Cake made by Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The new year has arrived with a lot of sadness with the passing of the beloved Bob Jacobsen. Living much of his lifetime at Pleasant Hills and being an active volunteer in the township with many organisations including the Community Pub. Whether it be working behind the bar, a committee member, helping at working bees, getting supplies and the very important job of counting and banking the pub takings with Margie for so many years. Our sincere sympathies go out to Margie and the extended family at this difficult time.

The pub has some new shirts available to purchase displaying the new logo and a new maroon colour.



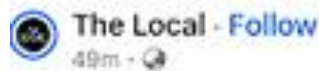
Pub has been busy with good crowds most weekends especially the Christmas Party and the day of the Vintage Harvest Day at Kerry Pietsch's.

The National Farmers is hosting their AGM meeting at the pub on Friday 7th February. The pub is having a 25th Birthday Celebration on Saturday 8th March with Wobbly Boot playing out the front of the pub with the road being closed to allow plenty of room for dancing, food vans. A chance for all to enjoy.

The next drum muster is supposed to be scheduled for Monday 17th March but unless the compound is emptied before then it's going to be a little difficult to host one. There is only so many times that I can hound them.

Would like to wish you all the best for 2025.

Suzanne Forck.



Pub of the Day (Decade) - Pleasant Hills Community Hotel, Pleasant Hills, NSW
STILL VERY MUCH OPEN!

The Pleasant Hills Community Hotel in Lockhart, New South Wales has a history of being a community-owned hotel, and a focal point for the local community.

Built between 1917 and 1918, the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel was the first community-owned hotel in New South Wales.

In 1999, the hotel license was sold and the hotel closed.

The community raised money to buy the hotel and reopen it in 2000. The community established the first Community Licence in New South Wales to reopen the hotel.

The hotel is now a post office, small general store, and accommodation for small groups. On weekdays, it sells groceries, ice cream, milk, and hot food. On weekends, it serves cold drinks and takeaway food like fish and chips and hamburgers. On Sundays, the Community Association caters for functions with country cooking.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel, as viewed by The Local, on Facebook, 2nd January 2025.



School News and Reviews



We welcome back our students this week on Thursday 4th February. Staff have had 4 Staff Development days to get ready for the year ahead.

Next week on Friday 14th February we look forward to our annual Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival at the Lockhart Pool. More details will be sent to parents in regard to the cost of entering the pool and if a canteen is available on the day.

We also welcome our new Scripture teacher, Claire Lawson. She will commence her scripture lessons on Friday 21st February.

We have a very busy year ahead and look forward to another great year in 2025.

A Mother's 1st Day of School Prayer

*I wonder what you're doing now,
And if everyone is treating you kind.
I hope that there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.*

*I wonder if the teacher knows
Just how special you are to me.
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something she can see.*

*I wonder if you are thinking about me,
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice
And how you give my leg a tug.*

*I wonder if you could possibly understand
How hard it is for me to let you grow
On this day know that my heart breaks
For this is the first step in letting you go.*

Pleasant Hills Pre School



Pleasant Hills preschool starts back on Tuesday 4th February.

There is now a shade sail over the sandpit to allow for more playtime in the warmer months. Thank you to Mia (director) and Jarrod for working hard to add the new sand for the sandpit. The kids will be so excited to play in it.

Frances Terlich.



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 21st Birthday to Melanie Fischer for the 16th February.

Belated Birthdays:

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

(Apologies for wishing Andrew a Happy 40th Birthday in the last Newsletter for December).

Well done:

Well done to our local singers Maeve and Isabelle for participating in the Henty Carols by Candlelight in December 2024. A very enjoyable evening.



Speedy Recovery:

Wishing Barry Terlich a speedy recovery following recent elective surgery.

Condolences:

Condolences to Fiona and Corey Beckett and family on the recent passing of Fiona's Aunty, Beryl Anderson from Melbourne.

Condolences to Bruna Terlich and family on the passing of her brother Joe, on the 14th December, aged 63 years old.

Condolences to Margie Jacobsen and family on the passing of Bob Jacobsen. Bob was a much-respected member of the Pleasant Hills community.

Condolences to Rob Holyoake and family on the recent passing of Rob's brother John.



Harvest day



Congratulations to Kerry Pietsch for a very successful Warrangong Vintage Harvest Day on the 11th January with over 1100 people traveling from all over Australia to see vintage harvesting machines in action.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

December meeting:



What a lovely way to finish 2024 Patchwork at Pleasant Hills with our stitching friends. There was plenty of fun with a Trivia Challenge, Blindfolded Needle Threading, Fastest Button Sewer and Coin toss for Secret Santa, Banquet of yummy food and of course Show and Tell.

A trading table was suggested and accepted as well, so if you have surplus of anything and would like to sell or give away bring it along but be prepared to take it back home if not sold or taken. Bring extra money with you each month now in case you see something you want to buy; you won't know what's there until the day.

January meeting:



Our January meeting saw 17 ladies attend where many participated in the mystery quilt which involved using half square triangles to create different patterns, as can be seen in the collage above.

The trading table was very popular with new and second-hand fabric, jelly rolls, lace, sewing notions and supplies, and even excess fruit and vegetables from our gardens.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 15th February and is a UFO day. Bring your unfinished projects, sewing requisites and sewing machine, along with your lunch, \$6 cash for hall hire and if you have anything for the trade table bring it along also.

Don't forget Henty Show is on Saturday 8th February, so if you have anything to enter in the show that would be great. Entries need to be registered and paid for by Friday 7th February, and need to be at the Pavilion by 8am Saturday 8th February for judging.

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Tennis Club

The Pleasant Hills Tennis Club is saddened by the passing of Life member, Bob Jacobsen. He was so loved by all & did so much for the club over many years. Our sympathy to Margie & the Jacobsen & Willis families on their loss.

Work commenced on the two top courts this week so it will be wonderful when they're done. We're very thankful to the Lockhart Shire for this project.

We played there on the 1st Feb without a fence one end, so luckily, two young energetic fellows from Burrumbuttock, were our ball boys all afternoon!! We all really appreciated it on a hot afternoon!

So sec 3a remains undefeated, sitting on top of the ladder, after defeating Burrum (2nd place) today by 5 games. Great tennis all day. We've been fortunate to have two new recruits this year; Sally, Courtney's sister, & Shoney (née Cocking). Both have been showing great form. We also welcome back Sam Terlich, to the club. We're lucky to have Tom Janetzki returning for 9 weeks of coaching, commencing Friday, 14 Feb. Please call him on 0493 378 213 if you're interested.

Carol Smith.



Wise Words for 2025:

"Don't prioritise your looks my friend, as they won't last the journey.

Your sense of humor though, will only get better with age.

Your intuition will grow and expand like a majestic cloak of wisdom.

Your ability to choose your battles, will be fine-tuned to perfection.

Your capacity for stillness, for living in the moment, will blossom.

Your desire to live each and every moment will transcend all other wants.

Your instinct for knowing what (and who) is worth your time, will grow and flourish like ivy on a castle wall.

Don't prioritise your looks my friend,

They will change forevermore, that pursuit is one of much sadness and disappointment.

Prioritise the uniqueness that make you you, and the invisible magnet that draws in other like-minded souls to dance in your orbit.

These are the things which will only get better."

Judi Dench.

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.

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.

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

At times I think to myself,
"Drop the book and get stuff done!"
Then, I laugh and turn the page.



Australia Day Celebrations:



Australia Day Congratulations:

Congratulations to Narelle Morey and Jason Morey, Carol Smith, Ellis Jelbart, Osbourne Netball Club – C-Reserve team, and Osbourne Football Club – Senior Football team for your Australia Day awards.

Well Done 😊

Congratulations also to former Pleasant Hills member Neville Kschenka (Mayor of Narrandera) for receiving an OAM on Australia Day.



Summer Cycle.

A Poem by Trudy Smith.

Despite the very warm weather it
is time for a ride
Through the veil of the canopy a
cyclist can glide
Always best to leave early before
the day gets too hot
One can always rest briefly in a
safe and cool spot.

I startled a red fox, and he didn't
look back
Running up through the paddock
then across to the track.
A flock of superb parrots sat high
up in the trees
Their emerald foliage camouflaged
by the leaves.

As the horizon grows hazy and
the cicada wings hum.
Drying dams become tepid from
the bite of the sun.
Sheep gather in circles under
plants bearing shade
Watched closely by wildlife -
refugees in the glade.

While pondering pastures that are
devoid of green grass
I pull over to let several grain
trucks go past.
With luck all the farmers will have
a high yielding crop

And reap the rewards from hard
work round the clock.

I peddle on further and then
suddenly I brake
I've mistaken a brown piece of
bark for a snake!
With a heart beating like thunder
I see clouds start to form
Let's hope we get some decent
rain from this storm.

The humidity is rising so best to
head home
But not before taking some shots
on my phone.
To capture the moment, and
timely I think
To seek out some shelter and a
nice long cold drink.



Hills History

“Merridong” Pleasant Hills



The land was bought by Frederick Herman Haberecht in 1894. In 1895 bricks and other building materials were purchased for the house which became the first private residence to be built in Pleasant Hills. The original kitchen was separate from the main building.



“Merridong” was first the home of Fred Haberecht and his wife Jessie. Fred was the blacksmith in Pleasant Hills for many years. His blacksmith shop was opposite where the Pleasant Hills Hall is now. Jessie continued living in the house after the passing of Fred in 1930. Jessie moved to Henty to live with her daughter at the age of 96.

The next residents I could find as living at “Merridong” in 1936 was Mr and Mrs J. Bunyan. And in 1949 the residents were Mr and Mrs S. Klemke.

After this time, I am unsure who the residents were. Maybe someone can fill in the gaps.

Source: Under the Fig Tree – book and the historic marker on “Merridong” front fence.

On arriving at school one morning, Mr Penny informed us that all the pupils had received an invitation to visit the home of Mr Haberecht, to see a new wonder that had arrived in town.

We had heard of wireless transmissions, but now we were going to actually hear a direct broadcast. ‘3LO’ was a new radio station in Melbourne that were doing test broadcasts and perhaps, if the conditions were right, we would be able to hear it.

After a short walk, all the school children crowded into the Haberecht’s living room. On the tabletop was a cabinet, at first, I thought it was an Edison Phonograph. But on closer inspection I noticed it had no funnel or horn to amplify the sound, instead there were a lot of wires. Two of these led down under the table where they were connected to a car battery and another, the aerial wire, went out the window and spanned two posts that must have been twenty feet high and fifty feet apart.

On the front of the box were several knobs and Roy Haberecht (Fred’s son) was busily twisting them while intensely listening through a pair of headphones. Another pair of phones resided on the table and when he was apparently satisfied that he was tuned in, these were placed on the ears of two children.

Of course, no noise was heard by the rest of us, by the expressions on the faces of those listening changed to interest – with intermittent frowning. Finally, my turn came and I donned the headphones. At first, I heard nothing, then I detected a weak sound that resembled a violin or a woman singing. It was so heavily charged with static, I also began to frown in frustration. As far as I was concerned, I could live without radio broadcasting.

Source: The Pepper Trees on Ryan Street – by Paul Knie – book.

Researched by Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

HANDS UP!

One insect that are often overlooked in the garden are the ‘Robber Flies’. I know that I have often dismissed them as a form of dragonfly or the noise coming from a large blowfly. This is not correct and the noise is possibly the loudest one will hear from the insect world, which if followed, makes the Robber Fly an easy insect to study.

“Robber flies (family Asilidae) also known as assassin flies, are strong, fast-flying insects that feed on other insects. They ambush other insects, often other flies, in the air. To achieve this they have powerful legs, covered sharp spines to grasp their prey. Once they have captured their prey, they inject poisons into the animal to subdue and then they secrete enzymes into the captured victim to help them digest their meal. These enzymes break down the body tissues into a semi-liquid substance, which the fly sucks out leaving only the exoskeleton of the prey remaining. This method of feeding is very similar to that of predatory spiders (such as wolf spiders and jumping spiders).

“Robber flies usually inhabit open woodland and so they would find many parts of cities where there are trees near open and grassy land (such as parks, creek and river banks). Gardens with trees and flowers, which attract a range of insects that the flies can feed on, are especially suitable environments for them.

“Robber flies often lay their eggs on the seed stalks of grasses, and the maggots develop in the soil or in rotting material, feeding on the maggots of other insects”. (Backyard Insects by Paul Horne

and Dennis Crawford) Truly a predatory insect.

Robber flies also come in a giant variety (*Blepharotes splendidissimus*) which can capture cicadas, beetles and even dragonflies. They often mimic wasps in their colouring and movement.

Like wolf and jumping spiders they are curious about humans and often will land on bare arms and legs, but I have never heard of a human being bitten by one. This includes wolf and jumping spiders. But the fact that they all can inject poison makes me a little wary of them. I tend to treat them like I would bees; gently brushing them away.

Yes, the Robber flies are truly a remarkable and unique insect, and my next project is to observe one capture another insect in flight. I think that may be harder than it seems; but you never know.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Pasta salad with haloumi and lemon



Ingredients:

- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- 1 x 250g punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
- 55g (1/3 cup) pitted black olives
- 1 zucchini, ends trimmed, coarsely grated
- 1/2 cup firmly packed torn fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh continental parsley
- 250g Spaghetti (or noodles of choice)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, extra
- 1 x 250g haloumi, cut crossways into 8 slices

Method:

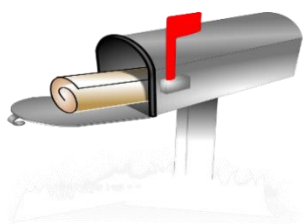
- Whisk the oil, vinegar and lemon rind in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper.
- Combine the tomato, olives, zucchini, basil and parsley in a bowl.
- Cook pasta in a large saucepan of lightly salted boiling water following packet directions or until al dente. Drain and return to the pan.
- Meanwhile, heat extra oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook haloumi for 2 minutes each side or until golden and heated through.
- Add oil mixture and tomato mixture to pasta. Toss until well combined. Divide among serving bowls. Top with haloumi.

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

February	
1 st February	Trevor Terlich
8 th February	Corey Beckett
15 th February	David Male
22 nd February	Rex Lieschke
March	
1 st March	Wayne Scholz
8 th March	Barry Terlich
15 th March	Hugh Clancy
22 nd March	Oriel Ridge
29 th March	Rick Clancy
April	
5 th April	Trevor Terlich
12 th April	Corey Beckett
19 th April	David Male
26 th April	Rex Lieschke



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

February

Tuesday 4th February

Preschool Term 1 starts.

Thursday 6th February

PHPS First day Term 1 students return.

Thursday 6th February

Mobile Library 10:35 – 11:35

Saturday 8th February

Henty Show

Wednesday 12th February

CWA meeting Commercial Club Albury 10:30

Friday 14th February

St Valentine's Day 

Friday 14th February

Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival at Lockhart

Saturday 15th February

Patchwork Group meet

Thursday 20th February

Mobile Library 10:35 – 11:35

March

Save the date:

Saturday 8th March

Pub 25th birthday party.

