

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our monthly meeting was a very busy meeting, which was held in Henty, where we were delighted to welcome new members and visitors, making it our biggest attendance at a meeting for several years.

We had a number of presentations for some very surprised members. Margaret Hasler was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the Country Women's Association, in particular, our Pleasant Hills Branch. Among other things, she is our chief jam spreader at Street Stalls.



Heather Barrett and Heather Edwards, both former Henty Evening members were presented with their CWA Fifty Year Membership badges and certificates, whilst Nett Maloney accepted a Scholarship Certificate from Phillip Group for her grandson, Flynn who had been awarded \$350 towards school expenses.

We had Guest Speakers Stephanie and Sharon from Bendigo Bank in Henty come and give us a very informative talk on Scams, something that we all need to be aware of.

In view of the recent bushfires in Victoria and the floods in Queensland, members decided to donate \$500 to both Blazeaid and the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund.

Care South is the Riverina Group Project this year - it is a Not-for-Profit Organisation operating out

of Wagga Wagga, and we had a Guest Speaker talk to Group Council explaining their needs. Items were finalised for the Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day which is being held on Saturday.

The Group International day will be held at Galore on Monday, 31st March.

An order for some items we need from Head Office was sorted for delivery at State Conference in Wagga in May.

We are holding another Bunnings Cake & Scone Stall on Friday 4th April, so if anyone is able to help with goods to sell etc it would be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held at the Commercial Club in Albury on Wednesday, 9th April, commencing at 10.30am.

As a footnote, our Branch did very well at the Riverina Group Handicraft & Land Cookery Day, which was held at Collingullie on a very hot day. In the Handicrafts, Galore came first with our Branch coming second in the Group competition, whilst Carol's piece of Assisi Work won first prize in the Chairperson's Award and has gone on to State Finals and Junior Member Jessica Maloney won the Junior Craft Award with a Wall hanging which has also gone on to State Finals.

In the Land Cookery Group Competition there was a record number of 111 entries, where Pleasant Hills again came second overall with Oura Branch winning first place.



However, we were thrilled that all 5 junior cooks won prizes – Natalie Hasler won 3rd prize with her Chocolate Cake in the under 18 section, whilst in the Packet Cake, Lachlan Barker got 2nd and Samantha Terlich got 3rd and in the Decorated Patty Cakes, 2nd prize was awarded to James Terlich with Connor Barker coming 3rd.



In the Open Section, Margaret won two firsts, with Kay & Lyn J also winning a first prize each and numerous second and third prizes. Congratulations to all our contestants in both sections, we are a smaller branch than many of the others, so well done to all!

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

What a night we had for the 25th Birthday as a Community Pub. Plenty of people, good food, great music. We would like to thank the crew from Billabong Crows manning the bar and BBQ to give many of our volunteers a night off so we could enjoy the night.



The renovation on the accommodation rooms has begun with them all getting a fresh coat of paint. We would like to thank the people from Frontier Services for their time in completing this task and for Fiona Beckett in organising the paint and Dales Hardware for supplying some other products required to complete the task. Next on the list is to get some new beds.



Peter Sharp with Therese Clancy and her team from Frontier Services.

Would like to thank the Henty Community Bank on the donation of \$35000 to go towards updating the kitchen. Going towards a new dishwasher, stove, couple of fryers, more energy efficient freezers and a glass double door fridge.

Suzanne Forck.



School News and Reviews



TENNIS

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind all parents and students that the tennis lessons will conclude on Wednesday of Week 10. Thank you to Brock for his expertise and Sporting Schools funding.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

The students enjoyed an initiative that aims to educate students about the importance of caring for pets and understanding their needs and promoting responsible behaviour towards animals.



Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program

HARMONY DAY

Our Greater Kengal Harmony Day celebration was a wonderful success! Students from all grades participated enthusiastically, embracing the spirit of inclusiveness and cultural diversity.



Harmony Day Celebrations at Yerong Creek Public School

SCHOOL BYTES CALENDAR

The calendar has been updated with known dates of events and sporting carnivals for 2025. Please note this may be subject to change.

REROCK – THE KING AND QUEEN OF GREEN PERFORMANCE

The students are looking forward to Rerock visiting our school on Thursday 7th April to see their performance

CROSS COUNTRY

The Greater Kengal Cross Country will be held here at Pleasant Hills Public School on the last day of term. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in a fun and competitive environment. The P & C will be hosting a BBQ.

Sausage in bread - \$3.00

FruitBox - \$1.50

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and run the BBQ, as well as supervise the track during the event. Your support is crucial to making this day successful and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



The preschool now has a shade sail over the top of the sandpit and this has made outside play sun safe and much more enjoyable for all involved.

The children have been engaging in many fine motor skill activities including: use of scissors, beading, drawing, painting, matching, craft.

Outdoor Activities are always popular, and the children have been helping the teachers to make sure the garden is looked after and this area has been given a makeover.

Below is an image of the Preschool 50th celebrations photo book I have made up. If people would like to put an order in to buy one, they are \$30.

Message Frances on 0400347602

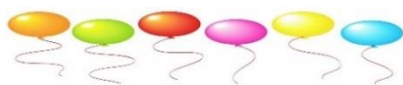
Frances Terlich.



Congratulations:



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 50th Birthday to Dennis
Clancy for the 20th April.

Happy 25th Birthday to the Pleasant
Hills Community Hotel.

Condolences:

Condolences to Fiona and Corey
Beckett on the recent passing of
Fiona's godmother, Melva Fraunfelder.

Melva enjoyed coming to Pleasant Hills
for Lunch Under the Veranda.

Congratulations to Narelle Morey for winning
the Vince Camera Award. This award
recognises the store / team manager who
demonstrates outstanding leadership, skills
and dedication to their people and the IGA
brand. Someone who continues to go over and
above, in all areas of retail and community
involvement.

Well Done, Narelle!

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Tennis Club

Well, it was an exciting end to our competitive season!

We finished the rounds on top of the ladder with one loss. We faced Howlong in the 2nd semi at home & lost by one game!! We then faced Burrumbuttock in the prelim final at Culcairn. Another nail biter, 8 sets all & we lost by one game !! So close! Whilst that hurt, we had a great season with good tennis being played & most of all, had fun along the way. We've enjoyed playing on our new courts & look forward to the completion of the next two. We have new shirts which look good & we thank all our new sponsors for supporting us - please support them.

Tom's coaching will continue until the end of the school term with 11 children receiving coaching. Thanks Tom.

For next season, we hope to have at least one children's team back playing so please keep that in mind if you know anyone interested. We had quite a few players (both men & women) in our sec3 side, so if we could nab a few more players, we could have two adult sections which would still allow weeks off for players. Watch this space!

Carol Smith.



Hall

ANZAC Day at Pleasant Hills.

This year ANZAC Day, 25th April, is a Friday. The service will begin at 9am at the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

There will be a working bee at the Hall, 4pm Tuesday 22nd April, to get the Hall looking the best for ANZAC Day.

Remember: Many hands make light work.



Fire Brigade

The bush fire period finishes on the 31st March, but if you're burning off you have to notify fire control until further notice.

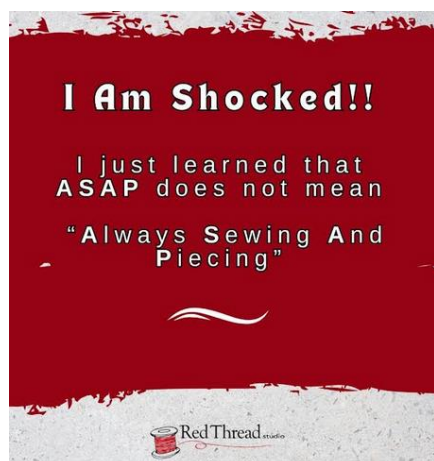
Grant Morey
Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade Captain.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Our March meeting was very busy with a fantastic number of people attending. We welcome newcomers to come and enjoy a day of creativity, as can be seen in the above collage, with many people attempting the Black Outlined String Block Pole Twist and others working on their own projects.

Our next meeting is Saturday 12th April – please note this is the second Saturday of the month, due to the following Saturday being Easter. It is a UFO day, so please bring your own project, sewing requirements, \$6 Hall hire and Lunch.



Wise Words for 2025:

42 Lessons in life to celebrate growing older.

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it..
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. Save for retirement starting with your first pay check.
9. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
11. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
12. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
13. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...
14. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
15. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
16. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
17. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
18. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
19. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
20. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
21. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

To be continued

Lessons 22 – 42 see the May edition 😊

Hills History

A visit to the Mundawaddera historic woolshed hosted by the Walla Walla Historical Society on the 3rd of March was well attended.

We met near where the original homestead stood, the Walla Walla Historical Society welcomed us and then gave a short talk on the Mundawaddera Station and the eventual splitting of the land.



Then we all travelled in quite a convoy to the Mundawaddera woolshed.



This is a very impressive shed, a reminder of how many sheep there were back in the day.

*Matt Klemke gave a bit of the history of the shearing shed, which he and Kerri now own. Matthew is the fourth generation to farm in the area. The station came into existence when a squatter, Charles Moore Edgehill, took up land between 1840-1845 with a record acreage of 63,000 acres. The first homestead was on the Mundawaddery creek but was flooded in 1910.

The first portion of the shearing shed was built in the 1880's by the Edgehills. This was a twenty-stand blade shed and is now the holding pens.

In 1894 HS Eldershaw became the manager for the Scottish Australian Investment Company who took ownership over the Edgehill's properties. Rumour has it they (not sure if she means Eldershaw or SAC) went into horse racing and went broke.

The second part of the woolshed was built in 1907, was designed by Eldershaw and built by Hardies of Wagga Wagga. Murray Pine from the station, was sourced for construction, and the overhead beams are made of Oregon Pine and were imported from England.

The wool scales are the original for the shed and were gifted to Charles Harold Semler, who later returned them to the shed. The current wool press is the same make as the original, and was purchased in Tamworth by Mr JF Semler, who pressed for the station.

This wool press was sourced after the original was used for firewood. In the 1960's the station became the last station to be broken up for WW2 soldier' settlers blocks.

When attempting to dismantle the woolshed, the task proved unsuccessful as the timber had been screwed together. Which is why the woolshed remains standing today.

In 1983 Sinclair's block was purchased by Lester and Beris Klemke and restoration was undertaken to repair the shed for the Henty Centenary.

JF Semler Senior was hired by the station to clear the land and to eradicate rabbits, his sons JF Semler (Big Fred) and CH (Harold) Semler share farmed the area. JF Semler purchased 400 acres from the station.

Afterwards his son Harold purchased an additional 750 acres. Harold in turn sold it to his son-in-law Lester, who passed the land to Matthew.

Compiled by: Fiona Beckett and a brief history () of the shearing shed by Matt Klemke.*

Our Backyard

NEW WORDS (2)

Here are some 'new terms' from the second half of the last century. Many stemming from the United States as its dominance escalated after the Second World War.

The top ten – (1958) The first 'top ten' of tunes or records at a particular time. The 'hit parade' in 1958 and the first 'top twenty' was recorded in 1959.

Breathalyser – (1960) A device for measuring the alcohol content of a breath sample.

Game show – (1961) A television light entertainment programme in which celebrities or members of the public compete in a game or quiz, often for prizes.

Paparazzo – (1961) A freelance photographer who pursues celebrities to take their pictures. The word comes from the press photographer in the Fellini film *'La Dolce Vita'* (1959) but has its roots way back to 1901 in George Gissing's travel book *By The Ionian Sea* in which a restaurant owner is called Coriolano Paparazzo. Mainly used in the plural form – **Paparazzi**.

Couch potato – (1979) Someone who spends leisure time passively or idly sitting around, especially watching television or videos.

Junk food – (1973) Food that appeals to popular (especially juvenile) taste but has little nutritional value.

Road rage – (1988) Violent anger caused by the stress and frustration of driving a motor vehicle. Similar to 'trolley rage', 'phone rage' and 'golf rage'.

Identity theft – (1991) The dishonest acquisition of personal information in order to perpetrate fraud, usually money.

Mullet – (1994) A hairstyle, worn especially by men, in which the hair is cut short at the front and sides and left long at the back. It was popularised by the US hip-hop group, The Beastie Boys.

Spam – (1994) To flood the internet with tedious or inane postings, especially sending the same message or advertisements to large numbers of newsgroups. It was based on the tinned-meat brand name **Spam** – (1937) and some have linked it with the *Monty Python* sketch where *Spam* appears with every item on a restaurant menu.

(from: A Century of New Words by John Ayto)

On reflection it seems that many of these words have been invented purely for our entertainment, but I guess that's the way society is heading.

Bob Marshall.



Keen to Clean

– a poem by Trudy Smith.

This thing we call housework; what does it
comprise?
The urge to clean up if the need does arise.
There are dishes on the bench top and more in
the sink
The bin has spilled over and it's starting to
stink!

It's time to get busy but where do you start
Pick a chore from the list or just follow your
heart
And the phone has just rung to announce
guests on the way
They are just passing through; could they call
in today?

The dirty clothes basket is now full to the top
The windows are grimy, and the floor needs a
mop.
You'll have to get ironing as you've nothing to
wear
And your trusty black pants are now white
with dog hair.

You start rifling through drawers that are
stuffed to the brim
And ruefully remember the lawn needs a trim.
It's not just the lawn, so too does your hair
No time to go shopping and the pantry is
bare.

So, throw on your tracksuit and pick up the
broom
Quickly sweep, dust and tidy the front sitting
room.
Dig out the good tea set that has matching
cups
And the tin still has biscuits, now that's a big
plus!

A knock at the front door and there standing
in line
Are some relatives you haven't seen for some
time
Apologies for short notice but while travelling
through

They can't come this way without calling on
you.
So, you put on the kettle and drink coffee and
tea
And catch up on milestones and memories with
glee.
And many hours later amidst all the goodbyes
Please don't be a stranger as you know how
time flies.

So, dust if you must, and please clean if you're
keen
But sometimes it's good to have a break from
routine.
The moral of this story, and this fact I
should stress
It's ok to have visitors when your house is a
mess.

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Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpa's home-made Chicken Stock

(better than shop bought)

Ingredients:

- 3 chicken carcasses (or leftover baked chicken with stuffing removed)
- 6 litres filtered water
- 1 leek, washed, roughly chopped
- 1 brown onion, unpeeled, quartered
- 2 large carrots, unpeeled, chopped
- 2 sticks celery (and leaves), chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 sprigs flat leaf parsley
- 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
- 3 whole cloves
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon pink rock salt



Method:

- Place ingredients in large slow cooker (or pot) with salt and cover with water. Cover with a lid, then bring to a boil on high heat for ½ hour.
- Reduce heat to low for six hours (or simmer in pot for four hrs). Skimming foam from surface with slotted spoon regularly.
- Remove chicken. Strain stock through a sieve into another large pot when cooled. Discard solids.
- Divide liquid between Chinese containers and freeze for future use.



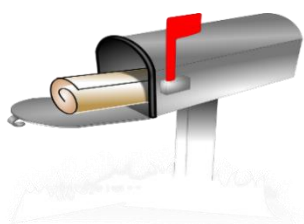
Note: Two containers full are sufficient to add to all kinds of your favourite soups, stews, and casserole recipes. Particularly good with my Chicken Risotto recipe.

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

April	
5 th April	Trevor Terlich
12 th April	Corey Beckett
19 th April	David Male
26 th April	Rex Lieschke
May	
3 rd May	Wayne Scholz
10 th May	Barry Terlich
17 th May	Hugh Clancy
24 th May	Oriel Ridge
31 st May	Rick Clancy
June	
7 th June	Trevor Terlich
14 th June	Corey Beckett
21 st June	David Male
28 th June	Rex Lieschke



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Tuesday 1st April
April Fool's Day
Wednesday 2nd April
PHPS Tennis Coaching
Thursday 3rd April
Mobile Library 10:35-11:35am
Sunday 6th April
Daylight saving ends
Wednesday 9th April
CWA meeting Commercial Club Albury 10:30am.
Friday 11th April
GK Cross Country at PHPS
Friday 11th April
Last day Term 1 PHPS
Saturday 12th April
Patchwork Group meet
Thursday 17th April
Mobile Library 10:35-11:35am
Friday 18th April
Good Friday
Saturday 19th April
Easter Saturday
Sunday 20th April
Easter Sunday
Monday 21st April
Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April
Working Bee at the Hall 4pm.
Friday 25th April
Anzac Ceremony 9am at the Hall. (Please bring a plate to share).
Friday 25th April
ANZAC Day
Wednesday 30th April
Students return PHPS Term 2

