

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

June 2025

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

We once again held our meeting in Henty and were pleased to see Margaret in attendance and to welcome Von Heald as a new member. We had a few apologies from members who are travelling – some overseas and some interstate!

A big thank you to Bendigo Bank Henty, who are going to sponsor our Tear Drop Banners and new Tablecloths. We are very grateful.

Our Branch is turning 90 next year, so we are investigating what we can put at the Hall in honour of this rather momentous occasion. Just to add another “biggy” to next year’s Calendar, the Riverina Group is turning 100, so a big year for us.

Our Branch has been asked to cater for a Biggest Morning Tea in Thurgoona at the end of May and we will be doing this as our donation to the Cancer Council.

The NSW State Disaster Relief Fund has given a further \$500,000.00 to Queensland for Flood Relief, making it \$600,000.00 for the year. The beauty of this is that every cent gets to the other end – no commissions are taken out of this money.

Our CWA State Conference was in Wagga Wagga in May, and our members were encouraged to visit it at some stage since it was so close and great to see. Carol and Lyn are on the State Conference Organising Committee and in charge of the MPStadium, where all the various Committees had their displays. We ran a Canteen there to cater for all the people involved with the displays and also the visitors to the Stadium.

Our next Meeting will be in Albury at the Commercial Club on the 11th June at 10.30am. All are welcome.

After Conference! Firstly, it was lovely to get a message from Heather Barrett in Chicago wishing us well. Conference was a great success in Wagga Wagga – Kay and Nett were our delegates, and congratulations to Kay on getting

third prize in the State Land Cookery competition with her Remembrance Biscuits!



The Conference was held at The Range, with all the displays at the Equex Centre (MPS). Although out of the City Centre, this event went very well. Carol and Lyn were at the MPS along with volunteers and were kept very busy in the canteen.



This was an interesting event to cater for as we had no idea who would support it, however it turned out to be very popular, and kept us all busy. It worked out really well having all the displays in the one area.

We were thrilled that many of our members took the opportunity to visit Wagga Wagga and take in part of the Conference and also visit the displays.



Regarding motions, there were over 40 regarding education, health, the environment, agriculture, transport and telecommunications, with some lively debates.

The Guest Speakers were great, very inspirational, with one speaker even moving most members to tears.

Pankind (Pancreatic Cancer Organisation) was the Medical Research Project for this year and a cheque for well over \$47,000 was given to the organisation at Conference. We are again supporting Pankind for the coming year.

It was a great finish to the Conference in this area with gentle soaking rain starting on the Wednesday night, although our hearts go out to those members who are going home to another lot of devastation – when they can get home!

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

What a busy month May has been for the pub. Sammy the Pizza Man came on the 10th May and was kept busy with a variety of different footy club supporters staying for a pizza and a few drinks. He will be back again on Saturday 2nd August.

The Mother's Day Lunch under the verandah was a great day with more than 90 people attending on a beautiful day.



We have another date locked in with a difference of hosting a twilight dinner under the verandah with this being cheese platters and dinner this is on

Sunday 17th August starting around 4pm, but further details to come closer to the date.

Ned's Ride called into the pub on Saturday 24th May with about 100 motorbikes around 12pm.



Pub AGM is going to be on Friday 1st August at 7.30pm. Looking for new committee members so please consider joining and bring some fresh ideas to the pub.

As we have been so busy in the last 12 months which means more volunteer hours and if we could get more people to help on the bar or in the kitchen this would spread the workload more around.

Date for next drum muster is Monday 16th June.

Suzanne Forck.

May Mother's Day luncheon



A heartfelt thank you to all our lovely guests who joined us under our beautiful verandahs to celebrate with a delicious two-course meal from

Embellish Catering. What a delightful afternoon it was, filled with love, laughter, and great company. Even a birthday or two were celebrated on the day.



A special thanks to Michelle Sharp for coordinating another beautiful luncheon, our amazing waiting and bar staff for their fantastic service, and our table decorators. The Pleasant Patch for the gorgeous fresh flowers and raffle donations – THANK YOU! We couldn't do it without you! Now let's enjoy a Twilight dinner on Sunday 17th August commencing 4pm – stay tuned 😊



Pleasant Hills Pre School



School News and Reviews



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our recent Biggest Morning Tea event. Thank you for your generous support and enthusiasm, we were able to raise \$268.60. A big thank you to our students for their initiative and creativity, and to the parents and staff who supported them. Their involvement helped create a lively atmosphere that truly highlighted the sense of community.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school will be attending the Greater Kengal Athletics Carnival on Friday 30 May due to rain last week. We will participate in our annual Athletics Carnival at the Lockhart Recreation Ground. Yerong Creek P & C will be catering.

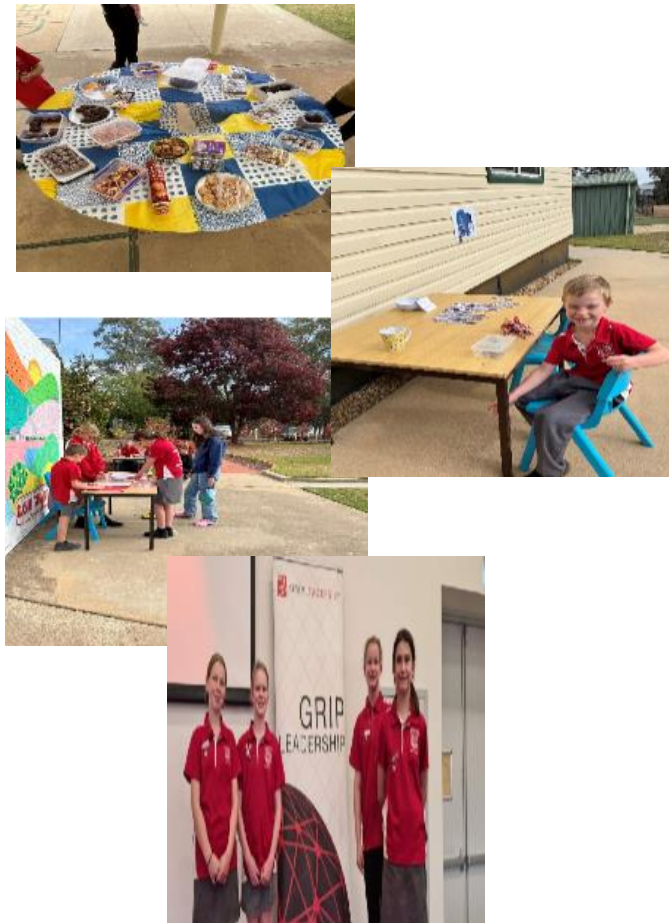
"RATBURGER" CIVIC THEATRE PRODUCTION

Our students will experience the magic of live theatre by attending "Ratburger" on Tuesday 3 June @ 1pm. This excursion offers a fantastic opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the world of performing arts. Permissions have been sent out via School Bytes.

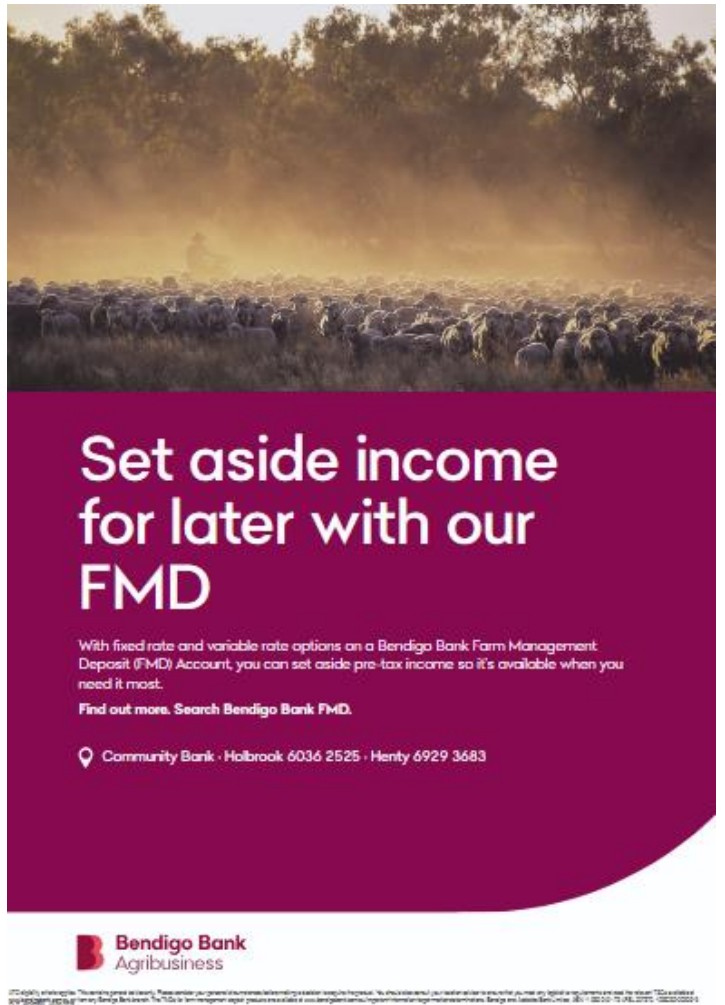
2025 RIVERINA PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Samantha Terlich who has qualified for the Riverina Cross Country at Gundagai on the 12th June. We wish her all the best.

If you would like a parent-teacher conference, please contact Mrs Baaten or Mrs Gleeson to arrange a time that is mutually suitable.



The AGM will be held Friday 20th June at 7 pm
at the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel.
All community members welcome to attend.
Grant Morey.



**collection day at
Pleasant Hills Tip will be:**

Monday, June 16th
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).

Hills Happenings

Speedy Recovery Wishes:

Wishing Ken Howard a speedy recovery after recent surgery.

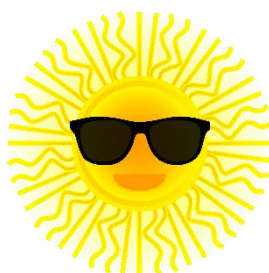
Condolences:

Condolences to Randon and Rhonda, Bianca, Helena, Casey and Melanie Fischer on the recent passing of Randon's brother Grant.



Saturday Paper pick-up

Saturday papers will be ready for pick up at the Henty PO / Newsagent from 8am so please do not arrive earlier than this.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Last month was a hive of activity with 12 ladies working on various projects, some giving the whirlwind block a try.

Our next Patchwork meeting, on Saturday 21st June, is a trip to Corowa and Howlong. We are visiting a couple of fabric shops and having a sit and hand sew at Whatever Where-ever Craft Patchwork shop in Howlong. For more information email phillspatchwork@gmail.com For those who would prefer to spend the day patchworking at Pleasant Hills Hall, remember to BYO your own meal requirements, sewing requisites, and \$6 hall hire fee.

Word of the month

“Apricity”

The feeling of being warmed by the sun on a winter's day is often described as “apricity”.

This term, derived from Latin, refers to the specific warmth and comfort that comes from basking in the sun, even during the cold winter months. It's a rare and precious word for a simple yet wonderful sensation.

Mathew Rush.

Hills History

Indian Hawkers

Indian Hawkers were quite numerous in the district in the years before and after 1910. They were seen driving around selling goods from covered wagons drawn by two horses. There were shelves built into the back of the van and on these they carried all their material and general drapery.

They called on farmers in the surrounding district at regular intervals and it must have been quite a help for families in isolated areas to be able to buy drapery and clothing in this way. The children were always very delighted when an Indian Hawker opened the back of his van, and they could see all the goods he had for sale.

The Indians who visited the district with horse drawn vans were Sanda Singh, Rutten Singh, Essa Singh, Rule Singh, and Mitta Singh. (NB Spelling of names is only approx.)

On one occasion Sommer Singh was coming along through a crop paddock with his load of goods and turban and box on his head where a farmer was stripping with his horse team. You can imagine how the horses would have got excited at seeing this strange figure, the farmer was just able to control his team and prevent them from bolting.

These travelling hawkers all sought permission to camp at certain farmers' places and arrive at these places as part of their routine.

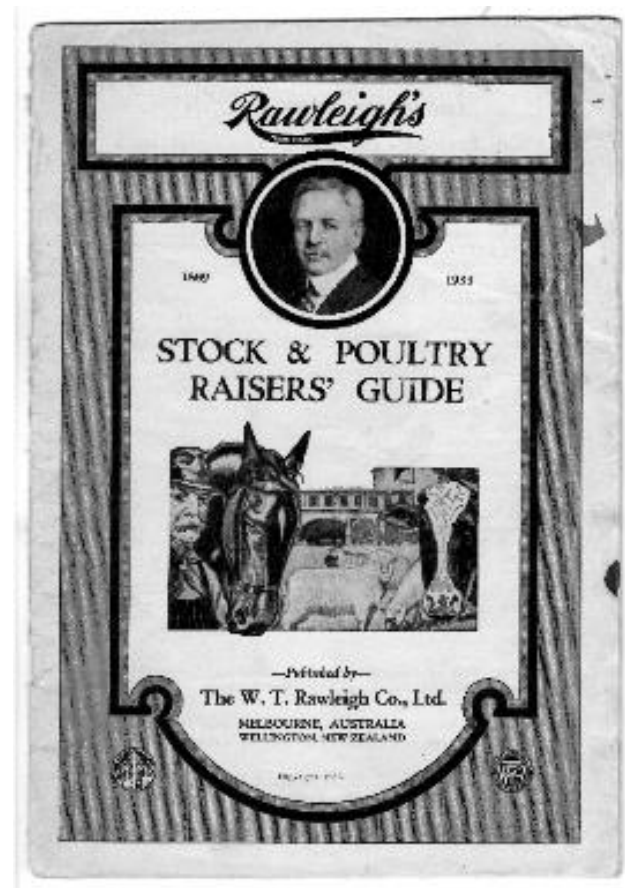
(Book: Walbundrie Riverina Crossroads – contributed by Mrs Elsie Wiesner, nee Seidel)

Urangeline East Primary School building.

Recently I found out that the school building from Urangeline East was relocated to be used as the Table Top School.

Rawleigh's

I came across this Rawleigh's Guide, which lists livestock health problems and how to use the Rawleigh's products to help.



Written and researched by Fiona Beckett.

A family of Friends.

A poem by Trudy Smith.

Having great friends and family is
simply the best
If you're in this position, then you
are truly blessed.
Your network surrounds you with
those you hold dear,
You can face all life's challenges
without any fear.

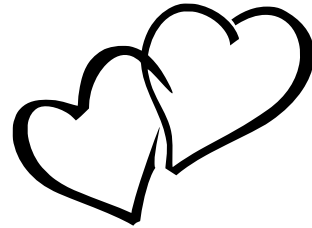
All friendships are special, and
some are unique
Some of our best pals have fur and
four feet
A good friend will be there when
emotions are raw,
And bring you your slippers when
your feet are too sore.

Some friends will live close by and
some care from a far
All friendships are valued wherever
they are.
There are those who send emails
and those who will call
And some will text daily at dawn
and night fall.

There are folk who are content
with more solo pursuits
They sit reading quietly while a cat
sleeps on their boots.
For those avid readers there are
friends on each page,
While others share secrets with a
pet bird in its cage.

Many cousins and siblings and
twins have a bond
Connected by affection and
especially fond
Such kinship is remarkable and
always good fun
To share life's adventures with
your very best chum.

So, let's celebrate our colleagues,
our comrades and mates
They know when to hug us and
when we need space
Through good times and bad times
or when you're just blue
Your friends and your family will
always be there for you.



Wise Words for 2025:

A TRUE FRIEND

Is rare to find, hard to lose,
Impossible to forget.
They may be miles away, but
They're always close at heart.

Author unknown.

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Our Backyard

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Where or how do we acquire our names? We get them from many different sources these days and maybe some are not good for us because we are stuck with them for life and sometimes (not often) can cause tension.

In traditional times they were often derived from physical surroundings around us at the time of birth. One of the earlier residents of Pleasant Hills was a man called Yarrandandi. A traditional word that probably meant Pretty Boy Born Under A Yarran Tree (Wiradjuri – Yarra/River red gum and dandi/male form of pretty. He lived with his wife just to the west of here about 100 years ago; or the more well known Barrang.garru (in Sydney) which literally means “flying magpie”.

Many of our western world names are derived from past relatives. For example, my Christian names come from my father and my grandfather and I'm sure many of you are named this way. Others are coined from slightly more humorous sources such as double names such as Peter Peters (Rugby League player) or Laurie Lawrence (Swim Coach) or past movie stars and sporting heroes (John Wayne or Garry Cooper). Quite often people have done this so their siblings can start up a conversation in life. Others though remind us of rhyming slang or clichés, and you have to be brave if you anoint your young sibling with one of those. Rod Evans gives comprehensive coverage (with State and Town in America) of such names including: Anna Rexia, April Showers, Barbie Dahl, Chris Cross, Ginger Snaps, Kitty Katt, Mary Me, Pearl E. Gates, Ray Gunn, Robin Banks, Rusty Hinge, Teddy Baer, Teresa Green and Helen Black. There are many others that are not printable and surely, they could not be conjured up by somebody or those with a stable mind.

So, it is worthwhile to always consult with some others before settling on the naming of new-borns. Things don't always work out as they do in the Johnny Cash song “A Boy Named Sue”.

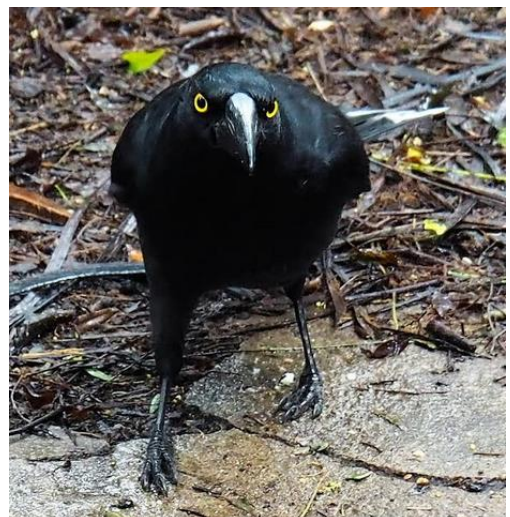
Which brings me to the reason of this article. One of the towns mentioned in Rod Evans' article was a place called “Pleasant Hill”. Now, Pleasant Hill is a suburb in the city of San Francisco and initial research has shown that it has a high Chinese population and has been there from around Gold Rush Times.

Most interesting.

(From: A First Wiradjuri Dictionary by Stan Grant Snr and Dr. John Rudder. Tyrannosaur Lex by Rod L. Evans, Ph.D.)

Vale: Pleasant Hills' long time winter resident is no longer with us. After a long flight down from its summer residence in the mountains, he could barely stand and couldn't fly. Although he still took food, he resisted capture and after a couple of days suddenly disappeared one morning; probably taken by a goanna or an eagle. I'm sure he visited many houses around 'The Hills' and will be surely missed. There are many though to take its place, so keep a little bread or meat scraps handy as there is little food about. My records show that it had been coming here in winter for at least the last 10 years.

Bob Marshall.



Charlie's Footy Column

Footy! Footy! Footy! Believe it or not we're over a third of the way through our Hume league season. In first grade, each game is getting more and more interesting. Osborne has come within 1 and 2 points against Holbrook and Lockhart both making it look like an exciting season ahead. Joel McRae was involved in a nail biting reserves game against Brock-Burrum in round 6. Luckily, he and the Giants got over the line by a point.

Now to the AFL, the Gold Coast Suns are staying in reach with top 2 showing that they are up for the fight this year. Mitchell Hamson's Adelaide are proving that they are in contention, the same with Hannah Kilo's Western Bulldogs and Hahny's Hawthorn. A team that is silently working away is Jesse Cheney's Geelong and Sigrid Clancy's Brisbane are still holding on after a loss and draw. Margie Jacobsen's Carlton is trying to climb their way up the ladder with wins to get them back in it. Bob will be happy up there with Collingwood thriving up the top.

Pleasant Hills Player Profile

Name:

Andrew Smith

Nickname:

Smudge

Hume Team:

Osborne

AFL Team:

North Melbourne

Favourite AFL Player:

Zak Butters

Favourite Footy Memories:

2024 Osborne Premiership

If you were to bring 3 people to the Pleasant Hills pub, who would they be?

Carl Barron, Mitch Marsh, Patty Dangerfield.

Charles Clancy.

Caitlin's Netball News

Wow, it's been quite a cracker of a start to the netball season in not only the Suncorp Super Netball but the Hume League with The Billabong Crows A grade girls at the top, very closely followed by Jindera, then in third the Osborne girls.

In the Suncorp League we have first place The Swifts who are undefeated, and right beneath them we have Sunshine Coast Lightning and West Coast Fever both with 4 wins and two losses.

Pleasant Hills Netball Player Profile:

Name/ Nickname:

Chloe Kuhne / Chlo

Club you play for:

Rand Walbundrie Walla
Giants

Position:

GA, WA

Suncorp Netball Team:

Giants!

Club Idol:

My club idol would have to be our president Chris Collins, his determination and dedication to our club is an absolute credit to him and everyone involved. Always a smile on his face!

Most annoying teammate and why:

Not a teammate but my coach Rhianna, always making me run more than I need to be.

Favorite Memory in your Netball Career:

My favorite memory would have to be playing with all the people I love, being able to have a season and finals of running around the court with Sue Trethowan, teaching me everything she knows and loves!

Good luck charm before a game:

Ham and salad roll, banana and apple juice is my go-to!

What do you like about the Pleasant Hills Community:

Everyone is very welcoming and happy to have a chat, always a good time at the Hills!!

Caitlin Hamson.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Vegetarian Lasagna

Ingredients:

- 800g butternut pumpkin, peeled, cut into 1cm-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 medium red capsicum, chopped
- 2 medium zucchini, halved, sliced
- 1 medium eggplant, chopped
- 200g button mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 400g can diced tomatoes with oregano and basil
- 80g baby spinach
- 30g butter
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 to 2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
- 125g dried lasagne pasta sheets

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Arrange pumpkin, in a single layer, on tray. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons oil. Bake for 20 minutes or until tender. Set aside.
- Heat remaining oil in a heavy-based frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushroom. Cook, stirring, for 10 minutes or until eggplant is just tender. Stir in tomato. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 10 minutes or until sauce has thickened.

Remove from heat. Stir in spinach. Cover. Set aside for 2 minutes or until spinach has wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

- Meanwhile, melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat until foaming. Add flour. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon, for 1 minute or until bubbling. Remove from heat. Gradually add milk, stirring to prevent lumps forming. Return pan to heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens. Remove pan from heat. Stir in half the cheese. Set aside.
- Lightly grease a 7cm-deep, 25cm (base) square baking dish. Spoon the onion mixture into dish. Arrange the pumpkin over onion mixture. Spread a little cheese over mixture. Place enough of the lasagne sheets to cover pumpkin, breaking sheets to fit. Repeat layers. Spoon sauce over top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 40 minutes or until golden and pasta tender. Stand for 10 minutes. Serve.

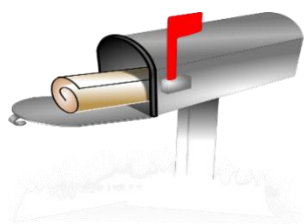


PAPER ROSTER

Please collect papers from the Henty Post Office / Newsagent, [from 8am](#) Saturday mornings. Can the papers be at Pleasant Hills by 10am.

HENTY

June	
7 th June	Trevor Terlich
14 th June	Corey Beckett
21 st June	David Male
28 th June	Rex Lieschke
July	
5 th July	Wayne Scholz
12 th July	Hugh Clancy
19 th July	Oriel Ridge
26 th July	Rick Clancy
August	
2 nd August	Trevor Terlich
9 th August	Corey Beckett
16 th August	David Male
23 rd August	Rex Lieschke
30 th August	Wayne Scholz



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

Sunday 1st June
Winter has arrived.

Monday 2nd June
PHPS P&C meeting 2pm

Monday 9th June
King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th June
CWA meeting Commercial Club Albury 1030am.

Thursday 12th June
Mobile Library 10:40-11:40am

Monday 16th June
DrumMUSTER

Friday 20th June
Fire Brigade AGM 7pm @ Pleasant Hills Hotel

Friday 20th June
PHPS – Naidoc Day at Boree Creek

Saturday 21st June
Patchwork Group

Saturday 21st June
Winter solstice

Thursday 26th June
Mobile Library 10:40-11:40am

