

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

This month we held our meeting in the Commercial Club in Albury, with a good number of

members present.

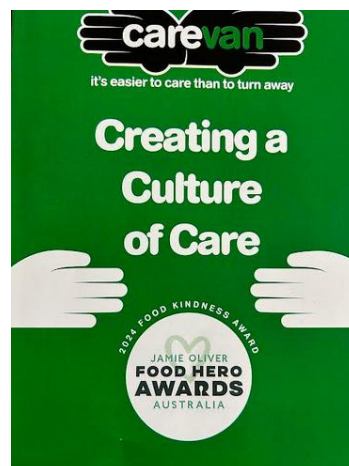
We do thank Lockhart Shire President, Peter Sharp for receiving our NSW Volunteer of the Year Team Award Certificate on our behalf at the Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Wagga last month when none of us were able to go.

Our Branch has been concerned about the Albury Base Hospital building situation, so I contacted Head Office about us writing a letter to the Minister and I spoke with the CWA Policy "person" who had ironically been listening to a debate in Parliament that morning about the Albury Base, so I sent him my information and he drafted a letter, got the approval from Danica Leys the CEO and it was duly signed by State President Tanya Jolly and sent through to Minister Park!

We have lots coming up – the Group Ag & Environment Day, Henty Field Days, The Rock Show, then the Albury Show which we're planning on entering this year, plus our Riverina Group Conference at Collingullie and our own AGM.

We received an invitation from Murray Group to attend their Land Cookery "How To.." Day with Ellice Schroeder on Saturday, 27th September which several members hope to attend.

Since our meeting was held in the middle of CWA Awareness Week, and this year we're focussing on food sustainability and seasonal eating, we had a member from Carevan, Rachelle Armstrong speak to us on what they do. Rachelle was a great speaker and covered many areas on this topic.



Henty Field Days were discussed and I think we have covered all aspects that we need to.

Members were asked to please bring any craft items they had suitable for Show entries to please bring them to the next meeting or to the Field Days if they're helping there. Since the Shows are only two weeks apart, we can possibly use the items in both Shows.

In our Land Cookery this month, we had the Surprise Cake, of which we have seen some great examples of on Facebook! Kay's chocolate cake with the peppermint butterfly won first prize with Lyn Jacobsen second. The light fruit cake was won by Lyn. Next month we are having the magic bean cake and the plain butter cake.



Group Conference is to be held at Collingullie on 8th October, and we have several members planning on attending. Please note that our meeting will be a week later on 15th October. Sympathy has been extended to Wendy H on the loss of her father and Carol G on the loss of her mother. Wendy C is visiting her Dad in hospital – he is 102!

Nett Maloney is exploring some more options for us re holding meetings in Albury.

A tip that was passed on to us was that wrapping car keys in foil is supposed to stop people being able start computerised cars as the foil blocks any attempt to tap into the key computer.

Some of us went to Uranquinty a few days after our meeting to the Ag and Environment Day.



*Margie Carter
The Group Ag and
Enviro Officer.*

This was held on a beautiful sunny Saturday, and we had guest speakers on Frogs, our fauna that we're studying this year, Common Myna birds which are our foe this year. Our convenor of the day, Ag & Enviro Officer Margie Carter spoke on her commercially grown Olives and as our primary product this year is Aussie Cut Flowers we had another guest speaker talk about Australian native plants before driving to a fresh flower farm for a look at the plots of flowering annuals growing which are also sold to the cut flower market.

Next meeting will be our annual one and will be held in Albury on Wednesday 15th October, a week later due to Group Conference and will be held at the Commercial Club at 10.30am. We look forward to welcoming more new members!

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Spring is in full swing, and there's plenty happening at your Pleasant Hills Community Hotel this month!

Footy finals especially grand final evening proved to be a busy night for our hotel along with Henty Field Day week with all our rooms fully booked. A big thank you to Annie Scholz & Michelle Sharp for getting our rooms made & ready up for this big week.

AFL Grand Final – Saturday 27th September. We'll be opening early from 12 noon on Grand Final day so you can catch all the action live on the big screen at the pub. Gather your mates, enjoy a cold drink, some bar snacks, and soak up the great atmosphere.

Astrophotography Night – Friday 10th October
The hotel hosting a free astrophotography workshop at the hotel, perfect for anyone curious about capturing our incredible night skies. Bring your camera (or just yourself!) and enjoy a night of stargazing, learning, and community fun.

Workshop commences 7pm until 9pm.

Drum Muster – Monday 13th October
A reminder that the next Drum Muster collection will be happening in Pleasant Hills. It's a great chance to dispose of eligible chemical containers responsibly and support the community.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the hotel—it's your patronage that keeps this wonderful community hub thriving. We look forward to seeing you at one (or all!) of these upcoming events.

Clare Hansom.

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School News and Reviews



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Our students were excited to wear their favourite footy jumpers/shirts on the 10th September. Even though the weather wasn't that good, they all a great day!



FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS

On our last lesson for Gymnastics the students went to the Flyaway Gymnasium on the 12th September. All the students had a lot of fun in their big shed with many different things to do. They also stopped at the playground in Jindera for lunch and enjoyed the new playground equipment.



LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van was at our school last Wednesday 17th September. We welcomed Boree Creek & Yerong Creek schools and all the students enjoyed their day with Healthy Harold. Thank you to Mrs Aygun for organising the creative part of the day.

PRAC STUDENT

Our school was very lucky to have a Practicum student this term. Thank you to Chloe Klemke for coming to our school. We hope you enjoyed your time at Pleasant Hills and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

PLEASANT HILLS P & C - HENTY FIELD DAYS

Thank you to the P & C for doing a wonderful job with catering at the Henty Field Days. This is

a big job, and we appreciate everything you do to help raise money for our great little school. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out as well, we are very grateful for your support too!

END OF TERM

The last day of school is on Friday 26th September. Staff will return to school on Monday 13th October and students will return on Tuesday 14th October. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.



Pleasant Hills Pre School



The preschool children have experimented with painting with potatoes! We had cut different patterns into the halves of a few potatoes, then they were dipped in paint before being pressed onto paper!



We have been busy using the dress-up clothes in our play. The children enjoyed putting the doctor's jackets on and playing 'Hospitals' and also popping the gorgeous hats and accessories on to play 'Fancy ladies'.



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 40th Birthday to Jason Morey
for the 14th October.

Happy 21st Birthday to Hamish
Lieschke for the 20th October.

We used the tapping sticks during our music time to learn a couple of new songs. We had to listen carefully to the man singing the song, as he told us what actions we were to be doing with the tapping sticks.



The teachers added a new wooden kitchen to the sandpit, and this has inspired a lot of delicious cooking, family dinners and inventions! We took this interest in food and cooking into our little garden and noticed we will soon be able to use our peas in some cooking of our own.

Mia Heaphy.



Graduation Congratulations: **Casey Scott**



Casey recently graduated from the University of NSW in Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in global development, politics, and international relations.

She undertook an internship in Cape Town, South Africa last year where she worked for a non-profit organisation that works in townships providing aid and assistance to people who experience gender-based violence.

She is now working as a government consultant for Scyne Advisory in Canberra and is looking forward to a career in the development sector.

Grand Final Congratulations:

Well done to many of our locals for making it to the Football/Netball Grand Finals:

Bede Turner – Henty U17 Premiers
Rachel Terlich – Henty Netball A Grade Premiers

Well done to the Osborne TIGERS winning the Football Seniors Hume League Premiership 2025

Well done to the Osborne TIGERS winning the Football Reserve Hume League Premiership 2025

Well done to the Osborne TIGERS winning the Netball C Reserve Hume League Premiership 2025



Locals inducted in Team of the Century.

Local Identities Secured a spot in the Hume League Reserves Team of the Century. On the evening of Thursday 25th September at the Commercial Club.



The evening was organized by Robbie Mackinlay and the crew of the Glory Days Podcast. With all monies going to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust. The evening was well supported with about 150 in attendance and the laughs were never ending. It was a great night had by all.



Our own resident Mayor Peter Sharp, Rick Clancy and Corey Beckett made it onto the list.



Peter as a Field Umpire for the team. Rick and Corey as the teams' Boundary Umpire. Congratulations to them for making the team.

Tennis Club

We have term 4 coaching that will now be on a Thursday afternoon as Tom is not available on a Friday. Please let Tom or Renae know if you or anyone you know is interested.

We're looking forward to our summer comp starting on 11th October with a section 2 and 6 entered. If anyone is interested, please let us know. We'd actually love another lady for sec 2 now (even to fill in) as two have had to pull out for this season.

I apologise that I omitted to add last month that we thank Anthony Male for joining our Rec Ground Committee.

Carol Smith.

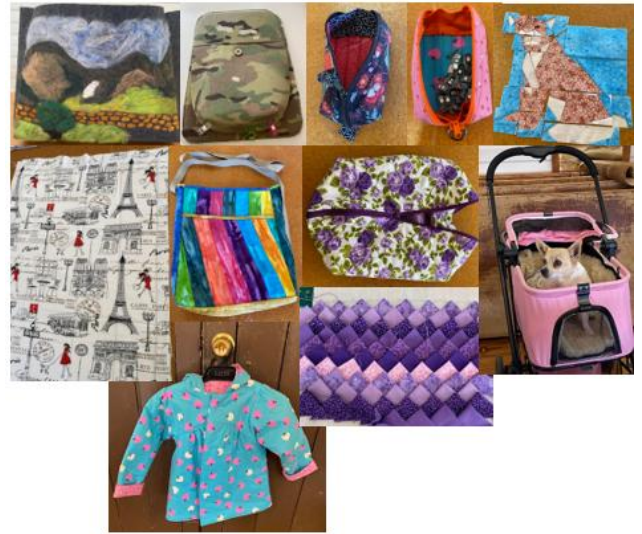


DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS

Don't forget to wind your clocks forward
1 hour on the 5th October!



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Patchwork in September was very productive with many people working on Bags or Pouches, with some working on other projects as can be seen in the photo collage above.

Our next patchwork group meet is Saturday 18th October and it's a UFO Day.

BYO: Your own lunch, and the Hall hire fee \$7 per person, your sewing machine, notions and requisites and we always love to see some "show and tell".

Word of the month

"Antidisestablishmentarianism"

The word is notable for its unusual length of 28 letters and 12 syllables and is one of the longest words in the English language. Antidisestablishmentarianism is a political position that originated in 19th century Britian.

The position opposed proposals at that time to remove the Anglican Church's status as the established Church of England, Ireland and Wales. Scotland still has its own separate national Church.

The simplest antidisestablishmentarianism definition is "to be against those who are against the establishment".

Fire Brigade



Walbundrie Show –
something for everyone



6th October

Wise Words for 2025:

We are made wise not by the
recollection of our past, but by the
responsibility for our future.

George Bernard Shaw.

Hall Working Bee

The Hall Committee and friends are
having a working bee at the hall on
Wednesday the October 8th at 1pm.
Many hands make light work, and all are
welcome to join us.



The next collection day at
Pleasant Hills Tip will be:

Monday, Oct 13th
9am- 10:00am.

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).

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Hills History

This month I share an email I received from Oriel Ridge, of her memories of the local area. Sometimes, these days, we are busy and don't have time to sit and chat with our local residents who have been here before we were a twinkle in someone's eye. So, I thought I'd share some of Oriel's memories. Enjoy.

I was interested in your article about the Indian Hawkers in the district as I had first-hand experience. An Indian Hawker used to come to my parents' farm, Warrengong. This would have been in the early 1940s. His name was Gunda Singh and he travelled in a covered cart or wagon pulled by a horse with a Blue Heeler dog tied on behind he came quite frequently at first. He would set up his cart in the exact same position each time and there was a lot of Giddy-up and whoos until he got it just right.

Then he would come to the house and sit on the kitchen floor and open his old battered port, so to do the right thing, Mom would always buy a shirt or a tablecloth or some such item. He would say I buy one pound, sell em 2 pounds, make 1% profit. He would make us a Johnny cake, similar to damper, on his fire and give us one but it was as tough as old leather, but we said it was nice. Mum being the generous person that she was always offered him vegetables from the garden and eggs which he would very seldom accept because I think that he had a fear of white man's food which he considered poison. Every morning after dad had completed the milking he would provide Gunda with a pannikin of milk.

Us kids had a slight fear of him for he was so different from us and from a distance we would watch and see him take his turban off and be brushing his long dark hair while he was chanting in his own language, one time he arrived with a foal trotting alongside the cart.

This foal was full of mischief and somehow tore the tarpaulin that was kept over the header to protect it from the weather. Dad said I am not very happy about this Gunda and Gunda Singh replied, "Him is a cheeky bugger". Gunda would stay for anything up to six weeks at a time and Dad would say are you going to go today? (hint, hint) BUT he would say, "no the wind and rain come up, not good for the harness". Then over time he did not visit and I had thought that he had gone to "Hawker Heaven".

All of this was confirmed yesterday by my cousin Mavis amongst much laughter during the reminiscing. She further elucidated insisting that Gunda would occasionally bring extras with him, thus there was a party of turbined Indians around the camp fire waiting for the Johnny cakes to cook.

I also remember the Rawlies man coming to visit and his products were very good, there was also another person from the company called Watkins selling similar health products.

Regards,

Oriel Ridge

If anyone, young or mature, would like to contribute to the Hills History page please feel free to send in your article, in Word format please (to make less work for our editor).

Fiona Beckett.

Our Backyard

October in The Hills

It has been a tough time in The Hills for vegetable gardeners. At first, I thought that it was something I had done wrong in propagating seeds and raising them before outdoor planting, but after consulting with other growers locally I found that they were facing the same problems. Further than that, an article on ABC breakfast recently highlighted the fact that these problems were much more widely spread. The reasons are hard to define but if a replanting process is employed the problem can be resolved (at the cost of more seeds).

Over the years, the comment that “the seasons are getting later every year”, although I have not heard from some time, maybe has some truth in it. I suspect that during these challenging times, farmers as well as gardeners, will have to adjust the ways they operate.

On a brighter note, The White-faced Herons have returned to their nest for the third year running. They are looking healthy and have increased in size considerably. Maybe this is the year they will be blessed with some chicks; only time will tell. The Government Dam provides plenty of fish, even if they are European Carp, and the dam stays at least partly filled with water. Speaking of water, we had a smattering of rain recently and if this continues, we should have a good season on the land.

By the time you read this, both the football and the netball will be over as well as The Henty Field Days; all these events (and others), help to keep Pleasant Hills at the forefront of rural communities struggling to survive. If an

opportunity to help or support any local group arises, please take it and we will continue survive long into the future. Here is a pair of Galahs that feed in my garden. They will not let me get too close but are happy to observe you from a distance. Galahs mate for life and if one passes away it is quite often the other will as well soon after, but not always. When I was younger, I had a pet Galah in a cage that I taught it to sit on my shoulder and nibble my ear. My elder sisters were quite concerned as they only had Budgerigars (and a cat) for pets. Funny enough it learned how to open the cage door (even with a heavy latch) and my father was forever replacing it and saying, “look your bird has returned”. I think that there must have been more to that story. Oh well, life goes on.

Bob Marshall.



The Mighty Kangaroo

A poem by Trudy Smith.

Behold the mighty kangaroo
There's quite a few around
To some a pest and further west
They're as red as is the ground.

Our roos are quite the icon
Comprising half the coat of arms
They're an emblem for a football team
And a nuisance on most farms.

The Eastern grey will graze all day
Its common near and far
And active most at dawn and dusk
Take care when in your car.

You'll sometimes see the wallaby
Wearing fur that's thick and black
He's more reclusive than his mates
And stays off the beaten track.

And further north tree kangaroos
Live high amongst the leaves
They sleep all day and feed at night
Quite the masters of trapeze.

There's lots of traits remarkable
When referring to this mob
Some stand as tall as seven feet
And can maim or drown a dog.

The boomers, bucks or jacks are males
Girls are flyers, does and jills.
Their tail becomes an extra leg
When moving slowly through the hills.

Their future in our heritage
Is contested, that is true.
But where would Aussie folklore be
Without the mighty kangaroo.



The Milky Way above the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel, as captured by Guy Lewis.

If you want to learn how to capture amazing shots like this then don't forget to register for the FREE Shooting Stars workshop on Friday 10th October.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1446435>

SAVE THE DATE:

Bidgeemia Hall centenary will be celebrated on the 4th October 2026



Charlie's Footy Column

Here we are, the year is done and what success it has brought. An exceptional finals series with a lot of nail-biting games but only one team for each grade can win and sometimes that's just the best team on the day.

Premiers: Under 14s Holbrook,
Under 17s Henty,
Reserves Osborne,
Firsts Osborne.

Congratulations to all of these teams, what a great effort.

In the AFL there have been some upsets all round. We are down to the final two teams in Geelong Cats and Brisbane Lions. Collingwood and Hawthorn left everything out there but weren't good enough.

This will be my last footy column for 2025. See you all next year.



Caitlin's Netball News

What a year it has been for the netball!

Congratulations to everyone in the Hills community who played in a grand final or made the finals. It's an achievement to be proud of, whether in football or netball. The Henty A Grade girls were one behind all game, and their last seconds shot was amazing. To beat an undefeated side from 5th place showed just how hard they worked and proved they deserved to be there. This year's Hume Netball Premiers were BB Saints (U11s), Howlong (U13s), Lockhart (U15s, U17s), Osborne (C Res), Holbrook (C Grade), Jindera (B Grade), and Henty (A Grade). A special mention goes to Racheal Terlich, a Henty premiership player and a player profile of earlier this year. This month's player profile is Laura Kotzur a gun A Grade shooter for the RWW Giants and a nominee for Volunteer of the Year at the Hume League. Laura has dedicated countless hours to the Giants from organising the club critic, sponsorships, advertising, banners and social media, to helping in the canteen and co-coaching the U17s. She also played a big role in the major raffle, compiled the presentation night PowerPoint, and puts her all into making the Giants a go to club.

Pleasant Hills Player Profile:

Name/ Nickname: Laura Kotzur/Laura/Kotz

Club you play for: RWW Giants

Position: GS, GA

Suncorp Netball Team: Sydney Swifts

Club Idol: Rick Clancy, most dedicated and hilarious to watch umpire.

Most annoying team mate and why: Erin Hogan, she always says "pass, Pass, PASS" when I'm trying to shoot a long bomb.

What 3 people would you bring to the pub for a drink and chat: Has to be Chloe Kuhne and Erin Hogan and I'm sure someone that's already there will join in to make it 3 people

Good luck charm before a game: Not sure I have one with the amount of times I got injured this season

What do you like about the Pleasant Hills

Community: Hard to go past the big smiles and hellos I get from Rick and Sharpy when I walk into the pub, but it's just such a great community and group of people to be around.

Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Tasty Meatloaf

Ingredients:

- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 large brown onion, grated
- 500g premium minced beef
- 300g minced pork
- 1/4 cup finely diced carrot
- 1/4 cup finely diced celery
- 2 eggs
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley (optional), or 2 tsp dried parsley or basil
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp promite (or vegemite)
- 1/4 cup beef stock (or stock cube mixed with water)
- 1 tsp black pepper

Meatloaf Glaze:

- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup BBQ sauce
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp brown sugar

Method:

Preheat oven to 180C. Oil or spray a loaf tin.

Glaze:

Mix together in a small bowl. Set aside.

Meatloaf:

Place breadcrumbs in a very large bowl. Grate over onion. Mix so the breadcrumbs are all wet. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well using your hands. Form into a loaf shape, pinching together then smoothing over creases and cracks.

Transfer into loaf tin. Brush generously with half the glaze.

Bake for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and brush with most of the remaining glaze.

If there is excess fat pooling, scoop/pour it off.

Bake for a further 25 minutes. Remove from oven.

Stand for 10 minutes before turning out and cutting into thick slices. You will probably get a bit of crumbling just on the edges of the first couple of slices, this is normal and indicative of the tenderness of the meatloaf.

Serve with a dollop of tomato sauce, creamy mashed potatoes and steamed asparagus or broccoli.

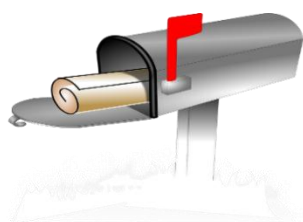


PAPER ROSTER

Please collect papers from the Henty Post Office / Newsagent. It opens at 8am Saturday mornings. Can the papers be at Pleasant Hills by 1000am.

HENTY

October	
4 th October	Corey Beckett
11 th October	David Male
18 th October	Rex Lieschke
25 th October	Wayne Scholz
November	
1 st November	Hugh Clancy
8 th November	Oriel Ridge
15 th November	Rick Clancy
22 nd November	Trevor Terlich
29 th November	Corey becket
December	
6 th December	David Male
13 th December	Rex Lieschke
20 th December	Wayne Scholz
27 th December	Hugh Clancy



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 week of the month to phnewsgroup@gmail.com

Our newsletters are now free thanks to Henty Bendigo Bank, but cost \$20 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

Thursday 2nd October
Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

Sunday 5th October
Day Light Saving starts

Monday 6th October
NSW Public Holiday

Monday 6th October
Walbundrie Show

Wednesday 8th October
Hall working bee 1pm.

Thursday 9th October
Tennis Day at Pleasant Hills
See advert Page 6

Friday 10th October
Free Shooting Stars workshop

Saturday & Sunday 11th – 12th October
Lockhart Spirit of the Land

Monday 13th October
PHPS Staff return Term 4

Monday 13th October
DrumMuster 9am-10am

Tuesday 14th October
PHPS Students return Term 4

Wednesday 15th October
CWA meeting Commercial
Club Albury 1030am.

Thursday 16th October
Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

Saturday 18th October
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Thursday 30th October
Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

