

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our meeting was again held at the Commercial Club in Albury, with a couple of visitors, Sue Chapman from the Virtual

Branch and Lynnette Buck, Albury Evening who later chaired our Annual Meeting.

Thanks were given to all members who helped at the Henty Field Days – always a busy time in our part of the world. The Scone Challenge with the Media Teams is always a hit – this time it was an extra challenge as I had to make gluten free scones which I've never made for one competitor.



Scone challenge.

The three decorated cake raffles conducted at the Field Days with one raffled each day, made a total of over \$1670.00, which was distributed to the Leukaemia Foundation, Boys to the Bush and The Riverina Bluebell Organisation all of which were very grateful recipients.



Boys From the Bush representatives with Lyn Jacobsen.

Our Riverina Group Conference was held earlier in October, and a report was given on that.

Carol Grylls is now the Riverina Group Secretary, so thank you Carol for taking on this roll. There were two motions put forward regarding health issues which were both passed.

Our Branch won best Publicity Report and got mentioned in others.

Next year, our Country of Study will be Fiji, the Fauna is Glossy Black Cockatoo, Flora is She-Oak and the Foe is Escaped Garden plants (of which there are many). The Primary Product is Wattle Seed.

Our Branch catered for a small funeral wake last weekend.

The Branch has entered in The Rock Show CWA Exhibit last weekend and will also enter the Albury Show one at the end of the month.

One member attended the Albury Evening's "How To" Day with two members of the State Land Cookery Committee. These days are great learning days.

Some discussion was held about our upcoming Branch's 90th Birthday in April and a brief history of our Branch was read out for our newer members.

In Land Cookery, the Plain Butter Cake was won by Lyn Lieschke, second was Lyn Jacobsen and the Magic Bean Cake was won by Natalie Hasler, with Lyn Jacobsen second. At our next meeting we will have a Steamed Fruit Pudding and Microwave Strawberry Jam.

At our Annual Meeting, Bev Frohling has stood down from being Treasurer after many years, and we thank her for all the effort she has put into this job. Carol Grylls has taken over as Treasurer; however, Lyn Jacobsen is still President & Publicity; Nett Maloney, Secretary & International; Wendy Crosby, Handicraft & A&E; Kay Dean, Land Cookery. We still need a Cultural Officer.

Vice Presidents are Gwen Terlich and Kay Dean, with Branch Councillors being Heather Barrett and Lyn Jacobsen.

Our Branch participated in the Henty Breast Cancer Day with some cooking and a monetary donation.

We will have our last meeting for the year and our Christmas Party at Carol & Des Grylls' home on Saturday, 6th December starting at 10am.

Members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert for this, and if you could please let either Carol or myself know which one you are bringing. This year for Krys Kringle, it was suggested that we bring something that we've made, so this should make for some interesting gifts, be it craft, food etc. if anyone would like to join us, they are most welcome!

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

It's been a busy and exciting spring at Pleasant Hills! All our rooms were fully booked over the Henty Field Days period, which was wonderful to see.

A big thank you to Suz Forck for opening early on AFL Grand Final afternoon, and to Adam and Sarah for organising the delicious nibbles that helped make it such a successful and enjoyable day.

We also hosted another fantastic **Astrophotography Night** – a big thanks to Simon and Gus Lewis for once again coordinating these popular events. Our dark skies and minimal light pollution continue to make Pleasant Hills a great spot for capturing incredible night-sky photos.

Another **DrumMuster** was also successfully completed—thank you to all the farmers who took part. The funds raised from this program go directly toward maintenance projects at our much-loved community hotel, helping to keep it in great shape for everyone to enjoy.

Please don't forget to save the date for our **Annual Community Hotel Christmas Party on Friday, 19th December**. We'll have a BBQ and pizzas, children's entertainment, and of course, a visit from **Santa**!

As we head into the busy haymaking and harvest period, we wish everyone a **safe and stress-free season**. Don't forget that the community hotel offers **takeaway meals**—perfect for your

harvest workers during the busy weeks ahead. And when it's all done, we look forward to seeing you back at *the Hills* for a well-earned drink and a catch-up with friends.

Clare Hamson.

School News and Reviews



Welcome back to Term 4!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As we embark on the final term of the school year, we look forward to a productive and positive term filled with learning and growth.

At our school, the health and safety of all students is a top priority. To keep everyone safe, this term we will move to maintaining a nut-friendly environment and kindly ask families to avoid sending nuts or nut-based products to school. This helps protect students with nut allergies and ensures a safe and inclusive learning space for all. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us create a healthy and welcoming community.

SCHOOL SMASH - CRICKET DAY

The students had a great time enjoying the fun and fast-paced games and skills, showing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Baaten for co-ordinating the day and thank you to the parents who transported the students to Culcairn.

KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAYS

We are excited to announce the upcoming transition days for our new Kindergarten student will be in weeks 5,6 and 7! We look forward to welcoming our newest student and supporting them as they take these important first steps into school life.

PRIMARY SCHOOL EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

Our Year 3-6 students are travelling by Allen's Coaches with Boree and Yerong Creek schools to their Canberra excursion on the 5 – 7 Nov. They have a busy itinerary with a few favourites such as Questacon, Australian War Memorial, Ten Pin Bowling and visiting to the National Zoo & Aquarium.

K-2 1 DAY EXCURSION TO ALTINA WILDLIFE PARK

Greater Kengal infants are also looking forward for their 1-day excursion on Friday 7th November to the Altina Wildlife Park.

HENTY LIONS CLUB SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Maeve and Maddison for attending the 2025 Henty Lions Club Spelling Bee at Henty Public School. They both had very good spelling results and thank you to Lori Roden and Kevin Fogarty and other volunteers for organising this day.



Kevin Fogarty with Maeve and Maddison.



Laura was very happy to visit Health Harold in the Life Education Van.



Pleasant Hills Pre School



The children have been practising their bricklaying skills using shaving cream, small foam blocks and plastic knives. Many houses, farms and walls have been built!



We were able to harvest a whole lot of peas from our preschool garden, which we shared for morning tea. They were delicious. We also planted some sunflower seeds and are looking forward to watching them grow taller and taller.



The preschool children have been creating self-portraits at the art area with the help of a small mirror. They have also been getting very creative with some party hats, turning them into birds and bird beaks.



Lots of cuppa's have been had in our lovely little home areas. It has been the perfect weather to sit and have a chat.



Mia Heaphy.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 96th Birthday to Virginia Morey (nee Terlich) for the 17th November. Virginia grew up in Pleasant Hills and attended Pleasant Hills Primary School. Love all your family



Speedy Recovery Wishes:

Wishing Narelle Morey a speedy and smooth recovery following recent surgery and ongoing treatment.

Well Done:

Good job to the quick response of some locals who made short work on a tree which had come down over the road at Urangeline East on that very windy evening on the 22nd October.



Congratulations:

Congratulations to Lyn Jacobsen for giving 25 years of service the National Fibre Fashion Awards at the Henty Machinery Field Days



Belinda Anderson presenting Lyn Jacobsen a bouquet of flowers.

Congratulations to Melanie Fischer for being chosen as Staff Member of the Month at her workplace - Mate Street Dental because of all her hard work, dedication and positive attitude.



Well done to you both.

Hall



The Hall was a hive of activity on Saturday 4th October when Henty Active Arts welcomed Helen Godden to teach her skills in "Free Motion Quilting" for the day. Helen is an extreme free-motion quilter who travels the world teaching her skills. A BIG thankyou to Henty Active Arts for organising such an amazing day. The above collage was the results of the day, and the below photos were examples of Helen's work and others who have been lucky enough to have attended a class with Helen.



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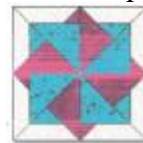
The new table and seats are in place at the hall so you can enjoy a picnic at the hall while the weather is nice'



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Our last meeting was well attended as our collage shows the work being done and a Fabric baby book. We welcomed a new lady, Debbie and we hope you enjoyed your day at the Hills. Our next project is the Twisting Star quilt.



If you would like more details regarding this project, please email phnewsgroup@gmail.com.

Our Christmas party will soon be here and we already have some suggestions so if you have any ideas to make it a fun day, please let know. If you will not be at the 13th December patchwork group and you have ideas/patterns for our 2026 programme, please bring them along in November to be included in our December voting. If you will be coming in December, then just bring in December.

Our next patchwork group meet is Saturday 15th November.

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”. Visitors welcome.

Tennis Club

You may have noticed that the courts are now finished so we have four new courts to play on, which is very exciting. There was enough funding via council to complete the fencing around those courts which looks great. We hope to acquire funding to assist our funds to continue the fencing around the remainder in the future. We sincerely thank Lockhart Shire Council for making this all possible.

Tennis coach Matt Hort came out for some junior coaching during the holidays. We had 20 children for a morning & they had a great time, finishing off with a sausage sizzle.

Tom requested to change his coaching with us to a Thursday afternoon during school term to fit his schedule, but unfortunately, there weren't enough that it suited to make it worthwhile. Hopefully next term.

The season has now started with both section two & six teams having had a bye first round. Both had losses in round two, section six only lost by 10 games & section two lost to a strong Walbundrie side. In round three, unfortunately, section two won with a forfeit so hasn't yet been able to play on our new courts! Section six lost to a strong East Albury team but our team is a young team with almost all enjoying their very first season. Thanks to all for getting the surrounds ready for the season.

In relation to the amenities, the council is completing this side of things but not sure when it will be ready for visitors.

Carol Smith.

Fire Brigade



Fire Trucks Maintenance Roster for 2025/26 Summer Fire season,

Maintenance run to be done preferably Sunday from 9am onwards, they may ask for ODO reading and engine hours, so have them ready.

If truck needs fuel, it can be done at Delta in Lockhart, or Shell in Henty.

If unavailable to do you're shift, please arrange a swap.

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

2/11	Alpha Bravo	Brice Lieschke Grant Morey
16/11	Alpha Bravo	Ellis Jelbart Denis Clancy
30/11	Alpha Bravo	Andrew Newton Cameron Turner
14/12	Alpha Bravo	Corey Beckett Peter Beckett
28/12	Alpha Bravo	Ross Newton Andrew Terlich
11/1	Alpha Bravo	Grant Morey Barry Terlich
25/1	Alpha Bravo	Trevor Terlich Jordan Smith
1/2	Alpha Bravo	James Clancy Rick & Tom Clancy
15/2	Alpha Bravo	Brice Lieschke Warren Lieschke
1/3	Alpha Bravo	Hugh Clancy Grant Morey

Grant Morey.
Pleasant Hills Fire Brigade Captain.

Wise Words for 2025:

Here we are, the most clever species ever to have lived. So how is it we can destroy the only planet we have?

*Jane Goodall
(1934-2025)*



*55 days to
Christmas as
from 1st Nov.*

Just Sayin

A vertical advertisement for Bendigo Bank. At the top, a man in a blue shirt and cap looks out over a field. Below this, the text reads: "A better banking experience Right on your doorstep". Further down, it says "Community Bank - Henty & District" and "Join Australia's most satisfied home loan customers." Below that, a paragraph states: "Whether its on the farm, in town or on the road, we're right here with you. We understand life doesn't always fit into office hours, that's why our lender comes to you." Then, it introduces "Steph Bedggood, Home Lending Specialist" with the phone number "0455 307 227". At the bottom, there is a photo of a woman in a hat working at a computer, with a dog nearby. The Bendigo Bank logo and website "bendigobank.com.au" are at the very bottom.

Word of the month

“Laconic”

From the Greek word “Lakonikos”, meaning “native of Laconia”.

Laconic means concise, brief, or using few words, is derived from the people of Laconia, the ancient Spartans, who were known for their terse and blunt style of speech.

Laconia refers to an ancient region of southern Greece in the Peloponnese, an area dominated by the city-state of Sparta.



Reaching the Years

a poem by Mathew Rush

They say time flies, but is this the truth?

Days turn to weeks, months into years,
Are happy times remembered long
after our youth?
Or did we just spend time chasing
careers?

When we were young and so full of
beans,
The days began early, expecting a blast,
With age we eat slowly not forgetting
our greens,
And sit with a cuppa and think of the
past.

Isn't it funny, uncanny and cruel?
Our dreams are still big, our intentions
still true,
Getting down on the floor can be a bit
of a duel,
But getting back up can make one quite
blue.

When once we ran down to the shop for
a snack,
Pocket money spent we ran back with
glee,
Now a trip in the car to make sure we
don't lack,
Don't overspend the pension cause
nothing's for free.

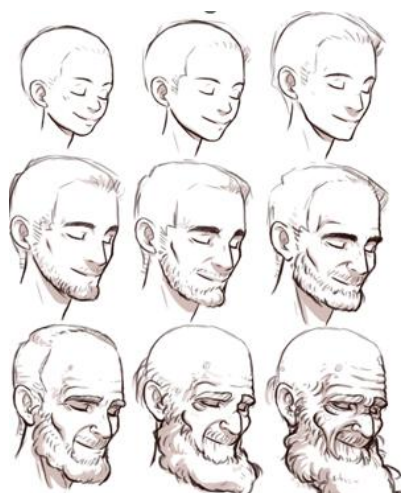
In our teens we were happy, with
friends we had fun,
We partied all night to the wee small
hours,
Now an afternoon nap when our chores
are all done,

And dreams of the garden with veges
and flowers.

Life was spontaneous, excitement we
thirst,
Til one found a partner and kids came
along,
The priorities changed, the family came
first,
Nighttime parties replaced with a
child's bedtime song.

When we were young without a care in
the world,
We'd invent ways to hunt, hide, ride and
play,
If only our mums knew what mischief
unfurled,
They'd wrap us in cotton and keep us
inside all day.

Now advanced in years and starting to
grey,
We look back with fondness to a time
with less worry,
Good times, some sad times, now all
gone away,
Reaching the years means there's no
need to hurry.



Hills History

The Literary Institute Bazaar was held on November 16 and 17, and resulted in a great financial success. Chief interest centred on the Queen competition, for which there were three candidates – the Diggers', Band and School of Arts Queens.

Miss Salie Sticker was the Diggers' Queen, a most appropriate choice, two of her brothers having served in the AIF, one making the supreme sacrifice, and the other being severely wounded. From the outset the supporters of each candidate engaged in a friendly contest to win, but in spite of the excellent organisation and enthusiastic support of the Band Queen, the Diggers were always quietly confident that their candidate would be beaten – never! The final count resulted: Diggers Queen (Miss Salie Sticker) first. Band Queen (Miss Tilly Pumpa) second. School of Arts Queen (Miss Elsie Haberecht) third. Which produced a total of £174/6/.

Amid intense excitement the crowning ceremony was performed by Mr W S Brome, president, who congratulated the Diggers on again being able to score victory, and congratulated all the candidates and thanked their supporters for the valuable result, which will go far to clear the burden of debt which has weighed the institution down so long. The income from the stalls and side efforts is expected to bring the grand total to nearly £250.

(Source: The Daily Express Wagga Wagga, Tue 22nd Nov 1921 page 2).

Our beautiful hall at Pleasant Hills has been known by many different names over its more than 100-year life span. As you can see from this article the hall was originally the Literary Institute. In the past year it has come to my attention that local residents and past local residents have a collection of photos and mementos of Pleasant Hills that their families may not wish to take on for the future. So, it is my idea, and backed by the Hall Committee, that any such memorabilia could be left in safe keeping at the hall for anyone to come and look at in the future, making the Pleasant Hills Hall a Literary Institute once again.

So, if you have old photos, trophies, rainfall records and farm machinery books feel free to contact us we would be happy to take them on for future generations.

Our local Pleasant Hills CWA branch has offered to assist us. We are always grateful for any support and contributions.

Written and researched by: Fiona Beckett



Our Backyard

Urban Myths or Fake News

When I was young, anything that was considered 'dodgy' was placed in a category commonly called Urban Myths, and there were hundreds of them; enough for Healey & Glanvill in the 1990's to run a successful television series in Great Britain. Not to mention the off-spin books, radio shows and public appearances. It was all taken as a dose of mythical mockery. Today, thanks to 'you know who' they are known as 'Fake News', and many have fallen into the ever-growing field of 'Conspiracy Theories'. One such Urban Myth that I had no trouble in believing in (and can sort of believe today) is the one about "The Marching Soldiers". Explained in Urban Myths – Unplugged by it states: "Soldiers break their marching step when crossing bridges because a British army platoon once destroyed one with its vibrations". Hmmm, total believable at first glance; and it has some correlations to Australian Cultural development. In Sydney, during the 1960's, the Australian Surfies Movement was fast developing and many in the establishment did not approve on how it was heading. Surf Club dances were one way that individuals were able to congregate with one another to share ideas and maybe change society. A dance was developed to signature the movement and that dance was "The Stomp". Simple and primitive in nature; just an endless – Left Left/ Right Right/ Left Left/ Right Right/. Many dance venues were closed down with the bureaucrats claiming that the vibrations produced by the dance gave a chance of the buildings falling down. Most dances were held on the first floor, the ground floor being used for locker rooms and watercraft storage. I was a regular attendee at some of these dances and was actually at one that was shut down. There was even at least one occasion where a dance was stopped at The Boat Club in Wagga for the same reasons. With song titles such as "Blond Haired, Stompy Wompy Real Gone Surfer Boy" leading the way, it was easy to see how those in charge were concerned about the way the younger generation was developing. Why it was nearly as bad as 'long hair' or 'wearing thongs'. As far I know no buildings

ever fell down but the dances sure got the places a-humming.

Today we have reached a new environment where 'differences of Opinion' can lead to catastrophic outcomes. It seems as that every news story has two sides to it and if doesn't have it, someone invents an alternative version. Conspiracy Theories. We are compelled to 'take sides' on everything. It is a little like betting on the horses, we can't possibly select the right result every time. It is good to keep an interest in events though, but in my opinion, it is advisable to 'sit on the fence' most of the time because the correct answer can change from day to day.

On a brighter note, here is an Australian Native plant to add to your garden or grow in a pot. Anigozanthos hybrid Rambofire. It is easy to look after and flowers most of the year. It a form of kangaroo paw.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas creamy Italian chicken soup



Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 brown onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 chicken marylands, skin removed
- 750ml (3 cups) chicken Stock (or vegetable stock)
- 2 x 400g cans cannellini beans, rinsed, drained
- 110g (1/2 cup) drained semi-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1 small bunch Tuscan kale, stems removed, leaves chopped
- 300ml thickened cream for cooking
- Grated parmesan, to serve
- Crusty bread, to serve

Method:

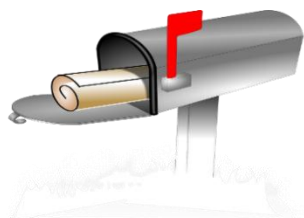
- Heat the oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat. Cook onion, stirring, for 5 minutes or until soft and lightly golden. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until fragrant.
- Place chicken into slow cooker and add onion mixture and stock. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours.
- Use tongs to transfer chicken to a chopping board to cool slightly. Pull meat from bones and chop into small pieces. Add half the beans to the slow cooker and use a stick blender to blend until smooth (alternatively puree mixture in a food processor with a little of the stock).
- Return chicken meat to the slow cooker with the remaining beans, tomatoes, kale and cream.
- Cover and cook on LOW for a further 30 minutes or until heated through.
- Season. Serve sprinkled with parmesan, and crusty bread for dipping.

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

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
January	
3 rd January	Oriel Ridge
10 th January	Rick Clancy
17 th January	Trevor Terlich
24 th January	Corey Beckett
31 st January	David Male



Newsletter

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Diary of Events

Tuesday 4th November
PHPS Year 7 Billabong
Highschool Transition Day

Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th November
GK Primary School Excursion
Canberra

Friday 7th November
GK K-2 Excursion Altina
Wildlife Park

Tuesday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November
Kindergarten Transition Day

Thursday 13th November
Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

Saturday 15th November
Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Thursday 27th November
Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

December:

Saturday 6th December
CWA meeting – Christmas
Party

Friday 19th December
SAVE THE DATE:
Pub Christmas Party

