

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter



December 2025

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

Our Branch held a "spur of the moment" Street Stall to raise some funds for Breast Cancer.

The BOM forecast a cooler day, which was why we chose that day, but that didn't happen, however we soldiered on and sold most of our wares and did make some money. Because there was no BBQ on the Friday at Bunnings, we set ourselves up in the BBQ Tent, which was better than where they have been putting the stalls, however it was quite hot. We knew many members couldn't help but any later in the year and we're getting too close to Christmas and the many functions that are held at this time of the year.



Junior member Madi Lamsden, with Kay Dean, Lyn Jacobsen, Wendy Crosby, Wendy Howard and Bev McLellan.

Our Branch has bought a 3 part glass cabinet to put in the Meeting Room of the Hall to display Pleasant Hills Memorabilia.

We have the Riverina Group Council Meeting at Galore coming up this week which some members will be attending.

We entered in both The Rock Show and the Albury Show, and in the Albury Show, Carol was awarded the Champion Exhibit with her piece of Assisi Work, so congratulations Carol. Some of

our members also entered in the cooking and craft sections and were quite successful.

Our last Land Cookery for the year will be the Microwave Strawberry Jam and the Steamed Fruit Pudding!

As we don't have a November Meeting, our Christmas Party and last meeting for the year will be held at Carol & Des Grylls' home at Jindera on Saturday 6th December starting at 10 am. For Kris Krnigle, we have been asked to bring "something you've made"! It can be anything from cooking to crafts etc, so should bring some surprises!

Our grateful thanks to Virginia Clancy and her helpers for continuing to produce our Pleasant Hills Newsletter! It is amazing who has spoken to me about something in the Newsletter, so it seems to be read far and wide! It is also great at letting people know that Pleasant Hills has a vibrant community, so a big thank you to all of you.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year!

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

Our community hotel is buzzing with Christmas preparations and some exciting plans already in motion for 2026.

Accommodation Upgrades

Ceiling fans for all six rooms have now been collected & onsite ready for installation – many thanks to Sam our Pizza man for his generous donation. We hope to complete installation after harvest, and we'll look to arrange an electrician early in the new year.

Christmas Plans

There will be no Christmas Sunday Verandah lunch this Nov/Dec, with plans to revisit the event in 2026. However, preparations are underway for the Hotel Community Christmas Party on Friday 19th December. With Music, BBQ and pizzas & of course a visit from Santa!

Promotional Visits

We're excited to announce that **ABC's Backroads** is scheduled to visit Pleasant Hills Community Hotel in **May 2026**, capturing local stories including the tractor trekkers Osborne FNC.

Bendigo Bank recently visited to film our newly renovated kitchen to showcase how their generosity of community funds are used to benefit the local community.

Cricket Day

Like many years ago our hotel is hoping to host another fun Pleasant Hills/Osborne social cricket day in late February 2026 – with a BBQ & drinks back at the hotel after cricket – stay tuned for further information in the new year & contact Peter Sharp or Dave Grant to register your interest to play in this fun social cricket day.

Boxing Day (Friday 26 December) our Community Hotel will be closed for business however, we will **reopen on Saturday 27 December**.

Wishing all of our Pleasant Hills Community a safe & fruitful harvest & we look forward to seeing everyone at the hotel at some stage during the festive season.

Clare Hamson.

School News and Reviews



PRIMARY EXCURSION- CANBERRA

Our primary students had a fantastic time visiting our nation's capital Canberra on the 5th 6th & 7th November. It was a busy and exciting trip filled with memorable experiences. The students enjoyed exploring key landmarks, learning about Australia's history and government, and participating in interactive activities that brought their classroom lessons to life. Everyone had a great time immersing themselves in the vibrant culture and significance of Canberra. We thank all staff and parents who helped make this excursion such a success! **The Australian Government recognises**

the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of **\$90** per student under the **Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program** towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Canberra Excursion to Parliament House.

INFANTS EXCURSION – ALTINA WILDLIFE ZOO

Connor, Laura, Cohen, and their Greater Kengal classmates had a fantastic day exploring Altina Wildlife Zoo on Friday 7th November. The visit was a wonderful opportunity for students to get up close with a variety of native and exotic animals and learn about wildlife conservation. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to all who supported this exciting adventure! Special thanks to Paul (Yerong Creek's GA) for driving the bus.



Altina Park Excursion K-2 students.

YEAR 6 TREE PLANTING

Year 6 students and their families, have taken part in our annual tree planting event—a beloved tradition that continues! It symbolises

growth, community and the legacy our students leave behind. Thank you to the families that joined us in making this event special.



Year 6 students Tree Planting.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM – Weeks 8 & 9 @ 1:00pm

Our school swimming program is scheduled for Weeks 8 and 9 this term. Students will travel by bus to Lockhart Swimming Pool each day to participate in swimming lessons designed to build confidence, improve skills, and promote water safety. We encourage all students to fully engage in this fun and important activity. A big thank you to the staff and parents supporting the program to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone!

PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year our school presentation night will be held at the **Pleasant Hills Hall, on Monday 15 December @ 6:30pm.**

Please bring a plate to share for supper.



Remembrance Day.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



We have been getting creative in many different ways! The children experimented with what kind of patterns they could make by slapping the paper with fly-swatters.

They also got to put mini sponges on the ends of their fingers to see how they could make pictures pressing the paint into small circles.



There was an interest in volcanoes, which we followed up by watching a documentary on how volcanoes erupted. We will also attempt to make our own volcanoes at preschool using vinegar and bi-carb soda.



We watched the Melbourne Cup together and invited parents to come along and join in the fun. All the children got a prize and it was fun cheering along our horses.

Sydney bought in his kittens to show us, he is very proud of them and takes such good care of them. Both Frances Terlich and Emily Turner



have litters of kittens at their homes which will be ready in time for Christmas. Please reach out if you would like more

information on having one of these gorgeous little kittens.

The last day of preschool for our children this year is Wednesday, 10th December. The staff will be at preschool on the 16th and 17th December for their Personal Development and Pack-up days. Preschool will resume on Wednesday 28th January.

All enrolment enquiries for 2026 and beyond are welcome, please send your enquiry to:

Mia Heaphy (Director) at
phpreschool@gmail.com

From our Pleasant Hills Preschool community to you, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 70th Birthday to Brua Terlich for the 6th January.

Happy 60th Birthday to Graeme Morey for the 26th January.

Wedding Anniversary:

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Rick and Julianne Clancy for the 4th January.

Well Done:



Proud parent moments –
 Congratulations to Tash and Jett for completing Year 12, wishing you both all the best with your future adventures.



Get Well Wishes:

Wishing Wayne Scholz a speedier recovery with his injured wrist.

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



We had a good roll up to the November patchwork day with the theme being Twisted Star, as can be seen in the collage. Some worked on UFO's in a rush to finish before Christmas.

Note the date for our Christmas meet is Saturday 13th December as the regular date is too close to Christmas. It will be our last meet for 2025 so come along, have some fun, be festive if you like. Bring a wrapped gift (as a guide the value set was \$10) preferably patchwork, sewing or textile related or themed as such and bring a plate to share for our Christmas Lunch. It is a UFO Day for your projects that you want to finish, and the race is on if you want them finished by Christmas.

Don't forget to bring along any ideas for our 2026 Patchwork Programme of projects you have learned, would like to learn or think others might be interested in learning. Please bring a photo or the quilt/project itself and instructions/pattern. It's nice to have a mix of small and larger projects. We will vote for 6 projects for 2026.

For those that we will not see on the 13th December we wish you a Merry Christmas and hope to see you in the New Year.



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Tennis Club

The season is moving along, with our last game before the break on 13th December. We don't return until 31st January.

Section 2 sits in 5th position out of 7 on the ladder & sec 6 in 6th out of 7.

Sec 2 won against Holbrook on Sat on sets after finishing 74 games apiece. Sec 6 parents & carers have said they can see the players are improving every week.

Carol Smith.

Fire Brigade



Word of the month

"Pernickety"

Means: placing too much emphasis on trivial or minor details; fussy.

Originally from a 19th Century Scottish word "persnickety", e.g. "she's very persnickety about her food".

Matt Rush.

Wise Words for 2025:

"Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says
'I'm possible.'"

Audrey Hepburn.



Pleasant Hills Post Office

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and Joyful New Year.

Thank you for all your support in 2025 and looking forward to a safe, happy, and healthy 2026 and your ongoing support. Kind Regards
Cathy Terlich & Pleasant Hills Post Office Staff.



Our Feathered Friends.

A poem by Trudy Smith

A rainbow of rosellas frolic in the front
yard
When under the sprinkler they let down
their guard
A ruffling of plumage while they enjoy
getting wet
One of the prettiest birds that I think I've
seen yet.

A symphony of superb parrots soar high
on the wing
Green and gold for Australia are the
colours they bring
They vocalise loudly and then chitter in
trees
Nicely hidden from sight amongst the
rustling leaves.

A bevy of babblers have arrived on the
scene
A quick dip in the birdbath and then a
good preen
Their alarm call is raucous as they all stay
in touch
Just a quick flying visit and then gone in a
rush.

A carry on of choughs can be heard all
around
White wings are kept hidden as they
scratch at the ground
A soft lyric whistle soon becomes a harsh
squawk
When danger looms large in the shape of
a hawk.

An epiphany of apostlebirds will often
appear next
They'll join in with the choughs because
sharing is best
We call them biker birds as they are
comical yet tough

With a haughty expression and a
demeanor quite gruff.

There are magnificent magpies and
kookaburras who laugh
And those royal galahs with their antics
quite daft
The beautiful bronzewing and crested
pigeons in flight
The blue face of the honeyeater who is
boisterous and bright.

A rosy of red rumps gather across from
the gate
They turn up quite early and then again
when it's late
Wearing colours of pastel, often skittish
and shy
Perched in pairs on the powerlines under
a darkening sky.

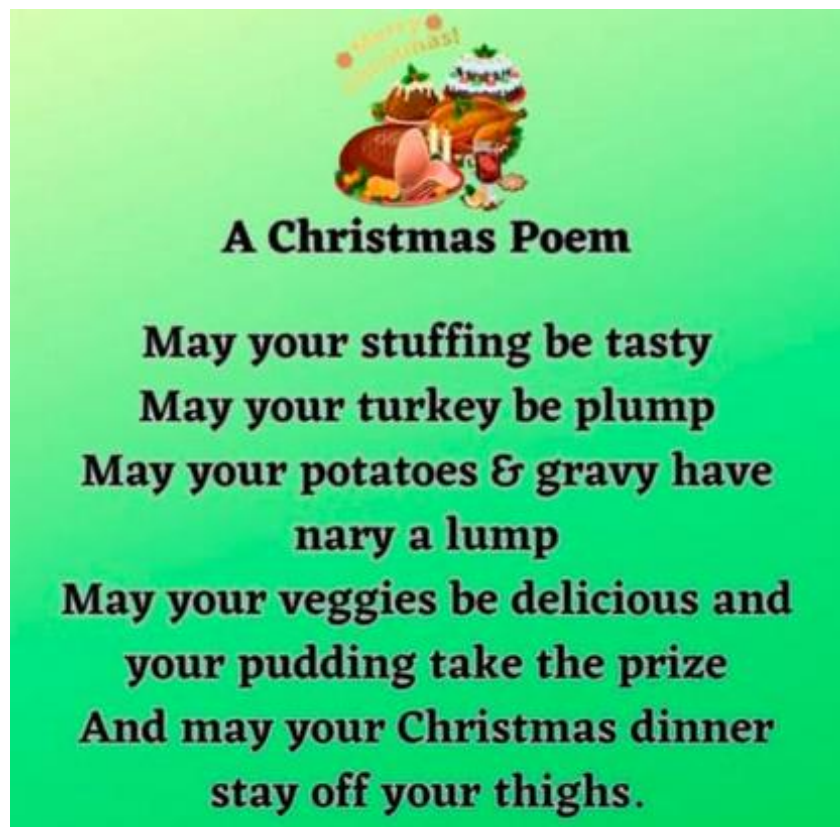
And as nightfall deepens and the moon
starts to rise
Just off in the distance we hear the
boobooks soft cries.
The call plaintive yet hopeful in the
message it sends
The daily arrival of our feathered friends.



Thank you to all those that contribute to this Community Newsletter. It is only through all your contributions that we can get the Pleasant Hills news out to everyone, especially those that are not on social media, and remember we cannot celebrate the news if we don't know about it, so please keep sending it in.

Special welcome to Caitlin and Charlie with your Netball / Football news. It is great to see the younger generation contributing to the newsletter, and we look forward to the 2026 Netball / Football season and hearing your news. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to your ongoing contributions in 2026.

Merry Christmas
Virginia Clancy



Hills History

It was suggested to me by a reader to start writing about those that lay at rest at the Pleasant Hills Lutheran Cemetery near the church, opposite the school.



I was flicking through a book I have of the "Headstones and Plaques of graves in the Lockhart shire" compiled by the Wagga Wagga and District Family History Society Inc, when I found a name Mathew Gollasch.

Mathew was born on the 24th October 1859 and passed away 18th February 1896.

It seems he had purchased 320 acres, in 1896, somewhere in the Osborne-Brookong area. There is quite a detailed description of how many chains and portions etc. in the Wagga Wagga Express newspaper (20th June 1896, page 3). Which is confliction and odd as his headstone says he had already passed away in February of that year.

In the Wagga Wagga Advertiser (3rd March 1896, page 3) states that in

the Supreme Court of New South Wales, "the estate of Mathew Gollasch, late of French Park near The Rock, in the Colony of New South Wales, Selector, deceased, intestate." And the article then goes on to say that "Application will be made after 14 days the administration of his estate would be granted to his brother, Frederick Gollasch.

There wasn't a funeral notice in the newspapers for Matthew (Matthies) but I did find a death record (Births Deaths and Marriages NSW), and it listed his parents as Frederick and Mary Gollasch.

If anyone has any further information, I would love to find out more, and I am sure the other readers would be curious now as well.



Written and researched by Fiona Beckett

Our Backyard

THAT'S JUST NOT CRICKET

The end of year is coming soon and it certainly has been a mixed year. The cricket season is here again and it too has been a 'mixed bag'. Here is the first verse of a poem by Thos. E. Spencer to bring a smile to your face. Although not as well known as such like Patterson and Lawson he nevertheless was quite popular in his day. This except was from a book of verses and sketches first published in 1906. I distinctly remember this one as I had to memorise it for an English assignment back in the day (I don't know if this type of difficulty is still employed today, but if it is then I suppose it would be an advantage for budding actors and the like).

HOW M'DOUGALL TOPPED THE SCORE

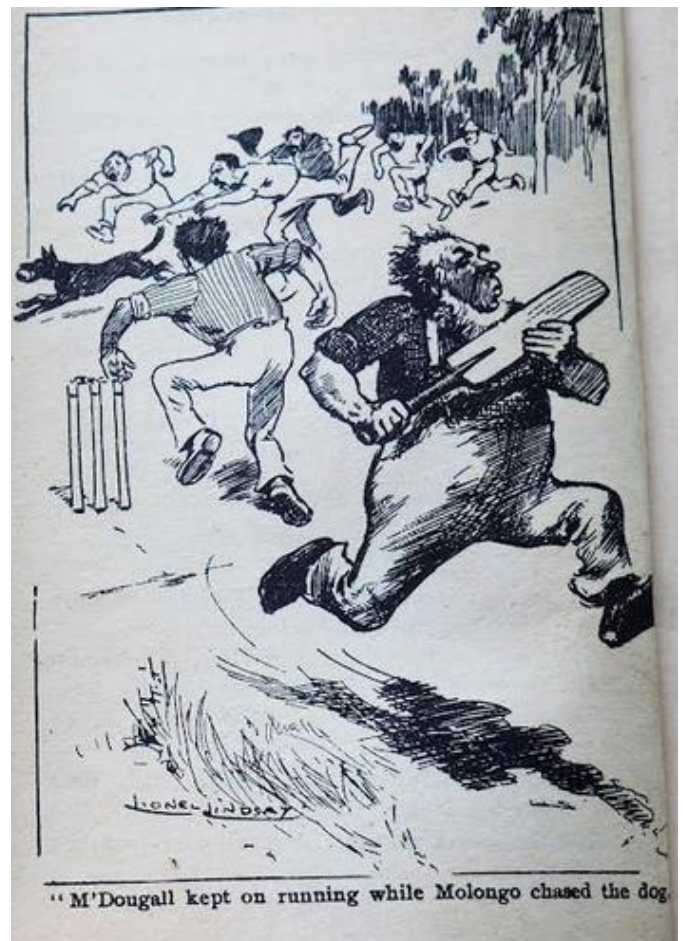
A peaceful spot is Piper's Flat. The folk that live around.
They keep themselves by keeping sheep and turning up the ground.
But the climate is erratic; the consequences are
The struggle with the elements is everlasting war.
We plough, and sow and harrow – then sit down and pray for rain;
And then we all get flooded out, and have to start again.
But the folks are now rejoicing as they ne'er rejoiced before,
For we've played Molongo cricket and M'Dougall topped the score!

Of course the tale rambles on for a further nine verses, too long to narrate here (I'm sure you could find it on the internet), but basically; M'Dougall (who has never played cricket before) comes in to bat at No.11, with Piper's Flat in all sorts of trouble. He blocks the first ball and then calls his sheep dog "Pincher". The dog puts the ball in his mouth and takes off. M'Dougall keeps running until Molongo's total has been bettered. And basically there you have it.

Many of the characters that Thos. E. Spencer created have been attributed to modern characters that may have been modelled on his works.

A prosperous festive season to all and hope it continues into the new year.

Bob Marshall.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Lemon chicken with broccolini and mash



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 6 chicken thigh cutlets
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 brown onion, thinly sliced
- 400g baby mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon lemon rind
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh tarragon leaves
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Mashed potatoes, to serve
- Baby carrots, to serve
- Steamed broccolini, to serve

Method:

- Place flour in a shallow plate and season with salt and pepper. Add chicken and toss to coat. Shake off excess. Reserve flour.
- Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook chicken in 2 batches, for 4 minutes each or until well browned. Set aside on a plate.
- Discard oil and wipe pan clean. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same pan over medium-high heat. Cook onion and mushrooms, stirring for 5 minutes or until browned.
- Sprinkle over reserved seasoned flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add Stock, rind and tarragon and stir to combine. Transfer to a 5.5L (22 cup) slow cooker. Arrange chicken on top. Cover and cook on low for 4 hours. Stir in lemon juice and season.
- If you prefer a thicker sauce. Set chicken aside. Strain sauce into a large frying pan. Bring to the boil over high heat. Boil for 3 minutes or until sauce thickens.

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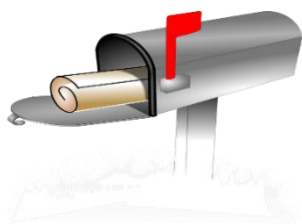
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PAPER ROSTER

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

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
February	
7 th February	Rex Lieschke
14 th February	Wayne Scholz
21 st February	Hugh Clancy
28 th February	Oriel Ridge



Newsletter

Many thanks to all our contributors, as without your contributions we would have no newsletter to read. Please continue sending them in by 10 days before the end of the month to phnewsgroup@gmail.com



Saturday 6th December

CWA meeting – Christmas Party

Wednesday 10th December

Last day for Preschool students

Thursday 11th December

Mobile Library 1040 – 1140am

Saturday 13th December

Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group

Monday 15th December

PHPS Presentation night

Friday 19th December

Pub Christmas Party

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day ☺

Friday 26th December

Boxing Day – (remember Pub closed today)

Saturday 27th December

Pub open for business

Wednesday 31st December

News Years Eve

January

Thursday 8th January

Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40

Saturday 17th January

Patchwork Group meet

Thursday 22nd January

Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40

Monday 26th January

Australia Day Awards at The Rock

Tuesday 27th January

PHPS Staff return for 4 days
Staff Development

Wednesday 28th January

Preschool resumes

February

Monday 2nd February