

Pleasant Hills Community Newsletter

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PLEASANT HILLS CWA

This month we held our meeting in Albury at the UPA Meeting Room. Our thanks to Sue Chapman for organising this.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Karen Kotzur, nee Terlich, a former member of our branch prior to her marriage.

Our 90th Birthday is being held at the Pleasant Hills Hall on 16th April. Some discussions were held about preparations for the day. As per invitation in the Newsletter last month for any locals wishing to attend, but please, we need numbers now for catering purposes as we are providing a luncheon. We have the State President attending so it would be lovely to have extra people there to see her.

Members were told that Pleasant Hills and Henty Branches will combine to host the Riverina Group's 100th Group Conference in October at the Henty Hall.

Our Guest Speaker at our meeting was Barbara Murray from UPA, who gave an entertaining report on her life with the Association.

We organised the Branch's Handicraft Entries and also the Land Cookery for our Group Handicraft Day, which was held at Galore on the Saturday after our meeting (14th March).

We were thrilled with the results on Group Handicraft & Land Cookery Day, held at Galore. We had a wide variety of items in our Handicraft Display. Our entry in the "Group Challenge" – 4 items of crafted food on a crafted plate – won first prize, so will go on to State!



Congratulations to the ladies who took part. There were some interesting items in this Challenge. Also, Carol had her crocheted baby rompers go on to State in The Land Crochet Section. Toni Hasler has made a shirt of Margaret's into a cushion, and this won the Recycled article, so it's also off to State Conference! Well done to all!



In our Land Cookery entries, we were thrilled that all our Pleasant Hills Junior Cooks won prizes, so congratulations to Cohen Morey for getting first with his Decorated Cup Cakes, and Connor Barker for coming second. In the packet cake section, Lachlan Barker came second and in the Chocolate Butter Cake, Caitlin Barker came second, so what amazing cooks we have coming on!



Natalie Hasler, another junior cook, won the Magic Bean Cake in the open section. Kay Dean & Lyn Jacobsen also won several prizes, with Lyn being the most successful cook on the day.



Natalie Hasler with Ellice Schrader

We have six Land Cookery entries to go on to State Conference for judging. Ellice Schrader, a Land Cookery Committee Member, was the judge on the day and she did “open judging”; in front of everyone, passing on handy hints as she went. Overall, our Branch did very well, coming second to Oura. We have a strong contest each year for first place, and it is always a lot of fun. The Branch contributed some fruit cakes to be sold at the Sydney Show Tea Rooms. Nett Maloney will be our Delegate at State Conference, which is being held at Forster in May. Carol Grylls is also attending Conference as Group Secretary. It was moved that we give Nett a substantial sum towards her expenses as it will be an expensive Conference due to distance, and that we give a donation to Group to help someone else a little with costs. Albury Show was discussed and we have three of our members planning to attend their next meeting. Nett gave us a talk on Fiji, the CWA Country of Study this year. At our Group Council Meeting held in Wagga on 2nd March our Guest Speakers were Vicki Burkinshaw and Jules Milsom from the Wagga Women’s Health Centre. This was set up in 1978 and is a hub of support for sufferers of family & Domestic Violence, also providing other care to many, with a long waiting list for help. Their funding for primary prevention of Domestic

Violence went from \$600,000 to \$220,000, which was a major blow to them for funding their prevention projects. This is our designated 2026 Group Community Chest Nomination. New Name badges have been ordered and picked up for our new members. Our Next Meeting will be held in the Pleasant Hills Hall at 10 am on Wednesday, 8th April. **Just a final reminder**, if you would like to come to our 90th Birthday, please contact Nett Maloney on 0421983244 ASAP as it is a luncheon and we need numbers.

Lyn Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel

The Pleasant Hills Community Hotel continues to benefit from the generosity and hard work of local volunteers & hard-working committee members. A number of successful working bees have recently been held, resulting in the installation of ceiling fans in the accommodation rooms—thanks to Joel McRae for completing this work—as well as significant progress made on the new disabled toilet block, including the piers, pathway and concrete access.



In addition, a large flat screen TV has been installed in the dining room and connected to Kayo, enhancing the hotel's ability to host awards nights, community events, and conferences. A special thank you to Grant "Beans" Morey for organising this project.

Community events continue to be a highlight, with the 2026 Hore & Doig Cup Cricket Day proving a great success after being rescheduled due to rain. It was fantastic to see such strong attendance, particularly from younger members of the community. Building on this momentum, the committee is keen to re-establish the Hore & Doig Cup as a regular annual event on the local calendar.

Over the Easter period, the hotel will be closed on Good Friday. Easter raffles will be held on Thursday night, 2nd April, with the hotel reopening on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April.

As football season and sowing get underway across the district, we look forward to welcoming local clubs and travellers alike to call in at the Hills for a meal and a refreshing beverage on their way home.
Clare Hampson.

School News and Reviews



Suddenly we are in the final weeks of Term 1! Congratulations to all of the students and staff for such a productive term of learning across the Key Learning Areas. The students were an absolute pleasure to take on the Harmony Day excursion.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

We are hosting two past Pleasant Hills students from St Paul's College in Walla Walla for work experience. Welcome to Charlotte (Week 9) and Lily (Week 10). They will be joining in classroom activities.

HARMONY DAY at YERONG CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Friday March 20 we joined Yerong Creek and Boree Creek Public Schools for Harmony Day activities. The students rotated in three multiage groups to participate in activities.

1. Harmony Day Hand posters

2. Dances from different countries

3. Mandalas from natural materials

Our student reporters have filed these quick comments:

"We did a dance and at the end it was hard. My favourite was doing the hands. We had some food, I had a pie and fruit box." Laura

"On Harmony Day we got to do lots of things but my favourite was when we traced our hands and got to colour them in with really cool paint markers. All of the hands look really great hanging in the classroom." Samantha

"Mrs Baaten and Mrs Strachan set up an activity. There were rocks, shells, roses and leaves. Molly and I made a mandala together and put all sorts of stuff in it." Lachlan

"My favourite bit were the dances. We did the Irish Skip and an African dance. We made hands too." James



PAUL KELLY CUP

Well done to Lachlan who joined the Henty Public School Paul Kelly cup team last week.



GREATER KENGAL CROSS COUNTRY

The Greater Kengal Cross Country will be held at PHPS on Thursday 2nd April. There will be a barbecue lunch for students, staff and parents with sausages in bread \$3.00 and fruit boxes \$1.50.

Pleasant Hills Pre School



Archer and Nate celebrated their 5th birthdays recently, so we decided to make a cake at preschool. The children completed every step, even cracking the eggs open! By far the best step was decorating the cake with icing and lollies.



We experimented with different ways to make art! The preschoolers used sieves and toothbrushes to make all kinds of interesting and beautiful patterns on the paper. They also used 2D shapes to make pictures.



The home area and imaginary play spaces (both inside and outside) have been a popular choice of play. The preschool babies have been very well looked after! The new addition of the preschool boat, 'The Waterhen', has also been a fun place to play, inspiring many games of Pirates!

Mia Heapy.



Hills Happenings



Birthdays:

Happy 40th Birthday to Angela Hahn for the 8th April.

Happy 40th Birthday to Lee Campbell for the 20th April.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Damien and Jamie Morey on the arrival of their daughter, on the 24th February 2026.



Well Done:

Congratulations to Peter Cheney and Peter Forck (Grandson / Grandfather) for winning the Henty Men's Bowling Club Pairs Final



Congratulations again to Peter Forck for winning the Henty Men's Bowling Club Invitational Triples with teammates Glenn and Sam Harrison.



Congratulations to Tash Beckett for presenting her Industrial Technology HSC Major Project being selected for the SHAPE Exhibition at Sydney UTS



where Tash received Runner Up for the Innovation Award - Well Done!

Congratulations to Suzanne Forck for being named Osborne Cricket Club Clubperson of the year. Congratulations also to Peter Cheney for receiving the Bowling Award for B Grade, and Jesse Cheney for receiving the Batting and Cricketer of the Year Award for U16's.



Pleasant Hills Patchwork Group



Our March meet was well attended with Kaz guiding those wanting to do the Thread catcher and Cup Organiser and others preferring to continue working on their various projects. See above photo collage of projects on the day. Nature's Threads.....where the magic begins Exhibition is on Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May 2026 at Mirambeena Community Centre, 19 Martha Mews, Lavington. Entry is \$5 Featured Embroiderer: Wendy Addison. They will have Gift and Destash Stalls, Demonstrations, Raffles & Refreshments. Our next meet is Saturday April 18th and this is a UFO day so you can continue working on your previous projects and hopefully getting them a step closer to finishing. BYO: Your own project, sewing machine and all sewing requisites, \$7 for hall hire and your own lunch. We start at 9.30 and finish around 3.30 but you are welcome to come anytime on the day.



Easter Service:

Note: There will be no church services at St John's Lutheran Church Pleasant Hills on either Good Friday 3rd April 2026 or Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.

Hall

ANZAC SERVICE

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



Word of the month

“Vellichor”

The strange nostalgia of being in a used book store, which is somehow infused with the passage of time – filled with thousands of old books you'll never have time to read, each of which is itself locked in its own era, bound and dated and papered over like an old room.

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From The Get-Go.

A poem by Trudy Smith.

There's a saying that has grown in use
For the last ten years or so.
A colloquialism I find obtuse
I've disliked it from the "get-go".
This expression sets my teeth on edge
Irritating right from the start
Its inception has irked me all along
Overuse has played its part.
From day one the origin of these words
Have reached far beyond first base
The arrival of such vernacular
Has become quite commonplace.
The utterance of this idiom
Has increased tenfold since dawn
There are other terms I much prefer
Their demise I daily mourn.
It's frequently employed upon TV
In news and sport and weather
If the announcers used a bit more thought
Showtime would be much better.
From the outset could be said
instead
To ignite more logical discussion
There are plenty of alternatives
Instead of a grammatical
concussion.
I could verbalise for days on end
I can sense your stifled yawn
I'll be much happier when the "get-go"
Becomes officially withdrawn.

Fire Brigade



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday 5th April

Don't forget to wind your clocks
back 1 hour.



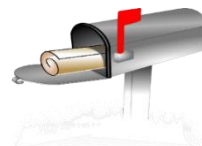
Saturday Paper Run

Please Note:

As of May 2026 the Pleasant Hills Saturday Paper Run will no longer exist. For many reasons the vast majority of families on this run are no longer wanting the Saturday paper and it is no longer practical to continue.

Please contact the Henty Post Office and organise your Saturday paper to be delivered by Post on the following Monday if you are still wanting a hard copy.

Thank You to all that have been involved over the past in this Paper Run.





Pleasant Hills Branch

Invites you to celebrate our 90th Birthday

At The Pleasant Hills Public Hall

Cnr Ryan & Manson St, Pleasant Hills

On Thursday 16 April, 2026

Arrive 11.45am to commence at 12pm sharp

RSVP by 1 April to:

Nett Maloney, Branch Secretary

Email: nett.maloney@gmail.com

Mobile: 0421 983 244

Cost: \$20.00 Per person

No presents please, just your presence!

Join Us



PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!

We are seeking casual employees, with the potential for permanency in the future. The preschool is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays and follows the NSW term dates.

Our Preschool is nestled in the quiet town of Pleasant Hills, 20 minutes from Henty and 30 minutes from Culcairn. It boasts a high staff to children ratio.

We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who share our passion for providing excellent care and quality educational programs to our children.

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Current First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma management training and certificates
- Valid Working With Children Check clearance
- Completion of Child Protection Training and Child Safety Training
- Strong understanding of the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations
- A working knowledge of the EYLF and the ability to reflect this in your daily interactions with the children

Successful candidates will be paid in accordance with the Children's Services Award. In addition, a travel allowance will be paid.

Please forward your current resume, including two references, to the Director, Mia Heaphy, at phpreschool@gmail.com by the 30th April 2026.

Pleasant Hills CWA is celebrating their 90th Birthday on 16th April at the Pleasant Hills Hall with a luncheon at 11.45 for 12noon start. Cost is \$20 RSVP to Nett Maloney on 0421983244 ASAP.

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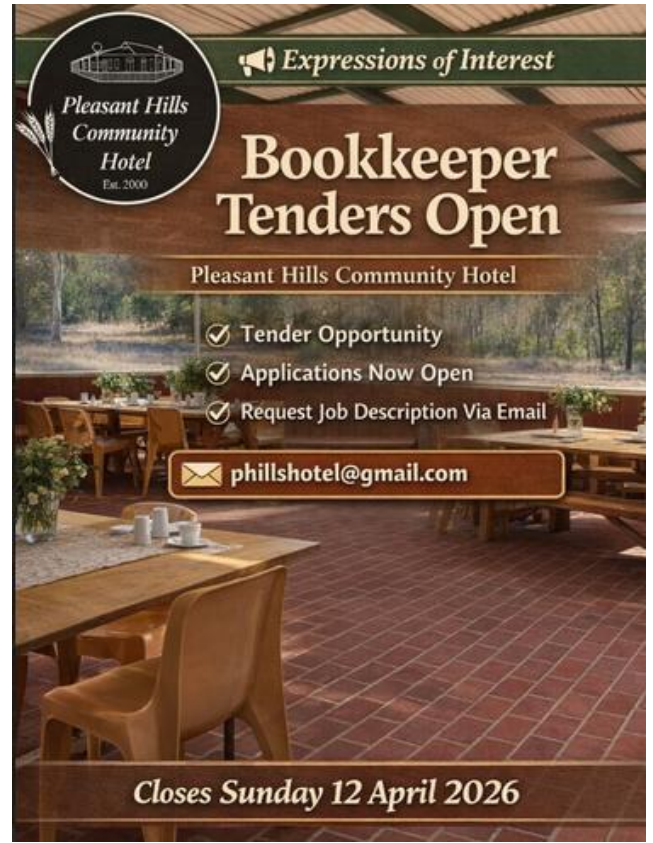


**Pleasant Hills
Mother's Day
Lunch**

SUNDAY 10th MAY - 12 NOON
Lunch under the Verandah
\$55 per person

Booking Enquires
Phone Michelle Sharp
0428 296 405

Pleasant Hills Community Hotel Est. 2000



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Easter Trading Hours

Open Thursday 2nd April from 6pm
(Easter raffles)
Takeaway food available

Closed Good Friday

Open Saturday 4th from 5pm
& Sunday 5th from 4pm
(beverages only)

Countermeals & takeaway available
Saturday 4th April.

Well worth buying RM Williams **Outback Magazine** Issue 166 Apr/May 2026 Page 162

This issue features the memoirs of a school teacher who came to teach at Pleasant Hills in 1966. Quite a funny story!

Hills History

Recently I met Noel Browne who is the grandson of R F Browne, and who lived at Locksley, before Browne family sold to the Forck family. He was 10 years old when they left the area and they settled on the Hawksbury, near Sydney.

Noel told me that his grandfather, R F Browne was in the 4th Lighthorse regiment and was in the charge at Beersheba, in the company of the likes of Banjo Patterson. His father was one of the lucky ones who returned home. My chat was brief, but I look forward to hearing from him in the future. Perhaps Noel has a photograph of his grandfather which we could add to the other photos of WW1 veterans already on the wall at the hall.



Noel's grandfather is listed on the WW1 honour roll, at the top of the left hand column. Anzac Day is coming up very soon. Service will be held at the Hall starting at 9 am. Those in attendance, please bring a plate of food for everyone to enjoy at morning tea after the service. Come and pay your respects to our service people and a chat with locals.

Pleasant Hills CWA turns 90!

The Pleasant Hills CWA is turning 90. They were formed and held their meetings at our beautiful hall at Pleasant Hills.

The Pleasant Hills CWA are holding a birthday party to celebrate their longevity. To this day they are great supporters of the Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please come

and help our local CWA celebrate 90 years at Pleasant Hills.

FREE BBQ AT THE HALL

Please save the date, Saturday 30th May at 10.30am, as we are having a free BBQ for everyone.

Eliza from the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program will be running the morning event to advise us on:

- The fundamentals of how to be a good communicator when delivering unwelcome news.
- How to support a person during a difficult conversation.
- How to proceed if the conversation doesn't go as planned.

This advice session is very informal and would suit everyone in the community, to help us develop skills to have those difficult conversations with children, teenagers, and almost everyone.

This session discusses strategies to maintain your safety and the safety of others involved in difficult conversations. It's free for all to attend. Come and enjoy a get together with the locals and a free feed.

New Facilities for the Pub

The Pub now has an all-abilities toilet cubical installed, as of the end of March. There has been a band of volunteers working tirelessly to improve the facilities at the hotel, making it more inclusive to everyone.



When completed there will be access to the facilities from the end of the front veranda. This will make Lunch Under the Veranda more accessible for all who attend. Very exciting!

Written by: Fiona Beckett

Our Backyard

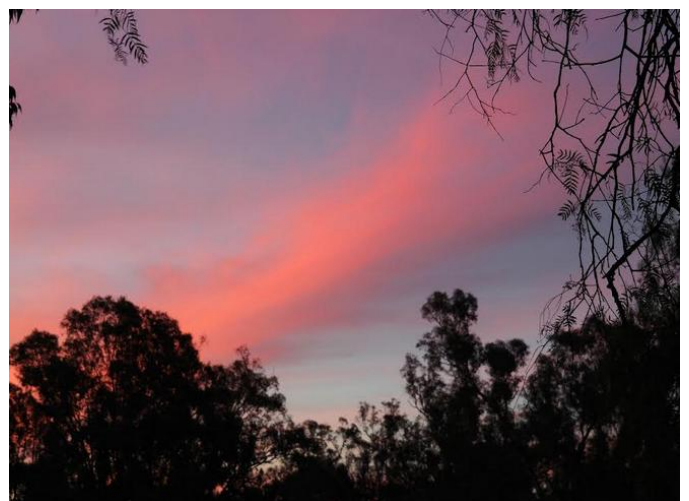
Well, it is good that the sky has recently opened; it sure takes the pressure down somewhat. Now the problem is become handling the weeds that have sprung up in the garden but while the weather is still warm they can still easily be handled. The extra work is well rewarded especially if the result is a good crop of winter vegetables. As I write this I am listening to Kosta (Gardening Australia), who is reminding us that one of the best ways tackle weeds this time of year is not cut our lawns too low as this will enable weeds to thrive again the grasses. This seems to work as the sections of lawn that I left over the summer have now no weeds in them and they are developing lush green grass. Just expect snails and slugs to arrive next (it never stops). One weed that often causes concern is the dreaded 'cat's eye'. This spreading weed with tiny yellow flowers at this time if the year is a real problem, especially if you step on one in bare feet. Having a 'tap root' they are easily removed by hand if the soil is moist enough or loosened. I have eradicated them from some areas of the garden, but after the recent rain they have emerged in places that previously seemed free. I don't know how many times I have had to fix a tyre puncture on my pushbike during my youth or how many time I had one removed from my foot (Ouch!!). Well worth removing even if it does take time. It is interesting to note that when I looked in the noxious weed book to try and get a scientific name for the pest, the weed was nowhere to be found. Most interesting. Our visiting Red Kangaroo and Joey are still around but they don't appear

very often. A closer inspection the other day revealed a slight limp in one of her hind legs. This could well be the reason she has stayed so long. Anyway, who would want to leave Pleasant Hills now there is ample green pick and plenty of water. She may well decide to spend winter here to fully recuperate.

The recent rain has caused tomato plants to re-flower and if it stays warm a late crop may eventuate which will be welcomed as the summer crop was very poor, at least in the quality.

Well after the rains have begun, the spectacular Pleasant Hills sunsets are beginning to return. Here is one of the first sunsets seen here for some time. If you are quick and keen on sunsets, one of the best places is to observe them is to head west from Pleasant Hills along the Hall's Creek Road towards the Lockhart/Albury Road. A spectacular panorama can be revealed but don't forget to "Keep Your Eyes On The Road".

Bob Marshall.

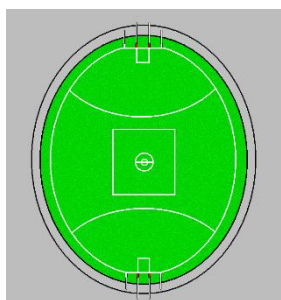


Charlie's Footy Column

Not too long now until the Hume Football Netball League season kicks off. All training sessions have started for clubs with juniors and seniors ready to have a great season. In round one, there will be 2 great games, with Lockhart facing CDHBU and Holbrook taking on Jindera. These 2 games will be the games of the round, with all these final contenders trying to get off to a great start.

We are already 4 weeks into the AFL, and some teams are proving their points early. The Gold Coast Suns have flown out of the blocks with Christian Petracca making a fantastic addition, but he has pulled his hamstring, so he will be out for another 4-8 weeks. The Western Bulldogs look to have started strong, with Marcus Bontempelli playing his best footy, along with Aaron Naughton, who has already kicked 11 goals.

I will start doing player profiles in the next newsletter to come.



Caitlin's Netball News

Welcome back everybody, while still preparing for the Hume League to start on the 11th of April the Suncorp Super Netball is up and running and we're 2 rounds in with the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Melbourne Vixens both with 2 wins with Queensland Thunderbirds and GWS Giants yet to have any wins. Some of the Fan Favorites to have on the court this year is Georgie Horjus from the Adelaide Thunderbirds after her outstanding summer with the Australian Diamonds and Maddy Gordan for the Queensland Firebirds.

Pleasant Hills Player Profile:

Name/ Nickname: Grace Ryan. Gracie Ryan (as nickname)

Club you play for: Osborne

Suncorp Netball Team: Swifts

Club Idol and why: Lisa & John Ryan - there's a lot that goes unnoticed

Most annoying teammate and

why: Jessica McDonnell - self explanatory.

Favorite Memory in your Career: coaching my little 11's to two premierships.

Any pregame superstitions: Must always wear old white osborne socks.

What do you like about the Pleasant Hills Community: I love that everyone knows everyone and their all so welcoming. It's always promised a good night at the hills.

Caitlin Hamson.



Matt's Cooking Corner:



Grandpas Anzac slice



- Combine flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl. Make a well in the centre.
- Place butter and syrup in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until smooth. Combine bicarbonate of soda and boiling water in a jug. Remove butter mixture from heat. Stir in bicarbonate of soda mixture. Add to flour mixture. Stir to combine.
- Transfer to prepared pan. Using the back of a spoon, press mixture evenly into pan.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden. Cool in pan. Cut into squares. Serve.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups organic plain flour
- 1 1/4 cups organic rolled oats
- 1 cup firmly packed organic Panela sugar
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 150g butter, chopped
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water

Note:

Panela is raw sugar that has retained the molasses.

Different to brown sugar in that brown sugar is refined with some molasses sprayed back on.

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease and line a 3cm-deep, 19cm x 29cm (base) slice pan with baking paper, allowing a 2cm overhang at long ends.

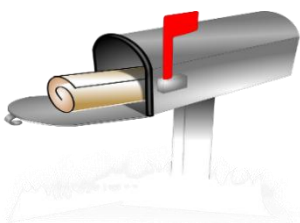


PAPER ROSTER

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

April	
4 th April	Rex Lieschke
11 th April	Wayne Scholz
18 th April	Hugh Clancy
25 th April	Oriel Ridge



Newsletter

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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

April

- Wednesday 1st April
April Fool's Day
- Wednesday 1st April
RSVP to Lyn Jacobsen for CWA 90th Celebration.
- Thursday 2nd April
Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40
- Thursday 2nd April
GK Cross Country at PHPS
- Thursday 2nd April
Hotel open today (as closed Friday).
- Thursday 2nd April
PHPS last day Term 1
- Friday 3rd April
Good Friday
- Saturday 4th April
Easter Saturday
- Sunday 5th April
Easter Sunday
- Sunday 5th April
Daylight saving ends 😊
- Monday 6th April
Easter Monday
- Wednesday 8th April
CWA meeting Pleasant Hills Hall 10:00am
- Thursday 16th April
CWA 90th Birthday Party at the Hall
- Thursday 16th April
Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40
- Saturday 18th April
Patchwork Group meet
- Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st April
Term 2 Staff Development Days
- Wednesday 22nd April
PHPS Students return Term 2
- Thursday 23rd April
PHPS Years 5/6 Taster Day @ Billabong High School
- Saturday 25th April
Anzac Day
- Saturday 25th April
Anzac Ceremony 9am at the Hall. (Please bring a plate to share).
- Thursday 30th April
Mobile Library 10:40 – 11:40