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Pappinbarra Valley Monthly News
Pappinbarra Progress Association

September 2017

Valley Happenings

Annual 2017-18 PPA Membership is only \$5 per adult. We need your support, your voice and your participation in our efforts to foster community spirit in Pappinbarra and environs and to maintain and improve Hollisdale Hall.

First Friday get-together is on from 6 pm at Hollisdale Hall, Pappinbarra Road on 1 September. Come along and enjoy the company. Don't worry if you don't know anyone - we make all feel welcome! Vegetarian and gluten-free options included in a tasty low cost menu. Soft drinks available. BYOG. Cooking team: Phil, Harvey, Rebecca and Deb.

August First Friday saw the members' draw jackpot yet again. Amy Hubers won the raffle (again! - last month she said it was the first time she had ever won anything!) and chose the Mitre 10 Voucher. Many thanks to the cooking team and to all who helped with the set-up and clean-up. Your willing assistance is most appreciated.

All Saints' Pappinbarra: Service on Sunday September 24 at 2 pm with afternoon tea around 3 pm off the back of the Murphy ute. With Rev Canon Judy's promotion to Casino the future of our service may be in doubt. If you have been thinking about it, please come along. Bring a plate to share.



Rural Fire Brigade training for Pappinbarra and Hollisdale members is on the second Saturday of the month: 9 September 8-10 am. Meet at the hall in full uniform.

Working bee at the hall to make some more shopping bags as part of PPA's 'Say NO to plastic' initiative will be at the hall on Saturday 16 September. 9 am start; machines, irons, ironing boards and overlockers needed. Contact: Sue Frost 65 876 129 suefrost6@hotmail.com.

Hollisdale Hall and grounds are smoke free - please refrain from smoking at any of our functions. See President's message p8.

Greg Ostler Memorial Cricket Match is on again - Dirt vs Tar on Sunday 10 September. Details see poster this page.

Pappinbarra Community Market - Grown and Gathered is on Sunday 3 September. Join us and bring the family from 9 am to 12 mid-day for a country experience with food, coffee and live music! Stall enquiries to Lisa on 0418 220 138.

[grownandgatheredcommunitymarket](#) on Facebook.

Beekeeping

With Spring just around the corner, the Pappinbarra beekeeping group is meeting at Pythonwood on Saturday 2 September 9-11 am. Anyone interested in honey bees is welcome to join us.

There will be a course on keeping native stingless bees for fun, honey production, conservation, pollination or education on Thursday 26th October 2017 at the Wauchope Arts Council Hall, Oxley Lane, Wauchope. It will run from 10am to 4pm. The Course is restricted to 40 people at a cost of \$40 each. Bookings can be made through Patrick McEntee,patrickmcentee18@gmail.com (preferably) or 0400 483 305.

THE ANNUAL GREG OSTLER MEMORIAL SHIELD
CRICKET MATCH
DIRT vs TAR
SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER



Registration at 9:30 am for 10 am start. \$2 adults, \$1 kids
 This is a great family day and everyone is welcome to participate. PPA will run a raffle and a barbecue with steaks, snags and soft drinks. BYOG and picnic gear and meet your neighbours at the Upper Pappinbarra Recreation Ground. Going since 2006, the Dirt have won 7 games, the Tar 4.

Frugal Forest News

The Frugal Forest is finally returning to the Hastings, after touring to seven venues around NSW with more than 53,000 visitors and appearing at the Sydney Opera House. Sea Acres Rainforest Centre will be hosting the Forest installation from September to February, open every day from 9am to 4:30pm, for a gold coin donation. After a flurry of shortening tree trunks and adjusting palms to fit the space, we'll be throwing the doors open on Saturday 9th September. Drop in between 9am - 12pm, when the Frugal Arts crew will be there to chat and show you around. Are you one of the many people who contributed? Come along and see if you can find what you made or donated, and show your friends! As part of the five-month exhibition, we are offering workshops for pre-school, primary and high school students from 3-15 years of age. We will also offer

School Holiday Workshop Programs and Creative Reuse Workshops for adults. For more info see the Frugal Arts Facebook page or contact Chay on 6587 6022. The Frugal Forest has been awarded for Excellence in Environmental Education.

Our workshops are run by experienced artists and educators and are great fun for all involved!

(New to the Valley? The Frugal Forest is a forest installation made over three years by Pappinbarra people and many more around the Mid North Coast. Everything, down to the last leaf and the last bird call, has been created from stuff that was headed to landfill.

Check out frugalforest.frugalarts.net

Bryony Anderson
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Kids find out what the forest is made of at the Opera House

Eight kids from Pappinbarra went the Opera House with their mums to be guides for the 28 shows of 'Music in the Forest' where guests took a walk through the Frugal Forest and were then treated to a series of nature-themed classical pieces played by a chamber orchestra on the edge of the forest. These kids have been involved with making and presenting the Frugal Forest since the project began in 2014 and the trip to the Opera House was a great highlight for them.



Mason Bell reckoned "It was neat seeing so many people interested".

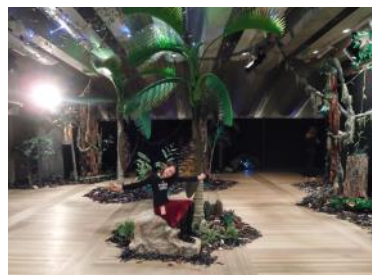
Melia Michael said "I liked turning the sound on in the forest for everyone to hear. I liked the violins. Creeping around in the back of the

stage was fun. I liked the seals at Taronga Zoo too. We ate a lot of gelato, my favourite flavour was lime because it is sour."



The McGahey kids, Tess and Nina, said they liked going into the opera house and seeing the big cruise ships pulled up in the harbour! "We ate lots of Gelato too and of course we liked hearing the violins as well."

Denny Michael: "I liked seeing the musicians play and getting to meet some of the kids from schools. I like answering their questions about the Forest."



Sophie Aplin: "I liked the terrace house we stayed in and I have been learning one of the violin pieces they played in the Forest. I also really liked the pieces they played from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi."

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Weed of the Month: Privet in the Pappinbarra Catchment

Privet species have been in Australia since the 1800s, having been introduced for their horticultural value, with little knowledge or care for their potential to become weeds. They are now considered to be serious environmental weeds in eastern and southern Australia as they displace native vegetation in a range of ecosystem types and degrade natural and agricultural landscapes.



Mature seed (top); leaves (far left); flowers (left); unripe seeds (below)

range of birds and the voided seeds can germinate to spread the infestation. Seeds that drop from the trees or are moved in flood-waters germinate en masse and readily form impenetrable thickets.

The two most common types of privet in Australia are small-leaved (*Ligustrum sinense*) and large-leaved (*L. lucidum*) and although they tend to occupy different niches in any given landscape, locally you can find privet of both types in diverse settings such as disturbed forests, untended fence lines and paddocks and riparian zones. Generally speaking, small-leaved privet is the more common along the banks of the Pappinbarra River and its tributaries, whilst large-leaved prefers comparatively drier situations.

Identifying the plants can be confusing, particularly when comingled with native rainforest species. Both types of privet have simple, opposite leaves but so too do many native trees in the Myrtaceae family, for example native guava (*Rhodomyrtus psidioides*), lilypilly (*Acmena* and *Syzigium*) and myrtles such as *Choricarpa*, *Backhousia* and *Archirhodomyrtus*. However, all of the native Myrtaceae plants have fragrant oils in the leaves (the family also includes *Eucalyptus* and its allies) in oil dots visible with the naked eye or hand lens when back-lit.

Privet leaves are not fragrant when crushed and fruiting displays for both species present as large pyramid-shaped clusters of purplish-black berries. The fruits are consumed by a



The containment and control of privet is achievable, regardless of the density or extent of the infestation. A large of body of knowledge derived from case studies has been collated into 'best-practice' manuals and these can be accessed via local control officers (local and state government, Local Land Services) or Landcare. Long-lasting results can be accomplished by coordinating control with neighbours and other stakeholders in the catchment.

Peter Michael

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The Reverend Canon Judy Taylor (and John Edwards)

Judy was born in 1952 in Goulburn Hospital and spent her first few months in Moruya. Her mother was a nurse and her father a Church of England minister. The family moved a great deal before eventually settling in Rosebud in Victoria, where she completed primary school and two years of secondary school at Rosebud High. During her earlier years, Judy and her two younger brothers were exposed to the effects of their father's long term mental illness and persistent infidelity which resulted in an environment of domestic violence, along with varying degrees of physical and emotional abuse. Judy remembers that her mother was powerless to protect her or her brothers from the excesses of her father.

At 13 years of age, sent to board at Firbank Church of England Girls Grammar School in Brighton, Judy completed her schooling to year 12. Initially, this was a difficult time; she felt lost; she was socially inept with no idea how to relate to her peers; she was fat, felt insignificant and worthless and she was useless at sport. She was bullied and humiliated by the other girls. Her saving grace was that she loved singing and acting (Do you remember her in *Dimboola*?) and was good at organising people and helping out. Consequently, she gradually found a way of contributing to school life, and gained some confidence. A prefect in her final year, she was awarded the Valedictorian Citizenship Prize. During those years, Judy avoided going home and preferred to stay with her new found country friends and their families; she says this is where she developed a love for the bush and country living. The relationship with her two brothers, who remained at home, became increasingly distant. Her parents finally divorced and her father left the ministry and remarried.

In 1970, Judy commenced her nursing training at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. She absolutely loved it, grew in confidence and spread her wings. In those days, it was fashionable to marry as quickly as possible. She met Dennis in 1973, married in 1974, and had her two sons while working full time. She and Dennis divorced after seven years. During this time, she obtained her Midwifery Certificate at Frankston Hospital.



Judy and John

Working as a Nurse Educator at The Royal Hobart Hospital, she lived a happy life as a single mum in Hobart. There was very little support for working single parents in the '80s and her two boys, Jason, aged six and Nathan, two, had to be placed in foster care for three months - a very traumatic time for all of them.

In 1983 her maiden Aunt Phil was killed in a car crash and the remaining Aunt Joan was lonely and offered to make a home for Judy and her boys on a farm

outside Taralga near Goulburn. 1984 saw the family move in with Aunt Joan who was a pillar of the church but not used to boisterous children so they got blamed for everything. She became a glorified house keeper for her slowly dementing aunt whilst working full time at Goulburn Base Hospital. Judy was recognised for her organisational skills and became involved in many community groups including the Anglican Church, where she began to form her faith under the guidance of the local Rector.

In 1986, she was encouraged to give up nursing and become the live-in supervisor of an aged care facility. This turned out to be a huge job, but in her 15 years in the position she increased the capacity from six to 40 high and low care residents. As well, she was on the board of Anglican Retirement Community Services, taught Cert 4 in Aged Care and First Aid at TAFE, was an active member of SES and St John's Ambulance and was the Emergency Responder for the Taralga area. She left all this in 2000 and moved to Canberra to begin a Bachelor of Theology through Charles Sturt University, in response to what she believed was God's call to ordained ministry.

While live-in manager of a self-care retirement village in Red Hill, Judy commenced her study at St Marks National Theological College in Canberra. After nine months of the course she had a fall, became physically very sick and had a mental breakdown. Her body and mind had had enough! She crashed out emotionally for three months; her mentor was unsupportive and she felt very lost. It took three years to fully recover and she felt unable to study for two. She was then rejected as a candidate for ordination, but, you can't keep a

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good woman down and the ever-resilient Judy sought an alternate path to her destination!

After doing a Drug and Alcohol Counselling Course she worked for the Salvation Army in a Residential Rehabilitation program for five years. Following a course in non-religious Clinical Pastoral Education, she came to understand that all people have spiritual needs and religion is simply one way spirituality is expressed. She learned to focus and be present without placing her own agenda onto others. After jumping through many hoops, Judy was eventually ordained in 2007.

A Deacon at Ainslie in Canberra, Judy then moved to Bodalla where she was charged with the task of reconnecting All Saints' with the Bodalla community. To gain trust and build relationships, she joined the Rural Fire Brigade, the CWA, and worked alongside the community in many projects. She was ordained a priest in 2008 and left Bodalla in 2010 by which time the congregation had swelled from four to 45! The new Bishop for the Canberra Goulburn Diocese was unable to find a suitable position for her after Bodalla and Judy faced the prospect of being without a job for the first time in her adult life... but not for long! She found Wauchope and Wauchope embraced her.

In her first week in the job she was confronted by several passionate and hostile parishioners from Pappinbarra when they heard that the Anglican Church was planning to de-commission our beautiful little church. A meeting was called; Judy managed to avert a riot, and a 'go-forward' plan was agreed. We now have a regular congregation of 15-20 who turn up for a service on the fourth Sunday of each month. (Some of us well remember a day when Judy was running late for the service and arrived in a shower of dust with her white-knuckled Rector's Warden hanging on for dear life to the Jesus bar!)

Judy is of the firm belief that God called her specifically to this parish to provide a stable and healing Anglican ministry amongst the people of the Wauchope district and to equip them for the changes occurring in the church at large. She believes she has honoured this calling as best she could in a culture which has been highly resistant to change. She has recently seen some of her hopes for the parish come to fruition - the



Judy as Leonardo Radish in Dimboola - Pappinbarra 2011

completion of a four-year course for lay people, *Education For Ministry* which she mentored, the establishment of a children's ministry, *Tots Music Time*, the introduction of different liturgies in worship, and the reconfiguration of the Wauchope Church to more aptly reflect a changing understanding of the faith community of the church and what is meaningful when it comes together to worship. Although she accepted a three-year extension at the end of last year, Judy began to realise shortly after that her time in Wauchope was coming to an end and it was not long before she discerned God's call to Casino.

Then God threw her a curved ball in the shape of John Edwards of King Creek, a retired widower with an accounting, banking, welfare and ecology background. Although they had met just before Christmas, it was not till May that John and Judy acknowledged a romantic attraction. They announced their engagement on July 2nd and Judy left the next day for five weeks in Africa! John and Judy will be married by Bishop Sarah at Grafton Cathedral on September 19th at 2pm. All welcome. They will live in the Rectory in Casino where Judy takes up her position as Rector three days later. They plan to stay there until she retires in five years, and then they *might* even return to our beautiful valley. That we should be so lucky!

Judy has come to love, admire and respect the people of the Pappinbarra Valley for their unfailing courage, generosity and resilience in times of adversity and tragedy. She has seen the great community spirit fostered by the love and support that is shown to and by neighbours in the valley and the way in which the community gathers for times of fun and laughter or when something needs to be done. She wishes to thank everyone for their friendship, hospitality and support.

Come and join Judy for her final service at Pappinbarra on Sunday 27th August and afterwards at the Hollisdale Hall for arvo tea.

Judy, you are a remarkable woman and you will be missed.

Mary Walker

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In History Week, Friday and Saturday 8 and 9 September 2-4 pm for oral history and display and Saturday 6-9 pm.

Bring a plate to share for dinner and enjoy a Dad and Dave film with piano by Russell Dick. Supported by PMHC and NSW History Council. Entry by gold coin donation.

Land for the RFB - Thanks Suzanne!

The PPA and the Hollisdale RFB wish to express their gratitude to Suzanne Leigh who has donated a strip of land to Council so that the Hollisdale fire shed can be extended to meet OH&S standards and to accommodate a Cat 9 vehicle which will be more manoeuvrable in our terrain. Thanks for your generosity Suzanne!

Lisa McLeod

Goannas and Brush Turkeys

There is a scuffle near the mound with a male brush-turkey chasing a goanna whose tail is curled into tight circles because the turkey is pecking hard at its base. The goanna moves off, but stops and faces the bird with its mouth open, hissing. The turkey then turns its tail, raking showers of debris into the reptile's face and mouth. This makes the goanna turn and run again. The confrontation is repeated till they are about 100 m from the mound, when the turkey turns back.

A very large goanna climbs onto the mound, to be met by the owner, who pecks its tail, hard. The turkey doesn't stop pecking as the goanna runs across the mound, but when it turns, it gets the 'in-your-face' treatment. This is repeated until the lizard is about 20 m away from the mound, when the bird stops the pursuit and the goanna gives up and moves off.

Trevor Smith

Editor's note: Although John Shaw (see [A young man's first teaching appointment](#) Pitchfork August 2015) recalls the settlers on the Left Arm shooting and eating 'turkeys' among

many other birds, they were apparently named after the New World bird for their appearance rather than their taste. They weren't a preferred food of the Aboriginal people as far as I can ascertain, though appeared on many rural tables during the Depression of the 1930s. Back then, they were considered to be 'approaching extinction'!

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RFS Community Fire Awareness Meeting

The message that came out of the Community Fire Awareness Meeting held at the Hollisdale Hall on 12 August 2017 was that, while the RFS will always be there to provide advice and support the community in the event of fire, it is the owners and occupants who are responsible for the safety of their properties. They must ensure that:

- properties are easy to find with numbers clearly visible from both directions;
- updated fire prevention plans are in place;
- fire hazards, particularly those near houses and buildings, are removed;
- properties are adequately prepared for any burn-offs;
- neighbours and the RFS are given adequate notice of burn-off plans;
- burn-offs are fully monitored; and

- updated fire evacuation plans are in place and clearly communicated to all who might be affected.

It was noted that, In the February fires, those who were prepared with fire pumps, hoses and adequate water supplies stood a good chance of defending their properties. Furthermore, the RFS will not risk the lives of volunteers, or the loss of valuable assets, attempting to defend properties which have inadequate provision for access and exit.

The RFS emphasised that the upcoming fire season is expected to present serious fire risks and the time to implement your plan is NOW!

A good RFS representation was on hand to lead the session, to demonstrate firefighting gear and fittings suitable for domestic use, and to answer questions. The meeting was well attended.

A word on fire protection measures

Great, easy-to-use gutter plugs: Precision Hytec, 03 9555 6366 – both round and rectangular gutter plugs, fit multiple size downpipes. Easy to install and remove. Cost me \$88.45 for 11. You can find them on eBay.

I'm using reflective paint from Blackwoods (www.blackwoods.com.au), 13 73 23, to make a high visibility street number sign. Got a small piece of galvanised steel from Bennett's Steel to paint my number on both sides, which I'm then attaching to a post next to my mailbox right beside the road. Cost me \$50.

Regards, Michéle

RFB Report

You would have seen the media releases on TV with dire predictions for a hot and early fire season. Over the past two weeks the brigades have been kept on the run with a large amount of back burning under way.

We had a community meeting on the 12 August with a good turnout of residents interested in getting their properties ready for summer. If you need any more information drop into RFS headquarters in Cameron Street, Wauchope. Be prepared this summer – it is your responsibility!

Fire permits will be needed from 1 September.

Stop press

There has been a large fire on Rollans Road, Pappinbarra with several houses under threat. Up to 6 trucks have been in attendance. It has been mostly contained in the calmer weather with back-burning but is still smouldering. A huge thank-you to all those who attended this fire.

Because there are fires everywhere fire permits may be coming in earlier than September 1.

Please check with fire headquarters before you attempt to light.

Cheers Chris Roelandts
Hollisdale Captain

Fire permits are not required but check the RFS website to make sure and notify your neighbours 24 hours in advance.

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President's message

The committee has been working hard to make improvements at the Hall. It could not be done without grants - our thanks go to those detailed below, who are supporting our community with funding.

Port Macquarie Hastings Council have generously donated play equipment, hand crafted by the staff on their team-building day earlier in the year and to have been installed on 19 August. The Pappinbarra volunteers who were going to help were out fighting fires so that working bee has been postponed. Watch Pitchfork for a new date. It will be a wonderful place for our children to play, thanks to Council, Paul Koch and all involved so far.

Our 'Mow & Grow' Shed now has the slab in place next to the existing mud brick toilet block. Shortly we will be building the roof and walls to give us more storage space. Well done Rob Williams for the concreting and Ben Smith for the excavation of the site. This is being funded by the **Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)**.

We are in the process of building a shower in the disabled bathroom. This will be of great benefit in times of natural disasters and also for the RFS to use after fighting fires (till the fire shed is upgraded). The shower and associated plumbing is funded by **Australia Post** through an **Our Neighbourhood Community Grant**.

We have ordered a new water tank along with the necessary pump, hoses, reels and fittings to enable us to protect the Hall and other buildings in the case of a fire. The tank will give us another 22,500 litres of water on-site - a must for the area we live in. We will be looking for volunteers to help us set this up. We are being funded for bushfire protection for the Hall through **PMHC's Community Grants – Non Council Owned Halls** stream.

I would like to advise everyone that the Hall and grounds are officially a **Smoke Free area**. This is a reminder to all that smokers have a dedicated area in front of the fence near the fire shed to the west of the hall. This area is lit at night and easily accessible at all times. This will ensure that both adults and children can enjoy the clean fresh air in our wonderful valley. Please help us by advising people who may be new to our Hall where the smoking area is located.

I hope to see you all at the Dirt v's Tar Cricket match. The Tar need to give the Dirt a run for their money.

Quote: *Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.*

Lisa McLeod

PPA Matters

PPA Committee meetings – every third Friday of the month 6:30 pm at the Hall. Interested members welcome.

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