



# PITCHFORK

## Pappinbarra Valley Monthly News

Pappinbarra Progress Association

May 2016

### Valley Happenings

Do you enjoy *Pitchfork*? It is published by **Pappinbarra Progress Association (PPA)**. Membership is only \$5 per adult. If you join you support PPA in this and other activities to benefit our community. Members can have free classified ads on a casual basis and are also invited to attend committee meetings; next one is at 6pm on Friday 20 May at Hollisdale Hall. **PPA welcomes** new members Tony Ostler, Emelyn Smith and Andrew Bailey, Andrew and Sue Jarrett, Graham and Sue McLaughlan, Bronwen Taylor and Josie Kruse, and Zerena and Luke Moreta.

**May First Friday** get-together and barbecue is on 6 May from 6 pm at Hollisdale Hall, Pappinbarra Road. Come along and greet your neighbours! Vegetarian and gluten-free options included in a tasty low cost menu. Soft drinks available. BYOG.

**Pappinbarra Community Market - Grown and Gathered** is on Sunday 1 May. Come along from 9 am to mid-day and enjoy the experience! Stall enquiries to Nat 0432 762 393.

**April First Friday:** Tony Ostler's name came out for the

members' draw but since he wasn't present it jackpots to \$45 for May. The raffle was won by Trevor who chose the *ecoWild!* voucher. Our cooks did a marvellous job. Many thanks to them and to all who assisted before and after.

**All Saints' Pappinbarra**, our little historic church, welcomes all to the service on Sunday 28 May at 2 pm with a cuppa around 2.45 'off the back of the ute'.

**Hollisdale RFB** training on Saturday 7 May 8-10 am. Meet at the hall in full uniform. Pappinbarra RFB members welcome.

**Card and board games night** is on again for all adult (>18) players on Saturday 14 May from 6.30 pm. BYO drinks and a plate to share for dinner/nibbles. Cost \$5.

**Anniversary Dance** Sunday 10 July. Details in June Pitchfork - keep the date free!

**Hollisdale Hall**, owned by the community, is available for community use - there is a sliding scale of fees to cover cost of gas and electricity plus a \$200 bond for 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties. Get details and book with George on 6587 6077.

**Hall Painting:** This big job continues with our willing volunteers working as a fantastic team kept going by the goodies prepared by Liz. When the rear exterior is finished we will have a bit of a break before starting on the interior of the schoolroom. **Galaxy Floors** has completed the refinishing of the floor after a hiccup probably due to the use of kero to prepare for dances in the past. We thank Walud and his son for a great job. Many thanks to PMH Council for funding the project.

**Hall awning:** Thanks to our success in gaining a PMHC Non Council Halls Community Grant, we will be extending the area of shelter for our FF, markets and other functions. Work will start as soon as the DA is finalised.

**Other news:** Tennis is over till warmer weather in spring.

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invites you to the

Which country lies on the border between Spain and France?

2016 Pappinbarra

Which animal has the largest brain?

# TRIVIA NIGHT

## MAY 21

Hollisdale Hall 7pm start

\$10pp, tables of 8

What is the name for the Greek goddess of victory?

In 1939 the movie The Wizard of Oz lost the Academy Award for best picture to which film?

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# Meet the Neighbours

## Andrew and Susan Jarrett

Sue was born in Coonamble in 1959 to parents Doug and Beryl Baz. The family moved to Cooma where she, her three brothers and three sisters all attended infants' school. After going to high school in Canberra, Sue completed a receptionist course but never worked in this field. Instead, she took a gap year, then took to a tent with various school mates, just bumming around enjoying some freedom. They had to put a wooden pallet underneath the tent as it wasn't altogether waterproof!

The Baz parents and seven children moved to Port Macquarie when Sue was 19; by the age of 22 she was married. She had two children, Sarah, now 33, and Joe, now 32. Sue was a widow with two young children by the time she was 26.

Andy was born in Epping in 1959 and lived in North Ryde until he was seven. The whole family was forced to move because the Council wanted their two acres, so Laurie and Estelle moved to Dural with their two boys, Andy and Simon.

When Andy was 13, the family moved to Wauchope and he and Simon went to Wauchope High. His parents bought land in Brombin and set about building their home. Andy completed Year 12 and then went on to Uni where he started a Science degree but struggled (it turned out that he needed glasses); at 18 he went to work on Groote Eylandt for BHP for 18 months but didn't like the culture of chain smoking and alcoholism so he left.

Deciding it was time to spread his wings, Andy set off to explore Asia. In the Himalayas he became quite ill with dysentery and flew home to Australia, landing in Darwin. Using all the money he had left, he bought a Triumph Bonneville and took ten days to ride home to Mum and Dad in Brombin and there he stayed, working with his father as a sales rep in the saddlery and cutlery business.

After seven years of being on the road all week and living in Brombin, Andy decided he needed a social life and answered an advertisement to rent a room in Port Macquarie. He moved into a house with a young widow and her two small children. He did quite a bit of work around the place and the children loved him. After he installed her open fireplace, romance blossomed with his landlady. You guessed it, her name was Sue! They married two years later; Nicholas was born in 1991 and the family was complete.

Andy had purchased a steep, rocky block of just over eight acres in the Pappinbarra Valley in 1988 Covered in lantana and bracken, it was part of a Soldier Settler block owned by the late



Alec Murray. While they lived in Port Macquarie, Andy and Sue came out to the block at weekends, and started building their house on the hill. They moved out to the property after they were married, into a house that was only just habitable. Access to the building was via a ladder; there was no bathroom so the kids were hosed down in the back yard! They slept in a tent on what is now the chook yard and the toilet was down a narrow plank. To top it all off, Sue was very pregnant with Nic and one day, having negotiated the plank with some difficulty, she very nearly delivered the baby over the 'long drop'!

The kids survived and went to Beechwood and then Wauchope for their schooling; they still maintain friendships with their school mates despite marrying and moving away. Andy now does quotes for Mid Coast Windows, and Sue works in aged care in Food and Domestic Services.

Weekends are spent around their beautiful home with its spectacular view of Banda Banda Mountain. Sue loves to garden when the weather is fine and in the winter she has been known to spin wool and knit. She loves to sew and when time allows and she can tear herself away from the view, she paints! Andy likes to build things and is currently making yards from scratch. He is sick of slashing and plans to run some cattle to help mow the grass!

Both Andy and Sue are keen to establish a veggie garden so that they can feed themselves and sell the excess at 'Grown and Gathered'. They have a permit to pump from the dam and have 36 reticulation points so water shouldn't be a problem.

They have called their property *Banda View* and it certainly lives up to its name.

Mary Walker

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# Rural Fire Brigade News

In 2014 PPA agreed to donate a portion of land to Council so that the Hollisdale RFB shed could be extended to accommodate a Cat 9 vehicle. After surveys, drawings and several meetings between Council and the RFS, it was determined that because of state government and local council regulations, the proposed extension could not proceed and the land will stay under PPA control.

Our sector training was held on Sunday 10 April. Fire trucks and crews from Pappinbarra, Hollisdale, Beechwood, Byabarra and the Lake Cathie pumper were involved. Hastings Communications handled all radio traffic. A house fire simulation was organised with the help of a smoke machine and an old shed at the former Pappinbarra Field Studies Centre. The Lake Cathie RFB demonstrated how to enter a building using breathing apparatus and the other trucks practised support manoeuvres. It was a learning curve for all of us; extra training would fine-tune our skills.

Chris Roelandts (Hollisdale captain)

## Permits are no longer required for burning off.

However, you still need to give your neighbours and fire control (6588 9000) at least 24 hours notice.

IN CASE OF FIRE – CALL 000

Fire Permit Officers: Upper Pappinbarra: Steve Ostler 6587-6090; Bob Ostler 6587-6180; Anthony Wall 6587-6127 or Andrew Jarrett 6587-6181; Hollisdale and Lower Pappinbarra: Peter Michael 65876022, Chris Roelandts 65856700; Beechwood: Sam Elphick 0428-856-222.

## Unsung Heroes behind the scenes

As you drive past Hollisdale Hall or arrive for an event, do you ever wonder how come it looks so cared for and so neat and tidy? It happens only because we have a dedicated team of volunteers who take pride in our very special gathering place.

The grounds take up quite a bit of time and, until recently, were the domain of Sharada and Steve who mowed and whipper snipped and cleaned the toilets. These tasks have now been taken over by our retirees Liz and Bryan. You will often see them at the hall mowing, whipper snipping, scrubbing tables, picking up rubbish and generally maintaining the almost-two-acres around the hall. They have even scrubbed the BBQ!

Alicia is our 'clean queen', keeping the kitchen sparkling and the fridges pristine and can often be spotted dealing with the tablecloths after First Friday.

Rob often teeters atop a ladder replacing crumbling putty and window panes; it's amazing how many get broken!

Then there are the team of volunteers who have given up a lot of their time to paint the hall inside and out. Still a work in progress, doesn't it look just splendid! All involved in the

preparation and painting love Gary Rainbow's inspired colour scheme. Liz always cooks up a storm for the hungry hordes.

The lovely splash of colour in the front garden is the pride of a group of green-fingered enthusiasts, Sue and Suzanne in particular. Sadly, the rampant passionfruit had to make way for the painting and Paul's verandah repairs. Julie-Anne donated some bromeliads to fill the gap. Christine is starting on that garden as the first part of her plan to transform the grounds.

Emptying the garbage bins has been shared around, but Andy has been stopping in lately to pick them up on his way to the tip. It's great that he is happy to continue doing it.

General maintenance at the hall usually falls to Trevor, who responds to calls of 'Help!' - nothing is too much bother. Problems are dealt with in his calm and unassuming way. Have a look at the refurbished rails for the steps.

If I have forgotten anyone I'm sorry, blame it on age and alcohol!

Your committee works hard to ensure that the hall is welcoming and pleasant and the atmosphere warm and convivial. We appreciate your continued support: volunteer and have fun if you feel so inclined! (We can never have too many willing hands.)

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# The 'Up Cycle' begins for the PPA

On Friday 15 April Frugal Arts Inc. had a meeting with the PPA committee to discuss the issue of waste. Committee members were interested in reducing what PPA sends to landfill and having waste-free events. So we are helping to develop a waste policy for the PPA and you will see the outcomes of that at upcoming events.

I was happy to talk to the committee about what I know, having two jobs now that are related to waste education. Waste education is a growing field, supported at every government level, because most councils are struggling with the increasing costs they face from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and contractors and the problems of expanding landfill sites. On the Eastern seaboard, these landfill sites compete directly with farmland, urban development or preserved natural areas.

Unfortunately, Australia is just a little bit behind in the waste game. As one of the richest countries, we like to think we are sophisticated and have good systems to deal with waste. But we actually have the second highest waste-to-landfill volumes of any country on Earth, behind...guess who? The USA of course. We are very lucky to live in a large country where waste problems are invisible, but every year we create enough landfill to cover the whole state of Victoria to a depth of 10cm. We send almost 50% of our total waste to landfill, whereas countries like Sweden send only 1% and have such good recycling systems that they even import other countries' waste in order to generate energy or new products.

The Swedes have taken full advantage of the science and the statistics: the fact that recycling works and is good for society, the economy and the environment upon which the economy relies. Recycling industries can generate six times more jobs than those created by simply sending waste to landfill. There is much less pollution and recycling needs less energy and land space. Take aluminium for example: making an aluminium can from recycled aluminium takes only 10% of the energy it takes to make an entirely new one and cuts related air pollution by 95%. But if you chucked that aluminium can in the bush (which is effectively what landfill is) it could sit there and take 500 years to decompose. Recycling plastics is a similar story, saving much energy. Due, however, to their complex chemistry, they don't retain their quality as well as aluminium does, and so end up in a 'downcycle' towards landfill.

I have heard that some states reuse their landfill sites for sports fields and sometimes housing, but personally I would never want to live or play there with toxic leachate coming out indefinitely. Sending resources to landfill just doesn't make any kind of sense. The crazy thing is, we are all paying for **finite resources** to be buried in the ground forever. And we usually pay for this more than once.

Consider this:

- we pay the price of the materials or packaging - usually 20% of the cost of the product
- we pay council rates or tip fees to dispose of our waste
- we pay out of our taxes to support departments like the EPA and to pay waste educators like me to go to schools to teach kids not to waste so much....

and, in addition,

- our places of work and schooling pay a lot to send their waste to landfill - money that could be used to grow business or improve school resources
- our health suffers from lower air and water quality and increased climate change effects
- we lose valuable land and biodiversity
- we end up paying for products that also pollute the countries of extraction and manufacture and degrade their quality of life.

The short-term gains made by businesses selling cheap products are far outweighed by long-term impacts, ending up costing us much more through expensive clean-up and mitigation projects. The hidden cost of cheap products is what economists call '**externalised costs**'. These are what we need to think of when we are buying any product.

A large component of what I teach in schools as a waste educator is about **plastics**. Fully synthetic plastics have only been around for about the last 70 years and have presented humankind with amazing possibilities but also incredible hazards. Plastics are unlike other naturally occurring materials. The majority of plastics today are still made from petrochemicals, so they are mined out of the ground, shipped, refined, chemically altered with thousands of different chemical combinations (e.g. for flexibility, colour, UV stabilisation, porosity, flammability, texture, stain resistance and so on), moulded into a shape, shipped some more, and eventually end up in our supermarkets or stores. This is an especially crazy story when you think of 'disposable', single-use plastic items like spoons or straws. So much energy and pollution for one instance

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of 'convenience' that might end up stuck up a turtle's nose. I don't want to tell my kids this absurd story, but I feel I have to.

The other main danger and misunderstood aspect of plastic is that it **does break down** but it **doesn't biodegrade**. I didn't fully appreciate the difference until I started doing this work. If you leave an apple core in the environment it will biodegrade or be recycled by small creatures: ants, worms, bacteria, and fungi, which return it to the ecosystem as nutrients. If you leave a plastic bottle in the environment it will be broken apart by the sun (photo-degradation) or the elements like water (mechanical degradation) but it cannot be processed by small creatures into nutrients. As it gets smaller, it retains its chemical structure, which I understand (and I am no chemist) is stronger than naturally occurring polymer bonds. This is why the majority of life forms on earth cannot safely digest it. There have been a few documented species of fungi and a mealworm that can safely eat some kinds of plastic but what they can process is miniscule compared to our current problem.

When plastics enter water bodies, like our rivers and oceans, they float fantastically and absorb chemicals (Persistent Organic Pollutants or POPs) from the water, thereby accumulating toxins. In the five ocean gyres - large areas in our oceans where the currents have collected floating plastics in a plastic soup - they are ingested by sea creatures and the toxins travel up the food chain - erk! I just entered the search 'ocean

plastics' into YouTube and came up with over 72,000 videos, so there is plenty of information out there if you want to learn more! The common myth is that other countries outside Australia are making the mess; the truth is that we are contributing significantly.

The message that we take to schools in our program, *ReSourceful Schools*, is that while there are big global problems out there, there are lots of positive things we can do to help. While scientists, engineers and marine biologists are figuring out how to clean up the oceans we can do a lot to stop the problem at the source.

**REDUCE:** choose as a consumer to accept less plastic and other landfill material into your life

**REUSE:** make what you buy last as long as possible by choosing products well, using them for other purposes and repairing them when they break

**RECYCLE:** there is so much embedded energy in every product, so let's harness it. As well as Council's recycling bins there are other options - every scrap saved is a step in the right direction.

We never used to have this problem, but we are all involved and we can all help solve it.

Chay Khamson

## Times Past

### Beechwood Cemetery and the Hewens connection

**B**eechwood cemetery has two areas divided by a wide swathe of what I'm told is very rocky ground, impossible for gravedigging. The Catholics are separated from the Protestants in death as they very largely were in life in times long gone. Nowadays, the question of religion rarely crops up in general conversation and indeed Pappinbarra's All Saints has been welcoming a crowd of various religious persuasions for many years.

A few years after we came to Pappinbarra, I took a look at the cemetery. In the Catholic section I was amazed to find several Hewens graves. Amazed because it's an uncommon name and there is an old grave marked Samuel Hewens 1809-1892 next to those of my own ancestors in the cemetery at Ellalong near Congewai in the Hunter Valley.

Samuel Hewens was born of Mary Houghton and Thomas Hewens in Warwickshire. 1835 saw him in the wrong place at the wrong time; after a heavy night of drinking and sleeping it

off with two mates, he and his friends were charged with stealing a half-sovereign and eight shillings from one Richard Irons. All three were found guilty, two sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Samuel arrived in New South Wales on the *Recovery* in February 1836. He was a Protestant, could read and write and was a 'tolerable' joiner and carpenter. I reckon luck was on his side when he was assigned to my Great-Great-Grandfather, Thomas Crawford, who had land grants in the Congewai Valley. Thomas was a humane master; there are no records of his ever having had any of his convicts flogged. Samuel Hewens obtained his ticket-of-leave little more than four years later. When he left, Thomas 'made him a present of a plough, harrows and oxen' - a valuable gift in those days of subsistence farming.

Samuel married 23-year-old Bridget Haverty, a free settler from County Clare, in 1856 at St Patrick's, Lochinvar. Two years later, the couple returned to Millfield, not far from the Congewai Valley. Of their nine children, all except the first (Thomas, who died aged less than one month) were born at Millfield - Samuel Patrick, James, Mary Ann, Richard Thomas, Margaret Louisa, Catherine, James and Elizabeth Jane.

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Though more than two score of Samuel's allotted span was behind him when he met Bridget, she outlived him by just a year. Buried in the Catholic section of the cemetery at Nulkaba near Cessnock, her life is commemorated in the chapel's stained glass window made by a descendant.

Why, then, was Samuel Hewens buried alone at Ellalong? The Hewens family can be traced back to the early 1500s at St Mary's the Assumption Church of England in Tysoe, Warwickshire. Samuel

remained an Anglican all his life, so couldn't be buried in the hallowed ground of the Catholic cemetery. The Crawfords hadn't forgotten that he had shot a bushranger holding up Thomas Crawford in 1843. Samuel was the local undertaker for many years, probably making the coffins as well. Deceased, he was buried in 1892 near the grave of Thomas Crawford's granddaughter, Harriette. I am sure the Crawfords were responsible for his interment; a young man killed in a timber-getting accident on Crawford land was also buried next to the family plot.

The eight Hewens children ended up spread widely. Richard had work with the railway laying sleepers, then was a JP. He married Sarah Rose Anne, daughter of James and Roseanne (Monaghan) Gurney, at Beechwood's St Patrick's. James, originally transported to NSW as a convict, had settled on the lower reaches of Pappinbarra Creek at Brombin [the Mungong

of the original inhabitants] and called his property *Fig Tree Valley*. Anne was a midwife for Brombin settlers, including the McKenzie, Johns and Summerville families.

'The land on the lower side of Hewens Road was left to Anne by her parents, and eventually Richard took up the high country across the road. He grew maize with his sons, Jim and Sam, and grew pigs on a large scale, often driving over a hundred to the wharf at Bains Bridge to go to Sydney by boat. Later they took pigs to the saleyards at Wauchope to be auctioned or railed them to Sydney. Anne and her daughters - Cate, Annie and Mary - looked after the dairy. They had Durhams and Jerseys. This, combined with the pigs, realised a good income. *Figtree Valley* was considered one of the best properties on the Hastings. It had a generous frontage to the river and alluvial flats. The hill country complemented the flats and was especially useful in flood times.'

Richard's sister Mary Anne had married Denis Augustine Garvan in Maitland. He died in Newtown in 1903 with stomach cancer, leaving her with four young children. The two boys, Reg (9) and Dennis (7) came to live at Brombin and were brought up as part of the family with Jim, Cate, Annie, Samuel and Mary. Unfortunately, when he was 15, Reg was bitten by a snake, had a fit and died.

*Figtree Valley* is no longer in the family. Anne and Richard are buried in Beechwood cemetery with an infant grandson and some of their descendants still live in the Hastings.

**Jean Hegarty** with thanks to Mary Wagg and Hewens descendants Janice Browning and Pauline Insley

## PPA President's Note

I have come to realise that TV is truly overrated. For the last two years I have probably only watched TV a dozen times and was left feeling a little worse for wear.

Have you thought of playing cards, board games, charades or even reading educational books instead? You wont miss out on much as if it's worth knowing someone will tell you about it.

Add up the time you spend in front of the TV: is it wasted, or can you really say it was time well spent?

Come along to our next cards/board games night at the hall - all over 18s welcome. All those at the last one had a fantastic evening. Bring your favourite board game if you like.

I appreciate that some members of the community have differing opinions on some of the decisions that are made in relation to our community-owned Hollisdale Hall. I am always ready to have a chat about this or you can email me with your concerns. I would rather we do this in a positive way and deal with your concerns openly and honestly as I would hate to think that you waste your time and energy and leave issues festering to generate a feeling of ill will. Let's make Pappinbarra a happy and positive place.

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# The saga of Hollis McPhee

I was visiting the Hall last week; you know, just poking around to see what I could find. Suddenly there was a dreadful noise. I looked under the door and there was a machine going up and down the floor so I scarpared back under the bench. Then this horrendous smell assailed my delicate nostrils so I stayed where I was.

Eventually the noise stopped but the smell was still there. I thought I would go and investigate, silly me! I scuttled under the kitchen door as usual and started to walk across the floor. My feet started to feel heavy and my nose itched so I stopped to scratch it and when I tried to continue my journey I discovered I was STUCK! I tried calling out but no one could hear me. (Trevor was doing some work on the rails but he's a bit deaf.)

Eventually Trevor noticed me stuck on the floor and he started yelling and stamping his feet, I presume he was trying to scare me but what could I do? I was stuck fast. I didn't see anyone else for a long time till Jan turned up, took my photograph, gave me a poke to see if I was still alive and left. Then along came



Egernia mcpheeii in a better environment!

Oh, I should have introduced myself earlier. I am Hollis McPhee and I am a McPhee's skink. Thank you every one for rescuing me. Dr Ken says I am doing well and starting to shed my gummed up scales. He reckons my 'stuck mark' on the hall floor might be left as a memento! Such fame for one so small!

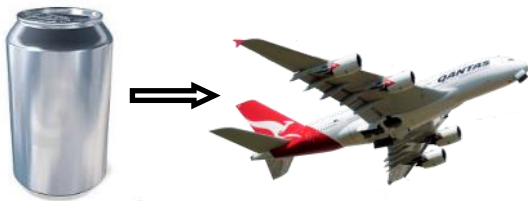
P.S. Sadly, Hollis didn't make it; the trauma was just too much and despite Dr Ken's superb care he has gone to skink heaven to bask in the sun.

RIP Hollis McPhee.

Mary Walker with help from the deceased.

## Kids corner

Magic recycling facts: did you know that 70% of all aluminium that has ever been mined out of the earth is still being used today? Did you know that when you recycle an aluminium drink can it could come back as part of an aeroplane - COOL!!!! Because aeroplanes are made of lots of aluminium.



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**PPA Committee meetings** – Committee Meeting at 6 pm Friday 20 May. All welcome.

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