

Putty People

The January 2015 newsletter of the Putty Community Association Inc.

From the President

We have been advised by George Souris's office that we have been given a grant of \$2,000 as part of the Community Building Partnership. Although this is far less than the \$18,000 we requested to permit us to complete the renovations to the hall, any funding is appreciated and will be put to good use. Work will commence again in the New Year and progress as funds become available.

The works to Putty Valley Road have been progressing with the resealing of the section at Judy Hobson's and the safety grade to the start of Lilavale Track completed. Work is well under way with new gravel surfacing to the clay sections of the road, and sealing of the section of road between 8.6km and 9.8km is programmed to commence early in the New Year.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and please remember that as we are all taking a break the next Friday Detour will be on the 23rd January.

Tim Spooner
President



THE STOWES LEAVE THE VALLEY

John Stowe QC and his wife Judy, Putty dwellers since 1988, have sold their property.

They have been strong supporters of the PCA throughout the years, advising it on legal matters, and John and his son, Hugh, were instrumental in resolving the long running issue of the Putty Hall title. With this resolved, the PCA was able to go ahead with renovations and additions to the Hall.

A group of friends gathered at the Friday Night Detour on 12 December to wish them well. John and Judy's presence in the valley will be missed - their waves from their mowers, their dinners and bridge nights. Hopefully they will return to visit the many friends they have made in the valley.

Their "front garden" has always been a delight with their blossom trees enhancing the picturesque Putty Valley Road throughout the seasons.



BOOK LAUNCH SINGLETON LIBRARY



The book launch of Kathy McKenzie's "Putty Tales & Trails" at Singleton Library was attended by many residents of the Ellis, Merrick and Jackson families.

Vera Smith, née Ellis and Neville Merrick, both with chapters in Kathy's book, told more tales about Putty, as did others present. The book recounts intriguing stories of Putty's past, peppered with lovely old pictures and useful snippets. It seems that many stories about Putty still remain untold so maybe we'll get a sequel . . .

PUTTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Putty Christmas Party, held on the 6th December at the Putty Hall was a fun night for young and old.

A free dinner of chicken and a ham, donated by Munro's Butcher in Wilberforce, was served with a number of delicious salads, followed by fruit salad, green and red jelly and a pavlova. One of South Africa's favourite desserts, a sort of delicious white tart, was introduced to the valley by a new land holder, Lynn.

After dinner Aleda Graham, wearing huge flashing glasses, gathered the children and other carol singers in the hall for a Christmas sing-along until Santa arrived on the fire truck with sirens blaring.

Over forty excited children received presents and then the raffle began. Fitzgerald Motors had donated a sprayer back pack, which was won by Chris and Ishbel Searle. The huge pet hamper, donated by Box Hill Veterinary Clinic, was won by Jason Stokes.



Impromptu Putty Boxing Day Get together at the Putty Hall

On Boxing Day a casual picnic was hastily put together by Dora, Michelle and Roland. They really had no idea who was going to turn up but it's a small community and soon locals began to meander in armed with Christmas leftovers, an interesting array of Chrissie grog and lots of good cheer. They had a very pleasant afternoon, serenaded by DJ, Rolly's music.

It seems like this is may definitely become a Putty tradition and be on again in twelve months. If they can twist Roscoe's arm, there may even be a turkey on a spit BBQ, perhaps followed by some French cricket.

FIREY AND CFR NEWS

The very welcome rain has made December almost fire free with Putty Brigade called to only one incident. They were required to assist Howes Valley Brigade in the area of the Commission Road but spent only a few hours there before heavy rain put an end to the fire.

Putty Community First Responders were called to two incidents during the month. The first was to assist a male with chest pains and the second to assist a male with abdominal pains. Both were taken to hospital by road ambulance for observation and fortunately were able to return to their homes soon after.

Members of the CFR Hunter Valley team meet every fourth Thursday under the supervision of NSW Ambulance for a de-briefing session and to continue training in all aspects of their role.



PUTTY'S HIDDEN TREASURE

Putty's Hidden Treasure, Margaret Ferguson, was presented with a framed certificate recognising her volunteer work with the Putty Community Association, the Putty fire Brigade and the Singleton Combined Rural Halls Committee. The PCA President waited for the Christmas party to make this presentation so that most of the community could show their appreciation.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating their birthdays in December were Ron Graham, Tim Spooner, Ian David, Dianne Pierce, John Grace and Putty's hidden treasure, Margaret Ferguson.



At the Grey Gum Café it was a Christmas celebration.



Candles and smiles for Margaret's birthday celebration at the Friday Detour.



PCA AGM and MEMBERSHIP

The Putty Community Association's (PCA) Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 21 February at 5pm at the Putty Hall. This year the Firies and the PCA are holding their AGMs on the same day, one after the other. The bar will be opened between AGMs and then again after the PCA's.

A free sausage sizzle will be available after the event.

Everyone is welcome to attend the PCA's AGM, however only members can vote. Any person who is a resident and/or landholder in the Putty district, or any other person who has a substantial connection with the Putty community, is eligible to apply for membership of the PCA.

Application for membership must be made on the membership form and sent to the secretary of the Association. As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary or treasurer will refer the application to the committee for approval. Download the application form at www.putty.nsw.au/pca/membership or ring Kathy McKenzie on 6579 7047.

PCA Memberships are renewable on 1 February each year and lapse on 31 May of the following year if not paid. Membership from 1 February 2015 to 31 January 2016 is \$20.

At the last meeting of the PCA committee all the current members announced their intentions to stand again for the following positions

Tim Spooner – President
Andy Edwards – Vice President
David Hope – Treasurer
Kathy McKenzie – Secretary
Dora Bustamante – Assistant Secretary
Martha Babineau – Publicity Officer
Ken Ferguson – Trust Officer

Nominations for committee positions will open from 22 January and must be made in writing. Nominees must have been a financial member of the PCA for the twelve months prior to the election.

Kate Mackaness will contest Hawkesbury in the next State Elections, 28 March



Kate and Andrew (Greedy) Smith

Kate Mackaness, fed up with the general neglect of the Hawkesbury region, poor planning and a lack of strategically sound infrastructure investment by the NSW government, will contest Hawkesbury, an electorate of over 3000 square kilometres, at the next State election. A former teacher at South Windsor Public School, Kate moved to management positions in the Department's head office in Sydney before working as a Ministerial policy advisor.

Her decision to run is due to her increasing concern about the way the government is running the State, particularly locally, where Kate says the lack of vision regarding future development in the Hawkesbury will result in diminishing land values and a poorer quality of life.

Kate says, "The time has come to stand up for what I believe in and have worked for throughout my career: ethical, competent, compassionate government." So she's hopped in her campaign van to access all corners of the electorate. "No Party machine, no factions, no ideological conflicts. It's just me and the voters working in the best interests of our community."

Over the course of the campaign, Kate's journey in the campaign bus and the people she meets will be shared on her webpage: <http://www.kate4state.com.au/#!/home/mainPage>

If you live in the Hawkesbury and would like to make a time to talk to Kate, please click on the following link: <http://www.kate4state.com.au/#!/contact/c16fm>

As Kate says "What better way to represent the people of the Hawkesbury than really knowing the people of the Hawkesbury?"



FRIDAY NIGHT DETOUR

The next Friday Night Detour will be held on 23 January as the Detour team take a well deserved break. The PCA draw of \$60 was won again by Jane Eggert on 12 December. The draw for the next Detour on 23 January will be \$????

DETOUR ROSTER

In 2015 a roster will be put in place to share the load. Help will be needed in the following areas:

Bar - person must have RSA

Barbecue

Kitchen 1 - preparation, chopping, cooking, making toasties

Kitchen 2 - cleaning & clearing tables, toasting, serving, washing up, stacking dishwasher etc

Cleaning toilets - can be done any time

Sort rubbish - can be done any time

Remove the rubbish

Please advise Kathy if you wish to be included on the roster. The roster will cover two months in advance and a roster will be emailed each week to those on the roster. Any changes should be advised the morning of the event so that a replacement can be found. Ph: 6579 7047

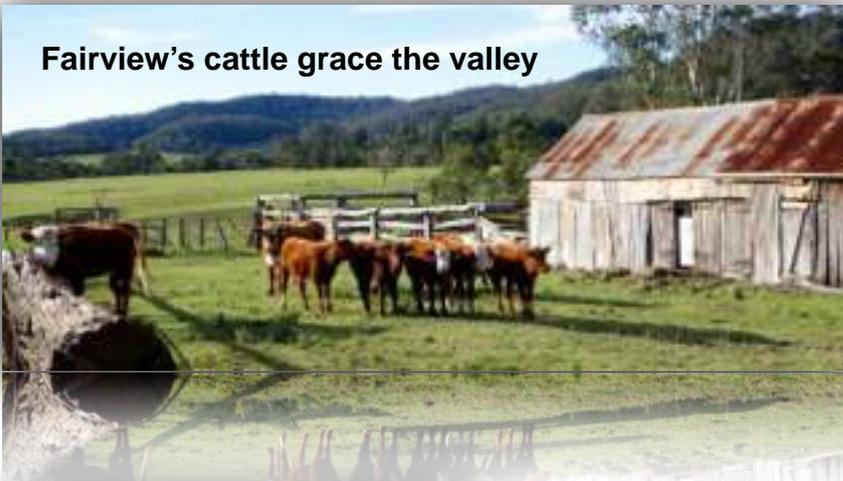


AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Monday 26 January, 6pm at the Putty Hall

Celebrate Australia Day at the Putty Hall. The standard Friday Night menu will be available. Please bring a plate to share of pre-dinner nibbles or home-made dessert.

Fairview's cattle grace the valley



PUTTY FIRE BRIGADE AGM

Saturday 21 February at 3pm.

PCA AGM

Saturday 21 February at 5pm.

PRAYERS & BIBLE STUDIES

No services will be conducted during January but Fr. Max will be available if anyone requires spiritual support. Ph: 6579 7168.

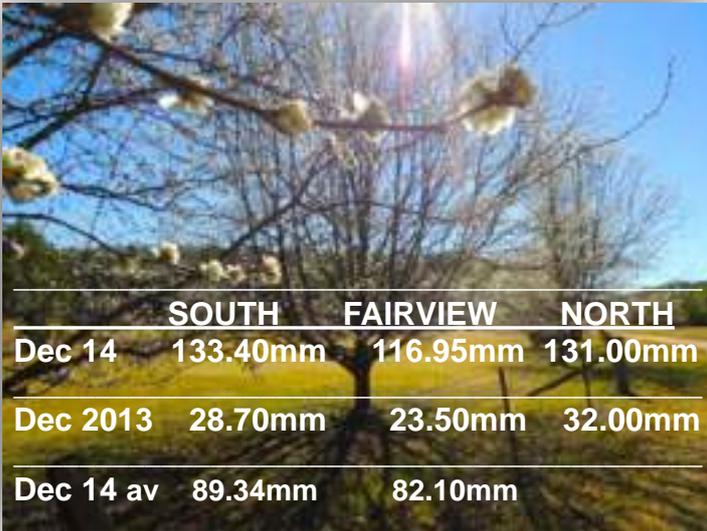
WORKING BEES

Life's good for young Ollie



When you visit Dixie, you get the third degree at the gate . . .





2014	South	742.70mm
2014	Fairview	667.90mm
2014	North	830.00mm
2013 ytd	South	898.30mm
2013 ytd	Fairview	786.70mm
2013 ytd	North	905.00mm

annual av South 785.74mm
 Recordings were taken at Fairview, Putty, with Reference to the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au.

Recordings were also taken at Mellong Grove, Putty Road (south) and The Top Place, Putty Valley Road, to the north.

If it rains at Putty, residents are encouraged to post their rainfall on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PuttyCommunityAssociation so weekenders will know if they need to water their gardens.

PUTTY WEBSITE

Putty Valley Online contains many interesting links including:

- **Trades & Services Directory** at www.putty.nsw.au/whereis
- **Weekly cattle sale prices** from the Meat and Livestock Authority (MLA) at www.putty.nsw.au/rural/cattle-hotline

PCA FACEBOOK

For news as it happens. If you haven't already signed up to our Facebook page, you can do so by clicking *Like* at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PuttyCommunityAssociation>

**Something to sell?
 Place an ad in our section below.
 Local Advertising works well!**

PUTTY PEOPLE ADVERTISING
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www.fitzgeraldmotors.com.au

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 Ph: Matt Ward **0413 850 298**

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