

Putty People

*The June 2015 newsletter of the
Putty Community Association Inc.*

President's Report

I have been asked by a number of residents when the Friday Night Detours will commence again. This will be discussed by the committee at its next meeting and you will all be advised of the decision. However I would like to point out that the smoking laws are about to change and there would be increased restrictions and control should the Detour restart. If the Detours are to return we would hold a community meeting to present and discuss changes.

Cladding on the hall walls is progressing slowly and we can now see the end in sight. As always there are plenty of minor trim and painting items to carry out and any help would be appreciated.

An inspection of Putty Valley Road was held on Friday 29 May, in company with Debbie Payne and council staff, to look at the condition of the road following the upgrade and gravel at the end of last year. Council have noted those areas where drainage is inadequate and also where potholes have developed due to no gravel having been placed and have indicted these will be rectified. At the same time the final negotiations were undertaken with landowners adjacent to the section to be sealed, so this work can now proceed.

Tim Spooner

CAROLYN HENLEY WINS THE QLD ARABIAN GALA

Last month Carolyn Henley took Pam Farragher's mare, ESK Versace, to the Queensland Arabian Gala in Caboolture.

Carolyn said, "Getting to Queensland was a real drama. The mare showed what a real champion she is having to stand on the float for seven hours on the Tuesday while we tried to find a stable to put her in that wasn't under water. We then spent another five hours waiting to get over the tidal flooding Hexham Bridge on Wednesday. "

At the Queensland State Equestrian Centre,



Versace put her best effort in to win the Golden Gala. This event is a freestyle set to music and judged on impression and difficulty of movement.

The music had been previously edited by Margaret Ferguson and Pam King's granddaughters, Kayla, Somerset and Emily had played DJ during rehearsals helping Carolyn practise putting the horse's movements to the music.

It was a real Putty team effort!

PUTTY'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA RAISES \$700 FOR THE CANCER COUNCIL!

Last Saturday, over thirty people came together in the Putty Hall to donate, share stories and make this special occasion, organised by Pam King, a huge success. We heard from three ladies, who all had a deeply personal and poignant message to us all.



Michelle Leggat spoke from a survivors perspective. Twelve years ago, shortly after their arrival from South Africa, Michelle, was diagnosed as having AML, Acute Myloid Leve and was given a diagnosis of only a fourteen percent chance of survival. As a survivor, she spoke of her ordeal today with a big smile on her face!



Jane Robinson spoke from a carer's point of view, describing her ordeal when Fr Max was

diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2006. Jane attributed three factors that assisted her to contribute to Max's recovery: to have a sense of humour to deal with the pitfalls and stress; have faith that your actions as a carer are part of a greater plan and, no matter what the setbacks or challenges along the way, be tenacious – speak truth to power, and advocate always for the rights of your loved one. Jane also reminded us that underpinning all the actions of carers – regardless if they are caring

for a loved one or someone else's loved one, is love. Jane went from being carer to bride and the good news is that her groom made a full recovery!

Aleda Graham spoke about dealing with cancer now. When Aleda first found she had cancer she spent the first month processing the information, exploring her options, personally coming to terms with and dealing with the situation. As soon as she knew from the doctors that there was a chance, she told Ronnie, family and close friends. Because Aleda is a triple negative, meaning that she does not have receptor cells for chemo treatment to latch on to, treatment has been and is guesswork by the experts. Her courage and enthusiasm to continue doing what she loves gets her through the difficult times.

The door prize, kindly donated by José and Pilar Mendoza, was won by one one of the helpers, Dixie Mott.



Putty community supports the Cancer Council



TRIBUTE TO THE PUTTY HALL by Judy Hobson

Resting in the Putty Valley landscape is Putty Hall.

Once a modest one room building, it has served as a venue for dances, weddings, meetings, church services, as a school and election polling booth. Across the years the timber structure has undergone a progression of renovations.

In 1986 the hall was all but falling down in the the paddock. The first renovations were the reconstruction of the of the main hall with a supper room added. The single long drop toilet was upgraded to a block of 3 plus 3.

In the 1990's came a new red Colorbond roof, replacing the old corrugated iron and in 2003 a very substantial amenities block with flush toilets replaced the 1986 model, extending the profile of the

lone hall building. For the first time there was plumbing! The hall had running water; no more bucket trips from the tank. On nights of hall events, a row of lights illuminated the scene.

In 2010, honorary architect Tim Spooner presented to the community at the PCA AGM, plans of development for the main hall building. This grand design comprised a spacious covered deck with adjoining meeting room, bar and kitchen pantry, and a lock up store room adjoining the amenities block.

The external walls were to be replaced with Colorbond cladding, above a lower level of weatherboard. It would be painted in an environmentally friendly and modern colour scheme. The walls were, for the first time, to be fully insulated with the roof insulation lined in Colorbond cladding - warm in winter and cool in summer at last!

What a transformation to Putty Hall and to the

landscape! Residents now have a place to meet in the comfort of a club.



Photo by Margaret Ferguson - Renovating Putty Hall and building amenities block, circa 1985.



Judy Hobson's weaner calves en route to the market.



How lucky are we to have Tim, and before Tim, Geoff King, and before Geoff, Ken Ferguson heading up teams for these renovations to make Putty hall such a wonderful community meeting place.

To Tim, Geoff and Ken and the many who worked with them, thank you!

FIREY NEWS from Margaret Ferguson

The Putty Rural Fire Brigade will hold its Annual General Meeting on the 4th July, 2015 at 2pm at the Brigade station.

This will be immediately followed by a General Meeting during which Inspector Marty Siemsen from Hunter Valley Fire Control will address the meeting. He will be focusing on the future of the Putty Brigade due to the ongoing concerns of the Administrative Committee and other members. As Brigade and Putty Community members you are encouraged to attend the meetings.

TWO SENIOR BIKIES ARRESTED AT HOWES VALLEY DRUG LAB - Strike Force Raptor

Officers from Strike Force Raptor, together with the Drug Squad's Chemical Operations Team, visited a rural property on Commission Road in the Howes Valley on Wednesday 29 April, where they found an active clandestine drug laboratory, including approximately six litres of an amphetamine-type substance, more than 50kg of pre-cursor chemicals and a 40-litre custom made reaction vessel. Two men, a forty six year-old senior member of Nomads OMCG and a forty one year-old senior member of the Lone Wolf OMCG were arrested and charged with a range of prohibited drug offences. <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/Default.aspx?id=49>

NEW SEARCHABLE PDF VERSION

A new searchable PDF version of Whereis has been uploaded to Putty Online at www.putty.nsw.au/whereis. FREE listings are available to trades and services owned by residents and landholders from Howes Valley to Colo River. Advertising is also available. Contact Kathy at pca@putty.nsw.au or Ph: 6579 7047



THREE VALLEY'S LANDCARE GROUP - Community consultation by Jane Robinson

The Three Valley's Landcare group has been active in the Putty Valley for 15 years however it now finds itself at something of a cross road!

Carol Gibson, long serving President, has indicated her desire to take a step back from the leadership role and Chris Searle has submitted his resignation as founding Treasurer of the group after 15 years of wonderful service.

Under the leadership of Carol and Chris the Landcare group has achieved many things including supporting Putty Valley residents and others to:

- Identify & manage weeds
- Achieve sustainable & profitable farm management
- Minimise erosion by fencing off creeks, waterways and vulnerable areas to avoid erosion
- Revegetate damaged areas of the Putty Valley
- Make applications for government grants support environmental activities.

There is a proposal on the table to move the Three Valleys Landcare group into a subcommittee of the PCA. However in various subsequent discussions with residents over the past weeks it has become apparent that there is some diversity of view and some very good ideas out there about how the Landcare group can reinvigorate itself and remain a unique force for creating a sustainable environment in the Putty Valley.

So we need your assistance and are proposing to hold a Community Consultation meeting at the Putty Hall on **Saturday the 15 August 2015 at 2pm** so that you can find out more about the work of Landcare and we can canvas all ideas for positively moving forward.

In preparation for the community consultation if you have any ideas you would like to share and or comment or feedback please email jane.robinson@ku.com.au.

I will also be following up as many of you as possible personally – so you have been warned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

HUNTER REGION LANDCARE NETWORK FIELD DAY

12 - 3pm Saturday 13 June 2015

Meeting at the King Edward Park, York Drive, Newcastle at the Landcare banner.

The agenda for the field day will include:

A brief update on the efforts of the Hunter Region Landcare Network, who represents what is your group involved in and who supports you. An outline will be presented of the projects being showcased and/or launched by the host groups, followed by a walking tour of the sites within the park.

You will need to wear Sunsafe clothing, covered walking shoes and a hat.

For more information about the Hunter Region Landcare Network and to register for the field day, please visit www.hunterlandcare.org.au



BULGA BEATS FESTIVAL

Saturday June 20th from 10am to 8pm at the Bulga Recreational Ground, 19 Inlet Road, Bulga

“WATCH, SHARE and JOIN us at the inaugural Bulga Beats Festival.” There’s a bumper line up of bands ready to put on a show and welcome you to Bulga, including a guest appearance by Michael Caton, from the Castle. Bands include Tamworth’s Golden Guitar winner, Luke O’Shea.

Also there are markets, art, displays of vintage cars, bikes, machinery and more - all to celebrate Bulga, from the heritage church to the beautiful Wollemi National Park.

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

BEEKEEPING PRESENTATION

20 June, 11am-12 noon, Putty Hall

Putty landowner, Andy Lowry is a backyard beekeeper with about five years experience in Sydney and Putty. He will give a one hour Powerpoint presentation about beekeeping and will have some necessary equipment on display.

Please contact Kathy McKenzie on 6579 7047 to make a booking. Free morning tea available.

COBCROFT FAMILY DESCENDANTS CELEBRATE 225 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

27-28th June 2015 at St John’s Church Grounds, Wilberforce.

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FARM SAFE WEEK

Starts on 20 July with a focus on “Safe Farms = Better Productivity.”

Contact Farmsafe on 02 6752 8218

More next newsletter



You have to feel sorry for the hard life the Donovan’s cats suffer!

WORKING BEES

Fridays 9am - 3pm.

Painting and replacing timber boards on the western wall, replacing cladding to gable on eastern wall and general painting and trims.

PRAYERS AND BIBLE

Our Lady of the Valley services for 2015 will be held at Putty Hall with resident Anglican Priest, Fr. Max.

2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday of the Month:
Eucharist at 8:30am, Prayer and Bible Study 9:30am, Sunday School 11am - noon.

PUTTY RAINFALL

	SOUTH	FAIRVIEW	NORTH
May 2015	35.20mm	28.50mm	48.00mm
May 2014	5.80mm	12.50mm	12.00mm
May 10 yr average	41.93mm	32.60mm	

2015			
to date	606.60mm	557.20mm	734.00mm

2014			
to date	435.90 mm	393.20mm	

10 YTD av	388.40mm	400.70	
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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, 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.

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