

PUTTY PEOPLE JANUARY 2022

Newsletter of the Putty Community Association, Inc.

FREE FIRST AID COURSE

The first aid course is targeted for isolated residents around Broke, Bulga, Jerrys Plains, Howes Valley and Putty to improve resilience and opportunities.

Register your interest by completing and submitting this on-line application form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/p1TsXdTKU8>



For more information, contact
hchappelow@singleton.nsw.gov.au.

**THE PCA AGM WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 3PM
FOLLOWED BY NIBBLES & DRINKS.**

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

It's time to renew your PCA membership!

Contribute to the upkeep of our Putty Hall, to keep it open so we can enjoy the variety of activities it offers - social events, concerts, information seminars and, in cases of emergency such as bushfires and floods, as an evacuation point.

The Putty Community Association also organises social activities in the area to raise funds for worthwhile causes and to maintain and improve the Putty Hall.

Renew now - only \$20 a year and ensure the Putty Hall's maintenance.

Direct deposit details are: BSB 062 622 A/C 10444988 and include your name.





PUTTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

A big thank you to Kimmi and Jedd for organising the very successful Christmas party at the Putty Hall. They decorated the hall, arranged Santa, provided the delicious food and left the hall spotless after the event. What a team!





THREE VALLEYS LANDCARE GROUP

2022 promises to be an event filled year supported by the Hunter Region Landcare groups and Local Land services.

Experienced speakers will visit Putty sharing their knowledge on how to manage and improve our natural resources with informative presentations as well as field excursions on our properties. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!**



MONASTERY OPEN DAY AT THE PUTTY HALL



Bishop Daniel and the monks of the Putty Peoples' Monastery are very thankful for everyone who came and enjoyed our first monastery open day. It was a great chance to see familiar faces and be introduced to many of our neighbours. Yes, the monks were first to go on the jumping castle and bubble soccer, not to mention the face painting!



Fr Shenouda, a monk from the monastery, gave a brief introduction about the monastery and then announced the start of our bi-weekly event at the Putty hall. He said, "These events will start with some interesting activities such as dart throwing competitions, making pasta, baking bread, learning to draw, photography lessons etc., the idea being to get people together while learning something new.

These will be followed by an optional Bible study. However, before you skip reading this, we understand that many people have problems believing in God or the Church or Priests and Clergy but many of us are very curious about who Jesus is and what He said and did. In fact His impact throughout history has affected millions of lives.

In our first five events we will be talking about the life of Jesus, His encounters with people from different walks of life, the miracles He did, and most importantly, if He really claimed to be God or just a good teacher. Because of our immense love for the the person of Jesus, we monks devote our lives to Him and feel it is too important not to share it with you. It is therefore worth your while to give it time to find out more about who He is. So I challenge you to come to the first five events before you quickly dismiss it.

However if you are still not convinced about coming to the Bible study, it would be a pleasure to see you for the social activities. **The first activity will be in March and we will send you a reminder with the date and time."**

PUTTY SCHOOL 1943 to 1951

By Margaret Ferguson

The education for the children of Putty continued from January 1943 to January 1945. Then, after a break of twelve months, the children were back at school. With dwindling student numbers and difficulty in sourcing a teacher, the government decided to close Putty Public School and by August, 1946, the children once again had their education disrupted.

From then on, records became quite sketchy, but it appears that a Subsidised School was established in 1947.

This type of school was designed for localities where the minimum attendance required for a government school could not be met. While the Department paid a subsidy for each pupil, parents were totally responsible for providing the school building and the teacher. Fortunately, there was already a school building.



The reopening of the school remained in question. In 1948, following negotiations between Putty residents and the District Inspector of Schools, approval was given. Getting a teacher was the next problem. Although letters were written to several recommended teachers, offering more than the Government wage, no reply was received.

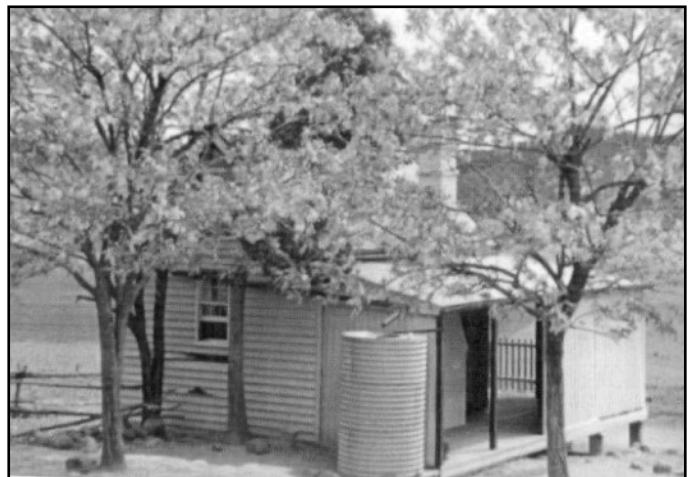
Good news came after an advertisement was placed in a Sydney newspaper.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richenda Martin came to Putty during September 1949. She, her husband David and their son Jan arrived late one afternoon. They had travelled by train to Singleton, then by cream lorry to Putty. The school building, which stood alone on the Eastern side of

the Putty creek had been converted to provide accommodation for the family with lessons held on the verandah.

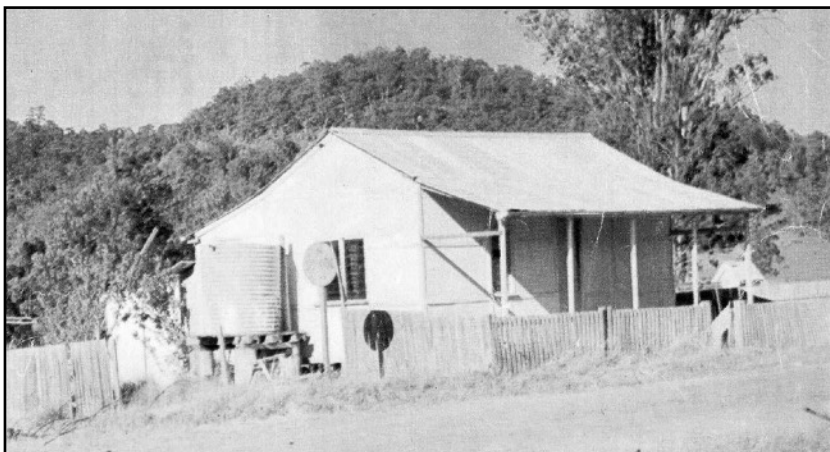
From their home, there was no other building to be seen but one could be imagined by following the smoke from an invisible chimney. Finding it involved a long trudge as well as carefully crossing the creek on a submerged log.

Putty Creek flooded in 1949 which meant that most of the children could not get to the school. As a writer of many books, the flood also prevented Mr. Martin from going to the Putty Post Office to send his letters and copies of manuscripts.



So a decision was made to relocate the Martins to the other side of Putty Creek.

Another house was found for the family and it was transported from "up the valley" to stand beside the Putty "Progress" Hall. Classes, including piano lessons, were held in the hall where Mr. Martin also spent time, writing his books.



Richenda's pupils travelled to school on bicycles or on horseback, singularly or in pairs.

Counting Jan Martin, there were twelve children ranging in age from six to fourteen years.

Mrs. Martin was well liked amongst the children except when she would mop the hall floor using Phenol as a disinfectant to ward away colds and 'flu. The fumes would make the children's eyes water!



In her work, Richenda made use of radio lessons and correspondence school.

The children made up plays and songs and adored dressing up.



The Martin family left Putty in early 1951, moving to Melbourne.

PUTTY RAINFALL December 2021

	FAIRVIEW	NORTH
Dec 2021	99.50mm	146.00mm
Dec 2020	235.30mm	218.00mm
Dec 10 yr average.	88.20mm	136.00mm

Year to date

Dec 2021	982.40mm	1314.00mm
Dec 2020	1196.95mm	1210.00mm
10 yr av	760.35mm	960.00mm

Recordings were taken at Fairview-Putty Central
(with reference to www.bom.gov.au)

"The Top Place" Putty Valley Road North
"Fairview" Putty Valley Road Central

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 VALLEY ONLINE

Putty's Community Website contains many
interesting links including:

Putty People

<https://putty.nsw.au/putty-people>

where you will also find Putty events and links to
newspapers local and national.

Trades & Services Directory

<https://putty.nsw.au/whereis/>

PCA

This has several links including one to the
membership form.

<https://putty.nsw.au/pca/membership/>

Post your pictures and stories!

ADVERTISING: pca@putty.nsw.au

PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic and social distancing practices all in person services have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

We will be doing services via Zoom meeting so if you would like to receive the Zoom meeting link invitation please email jane directly on jane.robinson@ku.com.au

Every Blessing in this difficult times and remember the first Easter taught us that; Life never ends and Love never dies.

TRADES AND SERVICES

PUTTY PEOPLE ADVERTISING

In publishing these ads, the PCA is not endorsing or recommending any product or service advertised below.

FULL POWER

OFF THE GRID SOLAR SYSTEMS

0455 120 544



WORK WANTED - Reliable House cleaner inside and out, light garden duties.
Phone Rachel on 0467 336 250

MUSIC TEACHER

Accredited piano / keyboard + mandolin teacher - lessons in the safety and convenience of your home.
Phone Martha 0404 014 374

NEWSLETTER CONTACT

Please call with any news, activities or photographs to include in our monthly newsletter.

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