

PUTTY PEOPLE NOVEMBER 2021

Newsletter of the Putty Community Association, Inc.



NEW MAILBOX FOR THE PUTTY HALL

By Jane Robinson

Keep your eyes open for the new mailbox that will be installed out the front of the Putty Hall very soon. That's right Putty now has its very own direct Polar Express mail delivery to Santa!

So, it really doesn't matter if you have been naughty or nice this year, write a letter to Santa (or draw him a picture) letting him know what you would like him to bring you for Christmas – put your first name and age on it and pop it in to Santa's Putty Hall letter box . . . you might just get a special treat at the **Putty Community Association's Christmas Party on Saturday 11 December at the Putty Hall.**

So Ho Ho Ho and hurry up Little Kids and Big Kids to get you letters on their way to Santa!



MELBOURNE CUP TRIVIA - Courtesy of Google



The Melbourne Cup was introduced in 1861 by the Victorian Turf Club to trump the success of Victorian Jockey Club races such as the Two Thousand Guineas.

As a handicap race of 3,200metres, the Melbourne Cup introduced a level of speculation that the club hoped would attract more entries, and therefore higher prize money. Nowadays the winner gets \$4,400.000.



**A FRIENDLY HELLO
ON THE PUTTY
VALLEY ROADSIDE**

Putty Remembrance Day Service 10.30am at the Putty Hall (outdoors – in the open air or on the deck) By Jane Robinson



At 5am on 11 November 1918, three German government representatives accepted the Armistice terms presented to them by an allied commander, **General Ferdinand Foch of the French Army**. The Armistice became effective at 11am the same day and the 4-year long First World War ended.

After World War II the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars.

In October 1997 the then Governor-General issued a Proclamation declaring 11 November as Remembrance Day - a day to remember the sacrifice of those who have died for Australia in wars and conflicts.

We look forward to catching up with you on Thursday the 11 November to remember the women and men who have served and are still serving our country, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

If you would like to be involved in some aspect of the Putty Remembrance Day Service please contact Jane Robinson on 0407 953 353 by 11th November.

The red poppy

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The verses were apparently sent anonymously to the English magazine, *Punch*, which published them under the title, *In Flanders' Fields*. Colonel McCrae died while on active duty in May 1918.

The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The Australian Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League (now known as the RSL) first sold poppies for Armistice Day in 1921. Each poppy was sold for a shilling: five pence was donated to a charity for French children, six pence went to the League's own welfare work, and one penny went to the League's national coffers. Today the RSL continues to sell poppies for Remembrance Day to raise funds for its welfare work.

This year people can donate to the RSL's Poppy Appeal online at poppyappeal.com.au.

Red poppies will be projected onto the sails of the Sydney Opera House at dawn and on the evening of 11 November.

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS

*In Flanders' fields the
poppies blow
Between the crosses, row
on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders' fields.*



A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

BY MARGARET FERGUSON

We are in the NSW RFS declared Bush Fire Danger Period at the moment until 31st March 2022. When you are issued a permit to burn you will also be given a card as shown. It contains a QR code which when scanned will direct you to the NSW RFS website where you can register your intent to burn. You will need a permit number to continue with your notification during the BFD. The reverse side of the card shows a checklist of key elements that must be accounted for. Out of season, you can still use this QR code to register to burn without a permit. It is good information to keep on hand if you intend to light up. Always check to make sure a Total Fire Ban has not been declared otherwise you could face a hefty fine should you start a fire in the open during the ban.

To obtain a permit call: Ken Ferguson 6579 7077 or 0499 868 806, Kenn Mackett 0401 535 575, Tim Spooner 6579 7047 or 0418 299 377, Greg Pierce 6579 7067 or 0415 602 366.

Permit & Burn Notifications

Here is a checklist of the key elements that must be accounted for:

- ✓ Appropriate environmental and any other approvals are obtained, including permissions to produce smoke (if required).
- ✓ A Fire Permit has been granted (if required).
- ✓ Notifications to all adjoining landowners and your local fire authority have been undertaken.
- ✓ You have checked to make sure it's not a Total Fire Ban Day.
- ✓ You have checked that Fire Permits have been not been suspended.
- ✓ You have checked that the Environmental Protection Authority has not issued a No Burn Notice.

Contact your local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre, or local Council for further advice.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE



HALLOWEEN FUN



**CHRIS AND JANE
GETTING IN ON THE
HALLOWEEN ACT**

**ARION ABOUT TO
DEVOUR SPOOKY
DONUTS**



**SARINA AS WEDNESDAY
ADAMS and SOLOMON
AS HIMSELF**

PUTTY HARNESS DRIVE 30-31 OCTOBER

BY JUNE MALMBERG

As expected in this year of COVID difficulties, this drive had already been rescheduled from earlier in the year. Even with the new date, the drive was still a day short of the end of lockdown which meant that drivers from the Hills and Camden harness clubs were unable to attend.



Three members from the Hunter Harness Club attended and I was their driven escort with new and resplendent warning signs on my truck and on the last carriage. The road was fairly busy but most cars passed us with care and respect for which we were grateful. The drivers were Pat Thomson with Plonk, Margie Walmsley with Gossip and Rachael Taylor with Flash.



The weather was just perfect so on Saturday we completed a round trip of about 40km down Box Gap Road and Roswill Drive where we stopped for lunch at Greg's cattle yards. Little Flash was able to keep up with the two bigger horses! Sunday we headed up Putty Valley Road for a shorter drive and turned around just before Gibbs bridge. Margaret Ferguson joined us briefly for a photo shoot - bottom two photographs.

Perhaps next year we will be able to cross the bridge safely and continue along the beautiful road to the end of the valley..... who knows?



HAWKESBURY REGIONAL GALLERY RE-OPENS

We are now open in compliance with the Public Health (Covid - 19 General) Order 2021 with vaccination rules applying to both staff and customers aged 16 and older.

HAWKESBURY ART FAIR - All artworks for Sale

An exhibition of selected works from local art groups and artists, including Ferry Artists Gallery, Hawkesbury Artists and Artisans Trail, Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop, Hawkesbury Camera Club, Macquarie Towns Art Society and Piggery Lane Studios.



READERS - Please share your old memories, photographs of Putty!

THE WAY WE WERE - Memories from Yesteryear



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY - OUT WITH THE DUNNY!

Restoration of the Putty Hall began in mid 1980's starting with the tearing up the old dunny. Ken Ferguson just got the job - just lucky, I guess!

Stan Floyd's house in the background, Putty Valley Road. His house later burned down.

HISTORY OF THE PUTTY SCHOOL

By Margaret Ferguson

The year was 1919 and there were around seventeen families living in various locations throughout Putty and some a little further north. In most of these families, many children were born and Putty School was well attended.

The school building hadn't moved from its spot by Turnbull Creek but by 1930, some families had and the school was starting to run out of pupils. There were 11 children of school age in the district but a teacher would not be appointed by the Department of Education unless the enrolment number was 14. The residents of Putty were so worried about lack of educational facilities that they considered adopting several children so that the numbers would be enough for the Department to provide a teacher. During the 1930's the Merrick, Ellis and Turnbull children contributed greatly to the student numbers with the youngest starting at only four years of age so adding to the count.

Whether they were appointed teachers or a caring parent filling in, the children were looked after by eight different teachers from 1919 to 1940. Mr. Frank Paul was the longest serving teacher, his appointment running from January, 1926 to May, 1933.

I found in his memoirs that young Turnbull had a great admiration for Mr. Paul who instilled in him, a love of poetry and a sense of worth. He also stated that, unfortunately, his correspondence lessons didn't quite reach full potential as Mr. Paul was more inclined "to chase rabbits and roos and wombats than attend to our school work". He also mentioned walking to school barefoot, stopping along the way to warm his feet in a fresh cow pat, the perfume in the classroom of no concern to Mr. Paul.

The Ellis children lived on the other side of Putty Creek from the school and would travel there on horse-back or by push bike. The boys would double, even treble the girls on their chosen means of transport and by all accounts, it was a rather scary ride.

Sam Williams was the teacher at Putty School from 9th January, 1936 to 2nd January, 1940.

Brendon Gollan came next. He was just 22 years of age when he began teaching in Putty on 5th January, 1940 to March, 1941.

On arrival, he described the school building as being on sloping terrain, one foot above the ground at the back and northern side and four feet above ground at the front. The room was small, with windows and a fireplace on the northern side. There were six long desks, fixed to the floor and six long stools, a teachers table, a chair and a cupboard.

Some of the walls were white-ant

ridden. The children ranged from lower first class to eighth class and were a pleasure to teach. A box of library books arrived monthly from the NSW Public Library which the children were all able to read although some were weak readers.

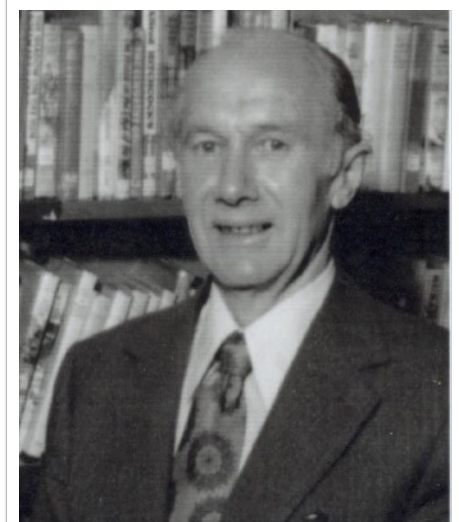
Brendon decided to make a garden at the school and began by fencing the yard.

The children planted vegies and flowers which started to grow nicely but soon showed signs of being eaten by something. Although they were particular about keeping the gate shut the situation continued to get worse until the baby rabbit which had been fenced in was found and moved out.

Mr. Gollan had applied for enlistment in the army and was called up on 11 March, 1941. He was quickly replaced by Mervyn Riddle who remained at Putty until January 1943 when he too was called up for service in the A.I.F.



SAM WILLIAMS



**AN OLDER
BRENDON GOLLAN**



Indigenous Plants for Health Association (Inc)

"Awareness, Research & Development of Indigenous Plant-Based Products"

A Community Not for Profit Association

Indigenous Plants for Health - Field Day

Saturday, Nov 27th, 2021 10am – 8pm

Held at Kawalang, Murrays Run, NSW (Bucketty)

This field day includes distillation of native flora demonstration, ceremony and more.
All meals catered for with primarily local, organically grown ingredients, with vegetarian and gluten free options.
Please advise if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Full cost. Incl. lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon teas \$80 pp. (IPHA Members \$70)

Daytime events only, not including dinner \$50 (IPHA members \$40)

Free camping for Fri/Sat nights.

For registration, please visit www.indigenousplantsforhealth.com

Programme

10.00am	Registration, Welcome and morning tea
10.30am	Distillation demonstration of lemon-scented tea tree – <i>Jeff Allen</i>
11.30am	Time to bee aware. Honeybees and native "sugarbag" bees – <i>Dani Lloyd-Pritchard</i>
12.30pm	Distillation check-in
1.00pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Walk to recognise weeds & natives – <i>Pat Collins</i>
2.30pm	Make your own bush remedies for insect bites and pain relief – <i>Pat Collins</i>
3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.45pm	From the Beginning - The Yengo-Baiaame Story – <i>Phil Sheppard</i>
4.00pm	What's growing in the garden – <i>Keith Williams</i>
6.00pm	Dinner
7.15pm	Yarns around the fire

Due to Government mandates proof of double vaccination is to be shown on the day to attend (or proof of medical exemption).

The venue is approx. 1.5 hr drive from Sydney and Newcastle, 1 hr. from the Upper Hunter Valley (depending on where you are!), 45 minutes from the Central Coast.

Please bring seeds to exchange.

****Event reminder – Carpooling**

We would like to keep the footprint for the event as low as possible. If you are able to offer a ride, or carpool with someone else, please indicate on the registration form where you will be coming from. Please confirm that you are happy for us to link you up with someone from your area who will be traveling to the event



Glimpses of Kawalang (Kawalang means 'abundance' in Wonnarua language)

PUTTY RAINFALL October 2021

	FAIRVIEW	NORTH
Oct 2021	41.00mm	89.00mm
Oct 2020	84.00mm	141.00mm
Oct 10 yr average.	46.60mm	75.00mm

Year to date

Oct 2021	676.15mm	908.00mm
Oct 2020	929.00mm	960.00mm
10 yr av	602.50mm	

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/>

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>

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

**HANDYMAN CARPENTER PAINTER**

REASONABLE RATES

NEIL 0419 658 300

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.

Martha Babineau, phone 6579 7000