

PUTTY PEOPLE FEBRUARY 2023

Final edition

Newsletter of the Putty Community Association, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS at the PUTTY HALL

- Sat. 18 Feb, 3pm - PCA AGM at hall
- Friday 17 Feb, 6-9pm - DETOUR
- Sun 19 Feb, - MONASTERY events restart - TBA
- Sat, 4 March, 10 - 4pm - Special TULG Event
- Sunday 2 April, am - Putty Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 25 April, 11am - ANZAC Day Service
- Sunday, 1st October - Putty Spring Fair
- Sat. October 28 - Putty Halloween Party
- Saturday, 11 November, 11am - Putty Remembrance Day service
- Saturday, 9 December - Putty Christmas Party
- St Shenouda's Monastery fortnightly Sunday activity 1-4pm, lunch and Bible Study will continue (dates to be confirmed)

Don't forget our ongoing events

Saturday Morning Social - First Saturday of each month 9.30 to 1pm.

 Detour - 3rd Friday each Month, 6-9pm

CHECK THE PUTTY CHRONICLES FOR DETAILS.

Putty Community Association (PCA) 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM will be held on 18 February at the Putty Hall from 3pm – ALL WELCOME!

You may not yet be a member of the Putty Community Association but you are very welcome to join in the fun and discussion at the PCA's 2023 AGM.

Come along to meet new people, make connections and hear about 2022 in review and what's planned for 2023. Add your voice to the discussion, bring along your good ideas and don't be surprised if someone asks you to "help out."

The AGM will be followed by an open bar and light snacks.



SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL

THREE VALLEYS LANDCARE

On Saturday 4 March at 10.30am Uncle Warren Taggart, author and knowledgeable cave person, will do a presentation to our group to share his knowledge of First Nations' land and culture in the Putty area. We will walk to the cave. Contact Martha for further information and location on 0404 014 374.



THE END OF AN ERA!

By Jane Robinson

The February 2023 edition of Putty People will be the last in this format – truly the end of an era!

The monthly newsletter has been a strong connector of our community over the years, circulated through Putty, Yengo and Kindarun where social events, history and emergency preparedness collided in a riveting read each month. With membership and community expectations changing regarding instant communications, social media reliance and the very time consuming nature of a monthly publication, the PCA has decided to move with the times highlighting Putty Hall / Putty Community Association communications to online formats – focusing initially on Putty Chronicles Facebook Group and our Putty Valley Online (<https://putty.nsw.au/>) website, with a view to exploring other media distribution channels in the future.

There have been many custodians of the Putty People publication over the years but for the past 10+ years it has been under the stewardship of the wonderful Martha Babineau. It's not an easy job chasing content, photos and news every month but Martha always did it with a sense of fun and enjoyment. Happily Martha will remain involved with the PCA as its "photographer at large" continuing to capture the fun, excitement and drama that is life in Putty.

Martha, we can't thank you enough for all your dedicated work on Putty People – your commitment to our community is amazing and we are truly grateful to you.

If you are interested in assisting us with this transformation of PCA communications please let us know by reaching out to Jane (jane.robinson@ku.com.au) or Lynn (lpnortje@gmail.com)

FIREY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

By Margaret Ferguson

As this is the last Putty newsletter, it will also be the last Firey news posted. From February onwards, any fire related information such as fire ratings, permit suspensions and Total Fire Bans will be accessible through several Facebook pages:

The Putty Chronicles for fire news relevant to Putty

Howes Valley Rural Fire Brigade for other local fire news and (ask to join up)

NSW Rural Fire Service-Hunter Valley for government related information.

Or see the NSW RFS website <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au> and search through the relevant pages for information.

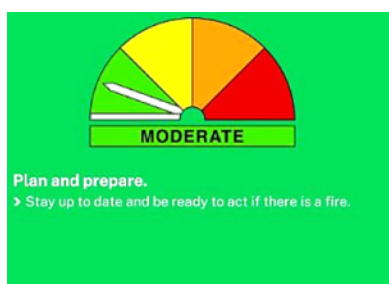
Along with the new **Fire Danger Rating (FDR)** signs now seen along roadways, there is a new **Australian Warning System (AWS)**, a new national approach to information and warnings during emergencies and natural disasters like bush fire, flood, storm, extreme heat and severe weather.

No matter what the emergency, three colours represent each warning level to show the increasing risk.

YELLOW - ADVISE – An incident has either started or is forecast to start. No immediate danger. Stay informed

ORANGE - WATCH & ACT – Conditions are changing. Take action now to protect you and your family

RED - EMERGENCY WARNING – You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Do not delay.



You can log onto website: putty.nsw.au, Putty Valley Online and click on Fire Brigade to download the Putty Emergency Directory, Hub Houses, Maps, Rural Addressing and more. - or take the shortcut and use the QR code.



THE FIRST EDITION OF "PUTTY PEOPLE" WAS CALLED "PUTTY PARROT" AND THIS WAS THE FRONT COVER. CIRCULATION 250.

PUTTY PARROT

NEWSLETTER OF THE PUTTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

On behalf of the Putty Community Association, Welcome to the First Edition of the Putty Parrot, our new Quarterly Newsletter.

The PCA held its' Annual General Meeting on the 21st February, 1998. The President, Ken Ferguson advised the large gathering of members of his intentions not to stand for Re-Election, thus ending a 14 year commitment to the PCA.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank both Ken and Margaret Ferguson for the tremendous effort they have made in the Putty Community Association, and I am sure you will agree that the Community Hall would

not be what is today without their Endeavour.

For the 1998 Year, the New Committee has Undertaken to produce a Putty Community Directory to be Distributed to all PCA Members. If we are also able to institute some of the other suggestions raised at the AGM, I believe that the PCA will have done well.

If the Putty Community Association can be of any Assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at any time on 02 65797 080.

Best Regards,
DJ.

The PCA Committee will Investigate and Persue the above.

Many Thanks to those Members who supplied Afternoon Tea at the AGM.

At the last Committee Meeting, the following was Undertaken:

To Comply with Insurance Requirements, that **'NO SMOKING' & 'NO SMOKING & DRINKING on the DANCE FLOOR'** Signs would be Installed in the Putty Hall and adjacent to the Dance Floor & That a

"DANCE MINIMUM DRESS RULE"

be **ENFORCED** at all Dances. The Minimum Dress Rule will Be:

NO SINGLETS, WORK WEAR, THONGS OR BARE FEET ADMITTED.

John Brunsden, Secretary.

ARE YOU A PCA MEMBER? APPLICATION FORM ON THE LAST PAGE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi folks, I am your New Secretary for the Putty Community Association, At the Annual General Meeting, The Previous President & Secretary, did not stand for Re-election. The New Committee is as Indicated. New & Recently Arrived Residents were asked to say a few word by way of their introduction.

Various concerns and suggestions were voiced during the meeting including the following:

1. The installation of a weatherproof notice board, Advertising Various Community Skills and Advertisements.
2. To Contact Council regarding the Installation of Bottle Recycling Bins.
3. The installation of a Secure Community Mail Box by Australia Post for Outgoing Mail.
4. The installation of a Public Phone Box in the Putty Village by Telstra adjacent to the Hall.
5. The Condition of the Putty Valley Road and the Associated Dust Problem.
6. A PUTTY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY be printed and distributed to P C A Members.
7. The Unprecedented Power Blackouts this Summer.

HUNTER MAIN TRAIL REMAINS OPEN



THE HUNTER MAIN TRAIL, FROM THE THREE WAYS TO THE RYLSTONE SIDE OF THE WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK, REMAINS OPEN, DESPITE PREVIOUS THREATS OF IMMINENT CLOSURE BY THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE NPWS SAID THAT "WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK AS A WILDERNESS AREA NOT YET BEFORE PARLIAMENT, AND POSSIBILITY OF AN ELECTION THIS YEAR, THE CLOSURE MAY NEVER HAPPEN".



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COMMENT FROM MARTHA ...

I would like to thank all the folk who have contributed to the newsletter over the years with their stories and pictures. Your generous offerings have created our monthly newsletter.

I would particularly like to thank Margaret Ferguson, part of our community since the seventies and a veritable treasure trove of information and advice. She has been there all there way with her suggestions and sense of humour.

It has been a pleasure to have served Putty in such an enjoyable way!

Telstra has continued to be part of our newsletter! Below are snippets from "Putty Parrot" Winter edition No. 10.

Putty Goes to the Ball

As I got out of the car into the freezing cold on Saturday night, all I could think was "what am I doing here, dressed in chiffon and pearls, after all I'm only a Weekender, not a Permanent". I looked at my husband, he looked great in his dinner suit, he scrubs up well for an old bloke. I shouldn't have worried, as I opened the door of the hall I was met by the greeter, Jock McKellar with his welcome smile and a friendly hug he thrust a glass of sherry into one hand and a delicious nibble into the other, well that was a good start.

The atmosphere was great, the committee had outdone themselves, they must have been working like Trojans with all the extra touches to the place. On the tables were hand-made personalized bon bons, they had surprise gifts inside to add to the fun. The rafters were hung with fairy lights. Christmas carols were the background music and our new firebox gave us a warm and friendly spot to congregate around.

Christmas in July was in full swing. Lots of friendly faces helped along with Putty Wine, it felt like being at home with all your friends around to share the fun, but not having to do all the work. The food was excellent nothing was left out, a feast indeed, no wonder the caterers are called "Pig Out". The women beautiful in their finery, the men handsome and distinguished, the young with their faces glowing and happy made me feel truly part of the Putty Community not just a Weekender.

Terry Coleman - A Weekender

THE PEACE of PUTTY

*In a green and peaceful valley
Surrounded by pristine hills
Is a tranquil place called Putty
Devoid of any ills.*

*The occasional timber jinker
Comes winding down the road
And after all the dust has cleared
The cattle grazing on the hills
Stare balefully at the passing load*

The orange leaves of the

*persimmon tree
Form a carpet on the ground
The bleating of a new born lamb
rings out*

As it's mother it has found

*Where is this place called Putty?
Alas, it's been discovered all
too soon*

But should you ever find it...

It's just like Brigadoon

John Linedale

9.5.00

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PUTTY'S FIRST 2023 DETOUR on 20th JANUARY



Putty folk were treated to Lynn's South African Street Food, a dish called, “Bunny Chow”, which is a very popular traditional take away meal made with Durban Lamb curry, chickpeas and potatoes served in hollow bread.

The main rule of bunny chow etiquette is to use your hands! You eat the piece cut out of the loaf first, dipping into the curry. Once this has been eaten, eat around the crust, dipping into the curry, and combining with carrot salad. Lynn served the dish with sambals, chutney and a side salad and there were no leftovers!



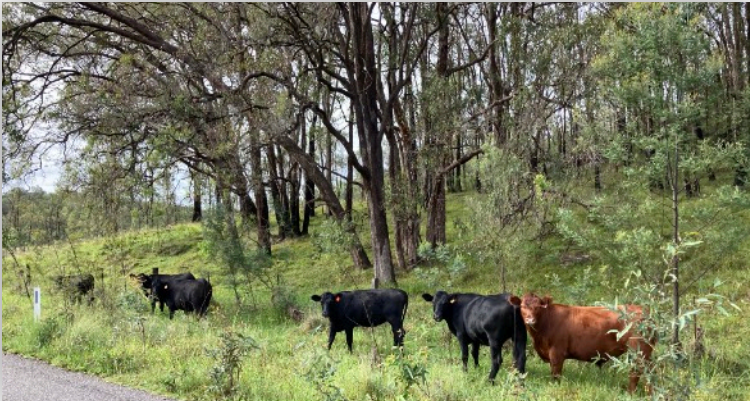


PALEIS Du PUTTY

Beautiful little colt Conan was born on January 15. He's still staying close to his Mummy Cino but is rearing to go!



GIBBS BRIDGE - NOW COMPLETED, LOOKING SOUTH



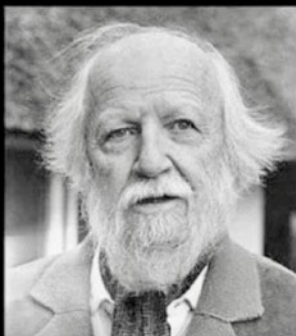
OTHER BEAUTIFUL PUTTY RESIDENTS



DORA'S HEN'S PREFERENCE

"It's so much cooler in this heat, not to mention the floods - and it's far more comfortable to come inside to lay my eggs. Dora's house is a very pleasant place to spend my life in!"

Sir William Golding regarding women



Lessons Taught By LIFE

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men, they are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make it greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR



Photographs kindly shared by old residents returning to Putty.



PUTTY RAINFALL in FEBRUARY

	FAIRVIEW	NORTH
January 2023	81.00mm	91.00mm
January 2022	182.90mm	208.00mm
January 10 yr av	98.60mm	120.00mm

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 although lately, it doesn't really matter too much.

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.

Putty Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187211862469717/?ref=share>

Trades & Services Directory

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

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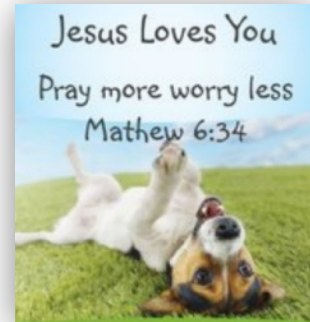
This has several links including one to the membership form.

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

Post your pictures and stories!

ADVERTISING: pca@putty.nsw.au

PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY



Our Lady of the Valley Prayer and Meditation Meeting is on the 4th Sunday of the month at 10am at Pilgrim's Rest.

**For more information,
 please call Jane Robinson-Eggert on
 0407 953 353**

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