



Mayor's Message

Just as all of us in Greater Hume were approaching Autumn 2020 with some degree of confidence, following a wonderful rain event in February, along came another challenge, in the form of a Virus, COVID 19, now sweeping throughout the world at a great rate of knots. Fortunately, for our residents, the numbers of people affected are low, and most have now recovered. The next big challenge for our residents is to remain aware of proper hand washing as a necessity, keeping 1.5 m distance when in a crowd, and staying at home, until our Federal and State Governments give us the go-ahead to lift restrictions.

Just think how lucky are we being able to live in a rural community, where we have the opportunities to be able to go outside, enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise, almost without seeing anyone else.

The fervent hope of us all is that the pandemic will be brought under control quickly and our lives will return to normal.

AND, when that happens, there is much to see and do in Greater Hume, and I encourage everyone to give support to the many business people, who have had to put their lives on hold during this difficult time. They will certainly need our support to move forward into the future.

Best wishes, Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor

Our doors may be CLOSED but we are still OPEN

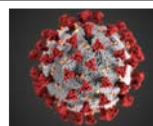
Greater Hume Council is still open for business. We are practicing good social distancing and staff have been relocated to different facilities around the shire. You can still contact us via phone on 02 6036 0100 or 1300 653 538, send an email to mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or lodge a Customer Request via our website, (Customer Requests are designed for you to request, comment, suggest or advise a problem). Greater Hume website has information on both COVID 19 and Bushfire support. Go to www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.

COVID 19 - 2020

Everyone should practise good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser, and
- avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).

By social distancing and these simple, common sense actions will help reduce risk to you and to others. They will help to slow the spread of disease in our communities – and you can use them every day – in your home, workplace, school and while out in public.



Pic COVID 19 virus.

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Thank you to everyone. Volunteers at work at Holbrook Staging Area.



6 Australia Day, Culcairn
Read all about Australia Day and four boys who received a special award.



9 Holbrook Childcare
Greater Hume Children Services opens in Holbrook.

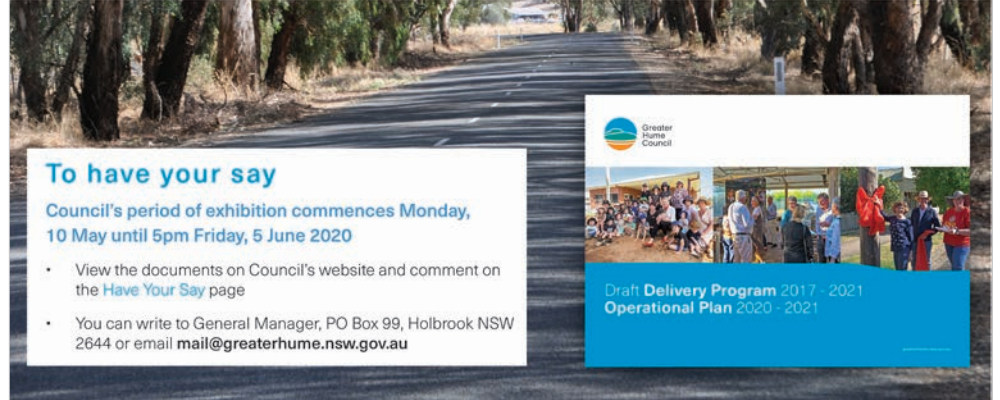
Out and About



Pic NSW Governor the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC was welcomed by Greater Hume Council Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton as part of her tour of fire affected regions. Governor Beazley visited the Culcairn Public School, attended a luncheon with Rural Fire Service volunteers at Culcairn Hotel and met with the McPaul family.

Have Your Say

Draft 2017-2021 Delivery Program and 2020 -2021 Operational Plan



Pic Culcairn announced winners of NSW 2019 Healthy Towns. Congratulations to all of those community members who organised and participated in events for the challenge.



Pic Greater Hume Council (GHC) and Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) representatives welcomed Telstra CEO, Andy Penn and representatives to discuss telecommunication issues during the recent bushfires and mobile phone coverage more generally. Telstra has committed to further meeting with both Councils to investigate opportunities and options to improve mobile phone coverage across both shires. Pictured (l to r), Loretta Willaton, Telstra Regional General Manager, David Smith, GHC Director Corporate & Community Services, Steven Pinnuck, GHC General Manager, James Hayes, SVC Mayor, Andy Penn, Telstra CEO, Heather Wilton, GHC Mayor, Michael Acland, Telstra Group Executive, Consumer & Small Business, Jules Scarlet, Telstra Regional Affairs & Sustainability Executive, Matt Hyde, SVC General Manager.



Pic Opening of Culcairn (7 Dec) and Jindera (8 Dec) Skate Parks was attended by Justin Clancy, MP Albury, Mayor Heather Wilton and many community members both young and old who participated in the development of the skate parks. Totem also gave displays/workshops at both venues.



Pic Totem guys, (l to r) Ben Currie, Nat Kassel, David Kemran and Rider (2nd from r), local Jindera skater, who won the Rural

Care Link encouragement Award, for his dedication to skating, sense of community and encouragement of other skaters.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone (too many to name) who assisted during and after this major fire.

Green Valley Fire

- Fire commenced on 29 December 2019 as a result of lightning strike in steep terrain in the Green Valley at Talmalmo.
- On 30 December during the extreme conditions one firefighter, Samuel McPaul, was tragically killed and six other volunteers injured while fighting the blaze.
- Fire burnt Talmalmo, along the River Road, Jingellic, Lankeys Creek, Munderoo and Upper Wantagong areas as well as Woomargama National Park, Woomargama State Forest, Woomargama Conversation area and Jingellic Nature Reserve.
- The fire spread into the Snowy Valleys LGA and Victoria
- Detailed assessments indicated 235,000 hectares were impacted by fire including 71 properties and up to 8 dwelling type structures destroyed by fire.
- Fire officially extinguished on 18 February 2020.



Pic Holbrook Staging Area. Photo - Walla Walla Rural Fire Service.



Pic First community meeting (7 Jan) at Jingellic Showgrounds was well attended. Photo - NSW RFS Southern Border Team.



Pic Bushfire Relief Table Top Hike held on 1 Feb with over 200 participants, (many fundraiser's were held on behalf of the McPaul family and Rural Fire Service).



Pic Kim Schultz, Greater Hume Council, Road Safety Officer welcoming Australian Defence Force personnel who delivered potable water to those impacted.



Civilex, Melbourne based civil construction company, reached out to Council during January wanting to help with the clean up effort. Civilex providing donated plant, equipment and manpower to help clear farm tracks and fence lines. Approximately 20 properties received assistance over a week long period. Council wishes to thank Civilex for their assistance. Pic (from left) Kris Bogdanovski (Civilex), Barney Pollard, Civilex operator Michael Humpreys, Matt Willis and Steve McInerney (Macca). The fire started at Green Valley at the back of Mr Pollard's property.



Pic Samuel and Megan McPaul. Photo - NSW RFS Southern Border Team.

Jacob Wenke Drive Walla Walla Residential Subdivision

In February this year Council accepted an offer on the second of seven allotments in the Jacob Wenke Drive Subdivision at Walla Walla. The development has been undertaken by Council to support new home development in Walla Walla.

Allotments are fully serviced. Blocks vary from 941 sqm to 1,166 sqm, and are priced from only \$56,500 (GST Incl.).



Contact Council with your enquiry to secure your piece of affordable residential land in Walla Walla.

Pic Walla Walla 150th Celebrations, main street. Photo - Janene Whitty

Henty Rail Crossing Project – Update April 2020

The Project

The \$7.2 million project includes construction of a new protected rail crossing (inc boom gates), approximately 1 km north of the existing “Williams Crossing”. The project will increase safety and to ensure appropriate stacking distances for b-double trucks are available at the new rail crossing. The Olympic Highway will be realigned for approximately 1 km to create a greater space between the railway line and the highway. Grubben Road will also be realigned to ensure a straight approach is made to the new crossing and a new intersection will be constructed with appropriate turning lanes to and from the realigned Olympic Highway.

Progress

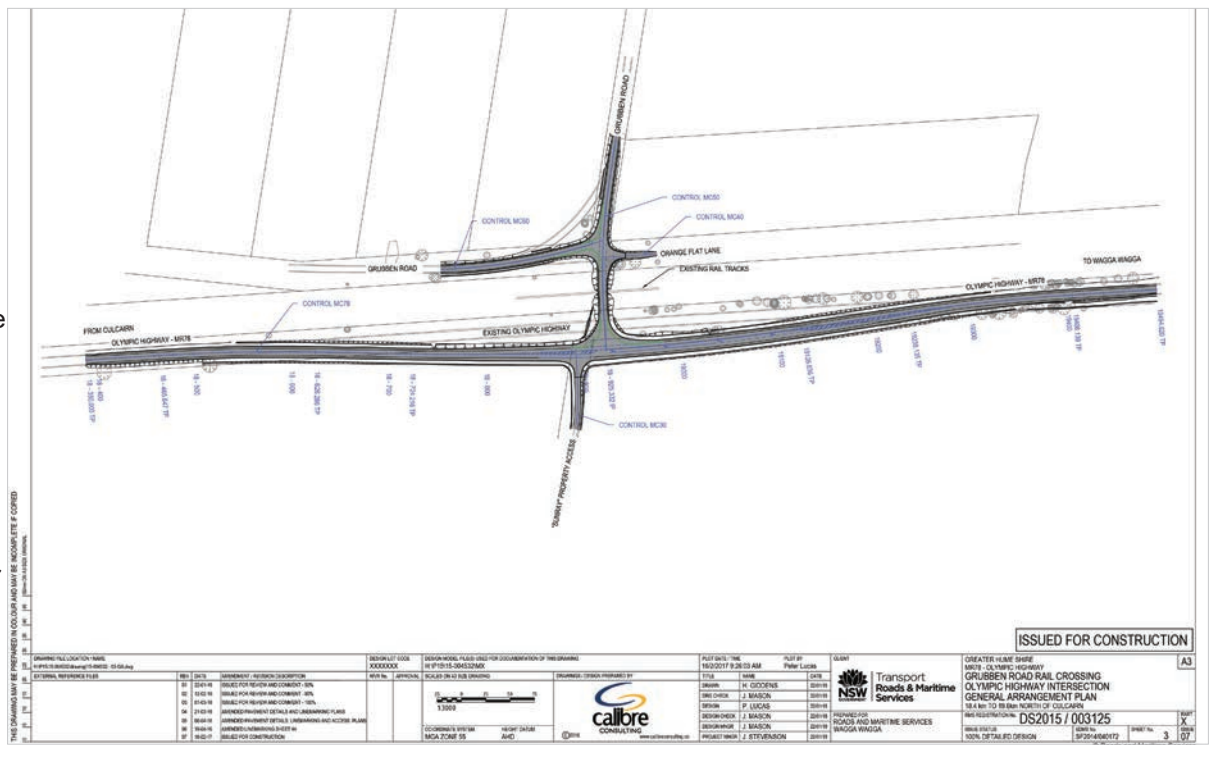
Following funding received last year, Greater Hume Council appointed GHD Pty Ltd to manage the entire project due to its complexity. Shortly, Council’s operational staff will commence works on the realignment of the Olympic Highway following service relocation work. Service relocations involving a large trunk water main (Riverina Water County Council) and telecommunication cabling involving both Telstra and NBN (nearing completion) have been undertaken. Extensive consultation with Australian Rail Track Corporation and approved consultants have been undertaken in the preparation of designs of the crossing involving both civil and signalization works. Currently a proposed track closure in September 2020 will allow a majority of the civil works on the crossing to be completed. At present it is still Council’s proposal to have the crossing open for harvest later this year (2020).

Additional Works

Council has also been successful in obtaining funding to widen and reconstruct Grubben Road from the Greater Hume boundary with Lockhart Shire to the rail crossing work site (approximately 1.8 km in length). The value of the project is \$800 k with approximately \$600 k received through the NSW Government Fixing Country Road Program. This additional work will ensure access to the Grain Corp facility and the Olympic Highway will be fully accessible on a two lane road for vehicles accessing from the farming areas to the west.

Summary

The completion of the project will not only provide efficient and safe access to the Grain Corp facility, but also remove a majority of trucks currently using Sladen Street in the central business district of Henty making this area of Henty a much more safer and pleasant space for residents to shop and undertake their daily activities.



Pic Plan of Henty Rail Crossing.



Pic Firewood.

Firewood Collection Permits

As we are heading into the cooler months of the year it is time to start thinking about our wood supplies to keep those home fires burning. Residents of Greater Hume Council area can obtain a permit which allows them to collect fallen timber (felling of trees is not permitted) for personal use from selected roadside verges with in the Council area.

The permit is valid for a period of up to 12 months and can be obtained by contacting via phone, 02 6036 0100 or email your nearest Greater Hume Council Customer Service Centre following payment of the appropriate administration fee and proof of residency with in Greater Hume Council area.

Engineering Works

Listed below is Council's planned works program up to 30 June 2020:

- Completion of the remainder of Council additional approved resheeting program.
- Completion of Council's Regional Road resealing program on MR331 Jingellic Road.
- Completion of Council's Urban Road resealing program.
- Coach Road reconstruction and culvert upgrades of 4 km including Benambra Road intersection.
- Kywong Howlong Road, shoulder widening and reconstruction of 1 km of road near Bedggood Road.
- Commencement of the Olympic Highway realignment portion of the Henty Rail Crossing Project.
- Alma Park Road, completion of the final 1.1 km reconstruction widening works.

Greater Hume Council Engineering Department now provide a weekly works schedule on our website, go to <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Living-in-Greater-Hume/Works-and-Projects>, to access.



Pic Greater Hume Council Operational Staff working on sealing a road.

Planning is currently underway for the 2020 - 2021 budget period with funding being confirmed for:

- Grubben Road, Greater Hume boundary to Grain Corp site 1.5 km upgrade to b-double standard and linking to new rail crossing at Olympic Highway.
- Completion of Henty Rail Crossing Project involving the realignment of 1 km of the Olympic Highway and installation of a new rail crossing linking to Grubben Road.
- Heavy patching at various locations along Olympic Highway, expect minor delays.
- Heavy patching at various locations along Tumbarumba Road, Little Billabong to Carabost, expect minor delays.
- Resealing at various locations along Olympic Highway, expect minor delays.
- Resealing at various locations along Tumbarumba Road and Little Billabong to Carabost, expect minor delays.
- Cummings Road, reconstruction, distance is dependent on grant funding.
- Mountain Creek Road, reconstruction and widen the crest at property, 'Fairview'.
- Pioneer Drive, upgrade from Pech Ave to Jindera Street.
- Balfour Street, kerb and channel and drainage upgrade Stage 1 CBD.
- Croft Street, reconstruct kerb and channel and install drainage.

To view Council's works program for 2020 - 2021 please refer to article on page 2 of this newsletter regarding "Have Your Say" to the draft 2017 - 2021 Delivery Program and 2020 - 2021 Operational Plan.

For up to date information on the status of roads please phone 1300 653 538, 02 6036 0100 or go to www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.

When Driving on our Country Roads

Beware of wildlife and stray livestock.

If you hit an animal first contact:

- Albury Police - 02 6023 9299
- then for Wildlife - WIRES - Albury area 0427 493 716 or 1300 094 737
- and for Stray Livestock - Greater Hume Ranger 0427 556 659

When driving farm machinery on public roads, harrows and other devices should be raised off the ground.

drumMUSTER

drumMUSTER is the National program that has been set up for the collection and recycling of cleaned eligible non returnable crop production and on-farm animal health chemical containers and provides chemical users with a defined route to safely dispose of used chemical containers.

Greater Hume Council Collections

Culcairn & Holbrook Waste Depot's - 7 May 2020 & 5 November 2020.

Henty & Burrumbuttock Transfer Station's - 8 May 2020 & 6 November 2020.

Bookings are Essential T: 02 6036 0100

Walla Walla Collections are suspended until further notice.

For enquiries please ring John Seidel on 0429 039 322.

Pic drumMUSTER logo and drums.



Greater Hume Australia Day 2020 @ Culcairn



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN GREATER HUME

Australia Day 2020 in Greater Hume was held at the Culcairn Sportsground, Culcairn, it was a fabulous ceremony, with over 500 people attending. Some of the highlights were the inspiring addresses given by our Australia Day Ambassador, Bob Turner, captains of Billabong High School, April Kennedy and Elisha Muller, Justin Clancy, Member for Albury and Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor, Greater Hume Council. The Australian flag was jointly raised by Lincoln Wright, Culcairn Public School Captain and Vincent Cheng, Saint Joseph's Primary School Captain and Jacob Wilksch performed during the ceremony.

Elizabeth Papworth, Holbrook and Edith Ventura, Henty were given a warm welcome as new Australian's during a citizenship ceremony conducted by Mayor, Councillor Heather Wilton.

Congratulations to all the award nominees and winners who were recognised for their hard work on behalf of the Greater Hume community, winners were:

- **Citizen of the Year – Bruce Diffey, Henty**
- **Young Citizen of the Year – Madison Doughty, Jindera**
- **Sports Person/Team of the Year – Lucy Grills, Holbrook**
- **Community Event of the Year – joint winners Walbundrie Cricket Club Pink Stumps and Walla Walla 150th Anniversary Celebrations**



Pic Citizen of the Year, Bruce Diffey.
Photo - Emily Jones



Pic Young Citizen of the Year, Madison Doughty.
Photo - Lorri Roden

A special **Mayoral Award for Outstanding Achievement** was given to four 10 year olds, Chayse Montgomery, Ryan Klemke, Ashton Scholz and Darcy Doughty for their fundraising efforts, \$10,000, for Mission Australia.

NSW State Emergency Service – Southern Zone, Unit Commander, Joh Lindley, presented a certificate of appreciation to Phillip Downes of Holbrook and long service medals and clasps to the following recipients for **Culcairn Unit** 40 years - Craig Elliott, 30 years- Stefan Link, 25 years - Kayleen Franke and Mark Leov, 20 years - Harry Roden, 10 years - Mark Webster, Amanda Thomas and Joh Lindley; **Holbrook Unit**, 10 years - Belinda Hallam and Heath Byatt and 5 years - Natasha McKay.

Michelle Godde, **Australia Day and Culcairn Christmas Tree** organizer presented the inaugural award of the best

Christmas tree at the Culcairn Christmas Tree Display to the Culcairn Garden Club. Michelle also provided a background to the Australia Day Tree which was on display, created by primary school children across Greater Hume.

School Citizenship Awards:

Billabong High School	George Leov
St Paul's Lutheran College	Laura Kotzur
Brocklesby Public School	Samuel Shipard
Burrumbuttock Public School	Toby Hunt
Culcairn Public School	Katie Parsons
Gerogery Public School	Usher Miners
Henty Public School	Misty Chambers
Holbrook Public School	Jim Henry
Jindera Public School	Brayden Creek
St Mary MacKillop College - Junior	Patrick Byrnes
St Mary MacKillop College - Senior	Filomena Peoples
St Patrick's Primary School	Oscar Preston
St Paul's Lutheran Primary School	Kate Lieschke
Walbundrie Public School	Lilly Kohlhagen
Walla Walla Public School	Issac Lieschke

Jessica Kane, Greater Hume Youth Council

representative outlined to the audience the events planned for 2020 with Greater Hume Youth Council.

The Australia Day celebrations continued at the Culcairn Pool, which was open free of charge on Saturday afternoon and finished with an outdoor showing of the movie, Aladdin, in the evening.

A big thank you to:

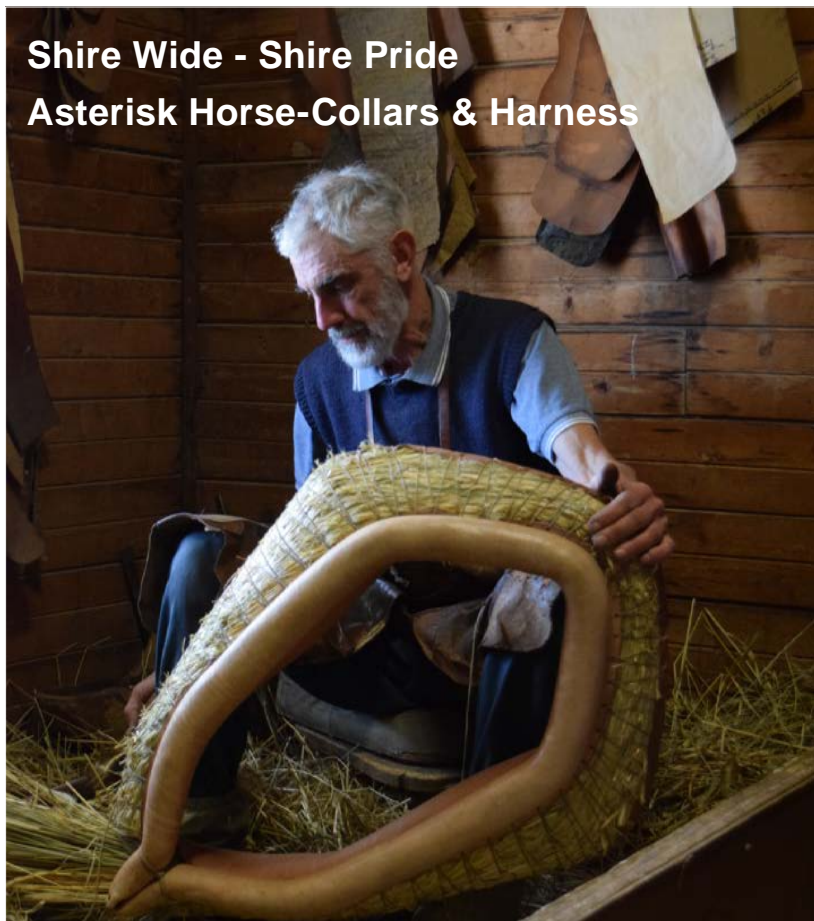
- Culcairn Community Development Committee and Culcairn Lions Club
- St Patrick's Catholic Ladies, Culcairn
- Jacob Wilksch, singer.
- Members of Greater Hume Youth Council
- Morgan Country Car Club, Culcairn Classic Car Club, Culcairn SES and the Culcairn Fire Service
- St John's Ambulance
- NSW Australia Day Council and Greater Hume Council



Pic School Citizenship awardees with Bob Turner, AD Ambassador, Justin Clancy, Member for Albury and Jessica Kane, Greater Hume Youth Council and audience in the background. Photo - Lorri Roden

2021 Australia Day @ Walbundrie

Shire Wide - Shire Pride Asterisk Horse-Collars & Harness



Pic Mark Porter, here bodying up a 23" Draught Collar for a South Australian customer. Photo - H McGrath



Pic Cereal rye, *Secale cereale* at Walla Walla.

Mark Porter of Asterisk Horse-Collars & Harness is a long-straw collar-maker and harness-maker of 38 years' experience and is now based in Henty. Mark is the last full time long-straw collar-maker in Australia. Mark's horse-collars and harness have been sold to clients in all states and territories in Australia and overseas to New Zealand and the Republic of Ireland.

Mark's skills are so unique, he is listed on the British Heritage Craft Association, which is an advocacy body for traditional heritage crafts to safeguard craft skills and knowledge for future generations. The current President of the Association is HRH The Prince of Wales.

Mark manufactures and repairs all types of collars and harness in the traditional Australian style. Harness manufactured in the past ranges from pony through to dray-size single-horse harness, and pair/team harness, collars and harness for donkeys, both collars and harness for camels (including riding and pack-saddles) and even a miniature long-straw collar for a working goat.

One unusual job undertaken by Mark was making heavy cee-spring suspension strapping for the Diamond Jubilee State Coach, a gift from Australia to Queen Elizabeth II. In addition to making and repairing harness, Mark also does general saddlery repair work and makes one off pieces like headstalls (made to measure), bridles and breaking-in long reins. **Contact Mark via his Facebook Page, Asterisk Horse-Collars & Harness.**

Pic Mark's work replicates the collar making process shown in an archival photograph of 1885 'making horse collars' at JA Holden's Saddlery in Grenfell Street, Adelaide. JA Holden became Holden & Frost and much later became General Motors Holden. Photo - State Library SA

Regional Bus Service - COVID 19 - Still Operating

The Regional Bus Service linking the Greater Hume communities is still operating during COVID 19 and is now also offering parcel pick up as well as it's normal bus service.

The towns and villages being serviced are Albury, Burrumbuttock, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, Morven, Gerogery, Gerogery West, Morven, Mullengandra, The Rock, Uranquinty, Wagga Wagga, Walla Walla and Woomargama, Go to www.regionalbuses.com.au for timetables.

Bookings are required, book via, phone or text 0448 353 281, www.regionalbuses.com.au or bookings@regionalbuses.com.au. Contact Matt on 0447 354 357 and Allan on 0428 254 627, for more information or find 'Regional Buses' on Facebook.



Pic The Regional Bus available in many Greater Hume locations.

Urana Road and Burrumbuttock Safety Improvements

Greater Hume Council has successfully obtained grant funding under the NSW Safer Roads program to install audio tactile line marking, guardrail and widen road shoulders on Urana Road from Jindera to Walbundrie. Urana Road is Greater Hume's busiest regional road with high numbers of passenger vehicles and freight, but it has also resulted in a significant number of severe crashes occurring in recent years.



Pic Audio Tactile Line Marking.

The treatment of audio tactile line marking aims to alert drivers that they are wandering outside of their lane and help reduce the risk of run-off road and head-on collisions. Additionally two culverts north of Burrumbuttock and one to the south, will have guardrail installed to prevent drivers running off the road into the waterway.

Latest LGA crash data identifies that over 20% of crashes has fatigue as a contributing factor and although these treatments may assist with reduced crashes, we urge drivers to monitor their level of fatigue and stop driving if feeling drowsy.



Pic Culvert north of Burrumbuttock.

Walla Walla Refugee Resettlement Committee Report March 2020

Report by Daniel Nadebaum on behalf of Walla Walla Refugee Resettlement Committee

The Walla Walla Refugee Resettlement Committee has been active for over a year now and we have had some fantastic results. We have had quite a few visits, mainly from the Assyrian community based in Western Sydney, and also some other cultures.

We have been successful in relocating one family to Walla Walla, and they are making a great contribution to their employer and our town.

We have had a flurry of activity from November onwards with a number of visits from various groups with a wide range of skillsets. We have housing available in Walla Walla now but we are finding it difficult to match people with jobs.

If you have positions available, or would like to receive resumes of interested parties, please contact refugees.walla@gmail.com.



Pic Group visiting Morgan's Lookout.



Greater Hume
**Children
Services**

Childcare needs met by expanded service

Greater Hume Children Services Holbrook successfully opened the doors on Monday 17 February to relieved families and excited children. The service has been smoothly transitioned from Holbrook Early Learning Centre to Council's Greater Hume Children Services. It was a joint effort to get the service up and

running as quickly as possible. Currently, 71 families and 98 children are using the Holbrook service offering preschool, long day care and before and after school care.

Greater Hume Children Services (GHSC) local footprint now extends to Henty, Holbrook and Walla Walla, this is in addition to the award winning family day care services operated from the Jindera Co-ordination Unit. GHCS fills an important role for our local community. It provides quality childcare services for parents and carers of young children who are employed, undertaking study, or who work on farm, or seek employment in the local area or nearby provincial centres. Also GHCS is a significant employer of child care educators and support staff.

Currently 115 families in the Greater Hume area are enrolled with the service.

Pic First day welcome to Holbrook service for Max Byatt, with mum (Emma Byatt) and Fiona Pattinson, Team Leader, Greater Hume Children Services.



GHCS Contacts

Jindera
T 1800 954 999
A 83 Urana Street, Jindera 2642
E mail@ghchildren.com.au

Henty, Holbrook and Walla Walla
T 0436 812 579

Welcoming New Citizens to Greater Hume

Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton recently officiated at two citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day at Culcairn welcoming to Australia and Greater Hume (pic L to R) Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton, Elizabeth Papworth, Holbrook and Edith Ventura, Henty. Photo - Lorri Roden



Buy Local in Greater Hume Business Directory

The buy local initiative was designed to support local businesses and to build thriving local economies. Greater Hume Council has adopted a Local Preference Purchasing Policy to support local businesses.



Greater Hume Residents Guide

The Greater Hume Residents Guide has been compiled to provide a quick reference on local facilities, contact information and service to support all residents of Greater Hume. The guide has practical information on Council and community contacts, engineering, planning, councillors, council meetings, waste and recycling, moving to Greater Hume, emergency services, schools, aged care, health care, government services and community services.



Download a copy of the Buy Local in Greater Hume Business Directory or Greater Hume Residents Guide from Greater Hume website.

Capturing Greater Hume

Do you like to get out and about to capture Greater Hume? Would you like a chance to have your images featured on the Visit Greater Hume social media sites? If you answered yes, we'd love to hear from you.

Post your images to Facebook or Instagram with the tag #visitGreaterHume or #visitCulcairnHentyHolbrookJinderaWallaWalla.

Rural Addressing - What's in a Number?

Rural addressing was introduced into Greater Hume during 2009 as part of an Australia-wide move to provide a standardized means of accurately locating rural properties. Your rural address number is your unique property identifier (you can still use a property name as part of your rural address) but your **rural address number and road name are the ONLY parts of the address that matter in an emergency.**



Pics Correct EVEN and ODD rural address number placement.

Your rural address number is based on the distance of the property entrance from a starting point, usually an intersection with a major road. Odd numbers are on the left and even on the right. **For example, if the rural address number of a property was 36 the property entrance would be to the right and 360 metres from the starting point on that road.**

The Benefits

Emergency Services

By being able to locate the property fast if called out.

Commercial

Improved delivery of goods and services.

Council

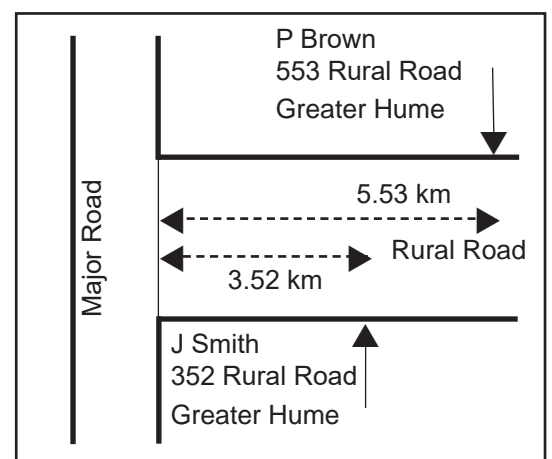
Improved administration and service delivery.

Community

A vast improvement in the provision of all the above.

When driving down a road with even numbers to the right, the numbers will increase as you travel further from the starting point. It is important to **clearly display your rural address number (keep grass around the number short)** on your property gate. Emergency services personnel need to locate a property quickly in an emergency, and determine exactly how far they are from their destination and that they are travelling in the correct direction.

Contact Council if you have lost your rural address number to arrange for a replacement.



Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee

The Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee is looking for energetic and enthusiastic young people, aged 18 – 24, who wish to make a difference in our community, by being part of our newly formed Senior Advisory Committee.

The Committee,

- has the opportunity to influence decisions made by Council that affect young people;
- organises and participates in youth activities and events such as youth week;
- contributes to important community development projects affecting young people; and
- informs Council on issues that are important to young people.

It's the perfect opportunity to have your say on the important issues that affect your community and plan the programs that you want to see held in our area. Anyone who wishes to join the Greater Hume Senior Advisory Committee can either email ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or visit any Greater Hume Council Office to pick up an application form.

Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee Presentation

Monday 2 March we were super excited to officially welcome six students from Billabong High School to the Culcairn Library to receive their Certificates of Acceptance and Youth Advisory Committee T-Shirts. The students were treated to a special ceremony that allowed them to be publicly recognised for putting themselves forward to join the Committee. We welcome these students and can't wait to see the amazing events they come up with!

School Holiday Programs

January/February/March

The Greater Hume Pools had full use of our amazing blow-up movie equipment this summer! All pools were able to hold movie nights under the stars, showing incredible new release movies that

were enjoyed by all members of the community. All movie nights were well supported and everyone enjoyed swimming under the lights and the cool summer breeze. Thank you to all the pools for holding such incredible events for us to enjoy.

Up-Coming School Holiday Programs - October Youth Week

Youth Week has been moved to October school holidays in order to grab that beautiful weather before it gets too hot! We will have the amazing Totem Skateboarding School performing at the Jindera Skate Park and for the first time, the Holbrook Skate Park. The boys will be running three different sessions, beginner, intermediate and open, to make sure that all levels of skating skills are covered. During the Holbrook visit a special session is planned with local skateboarders to develop new safety skate park rules.

We are also planning to run a 'World Records Challenge' day! You will need to gather your friends to make up a team to compete against others in some fun and crazy challenges in order to see who is the Champion of the World. The Challenges will take place in the Culcairn Library and will range from food, to cards, to newspaper clothes.

Our final Youth Week activity will be the return of the Festival of Possibilities. There are a few changes this year – we will be holding it at the Walla Walla Sportsground from 11 am to 3 pm and we will be inviting everyone to join us for a family friendly celebration of our communities. We will have games and activities for all ages, including some old-school family based challenges like three-legged race, sack relay and egg and spoon relay. Our live music stage will be back with some new and exciting acts that we can't wait to share with you and of course some delicious food for you to enjoy. So get keen for the Festival of Possibilities to come back bigger and better than ever!

Make sure you keep an eye out on all our socials for information regarding our Youth Week activities! We can't wait to see you there.

Social Media

If you haven't seen it yet, the Youth Advisory Committee is killing it online! If you would like to follow us on Instagram our handle is 'GHC_YAC' and on Facebook you can follow us by searching Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee. Keep up to date with our live updates of programs, behind the scenes of our meetings and events and of course some of our epic promotional material. So jump online and follow us!



Pic Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee Presentation, from l to r, Katarina Stewart, Tadhg Scholz, Mayor Heather Wilton, Robert Thomas, Ellie Webster and Alexandra Toogood and Steve Pinnuck, General Manager. (absent from photo was Kallee Dubenko).

What's On

May

20 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

June

17 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

July

15 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

August

16 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

September

16 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

22-24 Henty Machinery Field Days (TBC by HMFD Committee by 30 June 2020)

October

21 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook (TBC at September GHC Meeting)

Public and School Holidays

8 Jun

Queen's Birthday

29 Jun to 19 Jul

VIC Public School Holidays

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Living in Isolation - What can I do?

We have outlined below some of the opportunities that living in our region offers in the wake of isolation.

Exercising in the outdoors during this beautiful Autumn weather is a true blessing and there's no better time to make the most of it. There are a variety of parks and walking paths where taking a dog for a walk, going for a bike ride or outdoor yoga are all achievable while adhering to social distancing. Due to the size of our communities it is easy to find a time that these areas are not over populated.

Happier to stay in the confines of your own backyard? Autumn is a great time to get out in the garden. Visit <https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/> for a definitive guide on planting, pruning and pests along with oodles of DIY projects to inspire you. Now would be the perfect time to start your own veggie patch or draw up plans for a garden make over. If maintenance is more your thing jobs like cleaning the gutters, trimming away plants or trees from service points and spraying for spiders and weeds ensures a safe future for all beyond isolation.

If the kitchen is your arena visit <https://www.abc.net.au/life/food/> where there are a great selection of recipes to try. Perhaps those interesting items that are left on the supermarket shelves will become ingredients for your new favourite meal. Now could be the time to trial making your own bread or make up a damper and have a back yard camp out with the kids. Stargazing is one of the luxuries we have living in the country so visit <https://astronomy.org.au/general/sky-guides/> for your guide to Australian Astronomy.

Children love to be outdoors and inspiration for art can be found everywhere in nature. Go on a hunt and gather from your backyard or neighbourhood collecting Autumn leaves, sticks and pods. All of those empty toilet rolls have a creative life just waiting to be lived so jump onto <https://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/makeanddo/craft/> for some ideas.

Virtual Tours from the comfort of your home.

We have provided the links to just a few virtual tours you can make from your home. A more extensive list is provided on Greater Hume website. COVID 19 page:

- <https://www.mamalbury.com.au/visit/virtualtour>
- <https://www.bundyiculture.com.au/cultural-programs/virtual-aboriginal-culture-school-program-2020/>
- <https://museums victoria.com.au/museum-at-home/>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/exhibitions/on-closer-inspection>
- https://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/water/virtual_tour



Pic Greater Hume landscape. Photo - Leanne Bickley

Your Libraries

Greater Hume Libraries CLOSED

Following advice from NSW and Federal Governments, Greater Hume Council Libraries closed to the public on Monday 23 March and will remain closed until further notice in order to help slow the spread of COVID 19 in the wider community. Please remember that while our doors may be closed, staff at the Library, along with Riverina Regional Library and staff at public libraries around the state, will be doing our best to keep you stimulated and connected, even when faced with self-isolation.

We encourage you to continue to visit us online to access thousands of free eBooks, eAudios, Kanopy, free magazines, and other resources under Information Online where you can download arts and craft ideas for your children and access websites covering everything from family history to legal information from home using your Library card. Downloadable Library activities will be posted regularly on our Facebook pages and there will be automatic renewal of loans. Any new information about the operations of the Library in the days and weeks ahead will be published on our social media channels.



Pic Welcome to Hayden Honeywill.

Hayden Honeywill commencing work @ Henty and Culcairn

Hayden commenced work experience at the Culcairn Library in 2017 as part of a Billabong High School initiative and also at the

same time joined the Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee. After a period of work experience Hayden decided that the library was the place to be and commenced volunteering in 2018 at both the Culcairn and Henty Libraries until the end of December 2019.

On the 10 March 2020 Hayden commenced work at both the Culcairn and Henty Libraries and in this short time has become a valued member of the library staff. Hayden will provide customers with assistance in loaning and returning collection items, cleaning DVD's as well as undertaking the labour intensive task of transferring stock collections. Greater Hume Council staff and the community would like to take this opportunity to welcome Hayden to the library team and wish him the best in his journey as a Library Assistant.

Borrowbox

Need something to read or listen to while the Greater Hume Council Libraries are closed then access - Borrowbox. Get Borrowbox – You're Library in one app.

1. Install the BorrowBox app.
2. Select your library services.
3. Activate with your library membership.
4. Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Contact Library staff on 02 6036 0179 to answer any enquiries regarding Borrowbox.

Library Lovers Day Celebrations

Henty and Jindera Libraries celebrated Library Lovers' Day on Thursday 14 February 2019 with the exciting adventure of taking a book on a blind date and then go in the draw to win a box of chocolates. In addition customers were encouraged to give the gift that lasts a lifetime; enrol someone you love to a library. The winner of the box of chocolates was Letitia Oehm from Jindera and Lucinda Eulenstein from Henty. Over 60

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more titles were borrowed from the library during Library Lovers Day.

Library Lovers Day was celebrated at the Culcairn and Holbrook Libraries with the showing of a movie. Twenty five people enjoyed sweet treats, lollies and ice creams and a most enjoyable time was had by all – funny how things happen, instead of a lovely romantic movie for 14 February Valentine's Day it turned out that what was shown was a gangster movie - which added to the hilariness of the afternoon.



Pic Box of Chocolates winner, Letitia Oehm, Jindera.

Regional Seniors Travel Card Assistance

Library staff have recently discovered that seniors who struggle with computer use can simply call 13 77 88, rather than using a computer. Eligible seniors must be receiving the Aged Pension or be a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holder and be living in a designated regional area of NSW. You will need to have your personal details at hand, including address and phone number plus the number and expiry date of your pension or healthcare card.

The Mobile Library Service has suspended its service for the foreseeable future as a precautionary measure in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Your Libraries cont.

Festival of Seniors Week 2020

The festival was held at all Greater Hume Council Libraries. Henty Library celebrated with an intergenerational event which included members from the Henty Red Cross and Men's Shed enjoying craft and cooking with children from Greater Hume Children Services. A scrumptious morning tea completed the event.

Culcairn Library also celebrated with a fabulous intergenerational morning on Wednesday 26 February. Children from both Culcairn Public School and St Joseph's Primary School joined with members of the Culcairn Knitting Group, Men's Shed and Garden Club. Activities included, potting succulents, organised by the Culcairn Gardening Club. The children learnt about gardening, the importance of wearing gloves and how to pot up plants. Each child was able to take home their own special plant. Mrs Leov from the Culcairn Public School presented a poster showing all the qualities seniors provide to the community and everyone was presented with hearts which said, "I am special", made by the children.

Greater Hume Children Services held an event at Jindera and Walla Walla which included painting wooden flower pots and airplanes with family, friends and members of the community. This special day was a partnership between the Greater Hume Council Libraries and Children Services.

The Holbrook Library invited the community to an intergenerational storytime session to listen to stories and enjoy songs and activities.

The Holbrook Library also held an afternoon of entertainment with community members standing up to showcase their special talents.

School Holidays @ Holbrook

During the summer holidays Holbrook Library was filled with the sound of busy borrowers and children visiting for books, computer time and craft. Holiday activities held were Marble Mazes, Tweet Treats and LEGO. Due to the bushfire emergency many family holidays were cancelled so the two morning LEGO sessions turned into two weeks of LEGO. Children and parents were free to visit and play in the meeting room for the mornings. As a result, a group of children worked together to create a large LEGO park which was brilliant.

Marble Mazes was an activity which required design skills and lateral thinking. Children designed a maze on paper, then transformed this into a marble maze using a cardboard box, coloured paper and straws as guides and barriers and finished off with a few artistic flourishes. Tweet Treats was timely as the bushfires certainly had our birds and animals looking for safe havens and food. Children made bird feeders with bird seed, glycerine and flour which made a nice hard mixture after it was shaped in biscuit cutters and paper cups with red string for hanging in the trees.

An Honest Man by Ben Fergusson

Set in West Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall, four 18 year old best friends enjoy a final, hedonistic summer together, swimming, daydreaming and partying before going their

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Currently closed due to COVID 19.

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T 02 6036 0100
A 40 Balfour Street

Henty

T 02 6036 0100
A 32 Sladen Street

Holbrook

T 02 6036 3262
A Library Lane

Jindera

T 02 6036 0100
A Jindera Community Hub

separate ways to university.

They are oblivious to what is happening in the East, but a meeting with a slightly older Turkish man, Oz, at a local swimming pool takes Ralf, our main character on a journey into love, despair and espionage. Ralf discovers his psychologist mother is having an affair with a neighbour who he himself is very fond of. This turns his perceptions of his blissful family life on its head. Everything Ralf knows as true is shattered and he is forced to make decisions that change the course of his family's life.

This story is much more than a family drama; reflecting on social and political issues of the time it is a tale of the cold war and Germany's journey to become a united country. It is both a coming of age story and a fascinating snapshot of life in Berlin at this time. This is the third novel in a trilogy, set in the same apartment block over key moments in Berlin's history.

From Ali at the Holbrook Library.



Pic Seniors Week at Culcairn Library.



Pic Marvel Mazes.



Pic LEGO park from above.

Greater Hume Councillors



Back (l to r): Cr Quinn; Cr Schilg; Deputy Mayor, Cr Meyer OAM; Cr O'Neill.
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Public Forum and Council Meetings - COVID 19 restrictions

All Council meetings will be held at Holbrook Library Complex until further notice. Residents will not be able to attend the Public Forum or Council meeting in person. However, should residents have an issue they wish to bring before Council, they can provide a written statement which will be distributed to councillors, and read out prior to the commencement of the meeting. Any written statement should be provided to Council by 5pm on the day preceding the meeting.

Live Streaming of Meetings Residents can view Council meetings by tuning into our live streaming on the youtube channel. Go to Greater Hume website to obtain the link of video recordings along with minutes and agendas of each meeting.

What's On (page 11) for Council meeting dates.

Community Media in Greater Hume

Burrumbuttock Bulletin: Monthly

E burrumbuttockbulletin@gmail.com

T 02 6029 3216

Culcairn Oasis: Monthly

E culcairnoasis@outlook.com

T 02 6029 8291

Henty Headerlines: Bi Monthly

E hentyheaderlines@hotmail.com

T 02 6929 3770

Holbrook Happenings: Fortnightly

E holbrookctc@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

T 02 6036 3262

Jindera News: Monthly

E jinderanews@ruralcarelink.org.au

T 02 6026 3001

Walla Walla Hello Hello

Newsletter: Monthly

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Customer Service Centres

Henty Office & Library

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Henty NSW 2658

T 02 6036 0100

F 02 6929 3499

Jindera Community Hub

83 Urana Street
Jindera NSW 2642

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Walla Walla Customer Service Centre/WAW Credit Union

74 Commercial Street
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To download Greater Hume,
Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera
and Walla Walla newsletters visit
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Waste Facilities Opening Times, Charges & Accepted Waste – Commencing 1 July 2020

(EFTPOS is available at all Greater Hume Council Waste Facilities.)

Waste Facilities do not open 1 January, Good Friday, 25 April and 25 December. All enquiries should be directed to Council T: 1300 653 538.

Day of Week	Brocklesby	Burrumbuttock	Culcairn	Gerogery	Henty	Holbrook	Jindera	Mullengandra
Location of Facility	18 Lee Road	218 Burrumbuttock Brocklesby Road	48 Schnaars Road	83 Coach Road	2216 Henty Pleasant Hills Road	160 Tip Road	148 Dights Forest Road	953 Bowna Road
Tuesday		2pm - 5pm				2pm - 5pm		
Wednesday							2pm - 5pm	
Thursday		9am - 12pm				2pm - 5pm		
Friday								
Saturday		2pm - 5pm				9am - 12pm	9am - 12pm	
Sunday	1 st Sunday 10am - 12pm 3 rd Sunday 2pm - 4pm	1 st Sunday 2pm - 4pm 3 rd Sunday 10am - 12pm	2pm - 5pm	2 nd & 4 th Sunday 2pm - 5pm	2 nd & 4 th Sunday 2pm - 5pm	2pm - 5pm	2pm - 5pm	1 st & 3 rd Sunday 2pm - 5pm
The following are accepted without charge where indicated by A; \$ indicates that charges apply; N/A indicates items are not accepted.								
Scrap Metal	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Clean Fill	A	N/A	A	A (limited quantities)	A	A	A (limited quantities)	N/A
Green Waste	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Car and Truck Batteries	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Oil	N/A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	N/A
Recyclables (domestic quantities only) 240 litre bins	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Cardboard & Paper (3m ³ skip)	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Tyres	N/A	N/A	\$	N/A	N/A	\$	\$	N/A

Council does not accept hazardous wastes, chemical drums (except as arranged on DrumMUSTER days) or animal carcasses. Asbestos accepted at Culcairn ONLY – special payments apply. It is illegal to dispose of Noxious Weeds at Council Waste Facilities.

ITEMS OF WASTE

The list below provides details of some wastes and how to dispose of them:

Asbestos	Only accepted at Culcairn Landfill.
Batteries (Car & Truck)	Accepted FREE for recycling at all waste centres.
Cardboard & Paper	Must be uncontaminated. Accepted at Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera waste facilities (3 cubic metre skips). Also in smaller (domestic) quantities at Burrumbuttock, Gerogery, Henty and Mullengandra transfer stations.
Chemical Drums	Council runs two (2) Drummuster collections per year (usually May and October) at Burrumbuttock, Culcairn and Henty waste facilities, Holbrook Depot and Walbundrie Showgrounds.
Computers & TV's (ewaste)	Must be separated from general waste. Council is providing FREE drop off at all our Council facilities to enable the collection and recycling of Computers and TV's.
Gas Bottles, Paint Tins, Electronic Waste, Fluoro Globes & Tubes, Car & Household Batteries, Motor Oils, Smoke Detectors	Accepted FREE at ALL Landfills and Transfer Stations Household quantities only.
Green Waste	Must not be contaminated. Green waste consist of prunings, cut up trees and shrubs <u>only</u> . Separate areas are provided at waste centres for green waste disposal.
Mobile Phones (ewaste)	Must be separated from general waste. Recycling boxes are located in all Council Service Centres (Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla).
Prohibited Substances	Council, at least bi-annually, provides a Household Hazardous Chemical Collection day. Hazardous materials (which cannot be disposed of at landfills and transfer stations) include paints and varnishes, thinners, strippers, acids, arsenic and mercury, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, out of date medicines to name a few.
Scrap Metal	<u>Must</u> be separated and deposited on the area set aside at each waste facility. All scrap metal is recycled.
Tyres	Must be separated from general waste. Tyres are accepted at Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera waste centres.
Waste Oil	Accepted FREE for recycling at Burrumbuttock, Culcairn, Gerogery, Holbrook and Jindera waste centres. Southern Oil contractors also provide a FREE on farm/business collection service contact 0438 661 401.

LANDFILL/WASTE TRANSFER STATION PRICES

PLEASE NOTE - 2020/2021 prices will be finalised at the Greater Hume Council Meeting in June 2020, where the Council Budget will be finalised.

CHECK GREATER HUME COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR 2020/2021 PRICES FROM 1 JULY 2020.

COVER YOUR LOAD

Residents are reminded to cover your load on the way to the landfill transfer station. This ensures all your rubbish gets to the waste centre and may prevent you from receiving a fine.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping of rubbish in Greater Hume can be a problem from time to time. Council relies on residents to help identify where rubbish has been dumped. Illegal dumping is an offence and offenders will be prosecuted.