



Your May 2020 Community Newsletter



Above: Artwork submitted for the Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship 2020 by Rohana Brinkmann

ARTWORK BY ROHANA BRINKMANN

As part of this year's Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship 2020, Walla schoolgirl Rohana Brinkmann entered a competition to gain a place for a guided Remembrance Tour which included a trip overseas to places of significance for Australians.

From a list of possible types of presentations she could do, Rohana chose Art Work. She painted the artwork shown above. The theme for all entries was "the change of scope and nature of warfare from the First to the Second World Wars"

Rohana's description of her artwork is lengthy, and was in part:

"The left side of the painting depicts WW1 and WW2 is at the right side. I have portrayed the transport and weaponry in these wars. In the centre of the painting is a bunch of poppies and this is how we remember the men and women who fought in those wars. The soldiers have no faces because among the horrors of war, everyone was different in how they saw it, although fear was always present. The background from bottom to top is from yellow to dark blue, with yellow symbolising the human aspect of war, which changes in steps to dark blue symbolising weapons of destruction. The artwork was made to make people think about how the war is seen today and how we will remember it. Both sides look as though they are fighting each other, although they have allied weaponry and transport. This was to show that although one side was considered the enemy, everyone was human and that is how all wars are, humanity against itself."

Rohana's art work is on display at St Paul's College.

Herb Simpfendorfer

A NOTE TO THE WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY

We hope that in these uncertain times you are keeping safe and healthy. Each week we see how supportive our community is in times in need, through content submitted to this Newsletter. If you do require help in any way, please find contact details on Page 2, and if you wish to know the status of businesses and services in the town, please see Pages 4 and 5. Always remember to look out for each other. A friendly phone call or a chat over the fence goes a long way to supporting our town, family, friends and the wider community.

Take care and stay safe.

The Newsletter Team

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WALLA PHARMACY NEWS

What a crazy month it has been for everyone, and how much things have changed in such a short time! Again, I would like to commend you for the way you have all been handling yourselves. Your kindness, humour and patience has made things much easier in the pharmacy, so thank you! Stock seems to be stabilising, which is good news, but still no toilet paper or hand sanitiser, worse luck. Please ring the pharmacy if you are chasing something in particular. I would also like to ask everyone not to leave refilling your medication until the last minute, just to give me a bit more breathing room!

We still have flu vaccines in stock. We are holding a nurse led clinic in store on 9th May, and will be able to vaccinate everyone from 2 years old to 65 years old. Please get in touch if you would like to book in for that, or to discuss other arrangements. If you are over 65 you are best to contact your regular GP. It is more important than ever to get your flu shot this year, because even though it doesn't provide protection against the coronavirus, it will greatly reduce your chance of getting the flu, keeping you healthier and therefore less susceptible to catching coronavirus. It has been amazing to see so many of you already getting vaccinated.

As mentioned before, there are other arrangements in place if you don't want to come into the pharmacy. I am happy to come out and meet you at your car out the front, and we have increased the number of deliveries available. You can leave your scripts on file, and call ahead and have them ready to go. Also, the TerryWhite Chemmart Health App has a whole lot of new features, including Click-and-Collect (available in the app stores).

It is important to remember during these strange times that your overall health is still as important as ever. Please make sure you are keeping your regu-



lar appointments with doctors and other health care professionals to stay on top of your ongoing health conditions. Things have been put in place to ensure you can still access these services; get in touch with your regular providers for more information. And please look after your mental health! Stay connected, exercise, keep a routine, make plans to stay in touch and ask for help if you need it. Immediate and ongoing support is available to anyone who needs it. My family and I had a Virtual Dinner Party over the long weekend- we all set our tables at our homes with the good cutlery, mum put on her best pearls and we had a great time! But a phone call can work just as well.

Don't forget, good hygiene and social distancing are the best tools we have to keep flattening the curve. This means washing your hands or using hand sanitiser regularly, not touching your face, sneezing and coughing into your elbow or a tissue, and then discarding it. And when it comes to washing your hands, it doesn't need to be anything fancy- regular old soap will do the trick, but so will that old shampoo that made your hair lifeless that you kept in the bathroom cupboard, or the body wash you didn't really love. As a general rule, if it bubbles, it will do the job!

All these things that we are doing as a community are working, and we must all keep at it. Please reach out if you need assistance or you have any questions. If I can't help you directly, in most cases I can point you in the right direction. You can call any time, and please leave a message with your phone number if I don't pick up, I will get back to you. Or get in touch via email (walla@rivpharm.com) or via Facebook. Keep up the amazing work everyone, and remember stay home, stay safe and save lives.

Erin

*Pharmacist
Walla Walla Pharmacy*

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Walla Walla Business and Services Status - as of 20/04/2020

Food Businesses			
Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
DJ's Fine fast food	Yes	Monday to Friday 8am-2pm T: 6029 2033	Open for take away only through front door. Saturdays closed. Bread available upon request, place your order in advance. Milk available at the shop.
Mumma J's Food Hub	Yes	Sunday from 10am-4pm. 58 Commercial St. T: 0419 149 887	Please be reminded of practicing social distancing.
Bowling Club	No	Closed until further notice	
Walla Pub	Yes	Mon - Wed, 3-6 pm, Take-away alcohol Thurs - Sat, 3-8 pm, Takeaway alcohol and food Sun, 12-2 pm, Takeaway alcohol and food T:6029 2309	Please respect social distancing rules
Essential Businesses			
Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
Chemist	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm T:6029 2496	Please remember social distancing, keep at least 1.5m between you and the other person waiting. Please RING before you come, they are offering deliveries and other services that you could benefit from at this time.
Hume Medical Centre	Yes	Mon: 8.30-1pm; 2pm-5.30pm; Wed: 11am-5.30pm; Fri: 11am-5.30pm T: 6073 2605 (during Walla opening hours) or 6036 2952 (Holbrook on other days)	Do not come into the centre, wait at the door until they come to open the door. All appointments have been passed to Telehealth. Just wait at home and when it is time for your appointment, the Doctor will ring you in. Please ring if you have other questions. Remember to not come into the centre without ringing first.
Lieschke's Fuel Bowser	Yes	Open 24/7	FUEL BOWSER SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS: Please bring your own gloves to use the nozzle and keypad. We are providing gloves, but they might not be available at all times.
Post Office	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-11am T: 6029 2231	No more than one customer allowed at a time in the shop, please check before you head inside. Bring your own pen. Give them a ring if you need them to deliver milk, newspapers or for other requests. All parcels will now be delivered to your house. Large parcels will be left under mail box. If the weather is doubtful, it will be delivered on the next delivery run.
Regional Buses	Yes	Weekdays from 7am-6pm T: 0448 353 281	Restrictions on who takes the bus apply, trips are only allowed for the following: ⇒ Shopping essentials ⇒ Doctors ⇒ Attend to work They are also happy to pick up things in town for you. Personal applicable fare applies. Please give them a ring to see if there is anything else they could help you with.
WAW	Yes	Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for lunch) pm: 1.30-5.00pm T: 6029 2392	Greater Hume customer services are closed but Credit Union remains open No more than 4 people are allowed inside at the same time Please stand on the yellow marks on the floor and avoid touching the counter. Keep 1.5m distance between each other. ATM USE SPECIAL CONDITIONS: please try to use gloves or sanitise your hands before and after use.

Other Businesses and Services

Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
Blairs Produce	Yes	<i>More information to come</i>	<i>More information to come</i>
Chenovet Animal Andrology	Yes	T: 044 855 4302 45 Commercial St	We are continuing to do semen testing for all domestic animal species. Please contact the phone number if you want to have your bulls, rams etc tested. Chenovet Animal Andrology is strictly a veterinary diagnostic service, NOT a veterinary clinic.
Elders	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm T: 6029 2362	Please keep social distance of 1.5m Moving to drive through system: Don't get out of the vehicle, order what you need and items will be loaded for you. Please RING if you have any enquiries or requests.
Greater Hume Childcare	Yes	Normal operating hours	<i>More information to come</i>
Kotzur	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm T: 6029 4700	Visitors are restricted to essential business only Please wait behind the security line and leave any parcels on the designated side table.
Lieschke's	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm; Sat 8am-12pm Fuel station open 24/7 T: 6029 2202	Please respect the social distancing rules Stand behind the security line at all times
Oz's Body and Paint	Yes	Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm T: 6029 2333	No entry to workshop All enquiries to office Phone preferred if not picking up or dropping off vehicle Please respect social distancing rules
Oat Mill	Yes	<i>More information to come</i>	<i>More information to come</i>
PJN	Yes	Mon-Fri 7am-5pm	If the matter is urgent and requires face-to-face contact, please ring the bell and wait for the door to be answered If the matter is not urgent, please call or email the offices Please respect the social distancing rules
Second Hand Rose	No	Closed until further notice	
Walla Camping Ground	No	Closed until further notice	
Walla Hair Salon	Yes	Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am - 5:30 pm T: 6029 2277	The Walla Walla Hair Salon will be reopening from Friday 24th April
Wiesner's	Yes	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm; Sat 9am -12pm T: 6029 2151	Please respect the social distancing rules Stand behind the security line at all times

If there are other local business or services, or updates to any of the above information, please forward them to:
wallenewsletter@gmail.com

CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Following the government Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, there is a temporary suspension of all gatherings, including public worship for all churches in the Walla Walla area until further notice.

For more information and options for worship at home please contact:

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

Visit their website: <https://wallawalla-parish.lutheran.org.au/>

YouTube channel "Walla Lutheran parish", worship at home video stream each Sunday @ 9am.

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

There are options to watch live streaming services from Baptist Churches including Wodonga, Wagga Wagga and Crossway in Melbourne.

Contact: Pastor Susan Barnes 0417 549 921

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

Participate in your local Parish Mass, live-streamed via the links provided in the Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga website: <https://www.wagga.catholic.org.au/>

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 6029 8363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

The Anglican Diocese of Riverina is bringing to you Virtual Mass. You can watch Mass @9.30 on Sundays via their YouTube channel, search for 'Anglican Riverina Diocese'.

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

URGENT NEEDS:

- ⇒ Lifeline 13 11 14
- ⇒ Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- ⇒ Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

MAINLY MUSIC

For parents and children under school age.

At the Baptist Church, 5 Market St.

Cancelled until further notice

Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554

RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR MARCH 2020

As recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office.

March 4 (3.6mm), 5 (56.0mm), 6 (27.4mm),
14 (5.0mm), 25 (0.6mm), 30 (14.4mm)

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or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

- Articles should be received before 12 pm on the 15th of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.

- All articles should be kept concise to save space.

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www.wallawalla.nsw.au

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The proceeds go to the Walla Walla Community Development Committee, to use as needed for our community.

Thank You Lieschke Motors!!



May Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Stay at Home

LOCAL BUSINESSES (Please look at pages 6 & 7 for updated information)



Bookings-Phone or text 0448 353 281

On-demand Buses serving Walla, Burrumbuttock, Jindera and Albury.

The Regional Bus Team is **now offering a pickup service for you if you are unable to travel due to COVID-19.**

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Yes, we are still operating and transporting people around the area, we are offering pick up service so you can stay at home in these challenging times.

The pickups must be prepaid.

We are only charging what it would cost if you were travelling on the bus. Please give us a call if you have any questions.

We are here to help. Stay safe everyone.

<https://www.regionalbuses.com.au/>



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Jesus said... 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.'

John 11 v 25

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Where there are space limitations, the editors may need to edit or omit articles. The editors will not be held responsible for any errors.

WALLA WALLA HISTORY

What am I?

1. I am heard by many but seen by few.
2. I am often used in times of passing.
3. My weekly awakening is welcomed by many, and awakens others!
4. Hurry up, we have half an hour to get to church!!

I am the "Church Bell".

The Church Bell

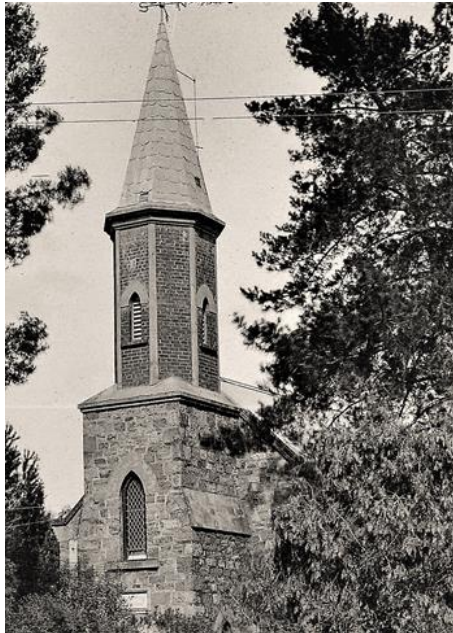
In May of 1889 the new Lutheran church was dedicated, this was the stone portion of the current church hall, **but there was still one thing missing ...the bell!** So here is a bit of history on this part of Walla that we in town, and others nearby, hear every week, but is rarely seen.

During the planning process for the new church there seemed to be a lack of thought for the provision of a bell of any real consequence or size in the new church steeple. This bell would not have fitted and be able to be rung properly in the confines of the belfry provided! See the picture of the steeple and brick belfry. **In late 1888 the "sisters", or ladies of the congregation made an effort to raise enough money to purchase a bell,** as well as the baptismal font, for the new church.

The bell was made by Vickers Sons & Co. Ltd, Sheffield, England, in October 1888. It is made of cast steel and is numbered 7585. It bears the British coat of arms, weighs 2 cwt (220kgs), is 21 inches high (530mm) and is 24 inches (610mm) diameter at the mouth. Its tone is the note C, described at the time of installation as **"a well finished and clear toned bell"**.

The bell was installed in August 1889, 3 months after the church was dedicated. The local Walla correspondent wrote for the Albury Banner: "The bell ordered for the new German Lutheran Church arrived by the Garonne, [steamship, via Melbourne], and was hoisted into position in the steeple on Saturday [17th] in the presence of a large gathering of the congregation. On Sunday, after the usual morning service, a special prayer was offered by

Pastor Simpffendorfer, and the bell was tolled for the first time." **During the time it was in use in the 2nd church, the bell was "hung dead", or stationary, this was on account of the light structure of the 60 ft high steeple. According to the specifications for the new church, the overall measurement of the brick belfry was only 6 feet wide, leaving no room for the bell to swing when rung as normal.** The Walla correspondent continued: **"The bell is hung stationary, as it was feared that the swinging would jeopardise the steeple, and it is struck from the outside by a hammer, to which is fixed a strong steel spring to prevent any rebound action."** This was actuated in the space behind the balcony, since removed, directly under the bell. **This meant that**



The old church tower pre 1939 showing the confined, red brick belfry.

the bell could only be tolled not rung.

Aside from church services, the bell was tolled for special occasions. Following the announcement of the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 the bell was tolled, and after a special memorial church service at a later date, the bell was tolled again. Following the death of her son, King George VII in 1910, a mourning service was held on 18th May, and the following Friday the bell was tolled. To celebrate the end of World War 1, the bell was again tolled in conjunction with the bell at the Presbyterian church, followed by a performance from the Walla Brass Band. Of course, the bell has been tolled for many funer-



The bell as it is mounted in the current church. Note the off-centre headstock that was added in later years.

als and tolled or rung for many weddings as well. **Following the announcement of the passing of a Lutheran Church member, a spouse thereof or at the special request, of non-members, the bell is still tolled at 8.00am the following day, this is otherwise known as the "death knell".**

In 1924 the bell was placed in its current position, in the 72 ft high tower of the present church. This time it was ready for the church opening in October. With better planning, the new tower was made to suit the bell's motion, so **it was installed from day one as a swinging bell mounted on a wooden frame utilising a headstock or yoke, operated by the traditional rope and reduction wheel to keep the bell in motion. The bell swings over an arc of around 200 degrees.** Once the initial effort of getting the bell in motion is achieved, the bell is very easy to ring, although the rate of pull on the rope is crucial; pull too hard, the bell hits the head frame and gives a dull thud, and damages the bell's supporting frame head beam. After years of incorrect use, in 2016 we had to reinforce the near shattered wooden head frame beam with steel. If there is not enough pull on the rope, the bell loses its tone or goes "soft". If the clapper hangs too low, which it does due to normal use, it does not connect properly with the bell's tone ring, and thus also gives a soft or abbreviated ring. This clapper readjustment has also been made in recent years.

Even after being installed in the new

church in 1924, the bell was not set up for tolling from the vestry below. This was only installed in 1968 with a mechanism from the bell to the operator, that allows the mechanism to make contact with the bell clapper to forcefully bring the clapper in contact with the tone ring and then quickly allow the clapper to rest without interfering with the bell's actual movement and affecting the tolling sound. Before this mechanism was installed in 1968, it was a different story, often being a two-person job to toll for a funeral; one to toll, one to watch the cortege movements, and relay directions. But if only one person was available, he would have to watch for the hearse to move off, from within the belfry, and when it did so, he would strike the bell every ten seconds externally on its tone ring with a "length of steel". This process was made all the more difficult because it is very hard to see out of the tower, since there were no windows, only vents for air circulation and to help sound to escape.

The current off-centre steel headstock was made by MEC (Kotzur) in the 1970's. This made the ringing of the bell much easier because the centre of gravity had been lowered and bearings were installed at either end of the headstock shaft. The original wooden headstock was mounted directly across the top of the bell and thus, it was very hard to get the bell started and then to keep up the required rhythm. This original headstock sits on the floor of the belfry and is still used to support the bell during maintenance and adjustments!

In 2003 when a new steward was on the job of ringing the call to service bell, the 30 second bell immediately before the service, **the cable which is connected to the rope that runs over the wheel beside the bell headstock came off, there was now no control over the bell's movement and no way to stop as it required.** All that could be done was stand and wait for the bell to slowly, ...slow down! A similar occurrence happened in the 1980's when the cable broke, a steward was able to climb the first ladder and stop the bell's movement. Access to the bell is via two, 5 metre ladders, and is restricted to stewards and maintenance personnel in the company of a trained confined space person.

In March 2020, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic precautions, for the first time in possibly over 100 years, Walla Lutheran Church was required to cancel regular worship at the church. Thankfully, due to modern technology and the ingenuity of Pastor Dan Mueller, church services are able to be broadcast live or as delayed recording via YouTube for all to take part in. However, in keeping with tradition, **the church bell still rings out at 9.00 on Sundays during the enforced shutdown,** a reminder of the old technology in an age among the modern gadgets that we are all getting used to.

Footnote: Due to the deteriorating condition of the old church tower, the redbrick belfry, corrugated iron roof and the large, ornate weathervane were removed in 1939, and sold to a man in Melbourne to "put in his garden".

Anthony Brinkmann,

Walla Walla Historical Society Inc. 2020.

WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

The bindii season is nearly over. Far more than a thousand bindii plants in Walla have been killed, beaten, decimated, eliminated, overcome, conquered, liquidated, obliterated, wiped out, demised, annihilated and sent to an early grave. Well done, Walla people! Those plants suffered a great deal. We were focussed, united, co-operative, enthusiastic, unrelenting, unyielding, heroic, vicious, victorious, over-joyed at the end. Keep a watch out for them until the frosts start. A few small spindley ones are trying to battle on.

There are a few other weeds around, which are either causing no big problems, or are easily controlled.

Herb Simpfendorfer

ANZAC DAY AT WALLA WALLA 2020

It could be that it is nearly Anzac Day when you receive this Newsletter. In last month's Newsletter, there was a note about the activities at Walla Walla on Anzac Day this year. Briefly, there will be no ceremonies. At the cenotaph, the flag will be at half mast all day from sunrise to sunset, then taken down at sunset. Wreaths can be laid at the cenotaph at any time between sunrise and sunset. There will be bugle calls. Nothing else. There is no timetable, definitely no groups of people. On TV, there will be Anzac Day programs at 5.30 and 10 am on the ABC. Other channels would have programs too during the day, but I have no details.

One special feature for the day is for everyone in Australia who has an instrument to play The Last Post from their house, driveway or balcony at sunrise.

Herb Simpfendorfer



WALKING YOUR DOG?

A friendly reminder to please be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog to help keep our town looking great!





The College of St. Paul's

Whoever, **you** are, whatever **your** story, **you're** welcome here with us.

2020 CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all involved in the running of this year's carnival, including Staff (teaching, maintenance and administration), the House Leadership Team, Sports Captain, the Greater Hume Shire workers who assisted with traffic control and also all of the student participants who ran, walked and danced their way around the course enjoying the festive atmosphere. Congratulations to the following students (pictured above), who were the Age Champions:



- 12 boys - Archie Frohling
- 13 boys - Zac Klemke
- 14 boys - Jack Phegan
- 15 boys - Tait Klein
- 16 boys - Bailey Armstrong
- 17 boys - Austin Scheetz
- 18 boys - Logan Carrigg

- 12 girls - Kate Lieschke
- 13 girls - Scarlett Galvin
- 14 girls - Ava Koschitzke
- 15 girls - Madison Lieschke
- 16 girls - Tara Campbell
- 17 girls - Kelsey Lieschke
- 18 girls - Alyssa Lieschke

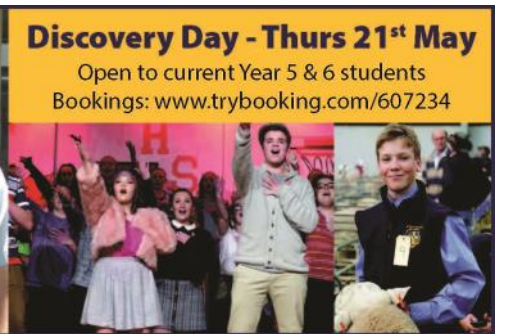


A NEW WAY TO TEACH

Remote Learning was well underway the last few weeks of Term One. Pictured is Agriculture Teacher, Courtney Hutchings guiding and communicating with students from her computer.



K3 Care Group had some fun with Easter hats and Easter hair during their Zoom session with teachers Jess Kotzur and Peter O'Neill.



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