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# Henty Community News



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## 60 years of growth and innovation

November 23, 2020 marked 60 years of trading of Dales Supermarket in Sladen Street, and the official opening of their new front entrance. It was a significant achievement for Les Dale and his late wife Mary, and their family.



In 1953, a 20-year-old man with no building experience or backing, Les Dale built and opened Dales Hyway store and Milk Bar. A 3m x 3.6m box. Why? After doing the town's milk delivery twice a day by horse and cart, delivering bulk milk into householders' homes, he saw the need for a shop to sell milk between deliveries, as their property was three miles out of town, and no one else sold milk.

His first year he was cashstrapped, customers but not much stock, the second year had stock but few customers, the third year it came together and he soon expanded. After six years trading, he met and married Mary Fisher, a farmer's daughter. On their honeymoon, Les got terribly sunburned, and was confined to bed upon their return to Henty. So Mary had to learn to run the store, make milk shakes and serve ice creams, with no one to show her. She succeeded and she worked beside him in the business for the next 59 years. She often said the only rewards was the opportunity to sleep with the boss.

In 1960 a car crashed into the side of the Hyway Store, causing much damage. After cleaning up and reopening that day, plans were made to rebuild the store. Their accountant Colin White persuaded them a better option would be to buy the grocery, liquor hardware, giftware and toy departments from Haycrofts, At this time Haycroft's was the main retailer in town selling the above lines plus haberdashery, manchester, clothing, floor coverings, furniture and drapery.

The store had long counters, with groceries behind on shelves on the western side. The staff would write out the customer's order then assemble the goods, many having to be weighed up.

The eastern wall was laid out the same but was stocked with clothing and manchester. The southern end was fitting rooms. Through the centre was a



Justin Clancy, M.P., Member for Albury was on hand to help the Dale Family... Jason, Ken, Les, Narelle and Phillip, celebrate the official opening of their new front entrance on November, 23, 2020.. (Photo Courtesy Lorri Roden).

mixture of other general merchandise. There was a gauzed little room about 1.5 x 1.2m called the deli where they sold beef and pork sausage, bacon, etc, which had to be sliced by request.

There was no refrigeration. Items needing cool storage were stored in the cellar, necessitating many trips up and down steps. In the early days there was a "flying fox" for change distribution. One from the grocery side, and another from the drapery, which would take the money and docket from the counter to a cashier, situated in a box type office high up in the store. (Above where the deli is now) She would stamp the docket paid and send it back plus any change required.

Dales Supermarket was launched and opened on November 23, 1960 in the Rochrich building. The young couple, with a one year old, Narelle, worked side by side on this new venture, bringing fresh ideas, while also keeping their other seven day a week business going. Les was very innovative and started the first self-service store between Albury and Wagga, bringing city ideas to the country.

The family grew with the addition of Ken and Phillip. A playpen was a familiar site in the shops and the kids helping over the years

After five years the executors of Haycrofts approached Les and Mary to buy the freehold of the main Haycrofts store, a much larger building, with storerooms and land out the back. On a weekend in November 1965, 58 family and friends banded together to help them shift from the Rochrich building (now the hardware shop). into the main Haycroft build-

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ing, and shift Haycrofts into the other building-lock stock and barrel.. Both stores opened for business on the Monday morning A mammoth achievement.

Who can remember the early days- two aisles of Groceries on the western side, giftware and household goods along the centre, two rows of fridges and washing machines, hardware along the eastern wall, seeds, garden product and toys down the back The store has grown over the time, with many changes, and now carries a wide range of products, especially for a town the size of Henty. It has been a member of various buying groups, from being a Family Fare, Four Square, Good -fellowes and is now a part of the IGA banner group and an IGA plus Liquor store.



In 1975 they opened a hardware and electrical store in the Rochrich building, expanding their range of hardware to include cement, garden products, and timber. This was to service the needs of the district created by the closure of the Henty Timber Yards. This was under the banner of the Thrifty Link group. They later purchased the butchery to allow access between the supermarket and hardware store

In 1980s their son Ken joined them in the business, and after spending time in the supermarket on



the checkout, he branched out to open an electrical retail store in the building formerly known as Con's Café, adding a wide range of brown goods to the electrical goods they had previously been selling.

When the other grocery store came on the market, this was purchased to allow for a larger display and sales area of the electrical goods, This building was renovated by Jason Morey. Ken's former shop was sold to the Scholz family to become Henty Bakery.

Daughter Narelle became involved in the IGA Supermarket fulltime again after spending time at home with a growing family. Her son Jason has been working in the business for the past 18 years, working in the Hardware and the IGA making three generations working side by side.

The Dale family and staff are all involved in the community and one staff member is a volunteer firemen. Ken is also a priest in the Anglican church.

The staff become like family and stay for years, one member Roy McInnes just retired after 47 years working for the Dales, and Kim Poole was employed for 42 years before her passing earlier this year.

Les's brother Edward was another valued employee. The Dales wish to thank their staff, past and present, for their untiring efforts to serve the people of Henty and district, especially this year of COVID pandemic. It put a lot of extra pressure and workload on everyone. Recently the move was made to employ juniors after school and weekends and it's proving quite popular.

This year a new entrance to the IGA has been built, incorporating automatic sliding doors to aid the customers and a safe ramp. And it was officially opened on November 23. Many thanks to Jason Morey for his planning and overseeing, Phillip Dale for the plans, and Hahn Constructions for the work. Also our staff and customers for their patience during the upgrade, but as everyone agrees, it is well worth it.

It is the part of the ongoing upgrade to the IGA, that has been occurring over the years, with new tills, shelving.



Now 60 years later the business has expanded into other shop fronts, family have joined the ranks and three generations working together, and the next generation has started. The original stalwart 20-yearold is now 87, has medical issues but is still working. This is something very rare. Retirement? Yes He could retire, but this has been his life, his relaxation. And as Les says, he needs a reason to get up each day.



### Service NSW Mobile Service Centre

Service NSW is returning to Henty in our Mobile Service Centre.

The service will be located in Sladen Street Henty between the Bendigo Bank and Post Office on Wednesday December 16, 2020 9am to 2pm.

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## Library News

# Christmas Holiday Activities

Holidays are coming up quick and Greater Hume Council Library staff will have available Santa's Reindeers to be picked up and completed at home. The Reindeers will be a great addition to your Christmas decorations. Cost \$2 per reindeer. Bookings are essential for the Reindeers prior to picking up. Follow the Jindera Library Facebook page for further holiday activities in January 2021.

# Upcoming Events in 2021

In 2021 the Greater Hume Council Libraries will continue to deliver collections, programs and services that meet the needs of our communities. Below is a summary of what will be on offer at your library or as outreach visits to towns and villages in 2021

- Library Lovers' Day February
- Seniors Week March
- Library & Information Week May
- Book Week August
- Get Online Week October
- Tech Savvy Seniors All year

- Get Online Week
- School Holiday programs
- National Disability Week November

# Reading and watching suggestions

Library books and DVDs are free, but it is still disappointing when you have spent time reading or watching something you didn't enjoy! Reading reviews from real people can be a great way to get an idea of whether or not something is for you, and Riverina Regional Library staff have a blog full of book and DVDreviews rrlreads.wordpress.com. You can also find reviews at www.goodreads.com.

If you fill in a What Will I Read Next form (either on our website, or ask your librarian for a paper copy) we will send you a list of books and DVDs we think you will enjoy, based on your particular likes and dislikes. Don't be stuck for something to read; let us help you find your next favourite book.

Don't miss out on new books available from Riverina Regional Libraries – Loan or Reserve your copy now!

#### Don't miss out on....

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#### **Christmas Food Appeal**

Help us feed local people in need and donate nonperishable food items

Donations will be accepted at the Jindera Library located in the Jindera Community Hub from Tuesday 24 November to Thursday 24 December.

Contact Library & Youth Services Team Leader for further details P: 02 60360179.

#### **Grab Bags**

Grab bags are a perfect way to enjoy our collection without spending a long time browsing the shelves.

Let us know what you would like to borrow at your local library by answering a few questions at https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/grabbag/. We will contact you when we have selected five items or more that we think you may enjoy and bundle them up ready for you to borrow. If you like Greater Hume Council Libraries also have a home delivery service available.

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# Video push for health staff

A short video promoting Henty as a great place to work, live and play is being filmed in the town. It is in an effort to redress the difficulty smaller remote hospitals have recruiting permanent staff.

The lack of permanent staff means greater use of agency (fly in, fly out) nurses. This is a very costly exercise paid for out of the hospital budget. Not only are

the wages higher, there are the expenses of travel and accommodation to be met.

The majority of job interviews are now done online so to prospective employees an insight into Henty, the idea of a short video was born. Grant Higginson of Cut Above Productions of Wagga Wagga has been commissioned to produce it. Grant has been in town recently doing some work

and interviews.

The aim of this production is not only to show prospective employees what Henty has to offer. It is also for those looking for a tree change. They can see that although Henty may be small in population, there is great educational and sporting facilities as well as activities for those with more creative minds. It is also only 45 minutes from two of NSW's largest inland cities.

Local Health Advisory Committee members have been working on this for months and hopefully we will be rolling it out by the New Year.

A special word of thanks to Ben Hooper, one of the committee's newest members, for his management of this project. His wide media experience has been a great advantage and the committee is eager to see the finished product.

# Ben joins committee

Ben Hooper is a welcome new addition to Henty's Local Health Advisory Committee.

It is almost four years since the family relocated from the Sydney hustle to the town. Ben, wife Izu and three children Odin, Yozora and Vinnie have settled in well "Brackley" and enjoy being part of a smaller communitv.

In August Ben and wife Izu, a graphic designer, opened Zube Computers in Sladen Street.

Ben has built a diverse skill set which is formed strong technical knowledge and application which has been built upon a foundation in various design applications.

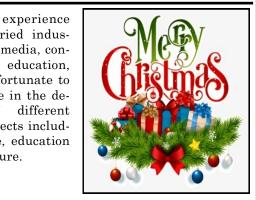
Professional experience encompasses a range of large-scale projects drawing upon strong project management and coordination skills.

working in varied industries including media, construction and education. Ben has been fortunate to hold a lead role in the development of different large scale projects includ-

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# Regional Winner Emily Jones, NSW Trainee of the Year

Greater Hume Council congratulates Youth Officer, Emily Jones who was announced as the 2020 NSW Trainee of the Year. One of six state finalists, Emily took out the top award for the NSW Training Awards in Trainee of the Year category.

Emily was named as the Trainee of the Year in the Riverina Region and winning the State award is recognition of the opportunities traineeships can provide to people who want to remain in their local communities.

Greater Hume Council Mayor, Heather Wilton said, "We are very excited for Emily who has been an exceptional trainee and to be able to retain her as an employee and role model to other young people in our communities and our many other trainees is great for Greater Hume Council".

Emily was nominated for her Traineeship at Council in which she completed her Certificate IV in Library and Information Services through TAFE NSW. Emily started her Traineeship at the end of 2017 in the Library/Customer Service and Youth areas and has since successfully completed her traineeship and gained employment with Council in November 2019.

"Traineeships play an important role for Greater Hume Council in developing young locals to take on incredibly important roles within our communities. This recognition is testament to the quality of our work place in the support and the learning and skill development opportunities that are provided locally", Mayor Wilton said.

When asked why she chose to start her Traineeship with Council, Emily replied I've always wanted to help people. Being able to assist community member who's struggling, confused or curious has given me so much job satisfaction. This traineeship has widened my understanding of all areas of community service. The contacts I've made, the relationships I've forged and the experiences I've gained will stay with me forever, especially the support that I have received from my manager Susan Kane."

Emily will now represent NSW as Trainee of the Year in the Australian Training Awards, the peak national awards that showcase best practice in vocational education and training (VET).

# Roll of those at rest

A chance remark in the local coffee shop about a vear ago gave Kevin Fogarty an idea. Apparently visitors to the lawn cemetery often had difficulty in locating particular graves. After consultation with Warren Dale and Council officials he came up with an exact list of "occupants", which he typed up in alphabetical order. A frame with sliding glass doors was constructed and was officially unveiled on Sunday, September 27 in front of a gathering of about 25 people.

Erected in the cemetery gazebo, a plaque indicates it is in memory of Nadine Fogarty and Graham Booth. Reverend Ken Dale offered a short dedication before those in attendance enjoyed afternoon tea.

Next on Kevin's agenda is an application to Riverina Water for a grant to install a watering system throughout the lawn cemetery.



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# Casseroles there in spirit

The Lutheran Ladies Fellowship came up with a novel idea in place of their annual casserole luncheon. which was cancelled this year, due to the COVID-19 Α casserole-less virus. luncheon was held among congregation members, which raised \$1,000. Donations of \$500 each was given to the Australian Lutheran World Service and Albury/Wodonga Cancer Council Trust Fund.

The fellowship meets once a month and besides having a devotion and Bible study, they are getting to know more about their

members, each giving a short talk. These talks have been about their early childhood life until marriage, and others have shown and talked on how they became interested in their hobbies, crafts or arts. Needlework, painting, beading, and crocheting are some activities. Some beautiful articles have emerged, and wonderful heirlooms.

God given talents have certainly been made known. Everybody - feel free to join the fellowship.

The Committee for the coming year is:

President: Judy Zweck Secretary: Dulcie Knobel Treasurer: Marie Schlen-

Catering Secretary: Alison

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## Transport plan on the move

Transport has always been a concern for the senior citizens of the Henty community and those with additional needs. There are several community members who travel to the regional centres for supported work/learning opportunities as well as medical and other important appointments. Many rely on transport that cannot be provided by families due to work commitments and the

These groups find it difficult to find transport and if they do, the costs can be exorbitant. There is also some concern that the current services will not continue into next year. The Henty Local Health Advisory Committee is investigating the possibility of acquiring a transport service that will meet these needs

Funding will be needed to run the service and there will be charges involved to users. However, it is the intention to minimise the cost. While the committee is still in the initial stages of planning and discussions, it is keen to see if there are people who can volunteer to drive. All drivers would need to have an up-to-date first-aid certificate, which the committee will support them to acquire, as well as a full driver's licence. Please contact committee members if you would like to find out more. Please remember to support the ongoing drive to raise funds to support vouth mental health in the area. The committee is doing this by asking the public to donate their recyclable bottles and cans to the local collection point; which

Your refundable items can help make a big difference for all our young people, as all donations and refunds will go towards supporting all the youth in the area through school-based programs.

More information about eligible containers and the scheme in general is available at returnandearn.org.au.

# Lunch is

Thumbs up to the ladies of Henty Community Club.

Tuesday and Friday.

Anyone can access this service by contacting Ros Kilo the night before and placing an order.( Phone 0417 681 793). A choice of two courses is offered each day for a modest charge of \$10. Meals are delivered between noon and 1pm.

The Henty Community Club welcomes you back again to enjoy meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 6.00pm. Take-away meals are also an option. Mixed Social Bowls are on each Saturday afternoon and Golf is also played on Saturday afternoons. Members and Visitors most welcome.

# served

When COVID-19 forced the closure of the Community Centre they took it upon themselves, under the leadership of president Allison Scott, to prepare and deliver lunches to those people who normally had their lunches at the centre each



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# Normality returns at last

While 2020 may well be remembered as a year of restrictions and reduced extra-curricular activities, Term 4 at Henty Public School has been making up for lost time.

The term has been notable for many activities and the annual gala production of *Shrek* was a highlight. The Year 6 students rehearsed and worked very diligently for many hours to present a

high-quality virtual movie, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all the other classes who performed their dance routines and every student should be very proud of their participation and commitment.

The school is delighted to announce another arrival in 2021. Mabel, the school therapy dog, has recently commenced short visits



and training at the school for a more comprehensive program in the New Year. She is a beautiful and friendly Labrador and we can't wait to spend more time with her.

Kindergarten orientation has been taking place this term and the school's staff were excited to finally welcome the forthcoming students to participate in the transition program. The staff look forward to them joining next year and becoming part of the school community.

The school is fortunate to have such a strong and supportive P & C and with their assistance, it will be able to provide a very special excursion for all students. The whole school attended the Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point on Friday, November 13. This was part of our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) term treat. There was great excitement when students were due at school at 7.45am for the trip. There were a few

naps on the way there and back. The trip was a huge success and for many the opportunity to visit the zoo was their first time up close and personal with the animals.



Year 5/6 students had their own excursion to the Great Aussie Resort in Week 4. They were able to participate in many challenging adventure sports and a fantastic time was had by all, including the teacher. It is always a pleasure for teachers to take students away on excursions and they were so pleased the year could come to an end with additional excursions and outings after the restrictions at the start of year.

As the school year comes to an end, the teachers and staff take the opportunity to wish all a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday season.



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## Annie scores a century

Born in Brocklesbury and living in Bulgandra near Rand, Annie attended the one-teacher school and then worked in the Post Office. At 21 years she joined the Air Force in Forest Hill as a telephonist and then was appointed to Williamstown.

She met her husband Keith Ogle in Melbourne in 1948. They moved around Sydney, then to Parkes where Keith became a truck driver for the Vacuum Oil Company. From Kilmore to Essendon they moved until they bought the Golden Fleece Service Station in Yerong Creek where they served the community for seven years.

When Keith died in 1990 Annie took on a job with King's Motel at the Rock and Borg Warner in Albury, moving back to the UPA unit, to South Street and back to the Hostel. She has Tasmania, travelled to where her daughters live, for the past 17 years.

Annie's 100th birthday celebrations took place with lunch for three at the Hostel (because of COVID-19), but on the Sunday about 30 friends and relations stood out the front on the footpath to sing Happy Birthday, followed by a family party in Comer Street at her daughter Beryl's house, without her!!

Cards were received from Queen Elizabeth II, Prime



Minister Scott Morrison, Governor General David Hurley and local MP Justin Clancy (with flowers), plus another 40 or so.

Annie's cake was made by the local bakery, beautifully decorated with mauve flowers by Amanda Bahr. A great day to celebrate a

100th birthday for a mother of four daughters, a grandmother of nine and a greatgrandmother of 10. There are currently five generations of Annie's family living in Henty.

# 2021 Henty show cancelled

The 2021 Henty Show has been cancelled due to the upgrading of the playing surface and the need to allow the surface to stabilise before equestrian events can again be conducted on the 'Show Ground'.

With Covid 19 still threatening, the Show Society had no alternative but to cancel the show to be held

Part of the 'Show' not im-

pacted has been the Grain Competition. The results are as follows:

Wheat- 1st Leigh Eulenstein, 2nd Peter Campbell 3rd Dugald McKay.

Barley-1stAdamKlemke, 2nd Stephen Zweck, 3rd Stephen Zweck and John Ellis.

Canola- 1st Rohan and Bahr, 2ndKellie Klemke Bros. 3rd Peter and Alison Campbell.

The Show Society Committee thanks all competitors, judges and business houses for their ongoing support and wishes them well in 2021.



### How to save water in your home...

Keep your showers to four minutes. Taking shorter showers is one of the best ways to help save water.

- Wait until your dishwasher or washing machine is fully loaded before you turn it on.
- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or
- Wash your vegetables and rinse dishes in a plugged sink or basin not under a running tap.
- Install a water saving showerhead and water efficient taps to save on water and energy costs.





## So much to learn in 2020

In those first few weeks of the school year it was wonderful to see St Paul's Henty students from all age groups engaging with each other. Some were sprouting seeds to plant vegetables and flowers in the gardens, many were enjoying the billy carts, the basketball rings and balls had lots of use, the scooters are always popular, and drones were being flown and tested at lunchtime.

Then the school swiftly moved into unchartered waters, the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff endeavoured to keep teaching and learning as the primary focus for all students at this time. Students were taught how to use various platforms to enhance and continue their education during remote learning. The results were brilliant and showed a new way to engage with the stu-

dents. The challenge is now continuing this journey from what COVID-19 has taught.

Term 2 took on a slightly different approach to learning as adjustments were made. Teachers had daily contact with students face-to-face via Zoom, preparing different ways to bring the school together, sharing good news, birthdays and acknowledging great learning by the students with weekly awards. Students also had the opportunity to read over the day's work and ask any questions.

Staff prepared videos both live and pre-recorded to enhance student learning. Feedback and communication involved the use of Microsoft Teams, daily teacher communication via Seesaw, email and phone calls. Afternoon sessions took on STEAM-based activities that

siblings could complete together, health and fitness and 'life skill' based tasks.

The school worked creatively and realistically on what was achievable for students learning under the new situation. The goal was to design learning that makes the most of students being in a home environment while still developing core syllabus outcomes and skills. Staff were mindful of families who have limited access to the internet and that some parents were working from home with limited time to assist students.

As time moved on, the staff missed the students terribly. That served as a big reminder of the relational nature of teaching. Good teaching just doesn't seem to happen without the personal and physical connections. Parents too, were learning that motivating and keeping kids engaged in the remote learning environment is tricky. Just have a look at social media to see the hardships many parents are finding having their kids at home while trying to get some school activities done.

How amazing it was to witness students returning to school in May with huge smiles, excitement overload and stories to share. They certainly needed time to socialise and this was catered for by extra time on the playground, each day, just being kids. Although it has been a very difficult and demanding time during the recent

months, it has also been a time to reflect on what is truly important in life. For each, this reflection will have a slightly different view, but there will also be many common threads. Let's not forget to give thanks to God for all that we have been blessed with.

It is at times of crisis that we know without a doubt that God is at work – yet his work is not always comfortable.'

During the second semester, the school commenced an exciting journey through our Project Based Learning (PBL) to grow a community of learners who will be ready, skilled and able to live and contribute into the future. The 21st century learning environments combine flexible and agile indoor and outdoor learning environments and when combined with the latest technology will support student creativity, passion and inspire them to take risks in their learning.

Thanks to the school's wonderful parents, the new sand pit has been a huge success with students across the school. The little engineers are critically thinking, communicating, collaborating, and expressing creativity with every build they design. Who would have thought a sandpit could offer such wonderful learning experiences?

The school has also increased

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## A story surrounding an art work

Below is an article from our resident local artist Gwen Bullock.

In 2015 we travelled to Canada and Alaska. Part of that trip was a cruise up the Inside Passage from Vancouver to Whittier. Very early one morning I woke to this beautiful sunrise out from our balcony. Camera time!!! The camera did not quite capture the size, grandeur and colours of this beautiful scene. Artist's Lesson no. 1 - make written notes to assist a later painting session. Even if I had had paints and brushes it was all over way too quickly. However, the glowing pink was what remained in my mind. Lesson no. 2 - the photo does not always depict what is sometimes

needed in a painting to enable the painting to make sense, or "read" correctly. I had to make many tonal changes to show the various ridges of this mountain. This was particularly important for the three ridges on the right hand side that were coming forward in the scene. Lesson no. 3 - the foreground was such a contrast to the snow covered mountain that the photo turned it very, very dark. Now dark did help to enhance the enormous size of the mountain, but very, very dark was too overpowering. Varying the darks over a couple more lighter values (but unfortunately does not show in this photo) enabled some more shape to the trees, and the hills and valleys in the foreground.



Alaskan Sunrise is an acrylic painting on canvas. 70cm X 65cm.

I'm really happy with the cold of the night, still felt on the left, and being overtaken gradually with the warmth of the morning sun on the right. To capture a true sense of this land-scape, cast your eyes along the tree line, focus on the

size of these mature pine trees, then feel the enormity of these mountains. Alaskan Sunrise is truly a few seconds of nature's beautiful history frozen into an awesome love affair with Alaska.

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its ability to grow vegetables by the delivery of two new garden beds and the successful application for a grant to help develop produce. Students are planting, growing and harvesting produce from the plants, which they will then turn into healthy snacks for the students to enjoy. The school will endeavour to create produce each year to share with the school and community. Many thanks to our parents and staff who are so giving to supply rocks, soil and composted matter to enrich the soil for our healthy produce to flourish.

The school has seen many fabulous changes to class-rooms and learning environments over the past two terms. The builders have completed their work and new furniture is in place in the 2/3/4 classroom and the new 5/6 classroom, which are now joined, to provide the optimum experience for the students in the classrooms.



The new 21st Century furniture is here and let's say it is nothing short of amazing. This will allow PBL to flow smoothly throughout the classrooms and the excitement on the students' faces was evident. The students were very eager to move into the new classrooms.

The school received sporting grants this year which have given a boost in swimming, football, athletics and touch football. Although students were unable to participate in an Athletics Carnival this year, they were able to hold a Cross Country event.

The Kindergarten Transition program commenced in Term 4 where the new little friends joined the K/1 classroom for full day transition most Fridays in Term 4. The teachers loved welcoming them into the class and cannot wait to have them here full-time.

The school says a sad good-

bye to Claudia Wright as she moves to the Central Coast and goodbye to Simone Kanaley as she explores Australia for a year with her husband. Mrs Kanaley will return in 2022.

Moving to 2021 we are thrilled to announce the arrival of two new teachers to St Paul's. Welcome to Nigel Cunningham and Katie Ridley. They will be awesome additions to the school.

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# Population shift into regional Australia

The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) today officially launched the Regional Activators Alliance (RAA), a new body designed to create a national awareness campaign aimed at driving population shift into regional and rural Australia.

Greater Hume Council is one of 37 organisations to take up the opportunity to join the alliance.

Greater Hume Council decision to join the alliance was underpinned by a recognition that in order to grow and be sustainable, Council must attract new residents and achieve new business growth into the local government area.

"Council is determined to take the steps to revitalise our communities, welcome visitors, grow our economy and promote our affordable lifestyle and liveability benefits. Joining the alliance means that Greater Hume Council will be a part of the narrative for this very important campaign and allows our Council to create touch points with a national audience" said Mayor, Councillor Heather Wilton.

With a paradigm shift in life work balance accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic creating an upended definition of place of work, to an acceptance that working anywhere, or working from home is not only possible it is a new reality. Council sees participation in the alliance as a valuable platform to position

Greater Hume as an ideal place to live and work, and one not to be missed as the regional and rural renaissance of Australia emerges, added Mayor Wilton

Regional Australia Institute CEO Liz Ritchie said "Today, I am delighted to welcome Greater Hume Council to the RAA table, I know that their passion, insights and knowledge will be invaluable and will help to amplify the campaign reach. This campaign is a once in a lifetime impact project. Promoting Regional Australia is a shared responsibility, and RAA members will be at the forefront of this powerful national movement to change the narrative" Ms Ritchie said.

# Doggedly caring

The hospital has a new resident. It's Sweetie the therapy dog. Many may have heard Toni Shutt, activities officer, giving a great interview on radio recently. She articulated the many benefits of Sweetie and how the residents were enjoying the company of a pet.

It was a very heartwarming piece. The advisory committee congratulated Toni and all the staff on the many opportunities and activities they provide for all the residents. They are in caring hands.



## Lions look ahead to a big 2021

The District 201V6 Governor of Lions Australia, Carol Kennedy and her husband, Keith, made the long trip from Finley to be present at the recent meeting of the Henty Lions Club. They were warmly welcomed by the Zone Chairman and President of the club, Julie Colley.

Members and guests were treated to a comprehensive report by Carol on the news, updates and activities of relevance to the zone despite the challenges posed by COVID 19. She brought a message of encouragement and hope in what has been a challenging year. Carol commended members on the projects undertaken, urged that each one remain focused, not only locally but "look at the big picture".

Carol encouraged members to seek help from the community to achieve community goals and to look after each other. At the conclusion of the meeting, the traditional club bannerette was presented to the club by Carol and in return, Julie exchanged bannerettes in her capacity as Zone Chairman.



Lions Zone Chairman/Club President, Julie Colley (L) and District Governor, Carol Kennedy exchange bannerettes.

There are 12 primary school students who will now attend Licola Wilderness camp in January 2021, and the club is indebted to Henty Financial Services and the Henty Public School for their financial support. It is hoped that the Lions Youth of the Year and Junior Public Speaking and Debating Competitions will resume next year along with the Primary School Spelling Bee.

With the regrettable closure earlier this year of the Henty Red Cross, Henty Lions Club is grateful for the opportunity to carry on the proud tradition to provide and organise the annual Christmas stocking raffle as a major fundraising venture. Plans are well afoot; there has been a most generous response from individuals and business houses. It will be a monster stocking indeed, with items to please everyone. Ticket sales will begin

on the Lions street stall on December 3 and every Thursday until the lucky winners are drawn in the main street on Thursday, December 17. The everpopular Christmas cakes, mini cakes and mints will be available for you to stock up for Christmas.

It is envisaged that a membership drive will begin in 2021 and there will be some interesting and inspirational speakers in the pipeline next year as well. Now, more than ever, Lions need to be responsive to the needs of the community and further afield. After all, where there's a need, there's a Lion!

The members of Henty Lions Club wish to thank everyone for their interest and support over the past year and wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

## Greater Hume Children's Services update



The children in care at Greater Hume Children's Services have had a real adventure the last few months with a change of venue to the Henty Bowling Club.

The club auditorium has been transformed into some amazing play spaces including an obstacle course and cubby house built by the children. The outdoor areas were also used for excursions into nature and connecting with the local community.

GHCS staff and children would like to express their gratitude for the support of the Bowling Club to allow the service to operate from the club while renovations were undertaken to the existing building. The children made cards to give to the Bowling



Club Committee to say thank you and to express our gratitude.

We are excited to be back at our permanent venue in 11 Keirath Street with a major renovation now being completed to the space to make it



even better for the children in care.

## Museum planned

A well-attended meeting at the Henty Community Club was addressed by Dennis Kane of the Henty Community Development Committee and John Ellis, chairman of Henty Financial Services (Bendigo Bank) to discuss the possibility of a new history museum being built in Henty.

Thanks were given to the Booth family for their donation to the community of 12 Sladen Street and to the Dale family for their donation of the historic articles from their cellar under the IGA store.

The Bendigo Bank Board have carried out much background work and will create a steering committee from interested members to make decisions — e.g. collection of stories, decide on type of museum and maintain it as a not-for-profit community museum.

Margot Jolley, a consultant to Historical Societies has already met some officials to decide on needs, such as an overview of what has been done, display space, museum's fluency, storage room, toilets, small meeting area, parking, digitisation of photographs and a significant assessment of all of the

The aim is to build a 8.5m x 35m "shed "at the back of the "Gallery" after all possible land and buildings have been explored. The new steering committee will make the decisions and will set the criteria.

By the time you are reading this a steering committee will have met Margot. At the public meeting several residents volunteered to be on the committee while others agreed to be members.

A very positive outcome resulted from this inaugural meeting and you will be kept informed of all developments. Many questions were asked and answered at this first meeting and it is with anticipation and excitement we look forward to the possibility of Henty Historical Museum.

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# When Jeannie came to town

How is Jeannie Little's death connected to Henty?

Australian entertainer Jeannie Mitchell OAM, professionally known as Jeannie Little, was a comedienne and television personality who won the Gold Logie in 1976. Her success on the Mike Walsh Midday Show was legendary. Her flamboyant outfits and over-thetop personality endeared her to millions of fans with

her "Hullo daar-ling."

Her first venture into fashion was through a dress made from garbage bags, but it is a partnership with the late Graham Booth that we remember as the comedy duo who rocked the Memorial Hall

On April 1, 1977 Jeannie came to Henty to compere a fashion parade for the Spastic Council. Graham Booth was her (very reluctant) straight man, as he was familiar with the fashions of "The Needle and Thread" and the six local models who paraded the outfits. Lorraine Kilo and Jeannette Willis were two of them.

The generosity of Jeannie Little meant she paid her own way to Henty. She stayed at the Central Hotel, hosted by Louie and Sybil Bacher.

Edward Dale was president of the local branch of the Spastic Council which each year sought an entrant for the Miss Australia Quest. Past entrants have been Kerrie Scholz (Barber), Lorraine Kilo (Fischer), Noelene Haines (Lowrie) and Jenny Corrigan (Boyle).

Entry cost was \$15 per double with all proceeds going to the Spastic Council. The after-dinner parade was hilariously funny with Graham trying to keep up with Jeannie's comments on models and their outfits. A night to remember! Just ask Kerry Scholz, Anne Maher or Judy Zweck.

# The knitting never stops

Peter Mac's auxiliary shop in Melbourne is still closed and so the craft goods from Henty's Peter Mac group are being collected and stored in Henty. The group are still knitting, sewing, cutting and pasting, collecting and distributing.

They have been given a large donation of beautifully handmade 0-6 years clothing from two Albury ladies who heard about the Peter Mac efforts. They attend a weekly sewing day with Linda Ellis and though the clothes are made from left over materials they are top quality fabrics and beautifully sewn – from baby suits to toddlers "tops and bottoms" to little girls' dresses.

At present the group are drying lavender so thank you to all those who have answered the call. The church hall is full of the perfume. The Peter Mac group will be able to make lots of sachets, a very popular seller at the Peter Mac shop.

Lavender has been dated to 25,000 years ago. Cleopatra used lavender, Tutankhamun's tomb contained traces of still fragrant lavender, Queen Elizabeth I of England had fresh lavender in her vases every day and Charles VI of France insisted his pillow always contained lavender

Researchers have stated that lavender has a variety of therapeutic and curative properties from inducing relaxation to treating parasitic infections, burns, insect bites and spasms.

# Committee developing ideas

Meeting on the last Monday of each month, the Henty Community Development Committee is back in operation.

A new name for our Facebook is sought, with Jessica Kane and Stephanie Bedggood being responsible for the electronic signage on Railway Parade. We would encourage more local businesses to advertise at the very reasonable rates.

Welcome packs continue to be distributed to new residents, with another for Sweetwater and others in the township.

A need to furnish names for Australia Day awards was listed.

A Christmas light competition will be held for busi-

nesses and residents with monetary prizes for both.

It was suggested the Council employ a grants writer some time ago. This has been well received and Council will advertise for same.

The next meeting is the annual general meeting. The committee would love some younger members, some business people and anyone who is interested in Henty's future. Think about being involved!



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# More wraps for fish and chips

During COVID-19 lots of Henty people have been busy knitting for Wraps with Love. Seventy-five wraps have been sent to the Wagga co-ordinator Hesper Piltz, with more ready to be delivered. Fifty-seven outfits for the East Timor "fish and chip" babies — babies wrapped in newspapers - have been completed with extra bean-

ies from Wendy Strother, the late Nadine Fogarty's 86 year old sister. Sixty-five warm beanies have gone to Troy Hanckel for the Seafarers' Mission.

In 1992 Wrap with Love began with the idea of helping as many people as possible by providing warm wraps to ward off hypothermia. Since then over 450,000 wraps have been distributed in over 75 countries, including Australia.

The "one square at a time" campaign involves Spotlight and World Vision.

A "Gift from Wrap with Love Australia" label has been printed to attach to the underside corner of each wrap.

"Two Happy Hookers" are the driving force behind Cootamundra's WWL group. They have scoured free yarn from Wangaratta Woollen Mills, whose bales contained tangled and compressed wool. The first bale took six months to untangle. Certainly a work of love!

Wraps have recently been delivered to Burundi, Armenia, Nepal and Tanzania.

### Probus is back

As gatherings had to be restricted to 30, two Probus meetings were held during November. The Henty meeting was held in the Memorial Park under the sprawling arms of the large pine tree and the Culcairn meeting was in Jubilee Park, another beautiful setting by the Billabong Creek.

A moment's silence for Remembrance Day and another one for members Eleanor Kreutzberger, Irene Hogg and Bruce Lieschke, who had passed away since our last meeting back in March, were held.

Mary Harvey was inducted as a new member and all birthday dates were recorded for future use. Discussion on a possible Christmas party resulted in tentative plans being made to hold it at the Henty Community Club if restrictions allow it or maybe a barbecue in the park. A new initiative of a monthly members draw began.

A big thank-you to Warren Dale who not only freely made his PA system available, but also drove to Culcairn to set it up and attend to it.

Guest speaker at both meetings was Troy Hanckel who gave an interesting and informative talk on the Seafarers' Mission.

When the young son of English Reverend Ashley asked his father where the sailors went to church to hear a sermon and sing and pray it set his mind going. Before long a floating barge able to hold seafarers' from the 400 vessels in Bristol Channel (at that time) was used as a church.

In Australia 26 ports have Seafarers buildings with a shop, rooms for free, tea and coffee, comfortable seating for rest, talk and conversation and meals. Volunteers range from 40 in Brisbane to two or three in Tasmania. Troy is in charge of Sydney's shop where he organises phones and sim cards, currency exchange, logistical issues (getting men from ships to hospital, dentists, doctors, etc.), maps for sight-seeing and goods to buy such as chips, snacks, Maccas and pizzas and even television sets.

On a large ship there can be 12,000 40-foot containers, but an average load is 400-500. They are connected together four deep with another layer on top. The draught into the water can be up to 10 metres, so the engineers have a very important job to prevent the containers falling overboard. With angry seas and vicious storms it is sometimes unavoidable.

Shipping companies have a no drugs, no alcohol policy.

The universal shipping language is English, the currency US dollars. Anyone from any background can be helped by the Seafarers' Mission which holds Christian principles.

Icons for Australian visitors are the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and kangaroos. In Dampier the large bare oval is greened by Rio Tinto's watering and it is not unusual for the free bus to transport the seafarers to view 200 kangaroos eating the green grass.

Troy comes from a farm west of Henty. While COVID-19 restrictions has restricted his work with the Seafarers' Mission he is back living in Henty, enjoying fencing and other farm related jobs. He hopes to return to Sydney in 2021.

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