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Henty Community News



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Show with a twist

Make sure that you keep Saturday February 8 free for a full day of great family fun and entertainment. The 116th Henty Show has something for everyone.

All the favourites such as the children's pet show, best loved teddy parade, boy and girl dress-up, baby show, show girl/boy competition, whip-cracking, sheaf-tossing and the new, but very popular, dog jumping competition are all happening during the day.

The pavilion will be brimming with the usual cooking, arts and crafts, needlework, horticulture, fruit and vegetables, jams and preserves, fine art and schools art and crafts, and will be more than worthy of a walk through. Photography, cattle, horse, sheep and dog competitions are also happening throughout the day.

This year the show has the unique and completely unforgettable Bendy Em,

one of the world's leading contortionists, performing three shows for us.

Emma Kerger is a former national gymnast and dancer originally from the United Kingdom. She now resides in Sydney. She is a pint-sized entertainer who will have us on the edge of our seats as she comedically bends and contorts her body into freakily mind-boggling positions.

Bendy Em has headlined international festivals and appeared in the movie X-Men Origins. These shows should not be missed!

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day as well as live music by Happy Hour Trio and announcements by Steve Bowen. Bring your family and friends for a great day out.



Australia Day Awards

The message from Australia Day Ambassador, Bob Turner, well known and respected sports personality was loud and clear when he delivered the 2020 Australia Day address before a large crowd at the Culcairn Recreation Ground.

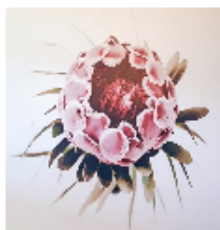
Having come to Australia from the USA in 1976 as a professional basketballer Bob takes his Australian citizenship very seriously. While playing in a match shortly after his arrival he heard a spectator yell out "Have a go you mug". Prior to the match, a team mate told him "she'll be right mate"... and he has been learning more about Australia ever since!

Mayor Greater Hume Council, Councillor Heather Wilton, stressed the importance of volunteers and the inestimable value of such people from all walks of life; never

more critical as in recent times. Our 'Fireys' embody these special qualities which are evidenced by many within the Shire. "Trials bring out the spirit of what Australia is about.

Citizen of the Year ...
Bruce Diffey

Over the last 50 years Bruce has had an association with the Henty Community Club, Henty Bowling Club, Henty Golf Club, Henty Cricket Club, Henty Football Club, Henty Football Clubrooms Erection Committee, Henty Showground Trust, Henty Swimming Pool Committee, Henty Scouts and Cubs and the Henty Bushfire Brigade. In the early 1960s Bruce started watering the showground from the Government dam with his own spray dip pump and Ronaldson Tippet Motor. In the early 1970's Bruce helped clear the



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Citizen of the Year Bruce Diffey with Mayor, Heather Wilton

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Henty Machinery Field Day site using his loader to remove stumps, dead trees and fill wash outs. A keen footballer Bruce played 218 games in the first grade and coached. Bruce was on the Henty Football Club Committee for 12 years and helped with the ground refurbishment, the

building of football club rooms, light poles and flooring out the front of the club rooms.

Another local identity, Roy McInnis was also nominated for his many years of outstanding service within his community.

Mayoral Award for Outstanding Achievement was presented to four Henty boys, Chayse Montgomery, Ryan Klemke, Darcy Doughty and Aston Scholz .In 2018, the boys (aged 10 at the time) decided after a visit to Melbourne to raise funds to help the homeless they saw on the streets. Combining the initials of



Chayse Montgomery, Ryan Klemke, Darcy Doughty and Aston Scholz

Sheds join fire recovery effort

Men's Sheds across the Riverina, South West Slopes and North East Victoria are pulling together to find ways to assist fire-ravaged communities. Two meetings were held mid-January to establish a committee to develop plans to assist. While not wishing to take a lead role, as there are many organisations taking on various roles, the sheds are considering offers of assisting by using their respective skill sets.

Some sheds will support the other sheds with materials or take on work when requested.

One concern that has been raised is the assistance where all sheds can be involved and that is to assist the wildlife with either habitat boxes or watering stations. The watering stations are containers which can be

filled by carts and be left behind for thirsty animals. The Henty Men's Shed had representatives at meetings in Wagga Wagga and Thurgoona and their members hope to be able to contribute in some way.

Several Henty Men's Shed members that drop in for a chat have over the past six months been steadily growing. There are regularly up to eight members getting together for chats morning and afternoons.

It is not all about committing to projects and getting involved in projects, sometimes it is all about a social chat to keep up spirits or up on the latest talk or respective family developments.



their first names CRAD was born and they raised \$10,000 in 12 months!

The boys sold T shirts, held a fish and chip night, ladies' nights, conducted stalls at various events, including the HMFDF and the Henty Streetscape Party with great success.

The Community Event of the Year ...

Walbundrie Cricket Club Pink Stumps and Walla Walla 150th Anniversary Celebrations were joint winners.

Henty Football Club Indigenous and Mental Health Awareness Day was a further nomination.

Sports Person/Team of the Year ... Miss Lucy Grills. From Holbrook.

Young Citizen of the Year ... Miss Maddison Doughty.

Local primary school students, Misty Chambers from Henty Public School

and Kate Lieschke from St Paul's, Henty were each awarded one of the School Citizenship Awards.

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Doing the Lions share

It has been said that an opportunity is often a gift in disguise! Despite the holiday break, the members of Henty Lions Club have not been idle and look forward to the opportunities that 2020 will provide in the quest to make a difference in our community. The year ahead is what we make it.

On a sad note, due to the possibility of bushfires impacting the area the 2020 January Camp at the Lions Licola Adventure Camp has had to be postponed. The good news is that the eight primary school children selected to attend, will now have the opportunity to travel to Licola on Sunday, July 12 until Friday, July 17 instead. Once again, our thanks go to Henty Financial Services for providing each camper with a presentation pack including a cap, drink bottle, money box, ruler and other items.

The 2020 Australia Day celebrations within Greater Hume Council have provided an opportunity for Henty Lions to combine with our fellow Culcairn club to provide a cooked breakfast of bacon and eggs at the Culcairn Recreation Reserve. Henty

members have also been asked to provide egg and bacon rolls for hungry bowlers competing in the Henty Bowling Club's Invitation Triples on March 11 and 12. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to Hilltop Carer Accommodation Centre in Albury.

Club members are most grateful to St Paul's College in Walla Walla for their recent generous donation of a large quantity of books. These will be collected by our District Governor, Omani Ndlovu, who will arrange for their transport to Zimbabwe for distribution to needy schools and colleges. Anyone who has suitable books and/or any laptops or PC's no longer used or needed may consider donating them to Henty club to forward on to District level. Such donations would be gratefully received.

A Lions District Inter-Club Trivia Night in Wodonga in early February will undoubtedly provoke friendly rivalry and all for a good cause; in this case for the Lions Hearing Dogs Program. This amazing project provides safety, comfort and independence to severely hearing-impaired folk by providing

trained dogs to match the unique needs of their new prospective owners.

Whilst on the subject of dogs, Henty Lions Club has raised well in excess of \$1,600 towards its local project, Feed My Mate, which was launched before Christmas to enable some farmers to buy a bag of dog cubes, (costing \$45 each). Members are heartened by the generosity of local and district residents. In addition, donations have come from as far away as Tasmania and Western Australia. For many farmers in drought-ravaged areas of NSW, the prospect of having to surrender (or worse) their working dogs, their mates, is yet another contributor to the impact of the drought on mental health. The total raised is still to be finalised prior to selecting an area in great need.

It is hoped that students

from secondary schools in the district will take up the challenge offered by Henty Lions to compete in the annual Youth of the Year public speaking competition which will be conducted at the Doodle Cooma Arms on Wednesday, February 26. An afternoon of judging will culminate in the final presentation and announcement of the winner after the dinner that evening.

Some members hope to travel to Walwa or Corryong on behalf of Lions to render assistance to those in fire affected areas by helping to clear debris, erect and repair fencing and/or helping in some capacity with supplying meals for the workers with BlazeAid.



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Be Water Wise this summer

Permanent Water Saving Rule Reminder

Greater Hume Council is encouraging local communities to remember the watering rule and be water wise as dry conditions continue to place pressure on the region's storages.

Council has joined forces with AlburyCity and North East Water to deliver a community-wide Water Wise message this summer.

Although compulsory water restrictions are not in force, Council is appealing to the community to remember that "every drop counts".



Water Wise

Greater Hume has a permanent water saving rule allowing the use of fixed sprinklers only between the hours of 5.00pm and 10.00am.

This voluntary rule aims to increase water use efficiency, reduce water wastage and reduce evaporation losses.

Greater Hume Mayor Heather Wilton is also urging residents and business owners to be water wise by following simple steps to

cut the consumption rate.

"By avoiding things such as watering gardens in the heat of day or hosing driveways, we can all work together to make a collective difference," she said.

"The outlook indicates we're in for a long period of hot, dry weather which is why it's important we set an example as a community and do our bit to conserve our precious water resources" added the Mayor.

"To assist the community to understand water usage, Council has a fact sheet which explains average water consumption in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, garden and water consumption of livestock" added Cr Wilton. <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Living-in-Greater-Hume/Water-and-Wastewater/Water-and-Waste-Water-Fact-Sheets>

There are no compulsory water restrictions in place at this stage, but with major storages falling and a forecast for drier than usual conditions ahead, it's timely that everyone takes simple steps to use a little less of the precious resource in the hope that restrictions won't be necessary in the months ahead.

Top tips to help you be water wise in and around your

home:

Water your garden only between 5:00pm and 10:00am.

Avoid using water to hose down paths and driveways.

Tips to save drips. Be Water Wise.



Check and fix leaks - fix dripping taps, look for leaking toilets, check for leaks using your water meter.

Bathroom water savers - keep showers to four minutes, install a water efficient showerhead and use the half-flush on toilets, use the plug when shaving and turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

In the laundry - only use your washing machine when full and on eco mode, buy a water-efficient washing machine.

In the kitchen - capture water from your tap, while waiting for water to warm up or washing vegetables, use it to water your garden or indoor plants, only use the dishwasher when full and on eco-mode, install aerating taps to reduce water flow by 50 percent.

For the pool - use a pool cover, check for pool leaks, consider shade options to reduce evaporation.

In the garden, install a rainwater tank, use grey-water when safe and environmentally sustainable.

By using mulch on the garden you can stop water evaporation by up to 70 percent. Minimise lawn area, choose plants and shrubs that are indigenous to our local area and suitable for our climate.

Construct paved areas so that they slope, and make use of water run-off.

Choose the right lawn, one with low water demand and high drought tolerance. Prepare the soil. Don't over water. Don't mow your lawn short, a taller lawn will shade the roots and reduce evaporation and require less watering.

Individually, following these water wise rules amount to a relatively small amount of water-saving, but when we combine our efforts the savings become significant, helping us to collectively make a significant difference

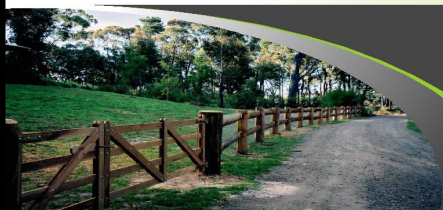
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What's on in your library

Library Lovers' Day at the Henty Library

The Henty Library will celebrate Library Lovers' Day on Friday 14 February 2020 with *Take a book Home on a Blind Date* and at the same time supporting the library and reminding decision makers how important libraries are to the community.

Also, enjoy a chocolate or two and give the gift that lasts a lifetime; enrol someone you love as a library member!

Enter the draw to win a box of chocolates.

Date: Friday 14th February

Time: All Day

Cost: FREE

Seniors Week at the Henty Library

NSW Seniors Week is about looking after our senior citizens, getting out of the house, getting active and enjoying our time. Looking after our seniors is an important part engaging in local communities around Australia.

Seniors Week will be celebrated at the Henty Library on Thursday 20th February at 10.30am with an inter-generation event with a difference. Older people and their grandchildren will be invited to partake in a fun morning of cooking, or woodcraft at the Henty Library. This is a FREE event with morning tea included.

Library Membership and What Can I Borrow

What can I borrow?

Riverina Regional Library members are able to borrow material from across all of the branches of the service area. Members can borrow 30 items in total for 28 days – 2 x 14 day renewals are available if items are not on reserve for another member

Below is a list of the more popular items for loan:

Print – Books, fiction and non-fiction, magazines, including picture books for children, biographies, westerns, large print

Audio – Talking books, CD stories, MP3 format stories

DVDs – Movies, documentaries, Junior and Adult titles

Save Power Kits – The kits provide useful tools and information which will help you to understand and measure how you use power in your home.

Plectalks (audiobook players) – Read more about Plectalks

Balanced Steps Kits – healthy and active resource kits

New stock arrives weekly and there is also FREE access to the eLibrary and Information Online products.

Library membership

Membership to the Riverina Regional Library is free for residents of the local government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Federation, Greater Hume, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga. To join, visit your local branch and complete a membership form. Temporary online membership is available – membership must be validated at a branch library within 30 days of joining online. Proof of your current address – such as a drivers licence, rent receipt or rates notice, will be required when you join or verify your online membership at your local branch library. If you do not have any of these, a parent, relative or friend may act as your guarantor. People under the age of 18 require the signature of a

guarantor before becoming a member. Reciprocal membership is available to members of other Public Libraries within NSW. Proof of membership to "home library" is required on joining – conditions apply. Members can reserve, renew and browse items online.

Find below a list of resources we have compiled to help you find your next great read.

Book Lists – Accessible @ <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/adults/>

We have created lists of reading suggestions, choose from Chilly reads, Reading laughing, Aussie women, War reads and many more. We also highlight new arrivals every month.

Sometimes getting lost in the pages of a good book can be just the cure you

need for a broken heart, a stressful day at work or frazzled nerves. These Reading for Wellbeing booklists may help.

Request a Reading List

Fill out the form and get a personalised list of reading suggestions. See what other people have requested.

Award winners

A list with links to the major literary prizes in Australia and around the world.

Book Club 2020

"We have fun and always talk – even about the book sometimes" – Collins Book Club.

Form a group of up to ten individuals and nominate a group leader, pay the \$400 club membership, find a venue and you can begin your own book club.

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The library provides ten copies of one title plus background notes and discussion questions. Clubs meet from February to November reading ten titles over the year.

Registration - <https://rri.nsw.gov.au/book-club/>

Download the registration form for your club. You will need to fill out a form each year you would like to join Book Club.

Policy

Find out what the membership entitlements and responsibilities are.

Book List - <https://rri.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Book-list1.pdf>

Download a list of Book Club titles. There are over 250 titles to select from.

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Storytime at the Henty Library

Storytime at the Henty Library will commence on Thursday 6 February 2020 from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. Storytime is held every second week at the Henty Library.



Below dates for 2020 Storytime at Henty Library:

6th February 2020	Nursery Rhymes
20th February 2020	Bathtime
5th March 2020	Insects
19th March 2020	Hocus Pocus
2nd April 2020	Easter
30th April 2020	Hippos
14th May 2020	Mummies are amazing
28th May 2020	Sport
11th June 2020	I spy
25th June 2020	Yoga
23rd July 2020	Koalas
86th August 2020	Superheroes
20th August 2020	My Country
3rd September 2020	Dads
17th September 2020	Books about Books
15th October 2020	Pales
29th November 2020	Grandparents
12th November 2020	Talking about big school
26th November 2020	Snakesssssssss
10th December 2020	Christmas

Tournament with appeal

A bushfire donation of \$2,110 by Henty Men's Bowling Club/Henty Community Club was made recently. The money was raised at the annual Farmers Fours Bowls Tournament.

One hundred and twelve bowlers from around the Riverina and Albury district competed, playing four games of 10 ends in very smoky conditions. The winning team came from Junee, with long-time supporter Brian Purse playing

for them.

It was decided all proceeds from the raffle of the day would be donated to a Bush Fire Appeal with donated goods valued at \$450 up for grabs. All present were happy to participate to the tune of \$1,380. Henty Community Club President, Allison Scott, announced the club would also contribute funds received from recent raffles and a collection taken up on the Sunday evening. This bought the final tally to the \$2,110.

Gardening hints for February and March

February

- Mulch all garden beds to conserve moisture. It's best to use organic material like old manure, lucerne hay or mushroom compost.
- Apply ready to use rose spray to control pest and disease problems on roses.
- Check citrus trees for scale and leaf miner.
- Buy spring bulbs while the greatest choice is available.
- Feed citrus trees with citrus food.
- Put tulip and hyacinth bulbs into the crisper section of the fridge for a pre-planting chill.
- Re-pot container plants with new potting mix.
- **Seeds to grow** - Snapdragon, Pansy, Primula, Leeks, Silver-beet, Celery, Lettuce.

March

- Autumn is the best time of the year for planting trees and shrubs. They have time to establish before the cold weather really hits.
- Pick pumpkins (leaving a small amount of stalk attached) after stalk browns, then store in a cool, shady, dry place.
- Prune hydrangeas either this month, or wait until mid-winter.
- Plant aquilegias, cyclamen, polyanthus, primulas, pansies and violas in semi shaded garden spots.
- Choose freesias, baby's breath, ixias, Spanish bluebells for spring bulbs
- **Seeds to sow** - Cineraria, Nemesis, Sweet Peas, Virginian Stock, Peas, Carrots, Broccoli, Beetroot, Lettuce, Turnips.



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Residents* are encouraged to dispose of domestic waste on the day. Waste facilities will be open free of charge, but please note - fridges, freezers, mattresses and a limit of two car tyres accepted at 50% of normal fees and charges on the day (household disposal only).

* proof of residency within Greater Hume Council area required.

Lyn packs them in

"Chicks With Attitude" is Lyn Jacobsen's description of the true meaning of CWA (Country Women's Association). Formerly of Pleasant Hills, and now living in Thurgoona, Lyn was visiting Probus to relate the story of Pamper Packs for women in drought-stricken areas.

The Henty Machinery Field Days was asked to put together 32 pamper packs for the wives of the men attending, mainly from the Tottenham/Nyngan area. A raffle each day paid for the contents, but more importantly the idea was fostered to include other drought areas at a later date. The result was 675 packs.

Where to go / what to include / how to distribute - were questions to be an-

swered. Lyn started organising, a thing she does extremely well.

It was decided the packs would be sent west of the Great Divide, to no one with a steady income, and decided by postcode from everywhere. Lyn wrote to several companies, visited businesses in Albury and Wagga and spread the message by word of mouth. Every cent given went to the appeal and many promised items began arriving on Lyn's doorstep (or rather husband Jim's back shed). Transport companies from Dubbo, Moree and Tamworth delivered all the boxes, with the help of a few local husbands of local CWA groups.

Packing was a nightmare. Set out on separate tables

were soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hand cream, lip gloss and something special and beautiful, they were placed in brown paper bags decorated by children from Thurgoona Public School and CWA members.

Three street stalls to raise money for the appeal were held in Albury. Scones and

muffins were the go. Left over goods were put in separate boxes for distribution by the CWA. Only Yarrowitch and Walcha were missed out, but that was soon fixed. What a story.

Note: On the first day of the Royal Easter Show 4,804 scones were made.



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Craft shop aids fire appeal

Thanks to the continued support shown by the public, the Doodle Cooma Craft Shop was proud to be able to donate \$1,000 to a truly worthy cause, the NSW Bushfire Appeal. Other groups the craft shop have been able to support recently are the Lions Kids Camp at Licola, near Mansfield, Victoria, the Albury-Wodonga Cancer Centre and the Ronald McDonald Foundation in Wagga Wagga.

The craft shop has had a very busy couple of months. Please feel free to visit, even for a browse, a chat and check out the great range of wares. Henty's bee-keeper, Vincent Pendergast, has added his stock to our shelves, his honey proving very popular with locals and visitors alike. The shop

now has EFTPOS available for your convenience, and a Facebook page is also nearly up and running.

The Book Shop, which is run in conjunction with the craft shop, boasts a large collection of books on display to cater for all tastes and is one of the few still operating in the region. Recently a very large new bookcase has been installed in the Book Shop.

Our grateful thanks to the great group of volunteers who man the shop seven days a week.



It's cool to knit

In air-conditioned comfort, while watching the tennis or cricket, you can knit or crochet squares for a wrap 40" by 70" – or 100cm by 180cm.

The Hostel Knitwits are doing a marvelous job through summer and Pam Green is keeping a tally of the rugs. Helen Squires has been busy with the crochet hook and has so far completed five – this while watering her house and yard to protect them from approaching fires. Others are knitting trauma teddies as a separate activi-

ty.

A promotion with Millers Stores resulted in 8,000 squares and 69 wraps. The Kings Cross Knitwits organised 144 wraps to a school in Tanzania for their dormitories. The Australian-Syrian Association acknowledged the receipt of 2,000 hand-knitted blankets for their Winter Appeal.

Vinnies have been working with Wrap With Love this past year and have helped distribute wraps to APY lands in partnership with Aboriginal Community Care in SA and NT. *(Photo below).*



Tips for pets during thunderstorm season

The loud noises associated with summer thunderstorm season is one of the most prevalent phobias in animals, and result in tens of thousands of them demonstrating destructive behaviour, escaping from their properties and injuring themselves.

Quick tips

The following information

is appropriate for domestic pets, especially cats and dogs, but may be useful for other domestic animals too. Horses can also become extremely anxious from loud noises and escape - we recommend you consult your equine vet for advice on preparing your horses.

- Do not punish your pet for exhibiting this behaviour during times of

stress.

- Attempt to engage, distract and reassure your pet that everything is OK, but don't 'force' this if it becomes particularly distressed.
- Provide access to a safe area where your pet may feel more at ease. Animals usually indicate their preferences

such as under a bed or inside a wardrobe. Allow it to go where it wants to feel safe. Close bird cages, rabbit hutches and other fixed enclosures and ensure the pet door and windows are closed and locked.

- Make sure that your boundary fences and gates are secure and that your pet cannot readily escape through

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Cross hatching

Something of an oddity has been the discovery of a breeding pair of parrots producing rare hybrid young. The parrot pair were spotted in Wagga visiting some caged birds in an aviary. The hen is a King Parrot and the cock is a Superb Parrot.

The pair had been visiting the aviary for some months before disappearing for a number of weeks.

It does not appear that the birds have been caged previously as they are without bands and readily take flight if approached.

When they next appeared, they returned with three young, each with partial

traits of its parents.

The family of five have been returning to the aviary for most of the summer and remain regular visitors.

There appears to be no recorded discussions about such a union, though King Parrots have reportedly paired with other Australian parrot species.

It will be interesting to see what colour patterns will develop when the young mature.

In the meantime, the visits of the family will be recorded and photographed and the hope is they will keep returning.



King Parrot hen, Superb Parrot cock and one of their young.

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them or over them.

- Ensure that your pet wears identification, particularly a microchip. In the unfortunate event that your pet should escape from your property, it will run blindly away without regard to where it is going. When it eventually calms down it will probably not know where it is or how to return. A microchip gives you the greatest chance that you and your pet will be reunited.

- If you know that your pet is extremely fearful of thunderstorms and fireworks, consult your vet to see if he or she can prescribe medication that will calm it in known times of stress.



Christmas delivery

Dates for the Peter Mac craft group are April 22, May 20, June 17, July 22 (Knit In), August 19, September 16, October 28 and November 18.

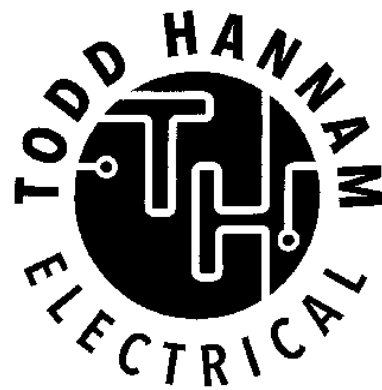
Despite the Peter MacCallum Institute being surrounded by road works Ron and Shirley Wellington were guided into the underground car park with a full load of craft. The 16 Christmas trees were balanced on the suitcases and grateful thanks were given by the volunteers manning the Peter Mac shop.

The list of 10 best sellers should arrive soon so the group can concentrate on making these articles. Ann Bahr has made attractive sun hats and bags for infants and lavender (mostly collected by Jenny McD) has filled sachets beautifully sewn by Pat and Lyn from Albury. The group have also received two suitcases of craft from Albury.

Peter Mac craft days are open to everyone. If you can cut, sew, knit, crochet, fill, stuff or sort, there is a job for you.

MAKE IT A DATE

Sunday March 22 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm will be a chance to find out what the Henty Fire and Rescue does for the community. Put it in your diary



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Henty to reprise role in historic flight

This year Henty will be an optional stop for pilots re-enacting the flight from Darwin to Adelaide of the first aircraft to fly from the UK to Australia. Brothers Ross and Keith Smith made the epic flight in 1919, ending in Darwin.

Six aircraft and their crews took part in the air race. They then flew south, visiting state capitals and regional towns on their way home to Adelaide. There were many forced landings including one in Henty on February 25, 1920 when the pilots and two crew stayed the night.

Pilots pursued prize

Following World War I, the Hughes Government in Australia was keen to develop civil aviation "with a view to stimulating aerial

activity the Commonwealth Government has decided to offer £10,000 for the first successful flight to Australia from Great Britain in a machine manned by Australians".

The announcement of the Great Air Race, as it became known, would entail a flight of almost 18,000km. Those entering the race had to pay £100 (pounds) entry fee and a plane (usually financed by a wealthy backer). Almost all of the entrants had military experience.

The race conditions were drawn up by the Royal Aero Club of London and one of the requirements was that the race had to be completed within 30 days and before midnight on December 31, 1920. Within five

months six crews had paid their £100. The crews were all military men.

Recommendations from the British Air Minister, Winston Churchill, the Vickers Aircraft Company made available to Ross Smith its newly developed, twin-engine Vimy heavy bomber aircraft. Vickers also established landing fields and fuel depots along the way.

Smith's aircraft was given lettering of "G-EAOU".

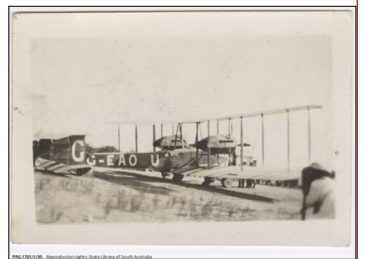
Captain Ross MacPherson Smith, of Adelaide, was a 26 year old highly decorated pilot and World War I veteran. In 1914, he had enlisted in the 3rd Light Horse Regiment, landing at Gallipoli on May 13, 1915. In late 1916, he transferred to the Australian Flying Corps. For his skill and valour, he was twice awarded the Military Cross and was a three-time recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1919, Smith was also awarded the Air Force Cross. His flying exploits during the war earned him the designation as an "Air Ace" with 11 confirmed victories.

Ross Smith's brother Lieutenant Keith Smith, a pilot in the RAF between 1917 and 1919 was his assistant pilot. Mechanics were sergeants Walter Shiers, also from Adelaide and James Bennett from Victoria. Both mechanics were renowned for their significant skill with fixing engines. Smith left England on November 12, 1919 for Darwin. Twenty-three stops were recorded before touching down in Darwin after almost 28 days.

The trip from Darwin to Sydney was plagued by mechanical problems and a split propeller. The aircraft landed in Sydney on Febru-

ary 14, 1920. Following several celebrations, the crew left Sydney on February 23, 1920 for Melbourne, Victoria. The crew were given an official reception at Parliament House in Melbourne where Smith was presented with the £10,000 prize money. Smith later flew on to Adelaide where celebrations continued.

The newspaper report of the day, printed below, indicates the forced landing at The Rock and at Henty, NSW.



The Rock got a surprise visitor

Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times (Albury, NSW), Wednesday February 25, 1920

Landing at the Rock — Tuesday

Sir Ross Smith and party, in the Vickers-Vimy machine landed here today at about 10 minutes before 1 o'clock. Inquiries elicited the information that the compulsory landing was due to a minor engine trouble. The mechanics got busy and the machine was in readiness to start off within an hour. As soon as it became known that the machine had come down, people flocked to the scene, and they had a fine opportunity of viewing the famous aeroplane at close quarters.

Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith were greeted with hearty cheers, and among the large number of people who met them was Mr G W Ashford, Minister for Agriculture, who was at The Rock in order to deliver an

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electioneering speech here this evening. There was the greatest excitement when the machine rose into the air and flew away in the direction of Henty.

Mr Norman, of The Rock Hotel, promptly invited the aviators to make use of his accommodation, but the offer was declined by Sir Ross Smith with thanks. He said they preferred to stand-by in order to push on as soon as flight was partible. Many other residents displayed great enthusiasm bringing along fruit etc which the airmen gratefully received.

Sir Ross Smith's arrival took The Rock quite by surprise. He apparently for some reason or another altered the proposed route from Cootamundra to Melbourne and local residents had no idea he was coming this way until they heard the great buzzing noise of the machine. He circled twice above the town before descending.

Sergeant Cameron, who is in charge of The Henty police station, was the first man to arrive on the scene when Sir Ross Smith and party made a forced landing at Henty recently. He has a memento in the form of a watch trinket made from a piece of brass from Sir Ross Smith's machine.

Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times (Albury, NSW), Wednesday February 25, 1920.

Henty hosted flyers

(By Telephone).

Sir Ross Smith and party reached Henty at about 2 o'clock this afternoon. There was a large crowd waiting to watch the famous Vickers-Vimy machine pass over the town, and when there were indications that it was to make

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a landing the greatest excitement prevailed.

Intelligence had been received that the aviators had experienced engine trouble at The Rock, but had expressed the determination to push on if at all possible and their arrival was awaited with the greatest interest.

After circling the town, the plane descended in a paddock in the vicinity of the Henty Cemetery, and a good landing was accomplished. Sir Ross Smith, when questioned, was not inclined to discuss the trouble, but the mechanics who promptly got busy, said that minor engine difficulties were responsible for the forced landing.

During the afternoon the gigantic plane was inspected with great interest by a large crowd of residents

and people who motored in from the surrounding district. The famous airmen, it was ascertained after in the afternoon, had decided to spend the night at Hotel Henty, and to resume the journey to Melbourne tomorrow. If all is in readiness, they will leave at about 9 o'clock.

Later Smith recalled the landing at The Rock and at Henty.

Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW) Saturday 28th February, 1920.

Captain Ross Smith's — Flight to Melbourne

"The closest call during the whole of the trip was the incident at Bon Accord where the machine touched the trees and the defective oil pump".

In explaining, in an interview at Menzies Hotel, the mishaps which prevented their arrival in Melbourne

on Tuesday, Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith both declared that on Tuesday they had had the "closest call" of the whole trip (says the "Argus.") .

They said that in ascending after their forced descent at "Bon Accord" they had to rise out of a comparatively small field which had tall gums around it. As they approached this fringe of trees, they realised that it was going to be a close thing. The outside edge of one wing of the plane actually caught the branches as they passed, but luckily the impact was not severe enough to cause a disaster. "If we had struck another foot farther in, said Sir Keith Smith, nothing would have saved us from turning over, and if we had done that we should not have been here to tell the tale". As it was, he pointed out, they had had to do the whole of the last stage that day - 236 miles from Henty - on one engine only.

When they had been in the air for about an hour on Tuesday, they found that the oil pressure in one engine was defective. Instead of giving a 40lb pressure all over the machine, it went down to 15lb when the oil heated and with such a low pressure as that there was a great danger of the machine becoming heated, in which case, nothing could

have saved them.

After their landing at The Rock, where they had made partial repairs to the valves, the oil worked better for a few minutes, but again, as soon as it became warm with flying, the pressure went down below the safety point.

At Henty they realised that they would have to abandon further flying that day, and they set to work and were all working on the machine until darkness came. They removed the oil pumps from the defective engine, and for their last stage that morning they had had to lighten, their load very largely, as it was apparent that without a proper overhaul, they could not improve the oil flow. They therefore left behind all their personal effects and lightened their petrol load by three-quarters of a ton.

Almost as soon as they rose for their flight to Melbourne yesterday morning, they shut off the defective engine at once and never used it again. It was not surprising that this defect, should have arisen, they said, seeing that they had had on their whole trip about 175 hours in the air without a proper overhaul, and no machine was supposed to do more than 100

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The \$1 stamp issued to mark the centenary of the first England to Australia flight. It features a photograph of Captain Ross Smith, Lieutenant Keith Smith and Sergeants James Bennett and Walter Shiers in front of their Vickers-Vimy.

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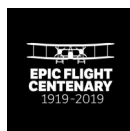
hours in the air at the most without such treatment. Now that they had got the machine to a well-equipped aerodrome, they expected to be able to set their machine fully to rights within a week or ten days.

When asked as to their aims for the future, the airmen said that they had no plans for further flights at present, except that they intended in 10 days or a fortnight to fly to their own State; South Australia. Their greatest joy that day had been the accomplishment of their full purpose.

Messrs Vickers-Vimy had asked them when they set out to allow the people of Sydney and Melbourne to see the machine, and so

they had had a feeling of greater satisfaction that day than at any time during their flight, for at last they had done all that they had intended to do when they left London. They had arranged to divide the Commonwealth Government's prize of £10,000 equally among the four of them. What they would do next, after they had had a good holiday, sit home for a month or two, they had not decided.

Sir Keith Smith's diary for the whole flight shows a total flying time of 175 hours to cover altogether 13,500 miles (21,726km).



Australian trivia questions

General Knowledge

1. How many countries are larger than Australia?
2. Australia has the world's largest sand island. What is its name?
3. In what year was Advance Australia Fair proclaimed as the national anthem by the Governor-General?
4. In what city did the Commonwealth Parliament first sit?
5. Who is on the front of the current issue of the \$100 note?

History and Science

1. How many ships were in the First Fleet?
2. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?
3. Who invented the bionic ear?
4. Where was Ned Kelly's

last stand?

5. Who was Australia's first Aboriginal Senator?
6. What date did the "new" Parliament House open?

Entertainment

1. What were the first names of the winning couple from The Block?
2. What is the highest grossing Australian movie?
3. Who is the longest serving presenter of Play-school?
4. What three movies are part of Baz Luhrmann's "Red Curtain Trilogy"?
5. Who are the actors who play Kath and Kim?
6. Cate Blanchett received an Academy Award nomination for what movie?

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Council news

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Business dealt with at the meeting included:

Approval for a dwelling, carport, garden shed and shipping container to be installed at 1685 Gerogery Rd, Gerogery was granted.

Council also granted approval for a transportable dwelling to be constructed in King Street, Brocklesby.

A Free Waste Facility Access Day will be held on 5 April 2020 at all facilities in the shire. Patrons will be asked to provide evidence that they are a resident of the shire, and be able to dispose of rubbish and waste free on that day, with fridges, freezers, mattresses and tyres to be at half price for the day, and a limit of 2 tyres only at the reduced price per household. The free access day will be widely promoted to the community.

Council adopted the Hours of Operation for Pools Policy, which will result in all pools being opened one extra hour on extreme hot days where the weather is predicted to exceed 40 de-

grees. The policy also deals with what actions will be taken in the event of adverse weather and other issues that might impact the safety and welfare of patrons and staff. You can read the policy on Council's website.

Recently it was announced that Greater Hume received \$1 million under the Drought Communities Extension Program. Council considered a report recommending the allocation of \$800,000 to the upgrade of playing surfaces at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera sportsgrounds, a further \$25,000 to a place making study for Culcairn and the preparation of a mandatory adverse event plan. Council will receive another report in February regarding the remaining allocation of \$150,000.

Council will take the lead role and advocate for sustainable levels of state funding for library services across Greater Hume. Council will also lead a deputation to the Member for Albury, Justin Clancy, and write to the Minister for Arts and Shadow Minister calling for bi-partisan support for CPI indexation of state funding for NSW libraries. Further, Council will promote the message for sustainable funding within the community and be involved in any actions proposed by the NSW Public Libraries Association.

Council will take formal steps to acquire a crown land roadway which runs across the Brocklesby Recreation Reserve.

Council accepted an offer to permit a licence to graze Council land in Baird Street, Culcairn.

Council deferred a decision to relinquish the section 355 committee managing the Walbundrie Hall, to enable further consultation

with the community.

Council will undertake preliminary investigation for a potential purchase of land in Holbrook and it will offer the property at 11 Wattle Street, Culcairn for sale by private treaty.

The next Council meeting will be held on 19 February at Culcairn.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available for viewing at any time on Council's website or in person at any Greater Hume Customer Service Office.

Cr Heather Wilton Mayor

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fering the full range of Service NSW services.

Greater Hume Council staff are able to conduct driver computer tests on behalf of Service NSW. Please contact the Culcairn office on 6036 0100 to arrange an appointment.

Answers to Australian Trivia

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General Knowledge

1. Five (Australia is the sixth largest country: Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil)

2. Fraser Island

3. 1984

4. Melbourne

5. Dame Nellie Melba

History and Science

1. 11

2. 1974

3. Professor Graeme Clark

4. Glenrowan

5. Neville Bonner

6. May 9, 1988

Entertainment

1. Fiona and Adam

2. Crocodile Dundee

3. Benita

4. Strictly Ballroom, Romeo and Juliet, and Moulin Rouge

5. Jane Turner and Gina Riley

6. Elizabeth

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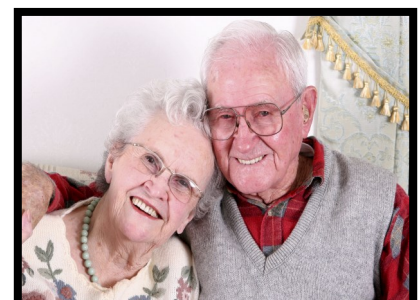
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