

# Headerlines

## Henty Community News



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### NSW Trainee of the Year Award — Emily Jones

I am so very honored to be a finalist for NSW Trainee of the Year for 2020! When I started my Traineeship with the Greater Hume Council, it was a juggle trying to complete my other qualifications and honestly, I had no idea of what my job would lead to or encompass, but after working here for three years I am in love with the position and can't imagine working anywhere else right now. Studying with ATEL through TAFE NSW was so incredibly easy! I got on the job experience as well as a great qualification and not to mention a job at the end of it. It gave me a great work/study balance and some fun programs and events thrown in there too.

My step-son asked me this morning why do I do my job and who made me do it? I was amused by the question and my answer

was easy – no one made me do it, I do my job because I love it. Where else would I be able to stay in my home town and work within my own community to try and help, engage and have fun with my own generation?

Thank you so much to everyone that has helped me make it to the position for a nomination, let alone a finalist. Without the support from Susan, my parents and family it wouldn't have been half as easy.



### Railway crossing relocation underway at Henty

Preliminary work has begun to relocate a railway crossing at Henty, which will improve road and rail safety between Albury and Wagga Wagga.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and Federal Member for Riverina Michael McCormack said the \$7.2 million project would deliver a new railway crossing around 850 metres north of the existing Williams Rail Crossing, north of Henty.

"This is an essential project for safety, heavy vehicle efficiency and economic development in regional New South Wales – right in the heart of a prime agricultural area," Mr McCormack said.

"This is a great local example of how the Liberal and Nationals Government's \$100 billion infrastructure investment is setting foun-

dations for economic recovery on the other side of the COVID-19."

New South Wales Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said the project would increase efficiency and safety for those using the intersection.

"Relocating the railway crossing will reduce the number of heavy vehicles travelling through Henty's local streets – and mean more efficient trips for local farmers moving grain from paddock to the silo," Mr Toole said.

"About one kilometre of the Olympic Highway will be realigned as part of this work and a new intersection will be built between Grubben Road, Orange Flat Lane and the new railway crossing."

Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley said the project would provide safer access

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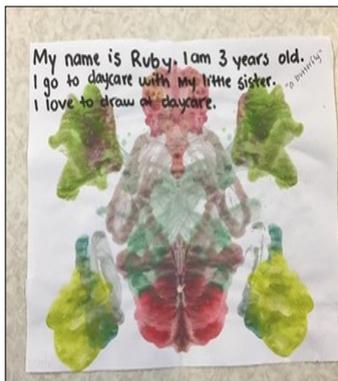
The editorial team reserves the right not to publish any article or to modify submissions to suit the style and objectives of the newsletter.



The children and educators at Greater Hume Children Services Henty have been keeping busy exploring and creating a variety of arts and crafts for recent events including Easter, Anzac Day and Mother's Day.



We have stayed connected with our community during COVID isolation period by writing letters to elderly people in our community to wish them a Happy Easter.



The children were very excited to receive personalised letters and cards of thanks in the mail.

We spent some time enjoying the glorious autumn days out in the sun exploring our gardens, building numerous things; including trains and cubby houses, planting herbs as a start to our new vegetable garden and participating in various sports activities in our backyard.



We plan to grow vegetables for the children to tend to, harvest, cook and eat at the Centre.



The children also explored the meaning of ANZAC Day and created poppies for the wonderful ANZAC Day display at the front of the Service. Whilst the children and educators were unable to attend any ANZAC Services this year, they wanted our Returned Servicemen and Women to know that we are still sharing and

commemorating this special part of Australian culture.



The recent wet weather has seen our play move to water play outside in the puddles along with lots of inside time where we have engaged in a variety of activities including dressing up in costumes, dancing to our favourite songs and reading books.

For more information about our Centres phone 0436 812 579 or Email: [mail@ghchildren.com.au](mailto:mail@ghchildren.com.au)  
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## St Barnabas

Anglican Church  
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### Service Times

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30am  
Contact: Rev Ken Dale  
0428 293 655

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to the local grain storage facility.

“The push to relocate this crossing has been a priority due to the number of near-crashes at this location over the years,” Ms Ley said.

State Member for Albury Justin Clancy said the project was a great win for the local community.

“It has been a long journey to develop this project and find funding, and in every way this is a great achievement by the local community and its active council,” Mr Clancy said.

Greater Hume Shire Mayor Heather Wilton said Council had been a passionate advocate for this project, lobbying for funding and progressing the relocation to this stage. “Council’s commitment to serving the best interests

of the people of Henty and their concern for all road users who use this rail crossing has been heartening,” Cr Wilton said.

“This relocation project is a great example of how federal, state and local governments can work together for the benefit of local residents.”

Preliminary work on the project commenced recently and is expected to continue for about four months. Changed traffic conditions will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists including traffic control, lane closures and a reduced speed limit.

The project has been jointly funded, with the Australian Government committing \$3.6 million, the NSW Government \$3.1 million and Greater Hume Shire Council \$500,000.

## COVID-19 virus information

If you believe you may have contracted the COVID-19 virus

- call Health Direct 1800 022 222 or
- call Murrumbidgee Hotline 1800 831 099 or
- contact/phone your GP, advise them in advance if you have symptoms

## Electric blanket safety checks

- Check blankets for wear or damage.
- Check for damage where the cord attaches to the controller and the blanket, and check the switch for cracking, discolouration, heat marks or other damage.
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- Always test your electric blankets at the start of winter when you take them out of storage. If an electric blanket is more than five years old, have it checked by an electrician.
- Turn the electric blanket off when you get into bed. Do not leave it turned on overnight.

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## Greater Hume Council Library News

### Click & Collect at Your Local Library

The Greater Hume Council Libraries are currently closed to the public, however, we would like to provide our valued customers the opportunity to still borrow books, DVDs, Magazines and audiobooks from the libraries with Click & Collect.

#### How it works:

Contact Library Staff by calling, emailing or social media.

Provide your Name and Library Card Number.

Library staff will ask you a number of questions:

- How many items do you want to collect?
- Which library do you want to collect your items from?
- What type of library items do you want to borrow?
- What type of format and genre are you interested in?

A librarian will email you when your items are ready for collection (within 24 hours).

You collect your items from the branch of your choice.

### Free Home Delivery Service from Greater Hume Council Libraries

The free service is available to residents who reside in

towns and villages of the Greater Hume Council and who are members of the libraries. Books, magazines, DVDs, Audiobooks are available to be loaned and delivered to you.

Library staff are maintaining best practice standards of hygiene and disinfection of all library items, and maintaining appropriate social distancing during all interactions with patrons.

Library patrons are encouraged to contact Greater Hume Council Libraries for more information on days of delivery in your location.

Phone: 02 6036 0179 or 02 6036 3262

Email: [Henty.Library@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Henty.Library@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

### Participate in collecting images, posters, and flyers of life during COVID

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live. The Greater Hume Council Libraries are collecting images, flyers and posters of life in the local area during this unprecedented moment in our history so that we may help tell this story to future generations and to show how life in regional New South Wales has changed during this time.

While many people will eventually discard this material, it provides invaluable

information about this significant event impacting our community and nation. We appreciate your help in preserving this material. Please put this material aside for the Library and we will send a 'call out' for you to mail or drop the material into the Library when we reopen.

How to get involved?

1. Take a photo of your life right now – how you work, learn, eat, stay fit, keep informed and stay entertained.
2. Send information to [skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) or [Holbrook.library@nsw.gov.au](mailto:Holbrook.library@nsw.gov.au).
3. Post and Tag Us by following Greater Hume Council Libraries on Facebook and Instagram.

Please take care and stay in touch with us.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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### Newspaper Database

We are adding to our digital content with Access Australia by NewsBank. From local publications to nationwide news sources such as The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian, Access Australia includes

content from the most popular daily, weekly and Sunday newspapers as well as hard-to-find community and regional news. It gathers content related to current global issues, events and people from over 600 Australian newspapers (including web-only sources). There is also television transcripts, audio and video content.

Find NewsBank on our Information Online page <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/info-online-3/>

### Electronic News

### Virtual Storytime Sessions with Library Staff

Hi Storytime families. Each week Library staff members from Greater Hume Council Libraries will be posting special story time sessions on Facebook and Instagram and staff would love for you to join us.

You might also like to do some of the following things

1. Comment about the post
2. Write your name on a piece of paper and draw a picture of your favourite part of the story

Follow the Greater Hume Council Libraries on Facebook and Instagram to listen to Library staff telling some wonderful stories suitable for preschool aged children.

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  - Genre / information you are interested in
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**\*\* Collection is available 11.00am-3.00pm Tuesday and Thursday from Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera Libraries**

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**Lockdown news**

To ward off lockdown fever, Kevin Fogarty has kept himself busy typing all Yvonne's stories as well as completing his sixth wrap, now being sewn up by Daisy Hinch. No. 7 is almost at the half way mark.

The Community Club has taken advantage of the hibernation period to paint the roof of the old part of the club to match the newer buildings. Looks great.

The Vitality Passport Program (a government funded free programme designed to help keep elderly people in

their own homes longer) was introduced to Probus members by physiotherapist Jeremy Carr. It consisted of individual interviews initially and was meant to be followed up by group sessions, but has now used modern technology to hold Zoom meetings. The three areas of mental, nutrition and physical health area are all treated.

**Sign of times on Anzac Day**

Did you see Bendigo Bank's tribute to Anzac Day on the electronic sign on Railway Parade? As there was no Anzac march or service Stephanie Bedggood and Alison Campbell combined resources for "Lest We Forget" pictures of our monument, soldiers, wreaths, poppies and hats.



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## Community War Memorials Fund

In response to feedback from our stakeholders we have adjusted the NSW Government's Community War Memorials Fund application rounds.

The dates for the 2020/21 rounds are:

- **Round 1: Opened Saturday, 25 April 2020 (Anzac Day)** – Closes Monday July 27 2020
- **Round 2: Opens Wednesday, 11 November 2020 (Remembrance Day)** – Closes Thursday 11 February 2021

Round 1 is now open. Eligible organisations can apply online for grants of up to \$10,000 to protect, con-

serve or repair local war memorials in New South Wales. Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday, 27 July 2020.

Further information about the Community War Memorials Fund can be found on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at:

<https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>



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## Home services

Henty-Culcairn congregation of the Uniting Church has been enjoying especially creative sermons, thoughts for the day, musical items and poetry over the internet. Led by Presbyterian minister the Rev Yvonne Gavalis, a wonderful range of services has been developed, though everyone is looking forward to the time when they can worship together.

At the last service, some months ago now, the congregation was encouraged to ring someone every day. Everyone has been doing this and it has helped so much in this time of isolation.

## Firewood collection permits

Residents of Greater Hume Council area can obtain a permit which allows them to collect fallen timber (felling of trees is not permitted) for personal use from selected roadside verges within the Council area. The permit is valid for a period of up to 12 months and can be obtained by contacting 02 6036 0100 or email your nearest Greater Hume Council Customer Service Centre following payment of the appropriate administration fee and proof of residency within Greater Hume Council area.

## Scholarships

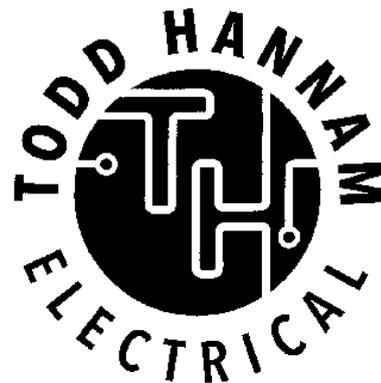
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## Cabinet decision applauded

A huge shout-out and thank you to the Greater Hume Council for its community development grant contribution. This grant has allowed the Henty Park Tennis Club, Henty Amateur Swimming Club and Henty War Memorial Swimming Pool Committee to construct a beautiful trophy cabinet which is housed in the tennis/swimming clubhouse.



The trophy cabinet was built by TKEL Furniture using the original doors of the Henty swimming pool

before the building was upgraded. The doors were donated by the Henty RSL Club many years ago. The RSL has been sponsor of the pool since its conception. It is ideal to be able to restore the doors in this way to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that the Henty RSL Club has made to the Henty community. The cabinet sits proudly next to the Henty Park Tennis Club honour board and the revamped 50th anniversary of the pool mural painted by Elizabeth Ellis.

The combined clubs plan to have an official community open day to view the trophy cabinet and mural in the near future so watch this space!!

## Pleasant Hills ticks all the boxes

The small Pleasant Hills CWA Branch was lucky enough to win two State Awards, which would normally be announced at the yearly State Conference. One was the Past State President's Award, which is awarded for service to the community, and the other was The Daily Advertiser Publicity Award. Unfortunately, due to the re-

strictions imposed because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Country Women's Association Annual Conference scheduled to be held in Newcastle in May had to be cancelled.

This past year was a very busy year for the branch, as it held many scone stalls at Bunnings raising funds, which in turn enabled us to help so many more projects –

putting a defibrillator in the Pleasant Hills community, organising, preparing and distributing 680 Pamper Packs throughout the state, donating considerable funds to the CWA Disaster Fund, Hilltop Carer's Accommodation in Albury, as well as extra money to its usual benefactors, such as the Royal Flying Doctor.

A dream, that of providing and distributing the Pamper Packs to rural women in drought-affected areas came to pass. This blossomed to become a far-reaching Community Project, with many people in Albury, Wagga Wagga, and all the towns in between, all chipping in and helping where they could. As you know, Henty was involved "every step of the way", with several people collecting goods for the project. Dales IGA became the main "drop-off" spot and when "packing day" dawned bright and early, several people from Henty travelled to Albury to help.

Then there was the issue of delivering the impressive number of boxes and bags. Marie Jacobsen took some to Collie when she was passing through that area, Jim Jacobsen did a round trip, taking in Hay, Ivanhoe and Hillston, while Charles and Bev Fellows from Albury did a trip to Condobolin. Connie and John Ross drove a fully laden vehicle as far as Nyngan, delivering along the way as well as taking several car-

tons to be picked up from Nyngan and taken to outlying areas. As well as these deliveries, Land Transport also delivered free of charge over 30 cartons to Moree, Dubbo, and Tamworth areas.

People receiving these packs were most grateful, and the branch received many lovely "thank you" letters and cards.

On top of this, people were so generous with their cash donations as well as goodies which enabled the branch to donate almost \$7000 to the many small townships where it had sent packs, with the money to be used in their towns!

The Pleasant Hills branch thanks all the people who contributed, as this enabled it to win these prestigious State Awards, a first for Pleasant Hills in both cases.



Lyn Jacobsen (left) and Bev Frohling (right)

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## Book project returns

For many of us the enforced time spent at home has not been wasted.

Yvonne Booth has taken up writing her World War 1 stories after a gap of five years which she started before her husband Graham took sick. "Henty Heroes" will be published with about 150 stories of Henty soldiers whose names are on our Honour Board hanging in the Civic Centre. This is a taste of the stories.

### Trooper Richard Walter Crozier (930): 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Born in Numurkah in 1892 Richard died in Egypt North Africa in the Battle of Romani aged 24. His father, Tom, was a Henty farmer, while Richard was living and working at Culcairn as a farmer when he enlisted.

He departed Newcastle on board HMAT Bakara on May 22, 1915. He was assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse and remained with this unit throughout his service. He received a minor shrapnel wound to the neck on November 25, 1915 and was sent out to Malta on the Glenart Castle, a hospital ship. He re-joined his unit at Maadi,

Egypt, when fit for active service. He received more shrapnel wounds and was killed in action on August 4, 1916. He is buried at Bir-el-Maler Cemetery. In 1925 a letter was dispatched from Base Records to tell his father, Tom Crozier, that "your son the late 930 R. W. Crozier was interred at Katara War Cemetery, Egypt".

A letter from Tom's other serving son, Trooper Syd Crozier, said, "Do not take it too hard Dad. I was with him to the last. He did not know what happened to him and only lived a little while after he was hit. We were getting it pretty hot all morning and had to retire. We were riding over a little hill and a machine gun got to us. He just said he was hit, rode a few yards, and fell off his horse. He was hit through the heart. I know he would give his life for the cause again if it was wanted. We would all give our lives before we would let the Germans get the canal. All that was left of them have gone back. I captured a German, but I could not shoot him. He would only put up his hands. Dick had no pain at all. He died on the battlefield a good soldier, a good man."

### Private Richard Nicholls Dobbie (3036) - 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Infantry

At the time of his enlistment Richard was married to Bessie Clara Dobbie and worked at Farmers & Graziers in Henty. He was 37 years old, having come from Ballarat, Victoria, where he was in the Cadet Forces during his school days. He had two young children.

After his enlistment in September 1916, Private Dobbie's wife became very ill. Because of this he lost his unit, but was able to return in October 1916.

In May 1918 he was gassed in France and sent to Southern General Hospital, London. Mustard gas caused blindness (usually temporary), swelling of the eyelids, vomiting, burns and blisters to the skin. The

British, French and Germans were all using gas as a weapon of terror. About 3% of gas casualties were fatal, but this figure is misleading. Many soldiers returned home after having been gassed and suffered then with chronic bronchitis and skin rashes. Death often followed.

Richard Dobbie was killed in action in the field on August 22, 1918. His grave is at the Beacon Cemetery, Bay-sur-Somme, a mile SW of Morlancourt.



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## Keep warm this winter

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### Use a draught snake or plastic draught stopper

To ensure cold air doesn't seep into the rooms you're trying to keep warm.

### Use thick curtains

Switching to heavy curtains will help protect your interiors from losing heat through your windows.

### Let the light in

During the day open up your curtains and let sunlight inside. Close your curtains as soon as the sun begins to set to retain the heat you've brought in during the day.

### Turn off your bathroom fan

Exhaust fans in your bathroom and kitchen pull the rising hot air from the ceiling of these rooms sucking out the heat. During winter use them frugally and make sure to switch them off when you're done.

### Dress warmly!

It sounds straightforward, but often it's easier to warm yourself rather than your whole house. A warm pair of ugg boots and a snug jumper could save you hundreds in heating and energy bills!



# on demand public transport

## Now in the Riverina region

On Demand is a new public transport service that makes travelling within the Riverina region easier. Whether it's a trip to the shops, social activities, a medical appointment or connecting to major transport interchanges, Regional Buses On Demand can get you where you need to be. Just book a ride at a time that suits you and leave the car at home. Easy!

## Service area



Pick up is available in each town area and up to 4km around the towns; plus up to 4km each side of the roads shown on the map.

For country passengers, free transfer around the boundaries of Albury city & Wagga Wagga city are available during the day.

## How it works

Call, text or email Regional Buses 24 hours in advance and we will pick you up from your doorstep and take you to your destination. Service routes are as follows:

**Mon & Wed:** Holbrook-Morven-Culcairn-Gerogery-Albury

**Tues & Thurs:** Holbrook-Morven-Culcairn-Henty-Yerong Creek-The Rock-Uranquinty-Wagga Wagga

**Fri:** Holbrook-Woomargama-Mullengandra-Albury

Services depart Holbrook at 7:30am and returns at 4:30pm.

## Fares

Passengers can pay by cash or EFTPOS as they board the bus. Tickets will be issued by our drivers for each trip. Fares below are for **one way** travel.

### Mon & Wed: Holbrook to Albury

Location	Standard	Concession
Holbrook	\$14.80	\$7.40
Morven	\$9.80	\$4.90
Culcairn	\$9.80	\$4.90
Gerogery	\$7.40	\$3.70

### Tues & Thurs: Holbrook to Wagga Wagga

Location	Standard	Concession
Holbrook	\$14.80	\$7.40
Morven	\$14.80	\$7.40
Culcairn	\$14.80	\$7.40
Henty	\$14.80	\$7.40
Yerong Creek	\$9.80	\$4.90
The Rock	\$7.40	\$3.70
Uranquinty	\$5.00	\$2.50

### Fri: Holbrook to Albury

Location	Standard	Concession
Holbrook	\$14.80	\$7.40
Woomargama	\$9.80	\$4.90
Mullengandra	\$5.00	\$2.50

The Regional Excursion Daily Ticket (RED) is available at \$2.50 for eligible travellers, including Pensioner Concession eCard holders, NSW Seniors card holders and War Widower/s card holders (NSW or Victoria).

## How to book

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## Peter Mac buys humidifiers

\$40,000 has been spent on humidifiers for the acute care department as it will be vital for patient's care during the present health crisis. The auxiliary shop has been closed because of COVID-19 so they are unable to receive any goods until further notice. However, Henty folk are still working for the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute by knitting baby wear, stripping lavender from

stems, making beanies, sewing up odds and ends of knitwear and making soft toys. Supplies of wool have been left at No. 20 and then distributed to those needing them. The group still has pretty mauve material for lavender bags. Though the signs were made for Peter Mac dates they are still waiting to be displayed for the opening day, hopefully in July.

## More wraps on the way

Already 18 wraps are awaiting transfer to Wagga Wagga to our co-ordinator, Mrs H. Piltz. Myoora Hostel ladies are working very hard at knitting and sewing the wraps together.

Despite our isolation we have been able to knit, knit, knit and those isolated at home have continued their knitting and crocheting too, ready to add to the high pile of wraps at the Uniting Church Hall.

It's been a time for cleaning out cupboards during the lockdown so packs of wool have been delivered regularly to those waiting, after having been sorted by the co-ordinators. Keep on keeping on!



## Students adapt to remote learning

These are indeed strange times that we have in education at the present.

Students at Henty Public School have spent weeks where their learning has been taking place at home. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the school is like

other educational institutions and has been operating remotely.

The school has for a several years operated online learning platforms with the students and families, namely Seesaw and Google Classroom. Emma Quinn, assistant principal, has overseen its technology and been a leading force in its achievements.

With the requirements to social distance and learning at home, the move to online learning has been relatively seamless. The school congratulates all families/carers on their support and perseverance to ensure



their children are on task and completing their tasks.

The school has been fortunate to always be supported by a very active and generous P & C. It is due to their support that the school was able to hand out over 50 devices, including iPads and computers to families. This has meant that all

families have been able to access online learning with devices and their children have been able to stay in contact with their teachers and their classmates and friends.

The school is currently in Phase 1 of the managed return to school and the prospect of moving to the next phase is expected in the next few weeks. While we have been fortunate to be able to provide learning at home and have the resources and support from teachers and families, the school looks forward to seeing all students here again. The teachers say they have missed them.



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## Service in a changing world

Having conducted fortnightly meetings for the past 40 years, either at the Doodle Cooma Arms, the Henty Bowling and Golf Club or in members' homes, the unwanted intrusion of COVID 19 presented quite a challenge for the Henty Lions Club. Like every individual, group and of course, service organisation, the club continues to experience the issues of isolation and the cancellation of many activities in which Henty Lions Club is involved.

The annual general meeting to elect new office bearers had to be conducted by email and telephone. Julie Colley and John Ross were returned president and secretary respectively. Garry Small replaces Terri Taylor as treasurer; Ken Dale continues as tail twister and membership officer while Lorri Roden retains the role of Lion tamer.

Undeterred, members turned to the internet recently and held a virtual meeting, courtesy of the Zoom Video Conference App and several important issues were resolved. Leadership workshops were held online for incoming office bearers replacing the

need to travel this year. Life goes on!

Over all these years, regular meetings have allowed the club to develop a strong focus on community service. For senior high school students there is the Lions Club Youth of the Year and, on occasions, the opportunity for them to participate in the International Youth Exchange Program. Sadly, this year, winners from each club participating in YOTY were unable to progress to the Zone Finals and beyond. Fortunately, the local primary school children selected to attend the popular Lions Licola Wilderness Adventure camp in January this year, postponed due to the bushfires, will be able to participate in January, 2021.

The Spelling Bee, which involves local primary school students, will once again be conducted by Kevin Fogarty later in the year, subject to the lifting of restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. The Junior Youth of the Year was a casualty of the virus this year.

Club members are delighted to have the opportunity to conduct the very popular Christmas stocking, both as

a community project and a fundraiser. This initiative has always been run by the local Red Cross Auxiliary who sadly, closed this year. The Lions look forward to the same support the branch enjoyed.

In the spirit of helping local individuals and groups, Henty club were pleased to be able to help undertake the role of organising an account and contributing to the funds raised to support local man, Steven Hallam who is recovering from surgery after a serious accident earlier this year.

Looking to the broader community, at the last meeting members approved a donation to be sent to support the Albury-Wodonga Hilltop Cancer Carer Accommodation Centre. In recent years the Club has also funded the team researching Chronic Fatigue

Syndrome at Griffith University in Queensland.

Due to the restrictions imposed because of the corona virus, the books and materials to be packaged and sent to schools in Africa have not yet been collected. However, club members do appreciate the generosity of the public with this project.

The recycling of used newspapers and magazines continues with the collection point being located at the Council Depot in Smith Street as usual. If you have spectacles you no longer require, they can be left at Dales Electrical.

Recently it was decided to finalise our club project, "Feed My Mate". At the last "meeting" members passed a motion to send cheques to both Trangie

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and Tottenham Lions Clubs to cover the cost of a pallet of working dog cubes. Both clubs will liaise with their local produce merchants and/or rural merchandise outlets to provide the cubes. These businesses will benefit, as will the local farmers in most need, who are struggling to recover from the effects of the drought in NSW.

Lions wish to sincerely thank all those generous folk, both from the local area and beyond who made donations to the project.

Our Lions members congratulate returning President, Julie Colley on being appointed Zone 10 Chairman. Julie is only the second member of Henty Lions to be elected to this position and we wish her well! The nine members of the Lions Club of Henty

form an active group and are always looking for and would really welcome new members.

Henty Lions Club looks forward to meeting "face to face" and being out and about, serving in the community once again when the current restrictions are relaxed. It will take more than a pandemic to keep us down!



## Thank you

Sharing with you all a letter of thanks written on behalf of the Hallam Family concerning the wonderful

response to the appeal initiated by Bruce Whitlock and Mick Broughan recently.

*On behalf of Steven and Grace we would like to pass on their gratitude and thanks to everyone who has contributed to the "Steven Hallam Beneficiary Account" to assist Steven with his treatment and rehabilitation journey.*

*Both Steven and Grace have been overwhelmed by your support both financially and in kind. Steven is now home, and providing no further complications such as infection occur its rehab time.*

*He still has pain issues and problems with feeling in two fingers and not much movement in his left arm, Steven has discovered a video of a one armed shearer and is determined to become the first one and a*

*half armed shearer in the district!*

*Please accept this as a personal thanks from both Steven and Grace for your very valued support to the family.*

*Special thanks to the Henty Lions Club for undertaking the role of account organisers and administrators on behalf of all the donors.*

*Thank you to every individual and family, the Henty Churches, Henty Football Club, Henty Cricket Club, Henty First Responders and any other community groups who supported the Steven Hallam Beneficiary Appeal.*

*Bruce Whitlock and Mick Broughan.*

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## FAQs on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Below is an extract from NSW Health of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 include **fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat and shortness of breath.**

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include **loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite.**

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia with severe acute respiratory distress.

### What is the difference between COVID-19 and the flu?

The first symptoms of

COVID-19 and influenza (flu) infections are often very similar. They both cause fever and similar respiratory symptoms, which can then range from mild through to severe disease, and sometimes can be fatal.

Both viruses are also transmitted in the same way, by coughing or sneezing, or by contact with hands, surfaces or objects contaminated with the virus. As a result, the same public health measures, such as hand hygiene (hand washing), good respiratory etiquette (coughing into your elbow or into a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue) and good household cleaning are important actions to prevent both infections.

The speed of transmission is an important difference be-

tween the two viruses. Influenza typically has a shorter incubation period (the time from infection to appearance of symptoms) than COVID-19. This means that influenza can spread faster than COVID-19.

While the range of symptoms for the two viruses is similar, the fraction with severe disease appears to be higher for COVID-19. While most people have mild symptoms, approximately 15% of people have severe infections and 5% require intensive care in a hospital ICU. The proportions of severe and critical COVID-19 infections are higher than for influenza infections.

Will the flu vaccine protect against COVID-19?

No, but it is more important than ever to get a flu vaccine this year. Flu vaccination reduces your chances of getting influenza, which means it also reduces the risk of you having two potentially seri-

ous infections, influenza and COVID-19, at the same time.

People are encouraged to discuss with their GP or other immunisation providers how to organise to get their influenza vaccination with the physical distancing requirements and other measures in place to minimise potential exposure to coronavirus.

People not eligible for free flu vaccine can consider also to get vaccinated through many pharmacies. Children under 5 years can also access the free influenza vaccine through community health centres and local councils that immunise children.

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## Happy pupils are back

How lovely it is to have the students return to St Paul's Lutheran Primary School buzzing with excitement, full of smiles and many stories shared. They were missed by everyone.



*Emily Sturm, Harriet Schuller, Meg Todori*



*Meg Todori*

The school says it is thankful for the parental support and guidance with the students over the past weeks when lockdown was enforced.

Students have all settled back to school extremely

well. The new sandpit was an instant hit and well used in the first week back. The massive smiles on the children's faces shows their appreciation and love of the new playing area.

The school is remodelling the 2/3/4 classroom and Library. The 2/3/4 classroom has been relocated to the Art room until building is completed. Miss Wright has made the Art room very comfortable and inviting for the students.

## Council news

COVID-19 restrictions have changed the way Council can run its monthly meeting. The May meeting was conducted with seven councillors and some staff participating via Zoom, two councillors and four officers participated in the meeting room, to comply with social distance measures.

*Business dealt with at the meeting included:*

Councillors received a budget report updating the financial position of Council as at 31 March 2020. The budget review has revealed that a cash deficit is projected to be \$146,789, due primarily to the impact of COVID-19 impacting a range of services and the impact of record low inter-

est rates on Council's investment returns.

Council formally acknowledged the generous contribution of all volunteers across the council area, as part of National Volunteer Week 2020. It is estimated that there are over 400 clubs, community groups, committees, events and service groups across the shire. Council thanks all volunteers, who are the vital link for important community work to be carried out right across the shire.

Council accepted tenders for the new rail level crossing works linking the Olympic Highway to the GrainCorp facility in Henty West. A tender was approved for \$1,003,657 (ex GST) for rail signalling and associated work and another tender was approved for \$668,682 (ex GST) for the track and civil construction work. This will be the largest road/rail infrastructure project undertaken to date in Greater Hume, with the total project funding of \$3.1 M by NSW Government, \$3.6 M funded by the Australian Government and Greater Hume \$500,000.



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