

# Headerlines

## Henty Community News



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### Bus service at your door

All local residents will have received a flyer in the mail providing details about the regional bus service available to take people to Albury and Wagga weekly.

The service to Wagga is on Tuesdays and Albury on Thursdays. For further information please contact them on 0448 353 281 or [www.regionalbuses.com.au](http://www.regionalbuses.com.au). Alternatively you can contact members of the Local Health Advisory Committee or the Henty Library for more information. This service is subsidised by government and the ongoing service will be dependent on the use of the service. Pick-up and drop-off

from your door to your appointments, transfers in town, as well as very reasonable priced fares make this a great way to get to Albury or Wagga for: medical appointments, work/study, visit family and friends, movies, shopping and access to airport or train stations.

Aspire, the service provider and current operator of the transport service for residents with additional needs to access services outside of Henty, held an information session in Henty on Thursday February 18. They will be following up with several people who contacted them on the day.

### Sculptor dies

Paul Smits, sculptor extraordinaire, creator of the Headlie Taylor Sculpture on the Olympic Way outside the header display has died at the age of 34 from a heart condition.

Paul also created the Banjo Paterson statue at Yeoval and the statue of Lieutenant Albert Borella VC, MM, MID, Albury's only Victoria Cross winner which stands outside Peards Garden Complex on Borella Road, Albury.



### ANZAC Day 2021

#### Sunday, April 25

- 10am - Marchers gather at Ivor Street between Sladen and Lyne Streets
- 10.30am - ANZAC Day march to Henty Memorial Park
- 11.00am - Service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph
- Contact: Roger Meyer, T: 0412 599 644

### Promo video soon

The long awaited promotional video is due to be released shortly, and the aim is to promote our town and region as a great place to live and work.

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#### Editorial Details

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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.



## Feathered settler from the south

There are basically two types of magpies in Australia, the black-backed magpie inland of the Great Dividing Range and the white-backed magpie on the coastal side of the Great Dividing Range. Uncommon to see them the other way round, especially, or never in Henty. But if you have noticed some white-backed magpies in the area around the corner of Rosler Parade and Comer Street, the first one came from Melbourne as a baby that had fallen out of its nest. Its tree had been cut down. My nephew rescued the bird and gave it to his mother (my sister) to bring with them on a visit to Henty, many, many years ago.

I had the baby magpie and named him Dakes. He was outside in a walk-in cage and fed worms and meat. After a while during the day I opened the door of the cage and he came out and stayed with us all around the garden, going into the cage in the evening. The door to the cage was shut to



*Dakes offspring.*

protect him against cats. He became a wonderful companion. If we were outside at dusk and we hadn't put him in his cage, he would nestle down to sleep on the clothesline under the veranda. As he grew he found most of his own food.

Dakes started to fly south for the day and return in the evening. After several weeks he didn't return at all. Maybe it was breeding season? Three months later in the middle of the day he flew in, had some meat, a drink then flew away south. We suspected he stayed

around south of Henty, near the golf course area.

Over the years I have noticed several whitish backed magpies in that area, and definitely a beautiful white-backed adult. On walking passed him, I've called 'Dakes! Dakes!' and he turns to watch me and doesn't move away - he's even taken some steps towards me. Magpies can live for 25 to 30 years, so I'm saying it is Dakes.

*Stephanie Hanckel  
Henty*

## Regional Seniors Travel Card

Apply online now for your 2021 Regional Seniors Travel Card.

For an easy, contactless application without the wait time you can now apply for your 2021 Regional Seniors Travel Card either online, or by phone.

### **What is the regional seniors travel card?**

A \$250 prepaid card for eligible seniors living in regional areas of NSW.

Use it to pay for pre-booked NSW TrainLink Regional train and coach services, fuel and taxi trips. It's valid

for 14 months from the date of issue.

### **Am I eligible?**

You must live in regional or rural NSW outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong and be one of the following:

- Receiving the age pension.
- A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or a Department of Veterans Affairs card holder.

### **Apply for yours now.**

Online: visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)

transaction/apply-regional-seniors-travel-card and follow the prompts.

By phone: call 13 77 88. It only takes a few minutes.

Please have ready:

- Your personal details, address and phone number and
- Services Australia customer reference number or Department of Veterans' Affairs card number

For further information please visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au)

## Court project nears end

Construction is in progress for two new netball courts, which have been repositioned to the west side of the football oval. The works include the construction of two concrete courts, installation of new netball rings, laying of a new court surface, line-marking, equipment storage, seating, court lighting and fencing.

This project was made possible by funding through the NSW State Government and the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund and recommended by MP for Albury Justin Clancy. It aligns with the scheduled amalgamation of the football and netball club. Current trends in the sport and recreation environment, highlight this as a key to ensuring many sport

and recreation organisations will have a future that benefits their community members. The love of netball in Henty is second-to-none, with over 150 players, coaches, umpires and volunteers.

The courts have been built in closer to the football oval, for the convenience of players, spectators and families. Other benefits include the removal of the dangerous crossing between the football oval that had two roads and carpark to reach the netball courts. Given it is a family club this creates a major safety issue when kids are crossing to see parents.

The club's president Amelia Bourke said, "This project would not have been possible without Justin Clancy

and his government. As a club we are so appreciative and excited for the new-life that these facilities will inject into our quality of netball."

Local trades were central to completing the work. "This is a great example of locals working together in our community. It's because of their hard work and persistence that Henty netball players and their families will benefit," Ms Bourke said. Also acknowledged was the outstanding support from the football club and other groups.

"I would also like to thank the wider community for their support and hard work they have put into gaining this grant," Ms Bourke said. Additional shelters and seating will also be installed across the new courts, which will cater to both junior and senior

training and competitions. The upgrade is expected to take a couple of months, but will be completed for use for the 2021 winter season.

The new courts will still honour Nancy May, who was one of the key founders when the club was first established. The court's official opening will be Saturday, April 10 2021 with an invitation extended to Mr Clancy. All members of the community are welcome to attend.



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## Library News

### April School Holiday Program - The Vegetable Plot

The Vegetable Plot are brilliantly talented musicians who are passionate about healthy eating. Be surprised at how excited your kids will be about vegetables and fruit when they groove along to the mix of blues, funk and disco beats.

The Vegetable Plot team will be performing at Greater Hume Council Libraries during the April School Holidays on Wednesday 14th April

Culcairn Library - 10am

Henty Library - 1pm

Holbrook Library 4pm

Cost: \$5 per child or \$10 per family

Places are limited so bookings are essential P: 02 6036 0100

### 2021 Storytime at the Greater Hume Council

Storytime held at all Greater Hume Council Libraries is a great opportunity for families and young children to take part in a range of library activities including listening to stories, singing, dancing, craft, sensory games, making new friends and experiencing being part of a bigger group.

### Henty Library – every Second Thursday from 11am – 12noon

Date	Theme
Thursday 22 April 2021	Yummy in the tummy
Thursday 6 May 2021	Jump and Jive
Thursday 20 May 2021	Mummies are amazing
Thursday 3 June 2021	Recycling
Thursday 17 June 2021	Rain
<b>Thursday 1 July 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Thursday 15 July 2021	Superheroes
Thursday 29 July 2021	Yoga
Thursday 12 August 2021	Feathered Friends
Thursday 26 August 2021	I am an artist
Thursday 9 September 2021	Dads
<b>Thursday 23 September 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Thursday 7 October 2021	Pets
Thursday 21 October 2021	Grandparents
Thursday 4 November 2021	Spiders
Thursday 21 November 2021	Gardens
Thursday 2 December 2021	Giddy Up
Thursday 16 December 2021	Christmas

Storytime is also a great opportunity to take home a pile of excellent picture books to read with your preschoolers at bedtime or anytime!

### Help with the Regional Seniors Travel Card

Recently, library staff have had a lot of enquiries about this card and how to obtain it. After assisting many seniors who struggle with computer use, staff discovered that seniors can simply call 13 77 88 rather than using a computer. Eligible seniors must be receiving the aged pension or be a

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holder and be living in a designated regional area of NSW.

You will need to have your personal details at hand, including address and phone number plus the number and expiry date of your pension or healthcare card.

### Grab Bags Available at the Greater Hume Council

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/grab-bag/>. 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.

We can select for any age and interest.

All Greater Hume Libraries are participating in this program.

For more information contact Library & Youth Service Team Leader P: 02 6036 0179

### Celebrate the NSW Seniors Week Festival 2021

NSW Seniors Week is about looking after our seniors, getting out of the house, getting active and enjoying our time. To celebrate our annual NSW Seniors Week Greater Hume Council will be holding events across the Shire with a range of cultural, educational and recreational activities for all. This is our way of saying thank you and giving back to the community. Looking after our seniors is an important part of engaging in local communities around Australia. Below are a list of some of the programs being held in the Greater Hume Council throughout Seniors Festival Week.

- **Henty Library** - Monday 21 April – 11am – 2pm Chair Yoga, Family History, 3D Printer Workshop, beeswax wraps, a lovely lunch and much more.
- **Culcairn Library** – Thursday 15 April – Movie – Water Diviner
- **Wednesday 21 April** – Intergenerational program with Beeswax Wraps and 3D printer, storytime, a presentation on health and fitness.
- **Holbrook Library** – Thursday 15 April – 6 - 8pm Rock 'n Roll with Johnny Rockers.
- **Wednesday 21 April** – 11am – 2pm Macrame Workshop, Luncheon, Chair Yoga & Thai Chai
- **Jindera Museum** - Wednesday 14 April –

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## The Vegetable Plot

Be surprised at how excited your kids will be about vegetables and fruit when they groove along to a mix of blues, funk and disco beats.

**Wednesday  
14 April  
Henty Library  
1pm**

Bookings essential  
Ph 02 6036 0100  
\$5 per child or \$10 per family  
For ages 0-12 years

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11am – 3pm A day of activities with Chair Yoga, Flower displays, handcrafts and much more.

- **Jindera Community Hub** – Tuesday 20 April – 11am – 3pm Expo at the Library with an Intergenerational storytime, computer lessons, card making, beeswax candles, everything half price at the Op Shop and a lovely luncheon with tea and coffee and lots more to interest everyone.
- **Walla Walla Hall** – Thursday 22 April - 6 pm to 8pm –Rock 'n Roll with Johnny Rockers and a scrumptious supper.

Further information regarding all of the events will be available on Great-

er Hume Council and Libraries Social Media pages. For further information or bookings please P: 0 2 6 0 3 6 0 1 7 9 or [skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

### Author Ross Fitzell and his guide dog, Harry to visit Henty and Jindera Libraries

Henty and Jindera Libraries have an amazing opportunity to have a pair of incredible individuals who have recently put pen (or paw) to paper and produced a marvellous new book which readers in the Greater Hume Council might be interested in.

Ross Fitzell and his guide dog, Harry, have teamed up to produce 'Barking Mad', a unique memoir of Harry's career as a service dog. Ross and Harry will speak at both the Henty and Jindera Libraries about their

incredible partnership and the story of life as a guide dog from the canine perspective.

- **Thursday 29 April – Henty 10.00am**
- **Thursday 29 April - Jindera 2.30pm**

Harry is a Cootamundra Celebrity Guide Dog and companion and he is known around the District for his love of absolutely everyone. When not working, he is always ready with a tail wag and a big kiss (especially if there are pats involved).

Very few people, however, are aware that Harry is a raconteur extraordinaire with a quick wit, great sense of humour, and most importantly, a social conscience. He is also now a published author, with his first book offering a light-hearted look at life from the perspective of a working

dog entrusted with the safety of a disabled human. Of course, having no requirement for money, Harry has decided that all profits from the sale of his book will go straight to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT to help them keep up their great work (and to keep training prospective Guide Dogs for gainful employment in a post-COVID world!).


For further information or bookings P: 02 60360179 or [contact skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

### Greater Hume Council Upcoming First Aid courses near you


All starting at 5.30pm. Bookings essential. Please phone 02 6036 0100.

- Walla Community Hall  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May


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**AUTHOR TALK**

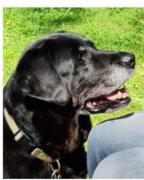


# HARRY and ROSS



**BARKING MAD**

An abled dog's musings about disabled humans



Harry

Meet Harry, guide dog and companion to Ross. Harry's book offers a light-hearted look at life from the perspective of a working dog entrusted with the safety of a disabled human.  
Profits from the sale of Barking mad will go to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

## Thursday 29 April

## 10.00am

HENTY LIBRARY | 02 6036 0100



# Festival

Seniors' Festival : Celebrating being 55+ in years

HENTY LIBRARY

## Wednesday 21 April

11.00am– 2.00pm

Come along and enjoy chair yoga, family history, 3D printer workshop, beeswax wraps, lunch and more

Bookings | 02 6036 0100

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- Henty Library Wednesday 19th May
- Holbrook Library Wednesday 26th May
- Jindera Community Hub Wednesday 11th August
- Holbrook Library Tuesday 17th August
- Culcairn Council Chambers Wednesday 18th August

### Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee

The Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee is looking for energetic and enthusiastic young people, aged 12 – 24, who wish to make a difference in our community to sign up to be a part of our Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee. The Committee -

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

It's the perfect opportunity to have your say on the important issues that affect your community and plan

the programs that you want to see held in our area.

Anyone who wishes to join the Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee can call 02 6036 0100 to apply.

### Youth Week 30 April

Youth Week is coming up quickly and we are very excited to be re-booting our Festival of Possibilities! This year it is going to be held at the Walla Walla Sports ground and students will enjoy an afternoon of fun activities, live music and free food. Our socials are filled with plenty of information so make sure you jump on and check it out.

The Totem Skate Company will also be coming out in April for the first time to the Jindera and Holbrook Skate-parks! They are very excited to meet all you skateboarders and teach you some new tips and tricks. Please keep an eye out for our promotional material on our socials for the dates and times.

### Connect with us -

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

## The art of learning

The children at Greater Hume Children Services Henty have been very busy learning and exploring! The children have shown a growing interest in arts and craft activities, with painting being a very popular learning opportunity amongst the children.

The children have been using their skills to create artworks, whilst exploring the textures and properties of paint, learning about colours and what happens when colours are mixed.



them, and paint is one of those wonderfully oozy mediums that just must be explored with hands first, before moving onto the use of brushes. From there, we begin to see children start to express their ideas with purposeful brush strokes – the children have so much joy when they show us their beautiful creations.

Vacancies: we currently have vacancies, please phone Kate on 0436 812 579 to learn more

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Email:

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These young scientists and artists have been experimenting by mixing different coloured paints together, guessing what colours they might create.

Naturally, hands are one of the first things that children use as they begin to explore the world around



## We have childcare places available in Henty

At the Henty Centre -

- Long day care available Monday to Friday 7:30am - 5:30pm
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## 2021 Henty Machinery Field Days back with a bang

Southern Australia's single biggest agricultural event, the Henty Machinery Field Days, is back in 2021 with a bang after last year's forced hiatus.

The agribusiness super event which attracts more than 60,000 visitors each year, was forced to cancel the 2020 event due to COVID-19 – the third time the event has been cancelled in its 58 year history.

The field days are scheduled for September 21-23 with exhibitor online applications opening on March 16 and online ticket sales for visitors to open in late July.

HMFD chief executive officer Belinda Anderson said the Cooperative's Board gave the green light for event planning to go ahead in February.

With the 2019 field days drawing more than 850 exhibitors on over 1200 sites, Mrs Anderson is expecting exhibitors numbers to be in excess of 850 for 2021 on the back of strong interest.

"We are back with a bang this year," she said.

"Agriculture was recognised as an essential industry during the pandemic and we experienced an

exceptional year where commodity prices and yields combined to allow a sustained recovery for the sector from the drought."

Mrs Anderson said the Board and staff were working hard on planning for a COVID-safe event, with the field days operating on a 2sqm per person rule under current NSW Health restrictions.

She said public entry would operate on a contactless system with patrons pre-purchasing tickets on-line and scanning a QR code at the entrance gates, while exhibitors would be encouraged to use EFTPOS facilities.

Mrs Anderson said there would be an additional level of sanitisation of amenities and COVID Marshalls to monitor social distancing in order to protect the health of patrons, exhibitors, volunteers and staff.

"Henty this year coincides with the NSW and Victorian school holidays, and 2021 marks 60 years since the field days were conceived as a one day header school at the Henty show-ground in 1961," she said.

"The field days will have all the usual attractions including the prestigious Henty Machine of the Year



Award, the working sheep dog trials, Country Lifestyle pavilion, Farm Gate Produce Market, Baker Seeds agronomy trials, helicopter joy rides, live entertainment, the Natural Fibre Fashion Awards and vintage farm machinery display.

"We will be seeking to reinvigorate the popular Agri-Innovators Award for innovative inventions from farmers, students or backyard tinkerers."

The entries must meet the criteria of having a practical on-farm application, be based on an original idea of the entrant and not be in full-scale production at the time of entry.

Also back this year will be the exhibitor awards for Best Outdoor Large Commercial, Best Outdoor Gen-

eral, Best Indoor (Country Lifestyle and Farm Gate).

"The year off has enabled us to sow down the field days site with a specialist pasture mix including fescue and cocksfoot varieties recommended by David Leah, technical extension agronomist with Seed Force Australia," Mrs Anderson said.

According to the Tractor and Machinery Association of Australia, 2020 delivered the strongest year of tractor sales since the 1980s.

"We expect the strong demand for all agricultural machinery, livestock handling equipment and fencing materials to continue through 2021 and, combined with the focus on regional Australia with the public's keenness to get out and about, will auger well for a successful 2021 Henty Machinery Field Days," Mrs Anderson said.

The not-for-profit HMFD Cooperative enabled fundraising of more than \$350,000 to regional sporting clubs, community organisations and schools from the 2019 Henty Machinery Field Days.

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30am

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0428 293 655

## Lawn cemetery improved

Kevin Fogarty, with the help of Susan Kane, has successfully applied for a grant to install an automatic underground watering system at the Henty lawn cemetery. The grant is from a pool of money set aside by Riverina Water for projects in the Greater Hume Shire.

The grant was for \$10,932. Thinkwater, of Albury, ten-

dered for the project and completed it in mid-February. Deputy Mayor Cr Doug Meyer performed the switching-on ceremony on February 20 before a small crowd which stayed on for afternoon tea.

The system was extended to the columbarium at no extra cost thanks to the generosity of Dylan Boers from Thinkwater.

## Health services listed

Health services available in Henty are many and varied. If you are new to the area or not aware of what is accessible, please drop into the Henty Library. There you will find the Local Health Advisory Committee notice board

and information in the form of a pamphlet; outlining what services are available and how you can access them. Staff at the library will provide assistance if needed. A new and updated pamphlet will be available soon.

### Henty Early Childhood Association Inc.

#### Preschool Sessions

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Tues/Wed/Thurs/Friday

8am – 3.30pm

#### After School Care

3 – 12 year olds

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Friday

3.30pm – 6pm

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## Local heroes thanked

The Local Health Advisory Committee was excited to organise and host a Public Thank You to acknowledge the role played by our First Responders. About 100 people were present at the Henty Community Club on Sunday March 21 with Greater Hume Council Deputy Mayor Cr Doug Meyer and Allie Murray speaking about how important and reassuring it was to have First Responders either on hand or within minutes of a call particularly on a Saturday afternoon when over one hundred participants are competing in football and netball competitions.

Henty Fire and Rescue Captain, Phil Takle, introduced each member followed by the unveiling and presentation of a plaque and artwork, created by local artist Peta Bullock. This will be installed in a prominent position for all to see at the Fire Station. NSW Ambulance Riverina District Manager Eamonn Purcell spoke about his role and how dedicated and enthusiastic our Local Fire and Rescue members are to

participate and learn how best to provide the community with initial emergency care treatment. Also present and introduced by Captain Takle were Fire and Rescue NSW, Zone Commander Stewart Alexander and Deputy Zone Commander Daryl Manson.

Phil responded on behalf of his team, thanking those present for the public acknowledgment. He also thanked the wives and partners of Fire and Rescue members as they are the ones on hand to hear of both the happy and unhappy results of the call outs. Phil also stated Henty Fire and Rescue is looking for up to six new recruits, male and female, so if you know someone that may fit the bill please pass on the information and contact any of the Fire and Rescue members.

Wagga Wagga group Left of Country provided the musical and vocal entertainment free of charge. Those remaining then enjoyed Sunday night hamburger tea and drinks.

## Dine and Discover NSW

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- 2 x \$25 vouchers to dis-

cover entertainment and recreation activities, including cultural institutions, live music and arts venues, to use seven days a week (excluding public holidays).

To participate in Dine & Discover NSW, you must have a MyServiceNSW Account. You can apply for vouchers now.

For more information visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au).



## New staff for new year

St Paul's School has welcomed new staff for 2021 - Nigel Cunningham, Katie Ridley and Lucy Zweck (teacher aide). We are excited to have them join our team.

Mr Cunningham will be teaching the Year 4/5/6 class. He grew up at Walla Walla and will be well known to many in Henty. He has run physical education and health programs at primary and secondary schools in previous jobs. Mr Cunningham is now excited to be moving into primary school teaching and working alongside parents in educating their children.



wonderful start to their school life.

The school has finally been able to showcase the changes that have occurred over the past year at St Paul's. The refurbished buildings and furniture for the students in Years 2 to 6 are a result of research, and future skill-building for our students. Although it is a small community, that does not hold the school back from providing students with the very best technology, resources, and learning environments possible.

The Mainly Music program has kicked off in 2021 with Kerri Klemke running this interactive music session for young children and their parents/carers on the first and third Monday of the month during school terms. By all accounts this is proving to be a wonderful time for the young ones and the adults.

This term, students have enjoyed many sporting opportunities. Congratulations to Aaron Lieschke making it to the Combined Independent Schools Tennis competition at the highest level in Sydney earlier this term. Congratulations also to Mitch Forland, Blake Klemke and Micah Klemke progressing to the next level in swimming, attending the RAS Swimming Competition in Wagga Wagga.



Miss Ridley is the new Year 2/3 teacher and completed Teaching Education at Charles Sturt University in Wagga. She said she had already had a fantastic start to the year and is looking forward to teaching and supporting each student's learning. She felt blessed to be a part of a supportive school community.

The new school year has been filled with many events such as the parent information night, family Fellowship evening and chapel services. There have been swimming lessons and the carnival and tennis coaching each week for all students. The new students in Kinder have made a

## Put your health on the record

The Henty Library staff can assist you to set up your My Health Record. Staff have been trained to support and guide you through the process. There has never been a more important time to ensure our

medical records are up to date, accessible and accurate. Staff from the Henty Library will be available Thursdays 11am-1pm to help with general queries, access to and support with My Health Record.

## Bottler of a fundraiser

Don't forget to donate and return your recyclable bottles and cans to the local collection point; which is located in Henty at Dales IGA.

Your refundable items can help make a big difference, as all donations and refunds will go towards supporting all the youth in our locality through school and community-based pro-

grams.

More information about eligible containers and the scheme in general is available at:

[www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au)




# Scholarships


- Scholarships open to K - Yr6 for 2021 entry
- New open plan learning areas
- Innovative Project Based Learning
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# Lions' award contenders speak up

Three students from St Paul's College Walla Walla recently participated in the Henty Lions Club Youth of The Year which was held at the Henty Community Club. The competition is a uniquely Australian institution conceived by Lions Club Australia and has been running successfully for the past 50 years. It provides students with confidence and the ability to communicate with a wider audience.

Henty Lions Club president Julie Colley introduced the participants Clarissa Peasley, Skye Bakic and Tim Lowe. The students made their presentations to a panel of three judges comprising of Alison Campbell, Jeannie Kenney and Stephen Colley, along with members of the Lions Club. The competition involved each student attending a 30-minute interview by the panel in the afternoon discussing their achievements followed by the evening public speaking competition comprising of two impromptu topics and a five-minute prepared speech of their choice.

The first impromptu topic related to whether everyone should be required to have the COVID vaccination and why.



Left to right: Clarissa Peasley, Skye Bakic (winner) and Tim Lowe.

Clarissa supported people having a choice about whether to have the vaccination. She outlined her concerns about frontline healthcare workers being required to have the vaccine and about further mutations of the virus and the ability of the vaccination to protect people. Both Tim and Skye supported COVID vaccinations in order to reduce the number of deaths and infections.

The second impromptu topic was "If you could time travel which direction would you go and why?" Although travelling to the future would provide the opportunity to see how our world progresses, all three students opted for travelling back in time. Clarissa

spoke of going back in time to when her grandfather lived wanting to experience and appreciate the challenges and difficulties he faced in order to provide for his family. Tim outlined visiting some of the major historical events such as battles, the space race, the rise and fall of countries power and influence and also finding out more about his own family history. Skye also chose going back in time to learn about history and about correcting past mistakes and thereby improving our future. She spoke of witnessing the period associated with women's and indigenous rights and to see how they have shaped our future.

The five minute prepared speeches provided an opportunity for the students to deliver on a topic that they had researched and prepared for and to feel confident on their chosen subject. Tim's subject was the changes to communication technology from World War I to World War II. He provided examples of the limitations of early communication technology used in World War I such as carrier pigeons, Morse code and telephones. World War II saw improvements in radio communication, radar, and the faster fighter planes such as the Spitfires and Messerschmitts. Advances were also made with code-breaking by the British such as the Enigma code.

For her presentation Skye spoke on the question young people are often asked on what career they wish to follow when they get older. It's a vexing question as most young people would have difficulty in deciding. Instead of focusing on this question Skye suggested the question should be "what can I do to improve the world". There are now opportunities to have different careers during our working lifetime and we shouldn't be defined by one particular career. Instead the importance of values should

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## The story of a past artwork

We continue in this edition with another contribution by local artist, Gwen Bullock.

With ANZAC Day coming up I feel it fitting to write about this painting. We had been discussing a window display for the Henty Creative Gallery. We had a display for ANZAC Day 2018 and were thinking of some new display items for 2019. This was Friday morning and we needed to do the display on Saturday. I said to Yvonne Booth that I should have painted something for the display, but it is too late now. Yvonne simply said, "If you really want to do it, you

will find a way" and so the challenge began.

Firstly, the design idea which actually came quite quickly - two different poppies on a slightly abstract background. I wanted to represent the sadness, the struggle, the caring, the strength and the hope. The courage, sacrifice and love. I felt satisfied that the poppies and other colours and shapes accomplished this in my mind's eye. Sometimes the process to design takes me a long time, but surprisingly this was easy. I guess the emotion of these times are embedded over many years of Remembrance cele-

brations, ready to surface in creative ways.

The other part of the process, the actual painting, takes time too because of drying times required throughout the progress of the painting - each layer needing to dry before the next layer can be painted. Luckily, it was a very hot day and some outside sun drying helped heaps. By late evening the painting was finished, but not var-

nished. The varnish needed to be painted on after about a week's drying time, so that was not possible. Displaying could happen though and so the varnish went on a couple of weeks later. All good! Thank you to Yvonne who gave me that push to accomplish what I thought I had no hope of doing. A good lesson learnt and a satisfying result.



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characterise a person rather than an occupation.

Clarissa's speech was "What do I know about truth being a teenage girl." She spoke on relationships and the influence of social media on mental health which often places pressure on teenagers with its mixed messaging causing both positive and negative emotions. Clarissa finished her speech by stating that being a teenager is a journey, not a destination.

The difficult task of selecting the overall winner was left to the panel. Stephen Colley said the panel was impressed by the students with their thoughtful responses to questions at their interviews and the five-minute prepared speeches covered a range of broad topics which were well researched and presented.

Skye was judged the overall winner and will represent the Henty Lions Club at the Zone/Region competition to be held at Numurkah on March 28.



Left to right: Jeannie Kenney, Julie Colley (Henty Lions President), Alison Campbell, and Stephen Colley

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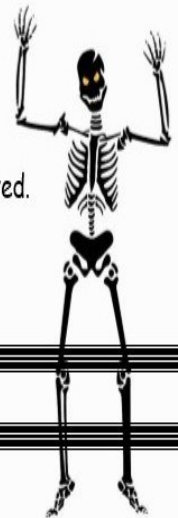
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# Music to their ears – and brains

Something new is coming to the community of Henty. Something that will excite families who have babies and pre-schoolers. That something is called Mainly Music.

child’s development. It provides school readiness skills – like literacy and numeracy. It enhances social skills – especially when children need to negotiate the sharing of toys and play space. It helps the body and mind

likely to be resilient under stress, have better relationships, and enter school ready to learn.” Within a Mainly Music session there are lots of expressions of attachment. Lots of moments when parent and child will connect, laugh, cuddle, spend time looking at each other’s face, smiling and enjoying close time together.

But not only that. The Mainly Music sessions are fun. They bring together families in the same season of life and provide 30 minutes of music, enjoyed by grown-up and child alike. There are scarves and puppets, simple percussion instruments and Lycra panels, hats and pictures. There is jumping and tapping, hopping and rolling, dancing and clapping. Eat/play/chat is what follows the music. After a simple snack and refreshment,

toys are provided for free play. While the children play the grown-ups are welcome to stay for a cuppa, morning tea and enjoy a chance to chat to others.

Actually not only that. One mother recently wrote, after working through some tough times in life, ‘It’s not mainly music you see. It’s so much more than that. Music is just a small part of it. It’s mainly everything else that awaits you when you arrive at the session. It’s mainly everything else that’s so vital and important to people just like me”.

Come along on the first and third Mondays of each month during school terms, 9:30am at St Paul’s Lutheran Primary School, Lyne Street, Henty. There is no fee thanks to the generous support of St Paul’s P&F Association.



mainly music



Did you know that music enhances the educational capabilities and development skills of babies and children? A 2016 study at the University of Southern California’s Brain and Creativity Institute found that childhood musical experiences have the ability to actually accelerate brain development. It’s true. Particularly in the areas of reading skills and the acquisition of language.

But not only that. Music enhances all areas of a

work together – like when a child is marching.

The Brainwave Trust (NZ) states that, “attachment is the lasting emotional bond that a child forms with a specific person that provides safety, comfort, soothing, and pleasure. Almost all children will develop an attachment, but the nature of attachment varies, depending largely upon the care-giving style of their parents. Children who are securely attached are more

# Taylor made anniversary

Milton and Ruth Taylor celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary with lunch at the coffee shop recently. The couple were married at St John’s Presbyterian Church Henty on March 15, 1952. Prior to that Ruth had worked in the Culcairn Shire office.

home they settled into it on their property “Merrylee”. Later they moved into Second Street before relocating to Sweetwater in 2010.

Milton said he regrets that circumstances have forced to live apart as he is now a permanent resident in the local hospital.

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## Walla Walla hosts AGM

Due to its normal Henty venue being unavailable, the Probus Club of Henty-Culcairn moved its March meeting, the annual general meeting, to Walla Walla.

A moment's silence in memory of past president Allyn Maher began the meeting. This was followed by a welcome to visitors and Herb Simpfendorfer's five-minute address on the poem "Where the Pelican Builds her Nest." New member Fran Fifield was inducted.

The annual general meeting was chaired by Gary Kenney with the following results: President – Neil Parker, Vice-Presidents – Yvonne Booth and Diane Allitt, Secretary – Kevin Fogarty, Treasurer – Heather Colliss, Program Director – Jeannie Kenney, Outings and Activities – Alison Schuster, Membership – Beryl Meyer and Historian – Julie Parker.

"Honk if you love Jesus," a comical look at Grandma, was read prior to morning tea. Guest speaker was Cecil Lieschke who spoke of Lieschke Motors, at 98 years the oldest family business in Walla Walla.

Cecil's father, David, born in 1900, first cleared pine scrub in Alma Park, but his ambition was to be a steam engine driver. With hand tools only he built a double acting steam engine in the farm blacksmith's shop.

In 1922 he attended a course in automotive mechanics and the following year started D E Lieschke Walla Walla Motor Garage, specialising in all types of motor and cycle repairs.

In 1933 he was finally accepted by General Motors Holden as a franchise dealer. Through the depression and war years no new cars were available and two year waiting lists were common for new cars. In 1948 the first Holden was released. 24-hour service through the NRMA began in 1963 and the Holden dealership in Holbrook was purchased in 1977 with son David at the helm.

During Cecil's retirement he is pleased to continue with steam engines, building scale models. Karen Kotzur moved a vote of thanks to Cecil and presented him with a Probus pen.

## Book launch set

During COVID-19 it was suggested that Yvonne Booth resume her research for World War I stories begun in 2015. These 167 tales of the young soldiers tell of their service, dedication, patriotism and sacrifice in the Great War.

The book honours the achievements of these volunteers. Sadness, pathos and heartache is also featured in the story telling,

from diaries, letters home and publications.

The book will be launched at 12 noon Sunday May 23 at the Henty Community Club. The Member for Albury Justin Clancy will also be attending.

RSVP by May 16 along with payment. For further details contact Yvonne Booth (0428 293 193) or Kevin Fogarty (0428 293 480).

## 139 wraps for the year

COVID-19 was a real challenge for Wrap with Love when the warehouse was closed. A virtual knitting group of 300 was formed to share their work. In September-October Spotlight offered to be a drop-off point.

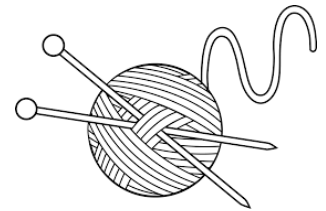
"Knit a Square" campaign was a great success with over 5,000 squares and 384 wraps collected. This year many stayed in Australia, others went to Armenia, Moldova, Cambodia, Lebanon and Syria. World Vision distributed many in the Middle East and Africa.

Henty district's total for last year was 139. Our sole male knitter is on his ninth wrap. Thanks to Daisy

Hinch for stitching the squares together.

Residents of Myoora Hostel are keeping their fingers busy. Every Thursday afternoon you can hear the "click, click" of needles and the chatter of the ladies. Thank you Pam for sewing squares together.

If you have spare wool in your cupboards please donate it to Wraps with Love via Yvonne Booth or Pam Green.



## From strength to strength

The Henty Community Gymnasium is pleased to retain the services of Kayla Muller, fitness trainer, for the induction training and fitness/exercise training. There will be no changes to the operating hours of the Community Gymnasium and Kayla can be contacted for individual or group sessions. The Community Gym will continue to acquire equipment for the Henty community and its surrounding district citizens for the future.

The Lifestyle Centre Committee wish Kayla and Jordan Muller every success in their new venture.

Kayla and Jordan are both excited to announce the impending opening of their new gym in the main street of Henty.

Regen Gym along with the Henty Gymnasium, will be a place to train and enhance fitness and generally,

overall health. It will be a fresh and friendly gym where people can train within staffed hours or in a personal training session with Kayla herself in a safe and family-like environment.

Kayla said, "As we are a new facility, we welcome everyone of all health and fitness levels and, most importantly, we will work together with the Henty Lifestyle Gymnasium to teach users how to train safely and how they can get the most out of their training."

Regen Gym will be announcing its opening date in the near future.



## Ambassador tells her story

Welcome to Probus brochures were distributed at the February meeting and members were asked to circulate them among the community. Three new members June Bahr, Richard Fifield and Trevor Bedgood - were inducted by President Neil Parker, who also welcomed three visitors to the meeting.

Mavis Buckley gave a five-minute address about her life. She grew up in Green Valley, Sydney, where her father was killed in a bicycle accident, leaving a young family.

When Mavis and her husband, a mechanic, moved from Macquarie Fields to Kiama, he bought a boat called May B then a bigger boat to satisfy his fishing pursuits with his mates.

The couple undertook many wonderful trips in their motor home which saw them travel on and off for 10 years around Australia.

A keen, enthusiastic youth officer for Greater Hume Council, Emily Jones spoke at the February Probus meeting about being an ambassador for traineeships in regional towns.

Her life-changing journey began at school when she commenced the three-year course. Her speech, drama, music, Miss Show Girl up to state level, Year 12 schoolwork and social activities as background, Emily would encourage anyone to seek a council traineeship. It offers job security, learning on the job and ending with a certificate to prove your worth. With this on

the job experience there are long-term gains.

After winning the title of NSW trainee of the year Emily spent a week in Sydney for judging at national level where rigorous teaching for personal development and public speaking took place. Emily gave credit to her training manager Susan Kane who nominated her for the award.

Emily's fellow contestants hadn't heard of Henty as they were all from city-based regions. She finally got through to them when she sang the Henty Field Day song.

Emily said it was an eye opener to hear about the achievements of the young people. The awardees included trainees, apprentic-

es, teachers, TAFE and indigenous personnel. The eventual winner was a 17-year-old TAFE student from Queensland who had started a very successful agricultural business online.

Emily is a credit to Greater Hume Council for implementing such a program. Heart-warming and incredible feelings are felt by Emily when she can encourage other young folk by helping them on their future path to success and answering their questions. Emily is indeed not only an office worker and librarian, but a traineeship ambassador who loves everything she does while she's in our community making a difference.

## Hilltop plans expansion

At a recent fish-and-chip night at the Henty Community Club, Alice Glachan spoke about Hilltop, Albury's accommodation for cancer patients and their carers, and sometimes families. Alice is the finance co-ordinator for fundraising for the Stage 2 development. The evening was sponsored by the Lions' Club of Henty.

area, library, barbecue and children's play area.

Accommodation is safe, comfortable and available to all regional cancer patients. Stage 2 plans include a gymnasium and 10 additional accommodation suites. Construction has begun on Stage 2 with the community being asked to raise 25% of the required funds. Gifts to assist with furnishings and equipment are also possible.

Patients from as far away as Melbourne and Ballarat can use the accommodation for a night or up to four nights - Monday to Thursday, but may stay the whole week if treatment necessitates it. The cost is very reasonable. Plans for a Stage 3 development are in the wind.

Alice encouraged those present to tell at least three people about Hilltop, therefore trebling the number who could speak about fundraising for the accommodation. Donations may be given to any Henty Lions' Club member or directly to Hilltop. All gifts are tax deductible.



Hilltop Stage 1 was completed in 2012 at a cost of \$5.2 million. The facility provides 20 modern motel-style rooms with ensuite, lounge and kitchen facilities, communal

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## Harnessing horse power

Mark Porter's fascination with harness horses began when he was a toddler staying with his grandparents in Kent Town, South Australia.

In New Zealand in 1977, he got a job on a Clydesdale stud with owners Fergus and O'Conner using horses on their dairy farm. In 1979 he bought a Clydesdale gelding and worked it on district farms, as well as a means of transport. At this time harness makers were becoming scarce so Mark taught himself to make basic repairs.

In 1980 he met Keith Munro, a retired collar and harness maker, who gave him a couple of collar mallets which he still uses today, and a lot of helpful advice. The best collar makers were in Australia, so off to Melbourne he went.

Charlie Sagar, who operated Sagar Saddlery Supplies taught Mark the basics of saddlery, such as hand sewing and cutting out and introducing him to many harness enthusiasts around Victoria.

Mark was introduced to Tim Peel at the Melbourne Show in September 1981. Tim agreed to take on Mark as an apprentice at Camden in NSW, initially for six months, but it lasted for 15½ years. During that time Mark made all sorts of col-

lars, from pony to the heaviest dray collars, and unusual collars for donkeys, camels, goats and broncos for the outback. The harnesses he created were light, single-horse harnesses, coach-pair harnesses up to heavy delivery team harnesses, camel or horse pack saddles.

On the Peel family property was grain – the cereal rye – used to fill the collars. Both pure bred Clydesdale horses and part draught horses were used on the farm.

In March 1988 Mark purchased a property at Cobbitty, then after moving to the Riverina in 1995 he established his business as Asterisk Horse Collars and Harness. For 17 years he operated his Currawarna shop on the banks of the Murrumbidgee. Since October 2018 he has been located in Henty.

Asterisk Horse Collars and Harness has made collars and harnesses for clients all around Australia and had exported to New Zealand and Ireland. Mark's philosophy is to manufacture traditional Australian-style harnesses to the highest possible standards, using traditional, natural materials such as leather, straw and natural fabrics wherever possible and utilising tools and methods that have been developed over 150 years or more.

## Peter Mac reopens

Peter McCallum Craft Shop is now open and ready to receive goods. Henty has been busy during COVID-19 and we have beanies, scarves, children's clothing, to go to Melbourne. The Henty craft group is looking for someone travelling to Melbourne who could deliver some suitcases full of craft to Peter Mac. There are also dog mats and beautiful quilts to go.

Boxes full of beautiful sewing have been donated by some Albury crafters. Linda Ellis, of Henty, belongs to this group who have decided to donate their excess sewing to Peter Mac. Made from scraps of lovely quilting fabric these items are perfect for the shop and will bring in many dollars for equipment for cancer patients.

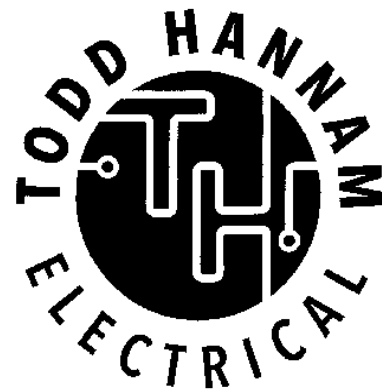
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