

# Headerlines

## Henty Community News



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### Pfizer available in Henty

**Both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are now available for COVID-19 immunisation through the Henty Medical Centre.**

Chair of the Henty Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) Mick Broughan has urged all Henty residents to take

advantage of this opportunity and to help protect our community.

"We are lucky to have this opportunity in our small town and our committee would encourage everyone to make a booking to get vaccinated," Mr Broughan said.

"As of July the NSW vac-

cination rate was 11% of the population. We need to get this up to 60% to keep COVID-19 out of our communities and to help Australia get back to business.

"In an area like ours, with a high percentage of elderly residents, getting vaccinated means you are doing your bit to protect our most vulnerable."

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Medical Centre on 02 6929 3760. Mr Broughan encouraged people concerned about potential side effects or who require more information on the vaccines to book an appointment to discuss this with the local doctor.

For the latest advice on COVID-19 vaccines go to: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/vaccine/Pages/community.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/vaccine/Pages/community.aspx)

### Museum plans gain momentum

Some time ago a public meeting was called to gauge support for the formation of a museum in Henty with the aim of collecting and displaying heritage items. More particularly, those relevant to the Henty district, before they are lost or otherwise disposed of.

After this meeting a committee was formed to work towards the goal of providing a modern building to house these items. A lot of background work was required before we could move forward. With the support of the Henty branch of the Bendigo Community Bank, which not only offered a financial commitment to assist in the establishment of a museum, but also the provision of a site for the construction of a building to house a museum collection.

To date, the committee has been proactive having registered the name "Henty

Community Heritage Museum" and becoming an incorporated body. They have spoken with builders and worked towards a set of plans to gauge costings and assist with the grant applications prior to construction commencing. Professional help has been sourced and the committee has spoken with several people who are assisting with details on what is required to set up a museum and to catalogue the items to be displayed.

Having become incorporated the committee is now required to hold an annual general meeting to elect a committee (as per the constitution) and it is planned to hold this on September 8 at the Community Club. Agenda items for this meeting need to be listed by the current committee prior to the AGM. The committee invites any interested people to attend the next meeting on

Wednesday August 11 at the library and have a discussion with the committee and express any views they have on the development. There will also be a report on what has been achieved to date and where it is hoped to be in the next year. It will also discuss the acquisition of items for display including donations and the process that must be followed to display these items.

The committee wishes to acknowledge Les Dale and his family who have accumulated an amazing array of items that reflect our past, currently housed in the "cellar museum" below the supermarket. We hope that this will form the basis of our museum, along with much of the historical printery items from the Observer Office. There are also a number of unique Henty items that are privately owned that we hope to display, subject to the

Museums Australia guidelines.

It should be noted that the Headlie Taylor header display sited in Centennial Park will remain where it is as a separate entity, but both displays will complement each other as a drawcard to our township.

Many communities in the wider district have a museum of sorts and the committee has discussed the pros and cons of their displays, why the public would visit them and how often. While most are unique in their own way, they all have a story to tell of our past.

What we hope to achieve is a mixture of permanent displays of our unique heritage, semi-permanent items that are changed from being on display at regular intervals and displays that have a theme. The committee will encourage and invite people to display something they may have relating to this

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theme eg Anzac Day, our sporting history items, household items from the past etc. These displays may vary from a short term to perhaps six months then must be returned to their owner. Every family seems to have something they cherish from their past that has a story to it, that doesn't get told or shown very often, these are the things we want to show and share. The story is as important as the display. The aim is to have a place that is dynamic, interesting, informative, where our

community feels involved and the visiting public are not just seeing the same old thing without knowing the background story behind it.

Without the support of our community, this will struggle to evolve and the committee encourages people to be a part of what we are trying to achieve. At the present time there is not a lot that can be done as most of this is background work involving finances, building discussions, contact with museum experts and paperwork. Until this progresses there is little to report on, but by attending committee meetings you can show

your interest and be more involved in ongoing plans if you wish. If anyone is aware of some item or have something that reflects our heritage, please let us know what it is, the background information and whether it could be used for display.

The next meeting will be Wednesday August 11 at 6pm at the Henty Library. The committee also hopes to have a guest speaker at this meeting to give us a greater insight as to what is required to develop a Museum. If you are interested please come along.

## Falklands war story told

Neil Meyer and Marlene Skeers were inducted as new members of the Henty-Culcairn Probus Club at its June meeting. Neil and Jenny McDonald were welcomed as visitors. Helen Squires delivered the five-minuter by telling of her association with several Henty groups to which she belongs. This started many years ago by supplying crafts in the ladies' tent at the Field Days.

Guest speaker Lt Commander Nicholas Little, navigator of minesweepers during the Falklands war with Argentina used a short video to set the scene for

when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands on April 2, 1982. This was when the Falklands and South Georgia were stormed by Argentinian troops.

The islands were recaptured by the British in 72 days and was very costly in terms of ships destroyed. At the time 37,000 youths disappeared off the streets of Argentina which was ruled by a very nasty regime.

Lots of equipment had been left in whaling stations which had been abandoned in the 1960s. When minesweepers arrived in Stanley on June 16, after the Argentinians had surrendered

two days previously, mine sweeping commenced. Its purpose was to chart the geography of the mine fields with the help of sonar equipment.

The area was finally cleared of mines by November 2020. An horrific war with 255 British lives lost and 469 Argentinians, with thousands of injuries on both sides.

Lt Commander Little spent 26 years in the Royal Navy, marrying Alice Glachan (daughter of the late Ian Glachan and his wife Helen) while on exchange service. His address to Probus was so provoking with historical content that it is hoped the Commander will return at a later date.

### Editorial Details

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## Respite care project making progress

Residents of Greater Hume and Lockhart shires are being asked to have input into the proposed Henty Respite Care project. Soon residents of both shires will receive a survey on respite care. Alternatively the survey can be completed online (see the link at the end of this article).

This survey will help the steering committee, led by Henty's Local Hospital Advisory Committee, to develop a business plan for a respite care facility. It is proposed a four-bedroom respite care house will be built in Henty to provide respite and retreat for people needing care and those who care for them. It is proposed this service, which would be operated by spe-

cialist providers under contract in the purpose-built home, will be offered to anyone needing respite care for low needs conditions.

Additionally, plans are being made for independent living units adjacent to the care facility. These would provide homes for people with special needs who are capable of living independently with close-by support services.

Initial funding for the building is to be provided by a local family as a donation and government funds and further donations may be sought to complete the project.

Henty LHAC chair Michael Broughan said the respite care centre would enlarge Henty's health care offer-

ings making it a more attractive place to live, while offering support to families who have previously had to leave the area to find such services.

Mr Broughan said the project's current focus involved:

- Gathering data and input from the community to support the proposal, particularly for dealing with government agencies;
- Establishment of the legal entity for the ownership of the site and facility and for overseeing its ongoing operation;
- Securing a site within proximity of Henty's existing health services; and,
- Discussions with an ar-

chitect and planners about the design of the buildings within government guidelines.

"Ideally we'd like to be able to start construction early in 2022," Mr Broughan said.

If you have any questions regarding the project or would like to have further input into it please contact Mick Broughan on 0447 293 286.

Complete the survey online at:

<https://murrumbidgee-phn.snapforms.com.au/form/henty-community-project> or please look for the survey in your mailbox and return it to one of the return locations (listed on the survey) by early September.

## Local Government Election 2021

Councillor Doug Meyer OAM, current Deputy Mayor Greater Hume Council, speaks on your behalf across the Shire and State.

**Doug gets things done.**

### FUN FACT

He has not missed a Council Meeting, or Riverina Water County Council Meeting in nine years. Vote wisely in the upcoming election. There's more good things to come!

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- **Vote NO to the removal of Wards in Greater Hume.**



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## Library News

### Storytime Theme Henty Library 2021

Storytime is held on every second Friday of each month at the Henty Library from 11am – 12noon.

Activities include listening to stories, singing, dancing, craft, sensory games, making new friends and experiencing being part of a bigger group.

Also a great opportunity to take home a pile of excellent picture books to read with your pre-schoolers at bedtime or anytime!

### Expression of Interest to attend Technology Classes with Ben Hooper at the Henty Library

Tech Savvy Seniors gives older people, particularly those in regional and remote areas of New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia, the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to use technology for socialising, accessing important services or conducting personal business.

The Henty Library is excited to announce that Ben Hooper from Zube Computers Henty will be presenting FREE technology classes at the Library and staff are looking for expressions of interest from members of the community to attend.

The lessons will be presented over a four week period and will cover the following topics.

- Internet Safety
- Social Media
- How to Scan QR Codes
- Helping organisations set up a QR Code
- Where do I save my information on your device
- Recap of each week and much more

### Storytime 2021 - Every second Thursday of the month

11am - 12noon	Theme
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

Contact Henty Library staff if you are interested in attending one or all these training programs on P: 0260360179

### Weaving Workshop with Marg Murray from Murray Arts.

Local First Nations weavers, Marg Murray (Barkindji) hosted an exciting event at the Henty Library with two intimate weaving workshops for members of the community interested in all things about art.



The hands-on workshops educated participants on the ancient weaving practices as they connected with



the land they gathered on. The sold-out workshops were held on Saturday 26 June 2021 with 10 participants in each. The event was a partnership between Murray Arts and the Greater Hume Council.

### Grab Bags

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

Let us know what you would like to borrow at your local library by answering a few questions at <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/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

### No More Overdue Fines

From 1 July 2020, branches of the Riverina Regional Library commenced no longer charging overdue fines for books, DVDs or any other items returned late, no matter how overdue they are.

Overdue fines can be a real problem for people in our community and sometimes discourage people from using the library. So, we are joining the growing number of libraries across Australia that are removing overdue fines to help encourage people to come into our libraries, borrow materials, use the computers or simply have a safe, open and welcoming space to visit.

If you have an overdue library item sitting at home and you have been anxious about returning it, you can bring it back now to your local library without the fear of fines.

Please note that charges will still apply to lost and damaged library items. If you have lost a library item due to circumstances beyond your control, you can talk with our friendly library staff to see how they can help. Library borrowers with existing overdue fines can also re-start with a clean slate as all existing fines will be deleted from their records.

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

## Youth Services

### Soap Making Kits at Home

The July School Holiday Program had originally planned to jump on a bus and head into Wagga Wagga for a fun day of ten pin bowling. However, due to recent Covid-19 outbreaks, Youth Services had to cancel the trip and think quickly on our feet about a way of delivering a fun school holiday program that kept the kids busy. Youth Services organised

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for free soap making kits to be distributed to the community so the youth could have fun creating their own bar of soap – from home!

Visit your local Greater Hume Council/Library Office to see if there are any kits left!

### That's The Spirit, Olympic Competition

Youth Services at Henty library are hosting an exciting competition based on the up and coming Olympics! The fun activity involves people in the community having a chance to win a free book, by guessing what country will win gold in each of these sports; Swimming, Equestrian, Weight Lifting, Tennis and Snow Boarding. Prizes will be given out to winners after the ending date of the Olympics.

For further information please contact P: 6036 0178

### Adulting 101 - RSA and RCG Courses in the Greater Hume

Greater Hume Council is offering youth aged 17-24 years of age the opportunity to enroll in and complete a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and Responsible Conduct of Gambling Services (RCG) course. Upon successful completion of either the RSA or RCG, you will receive a nationally recognised accreditation and Liquor and Gaming NSW Competency Card (valid in NSW for five years).

Contact Greater Hume Council Youth Officer for more information – 60360178

The Adulting 101 Program is funded by the NSW Government.

### Tafe NSW

TAFE NSW fee-free Job-Trainer short courses are currently open for enrolment. Statement of attainment in prepare to work safely in the construction industry (white card). This course provides the mandatory work health and safety training required prior to undertaking construction work in NSW. On completion young people will be able to demonstrate person-

al awareness and knowledge of health and safety legislative requirements in order to work safely and prevent injury or harm to self and others.

Don't forget to keep a look out for social media updates – 'Henty Library' or 'Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee' on Facebook. Have a great month!

### Local Government elections

Greater Hume Council will conduct **councillor elections** to elect nine councillors to serve for a four year term on Saturday, 4 Sept 2021.

In September 2020 Council resolved that a **constitutional referendum** be held regarding wards in conjunction with the Local Government Election.



## Save the date

### 2021 NSW Local Government elections

**Saturday  
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## Henty Lions changeover

Twenty people sat down to a delicious meal at the Henty Community Club recently for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Changeover Dinner of the Henty Lions Club. It was a memorable evening and a welcome diversion from the day to day challenges and frustrations.

Outgoing President and Zone Chairman Julie Colley warmly welcomed special guests, V6 District Governor, Stephen Kazenwadel and his wife, Alison who travelled from Wangaratta for the occasion. Stephen has held many positions, as has Alison, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. The club was also privileged to have some former Henty Lions present as well as all current members and partners.

As part of his duties as the new DG visiting each club, Stephen inducted all incoming office-bearers for the 2021/22 Lions year. Julie Colley remains Zone Chairperson and is also Membership Chairperson. The Incoming President is Noel Stein; the role of Vice President and Lion Tamer belongs to Lorri Roden while the new Secretary is Tail twister, Ken Dale. The position of Treasurer has

been filled by Garry Small.

In his report the DG urged that in addition to gaining new members, the club recruit additional assistance to help serve the community. He outlined ways to enlist help and act on suggestions from the public. Some of the Lions projects Stephen touched on were, No Flies on Us, (waging war on the Fruit Fly endemic in this area), Save Sight and supporting the Lions Club International Emergency Fund. Clubs in Australia can then apply for money to be allocated for disasters such as bushfires, floods etc. During the evening, Julie Colley presented him with a Henty Lions Club bannerette to mark the occasion.

It is 75 years since the first Lions club was set up in Australia. Despite reduced opportunities to interact with other clubs and conduct fundraisers, members were urged to plan, maybe join with other organizations and individuals, get on with current projects and look for new ones!

Stephen's wife Alison, then gave those present a fascinating insight into the Lions Save Sight Program whereby those members of

Lions who have received appropriate training can operate a special camera which measures sight capacity and picks up problems in children in such places as pre-schools and primary schools so that they can be referred on to a doctor or specialist if necessary for further diagnosis and treatment.

Outgoing President Julie Colley gave a comprehensive report. It seems that, despite the spectre of COVID-19, Henty Lions Club have had a successful year and Julie thanked all members for their assistance and partners and friends for volunteering their time to make it all come to pass.

The Christmas Stocking Raffle last December received tremendous community support, enabling Henty Lions to support ongoing community programs.

This year, three students from St Paul's College, Walla Walla took part in Lions Youth of the Year Competition at club level.

Seven students from Henty Public School participated in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition. They all acquitted themselves well. Ava Klemke, competing in the Year 5-6 Section was the winner with Odin Hooper the Runner Up. In the 3-4 Year Sec-

tion, Claire Eulenstein was declared the Winner and Yozara Hooper, Runner Up. Ava and Claire will go on to Beechworth in August, COVID-19 permitting. We wish them well.

Members organized a successful 'Evening with Alice Glachan' to update the local community on the developments at Hilltop Cancer Patient and Carer's Unit in Albury. In March the club catered for the Men's Bowls Invitation Triples Breakfasts and the proceeds went to Hilltop.

Despite delays due to bushfires and the pandemic, Lions Licola Wilderness Camp went ahead in January and nine local students participated.

Community service included working bees at the Government Dam spraying exotic weeds and other improvements. Henty Lions are still trying to source a buyer for the paper already collected.

During the year, a large consignment of books, some laptops, computers and other IT material was collected and sent on to be eventually shipped to needy schools and colleges in Zimbabwe.

A highly successful Wood

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Raffle conducted recently will ensure that additional donations can be made for local projects.

Long time projects include the sale of Christmas cakes and Lions mints, Emergency Medical booklets and the recycling of spectacles.

In the words of Incoming President, Noel Stein, "we may be small in numbers, but we punch above our weight!"



From left to right: Lions Garry Small, Lorri Roden, Julie Colley, DG Steven Kazenwadel, Noel Stein and Ken Dale



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in the Art Room/Hall on Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 6.30pm.

### AGENDA

Welcome  
Apologies  
Minutes of last Annual General Meeting  
Business Arising from the Minutes  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Nominations and Election of Office Bearers  
General Business  
Date of next Annual General Meeting  
Close

**COVID-19 Regulations will be observed.**

Please register your intent to attend the AGM by email [hentyactivearts@gmail.com](mailto:hentyactivearts@gmail.com) or by phoning Debra Stanley on 02 69293287.

17 July 2021



## Cobb & Co rode into our history

Suddenly, the brooding silence was broken by the pounding of hooves, the jingle of chains, creaking of timber, a volley of whip-cracks as the Cobb & Co driver urged his team onward and the swaying coach burst into view. Coaches such as this were a familiar sight throughout much of inland Australia in the mid 1880s to early 1900s.

Cobb & Co Overland Stage Line, the iconic transport company bearing the name of one of the four American founders, Freeman Cobb began trading in Melbourne in 1853 during the height of the Victorian gold rush. Forever enshrined in the folklore and history of Australia, this bold new enterprise continued to



*Darcy Doyle's famous painting, Cobb & Co*

operate for 70 years.

Anthony Trollope, in *"Australia and New Zealand"*, volume 1, 1873 said this about conditions in Queensland at the time: "There is often no road and the coach is taken at random through the forest. But the great miracle is the

sudden pinches, looking as if they were almost perpendicular, down which the coach is taken – and then the equally sharp ascents – not straight, but at a sharp angle, up and around which the coach is whirled".

Cobb & Co coaches traversed varied terrain from formed tracks and roads to arid plains, stony ridges, dense forests, swamps and steep mountainous routes from southern Victoria to the Cape of Carpentaria. Originally imported from America and later made in Australia, Cobb & Co coaches were slung on thick leather straps so that the coach body was suspended, offering superior passenger comfort at that time. Some were licensed to carry eight, others up to 17 persons - a cosy ride indeed! Victorian and New South Wales coaches were predominantly red with distinctive yellow wheels while their Queensland counterparts were painted white.

The coach drivers sat up front in the box seat and prided themselves in their ability to handle the reins. They may have been controlling teams of two, three, four, five, six or even eight horses, depending on the terrain. These animals were specially bred to be

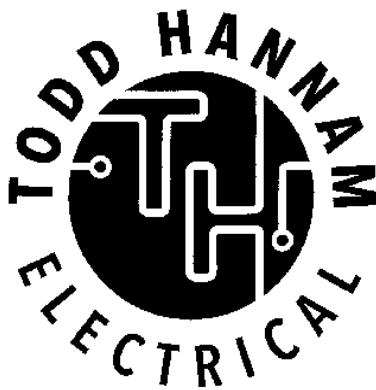
capable of pulling a fully laden coach at a gallop. The two horses out in front were the 'leaders' and the two at the rear were called 'wheelers'. Teams were changed at changing stations or staging posts which were located about every 10-15 miles (16-24km) and sometimes more. The average speed of the horses was 7mph, (12kmh) and the average distance covered in a day was 50 miles (80km).

Small villages and localities often sprang up where the coaches stopped. Passengers were able to "stretch their legs"; often there was an inn or hotel nearby where a drink, meal and accommodation were available. A groom, farrier and blacksmith and wheelwright were usually on hand to maintain equipment and look after the horses.

The groom knew from the notes of that driver's horn or bugle announcing the coaches' imminent arrival which fresh team of horses to harness. One report stated that an entire team could be changed in two minutes. Time was of the essence.

The use of acetylene, or carbide lamps, which operated on a flammable gas

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created when water combined with carbide, which enabled the drivers to travel at night. Coaches carried two side lights and one larger one which shone down on the horses backs like a spotlight. No doubt a nocturnal journey was an unforgettable and often, somewhat challenging experience.

Stagecoach travel was expensive in the 1860s – about £2 for a one-day journey, which, constituted about one week's wages. Passengers were allowed only 6kg of luggage, even for trips lasting many days. The company also carried mail and parcels, having won many lucrative mail contracts. Harsh fines were often imposed if coaches arrived behind schedule.

In 1861, the company expanded operations into NSW and then Queensland. By the early 1870s, Cobb & Co was a household name which was adopted by countless other unrelated businesses in Western and South Australia and in other countries overseas as well.

In their heyday, Cobb & Co coaches collectively clocked up an astonishing 45,000 km each week, using 6,000 of their estimated 30,000 horses. Drivers had to contend with extremes of heat

and cold, floods, flies, mosquitoes, bushfires, rain, fog, snow and bushrangers too.

In 1877, changing stations, often run by a couple or family, were established to service the southern route from Wagga Wagga, called The Coach Road which included stops at Mangoplah, Cookardinia, Morven, Gerogery and on to Albury. Services ran six times a week using two or four horse coaches. The Squatters Arms at Cookardinia and Round Hill, Morven were such stations. The original Squatters Arms hotel, built in 1884, was replaced after being destroyed by fire and closed in 1925.

The arrival of motor vehicles, the introduction of air services and the advent of railways in particular combined to signal the end of Cobb & Co.

From a local perspective, by 1881 Henty and Culcairn had sprung up on the main southern railway and other towns such as Holbrook were serviced by branch lines. Cobb & Co towns bypassed by the railways shriveled. The last coach journey undertaken by the company was from Yuleba to Surat in Queensland on August 14, 1924.

This unique business has left an enduring legacy of service. Its name survives

in the form of the Cobb & Co motor coaches operating in south-east and inland Australia and the 598km Cobb Highway in far western NSW which runs from Wilcannia to the Victorian border.

All that Cobb & Co stood for is immortalised in song. Australia's Lionel Long wrote *The Ballad of Cobb & Co*, which was released as a single on vinyl in 1958. The Cobb & Co story lives on in the words of Henry Lawson's famous poem, *The Lights of Cobb & Co* which he wrote in 1897: An excerpt from it appears below.

*Not all the ships that sail away since Roaring Days are done*

*Not all the boats that steam from port, nor all the trains that run*

*Shall take such hopes and loyal hearts – for men shall*

*never know*

*Such days as when the Royal Mail was run by Cobb & Co.*

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*Lionel Long Songs...Google Search*



## Henty Early Childhood Association Inc.

### Preschool Sessions

**3 – 5 year-old**

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## Playful Pears

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

*Playful Pears* was a response to the black and white theme for a Henty Art, Photography and Quilting Exhibition. Black and white added to my personal artistic theme of 'challenges' - there were challenges!! BLACK can be such a problem and has to be treated with respect. More on this later. Setting a composition was the first step. So four location settings, two lamps, five different arrangements, 34 photos and black and white photoshopping! Yes I have my composition!! The circular compositional arrangement of the pears was enhanced by the direction of the stems and the depth (perspective) was developed by the shadows from the double bulb lamp. To finish off the composition, the cou-

ple of small shadows under the pears anchored the pears to the base meaning they were not floating in the air. Now back to that BLACK problem. Black can just look so flat, so I experimented with green black, blue black and red black. When I added white to make the tone differences for the painting, they became too red, green or blue for a black and white painting. So back to the carbon black with an under painting of a bright yellow. Now I thought this might work if I could leave some yellow showing through. So stay alert Gwen! Every time I have tried this in the past I end up covering up the under painting. Slightly over enthusiastic. To help with this I applied the paint in a slightly dabbed textured effect and it worked! It must have been ok because *Playful Pears* sold at the following King Valley Art Show on their opening night. Definitely a playful experience.



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## Sun shining on wise men

The sun was shining last month in the Henty Men's Shed when the shortest day of the year was marked by a warming winter lunch.

One of the major activities at the shed is conversion, which helps in finding resources in the community, helps to encourage men to address issues, particularly with their health.

No longer facing the challenge of jobs and supporting families, men sometimes struggle to feel valued or have a sense of purpose.

"The fascinating thing about the membership of the shed is that it covers several age and mobility ranges," president Neil Meyer said.

"We all bring something to the shed, which can be different abilities, experiences or appreciations, which are openly shared."

COVID-19 check-in is required, masks and sanitisers are available, but there is always a friendly hand to help those who might need assistance to manage those challenges.

"One fellow - let's call him 'white tea and no sugar' -

leaves us roaring with laughter because of his quick wit; another member takes his dog for a walk and lets it loose," Neil said

"The dog races off to the shed and pulls up at its favourite spot, the concrete path under the shed veranda that is warmed by the morning sun.

"The quote of a problem shared is a problem halved is spot on, for fellowship in the shed warms us all.

"We have been very lucky with such a small shed that our members have been able to find their spot and some have shown they can turn their hands to many things.

"One of our members is known as the 'chair doctor' and has lost count of how many chairs he has repaired or completely rebuilt. We've even made it on to Facebook!

"Back in June we had a lunch to mark the passing of the Winter Solstice - the shortest day, and were warmed by the occasion, the food, friendship and smiling sun."



Left to right: Neil Meyer, Neil McDonald and Garry Kern



## Paramedic's talk enthralls

Vice President Yvonne Booth led the July meeting of Probus with a hearty welcome, happy birthdays and fines for non-badge wearers.

Discussion on future trips such as June and Coolamon were mentioned by Alison Schuster before June Bahr's five-minuter on her life story. She was born at Trungley Hall, near Temora, where the church was the centre of the community and lots of neighbours congregated from the 340 acre farms. Music and choir were popular activities, with tennis the favourite sport. She married Ken Bahr in 1956.

She continued with activities such as cake decorating (over 300 completed in her life time), knitting, sewing, gardening and during open garden weekends where

more than 500 visitors enjoyed the gardens at "Barossa." Being a show steward, giving piano lessons, participating in church and CWA activities, visits to New Zealand and America are all well remembered by June.

The unavailability of our scheduled guest speaker through illness led to Elizabeth Leov, eldest daughter of Mark and Pam Leov of Culcairn being the awesome guest speaker instead. Her delightful and amazing talk on being a London Paramedic for five and a half years enthralled the listeners.

Elizabeth's three-week induction by her 55-year-old ambulance supervisor (ex police as well) was a wonderful mentoring experience.

For six months she was

placed by herself in a clinical lead role. For 18 months she delved into all problems pertaining to trains which was a claustrophobic, dirty stinky job.

During a two-year period she drove a small ambulance unit, managing various traffic conditions in the London city area. With a ballistic vest and headgear Elizabeth also trained with the metropolitan police for firearms and terrorist attacks.

The 999 (in Australia 000) telephonists have no medical expertise, but read from a scripted response. After questions are answered patients are triaged into traumas, locations and allotted to paramedics. All necessary equipment was put into the ambulance vehicles so they could examine all patients, 50% of whom were treated at home.

Elizabeth's tactical role was busiest on Thursday, Friday

and Saturday nights when she responded to many police calls, including bashing and shootings. She especially enjoyed driving and teaching two students at a time on the training tracks for a period of 5-10 weeks. Having police, military, paramedics and doctors under her training was a satisfying and fulfilling experience.

The last quarter of Elizabeth's address was centred on her travel to Iceland. Glaciers, waterfalls, geysers, elves, folk stories, snow capped mountains, icebergs, stunning views, geothermal spas, black beach sand, lava flows and eating fermented shark (absolutely vile!) covered this country. Icelanders celebrate wildly when the temperature reaches 16 degrees Celsius.

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# Students busy in term 2

Henty Public School had a fabulous Term 2.

Students celebrated many important days during the term including the Anzac Day school service, Henty Anzac Day march, NAIDOC week and a PJ day raising over \$200 for the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, finishing off the term with a treat day to the movies in Albury.

Thirty students successfully attend the Southern Riverina Cross Country carnival held in Lockhart, with Hayley flying through in first place making it onto the Riverina Cross Country in Gundagai. The Athletics carnival was held successfully on a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to Billa-bong High School for allowing the school to utilise fa-



National Simultaneous Story Time



National Sorry day

cilities, making the day easier to run. Twenty-six student athletes will now compete in Albury at the Southern Riverina Athletics competition in July.

This term students will be involved in a hockey program for sport on Fridays. This will be a great alternative to the popular sports and the school, is looking forward to learning new skills.

With over two million other children from Australia and other countries Henty Public School students enjoyed participating in National Simultaneous Story Time reading the story Give Me Space by Philip Bunting.

Students in years 4-6 have worked hard preparing and presenting their multicul-

tural speeches to their peers. Congratulations to Macey, Ava, Claire and Yozora who were selected to attend the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

The Lions Club held their annual Public Speaking Competition at the end of the term with six HPS students proudly representing the school. Well done to Odin, Sophia, Ava, Evie, Claire and Yozora. Congratulations to Ava and Claire who have progressed to the regional finals to be held in August.

Mabel the school dog turned one. Year 1 and 4/5 students celebrated her birthday with a small par-

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Southern Riverina Cross Country Team



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Mabel enjoying her birthday presents

ty and games and she was very spoiled.

The school is now looking forward to Science Week, Education Week and Book Week this term as well as other exciting activities, follow us on the school's Facebook page for updates.

Meanwhile the P&C have been very active securing funding, grants and donations to upgrade the vegetable patch and other areas of the school. Many fruit trees and vegetables have been planted and the students are looking forward to using them in their cooking experiences during class. Thank you to the IGA, Narelle Morey and

team for the Community Chest donation of \$335.

The Catering Committee are starting to ramp up their advertising for helpers at this year's Field Days, to be able to supply the school with updated technology and other upgrades around the school, including a new kitchen. If you are able to help out even for a small amount of time they would love to hear from you. Flyers and volunteer forms will be out in the mail soon.



Henty Public School garden in full bloom

The school is looking forward to hopefully being able to implement the start of a longer transition pro-

gram for future Kinders this term. If COVID-19 allows it, we will be having an information session on Wednesday August 4, 5-6pm and three Stay 'n' Play sessions this term. This will be followed by transition sessions in Term 4. The benefits of these sessions are so that children can become familiar with the school setting and they begin to learn about the values and expectations at

school, with their parent/carer support. Strong transition programs, result in students having a more successful start to schooling.

If you know of anyone in the community who has a pre-schooler, looking to start school next year, please have them contact the school for an information pack.

## Craft shop sales up

The Doodle Cooma Craft Shop at the Henty Railway Station had another satisfying and profitable year. With the new EFPTOS machine craft sales have increased. More purchases of the Henty hessian bags and stubby holders were made on behalf of Doodle Cooma Crafts, but most other sales were from individual participants.

The current executive is:

- President: Margaret Knobel

- Vice Presidents: Liz McInnis and Chris Junek
- Secretary: Janet Semmler
- Treasurer: Jim Ridley
- OH&S: Errol Knobel
- Publicity: Yvonne Booth
- Public Officer: John Ebsworth
- Quality Control: Helen Gabriel, Liz McInnis, Margaret Knobel.

## Defibrillator donation



The above photo shows Henty Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) Chair Mick Broughan with Henty Medical Centre Office Manager Tracey Spencer and Dr Harun Rashid

receiving the new defibrillator donated by our Community Bank. Bendigo Community Bank staff member Stephanie Bedggood with Board Chair John Ellis were on hand to make the presentation.

This is one of a number of defibrillators being supplied by the Community Bank and being placed in strategic locations around town. Henty LHAC Chair Mr Broughan said how pleased he is to see the commitment by the bank in supporting the health needs of our residents.



ANZAC Day art display



# Henty Public School

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## Kindergarten 2022 Transition Information

### Parent Information Session

Wednesday 4th August 2021

5pm - 6pm

This session will provide parents/carers with the opportunity to meet the principal and to make an initial connection with others whose children are transitioning into school.

You will be given your information package and information about uniforms.

### Stay and Play Sessions

Monday 16th August 9:30am—11am

Monday 23rd August 9:30 - 11am

Monday 30th August 9:30am - 11am

Parents and children are welcome to come along and engage in some play and songs.



### Timetable for Kindergarten Transition

Session 1: Monday 18th October  
9:30am-11:00am

Session 2: Monday 25th October  
9:30am-11:00am

Session 3: Monday 1st November  
9:30am-11:00am

Session 2: Monday 8th November  
9:30am-11:00am



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## Library shows wraps

An organisation to provide warmth for cold humanity began in Henty over 20 years ago when children's magistrate the late Barbara Holborrow suggested we knit blankets in conjunction with Peter Mac. In 2020 the group reached 1000 wraps sent to Sydney for distribution around the world to keep the less fortunate warm.

Recently 30 wraps have

gone to the Wagga coordinator Hesper Piltz. Many will be displayed in the Wagga Wagga Library to illustrate the results of the "Knit In."

The annual "Knit In" held on July 28 was its usual success with several ladies chatting over knitting to make squares for our wraps. Thanks to the library staff for providing lunch.

## Planning continues for Henty Machinery Field Days

Planning for the 2021 Henty Machinery Field Days is continuing while the team continually monitor the COVID-19 situation and NSW restrictions for outdoor events.

HMFD chief executive officer Belinda Anderson said the 2021 field days would proceed on September 21-23 unless otherwise advised by NSW Health.

"Agriculture is an important and essential industry and farmers and agri-businesses need to be networking, researching, and buying," Mrs Anderson said.

"Henty Machinery Field Days will provide a safe environment for that to

occur."

She said public entry would operate predominantly on a contactless system with patrons strongly encouraged to pre-purchase tickets on-line and will be required to scan in using the QR code provided by NSW Health at the entrance gates, while exhibitors would be encouraged to provide EFTPOS facilities for their customers.

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.

## Welcome packs given out

To welcome new residents to town the Henty Community Development Committee distributes Welcome Packs. These consist of 15 vouchers from local business houses – Trav's Butchery, Mel's Bakery, Zube Computers, library, pharmacy, Dales Electrical and IGA, Community Club, Inspirations, Judy's Bazaar, Doodle Cooma Craft, Creative Gallery and Henty Wholesalers.

Other novelties are in the packs along with a list of tradesmen and notices about Bendigo Bank, Probus and Lions Club. The bags are well received and the welcome to Henty is

much appreciated.

If any other business would like to be part of the project contact any HCDC member – Dennis Kane, Neil Meyer, Gary Small, Edward Dale, Graham Klemke, Yvonne Booth, Daphne Hannam and our two delightful young ladies Stephanie Bedggood and Jessica Kane.



## COVID-19 delays delivery

Peter Mac, as it is called locally, is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service, providing beautiful crafts to raise money for equipment, making life easier and more comfortable for cancer patients..

An enormous thank you to Toni from Henty Hospital who will deliver six large suitcases of crafts to Melbourne when COVID restrictions are lifted.

The recent crafts have been football novelties, trauma bears and baby quilts. Wool deposited on Yvonne's veranda has been put to good use. Thanks Isma for your baby jackets, Cookie for crocheting, Mary and Mavis for your squares and Pam for all your sewing.

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