

# Headerlines

## Henty Community News



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### Respite home almost finished

The progress on the build of Avondale Place has been phenomenal and all work is expected to be completed by the end of December 2022. Given the current delays and rising costs within the building industry, this has been a remarkable achievement.

The project has incurred additional costs with the rise in raw materials and the initial target amount has seen some variations. The committee is working towards fit-out costs to ensure the home will open on schedule in early 2023. It is envisaged that it will need another \$100,000 to complete the project.

If you were considering

donating please drop into the Bendigo Bank and they will assist you to make a contribution to this very worthy project.

The Avondale Place raffle is continuing to run and will be drawn on Saturday December 3, with prizes including a lawn mower, chainsaw and RM Williams voucher. The committee says it sincerely thanks all those who have supported Avondale Place by holding fundraising events, attending events, selling tickets and, of course, for the many generous donations received to date.

Also look for the Grain Drive, happening again

this year through Crocker Grain, should you have a few tonnes you may wish to donate, when all this rain stops.

The committee plans to have a formal opening of the facility in the new year and many people will be keen to view the premises.

Mercy Connect will be running several **public forums** providing opportunities to answer any questions and discuss their plans for the venue. **The first one is scheduled to take place on Wednesday December 14 from 3pm-7pm, as a drop-in session.**

It will address potential service users and discuss bookings or any queries in relation to users of the facility. Additionally, the human resources person-

nel will be in attendance to answer any queries regarding employment opportunities and possibly fast track applications. There may be the opportunity to conduct interviews on the day and applicants are encouraged to come with all their relevant documentation, including prior experience, certificates and references. Prior experience is not necessary and there will be training provided by Mercy Connect as needed.

Further information will also be available on the Enrichment Program, which addresses those who would like to volunteer or assist in any way at Avondale Place and with independent living units, once it is up and running.

**The second forum is planned for January 14, 2023 as a tentative date and more information to follow at a later date.** Visit the Mercy Connect website for all details or contact them directly.

Remember to check out the Avondale Place Facebook page and if you wish to make inquiries about booking for either the home or independent living units, contact Mercy Connect, via their website or directly. They will be happy to provide all the necessary information. Additionally, if you are interested in seeking employment or volunteering as part of the Enrichment Program, contact Mercy Connect.



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**Greater Hume Council**

## New wheels for Henty health services

New found mobility will be enjoyed by Henty residents with the purchase of an eight-seater bus to be used for health related activities.

Bought with funds bequeathed by deceased estates for use at the Henty Multi Purpose Health Service, the Toyota Hi-Ace bus has wheelchair access and can be driven by a person with a standard driver's licence.

The purchase was facilitated by the Henty Local Health Advisory Committee and the bus will be available for use for all health related activities in the community including by residents of Myoora Hostel, Gawal Gardens (aged care



*Mick Broughan, Chair of Henty Local Health Advisory Committee, recently taking delivery of new bus.*

facility within Henty MPS) and Avondale Place.

Use of the bus can be organised via the MPS. Com-

munity members can drive the bus after going through the MLHD approval process.

## Chronic disease expert talks

The inaugural Henty Health Forum was held on Saturday, October 29 with over 30 people in attendance. The health forum was an initiative arising from this year's Fischer Community Leadership Program, and is the first of the programs project to be completed.

The highlight of the morning was our speaker on chronic disease management, Mid Battye, who has worked in the area of chronic health management for over 30 years. With a great sense of humour and relaxed manner, Mid was able to highlight some of the changes that have occurred in chronic disease management over the years, and provide useful insights into how best to manage ongoing health conditions. Her wealth of experience, and practical solutions were very much ap-

preciated by all who attended.

The morning also featured a talk on pastoral care, and highlighted the ways we can be caring for others during difficulties, especially relevant due to some of the difficulties that have been experienced in 2020 and 2021. There was also a talk on caring for joints and muscles, with emphasis on good posture by Henty

physiotherapist, Claire Lawson. The morning ended with a look at the spiritual side of health, and how and what we believe impacts our view on health.

The organisers of the morning would like the Henty Health forum to be an annual event, focusing on different important health topics each year. If you are interested in being involved or have any ideas, please contact either Craig Nicholas or Claire Lawson.



### St Barnabas

Anglican Church  
Day Street  
Henty



#### Service Times

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11am

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

Contact: Rev Ken Dale

0428 293 655

## Wraps tally hits 161 for 2022

Thirty-four wraps are ready to be taken to the Wrap With Love Wagga coordinator Hope Piltz, a relative of many Piltzes in Henty.

Wrap with Love is a charity supplying warmth for cold humanity. The rugs cannot be sold, but are given to the world's needy in over 100 countries. They are distributed by friends who take the wraps to where they are needed such as pilots in New Guinea, to Syria by the Australian Syrian Association, to Australian indigenous peoples by many different organisations and after bushfires and floods which caused havoc in Australia.

Myoora Hostel occupants

knit squares which Pam Green makes into 100cm x 180cm rugs, about the size of a single bed. These all go to the NSW depot in Mascot where they are examined by the team there and placed, 12 at a time, in canvas bags for distribution.

Trucking companies around the state generously transport them, free of charge, to the Mascot depot. Many leave Australia in shipping containers.

Many Henty ladies, and one man, knit or crochet squares, and some knit strips. Daisy Hinch is amazing at putting oddments together. These make a different style of wrap still the same measurements, each beautiful in its own right. Contributions

of all knitting and crocheting bits and pieces are acceptable, as is all wool and acrylic yarn.

Our total number of wraps for 2022 is 161, a record for a 12-month period. Some ladies give an annual dona-

tion of wraps, others continually knit squares. Your donation in time and or work is always appreciated. For more details contact Yvonne Booth on 0428 293 193.

## Women's health nurse return

Prior to COVID the community of Henty was fortunate to have regular visits from a women's health nurse from Albury Wodonga Health.

The service has returned to Culcairn. The Henty Local Health Advisory Committee has met with Albury Wodonga Health and all things going well the service will return to Henty early in the new year.

The free service provides women with health checks

and offers pap smears, breast checks, reproductive health advice, menopause support and general information about a range of services.

Once the service is reinstated the details of dates and how to make bookings will be shared in Headerlines, in social media and with flyers around town.

The Henty LHAC is also pursuing the return of the BreastScreen service to Henty on a regular basis.

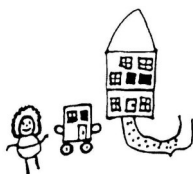
## Preschool enrolment 2022

3 -5 years of age

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

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Henty Early Childhood Association Inc.

## Christmas carols

The Henty Community Carols will be held this year on Sunday December 18, 7.00pm in the Henty Park.

A barbecue will be run from 6.00pm with sausages and drinks and Christmas cake available.

In the case of wet weather

the event will be held at the Community Club.



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# Library News



## Greater Hume Council's Seniors Week Festival wins the 2022 Murrumbidgee Grant of the Year

A collection of community driven Seniors Week Festival 2022 activities designed for older people has won the 2022 Murrumbidgee Grant of the Year award. The Seniors Week Festival was delivered by Greater Hume Council Library staff and community members with the assistance of a Community Grant with the aim of providing mental health and wellbeing benefits to communities of Henty, Culcairn, Walla Walla,

## What can you borrow from Greater Hume Council?

Item Type	Maximum of items	Loan Period	Maximum Number of Renewals
General Library Item	30	In Total 28 days	2 X 14 day renewals
eResources	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific

Jindera and Holbrook.

MPHN Board Chair Dr Jodi Culbert congratulated those involved with the festival on winning the award. "The Festival of Seniors is a worthy recipient and is a wonderful example of community spirit and collaboration to address issues around isolation and its impacts on older people," Dr Culbert said. "We are so pleased to see how a community grant can assist like-minded people to develop and deliver activity that empowers those in the community who may be vulnerable such as older residents."

Greater Hume Council's

Library Team Leader Susan Kane was thrilled to accept the award on behalf of the festival committee.

"We thank MPHN for the support they have provided in the form of this grant and the recognition of the hard work undertaken to create the festival," Ms Kane said.

"Under this program the people of our communities were able to come together after a time of isolation and loneliness to engage in conversations, connecting with new and old friends in a safe and enjoyable setting."

Greater Hume Council Library staff would like to thank everyone involved in the community who made Seniors Week 2022 Festival such an amazing event.

**It's a season of Christmas with decoration of cookies!**

Join Greater Hume Library staff in a special morning session at each library starting with a Christmas Story. Followed by a cookie icing session with loads of decorations. The cookies have been baked freshly by Culcairn Red Cross so will be delicious!

Jindera Library – Wednesday 21 December 2022 from 10am – 11am

Henty Library – Thursday 22 December 2022 from 12pm – 1pm

Holbrook Library – Thursday 22 December from 11am – 12pm

Culcairn Library – Friday 23 December from 10am – 11am

Limited spaces so bookings are essential! P: 0260360100 to reserve your place.

## New games in the library

Call in to any of the Greater Hume Council Libraries over the school holidays to find some new board games and other educational games to play. If you're interested in technology check out Robotics, Little Bits, Sphero Balls and the VR at the Henty Library.

## Storytime at Greater Hume Council Libraries

Greater Hume Council Libraries offer a range of **Storytime** sessions to suit the various ages and needs of our younger community members and their families. Come along and enjoy stories, activities and craft. Have fun then borrow from the wonderful selection of books and DVDs in our children's section of the libraries. This year the aim of Storytime continues to be to develop children's literacy skills and socialization through listening to stories, reading together, singing and finger plays, games, craft, writing, movement and learning to be part of the Story Time group.

## Henty Library

Storytime is held each month on a Thursday from 11am-12noon — Friday 2 December 2022.



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## Christmas 2022 Church service times

### Luke 2: 11

*“for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”*



Churches	Time and Date
<b>Anglican:</b> Culcairn St Barnabas Henty	7.30pm Thursday 24 December 9.30am Friday 25 December
<b>Catholic:</b> Henty	10.00am Friday 25 December
<b>Lutheran:</b> St Paul's Henty St Paul's Henty	7.00pm Thursday 24 December 9.30am Friday 25 December
<b>Presbyterian:</b> Lockhart	10.00am Friday 25 December
<b>Riverlife:</b> Henty	7.00pm Thursday 24 December
<b>Uniting:</b> Culcairn	9.00am Friday 25 December

## Show back for 2023

Too many show's we've missed so let's make up for those missed and make 2023 Henty Show a cracker. How? Simply by entering any event or class be it in the Riverina Water Pavilion, the Sheep and Cattle Pavilion, the wool room or under the amazing claret ash where it is chaired by Steve Bowen and once again the show girl/boy competition will be a hard one for the judges to agree. Don't have the energy to compete? Bet you have the skills to appreciate, so just look at those spectacular cars and bikes in the Show 'n' Shine, watch the sheaf tossing come or give it a go you might surprise yourself. Take those photographs, print them and enter them - you might just be better than you think. Sit back relax and enjoy

Wobbly Boot they're a great local band. Check out the whip crackers. What do ya reckon? Give it a try!  
How's your paper plane flying, the show has a test for you with prize money. How far will yours fly? Conditions apply.  
For the primary age competitors another challenge, how do you see yourself? A self portrait (drawing) is the challenge, minimum size A4. See program for more info.  
Yes the show will have equestrian events. Some might have to familiarise themselves with what a horse looks like it's been so long. Finally there will be Side Show Alley with all the rides and food outlets, Show day is Saturday, February 11.

## Henty Headerlines thanks everyone for their support in 2022

- Those who volunteer and assist in any way with our bi-monthly publication.
- The businesses who advertise.
- The community for

providing articles.  
• Without your continued support we would not be able to produce our newsletter.

**Can you volunteer?**  
As always, we are looking

for volunteers to help with articles for the newsletter, folding the newsletter and also the Henty website. No particular skills are needed. If you would like to help, please contact the Henty

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## Snakes Alive

### What To Do

Snakes may enter backyard residential and rural home gardens in search of water. Snakes are most active from October to March when they sun themselves or when they move in search of food or water.

If you see a snake, move

pets and children away until the snake moves off. To reduce the chance of snakes staying on or returning, and in preparation for times when snakes are most active (spring and summer): keep lawns and gardens well maintained, remove piles of wood or other debris from the yard or store it off the ground, ensure pet food and water bowls are not accessible to wildlife, enclose compost heaps to reduce mouse pop-

ulations (a food source for snakes).

### Avoid Being Bitten

Snakes are naturally shy and their first form of defence is to move away from danger, including humans. If provoked or cornered, a snake may attempt to protect itself by striking. People are most likely to be bitten when attempting to kill snakes, which can strike very rapidly if aroused. To avoid being

bitten: move away and let the snake go on its way never try to kill or handle a snake. Be alert at all times in the bush, especially in the early morning when snakes are more likely to be sunning themselves. Cover up with trousers and enclosed shoes when bushwalking and gardening in overgrown places. Avoid walking through long grass.

## Bush Fire Danger Period

Greater Hume Council's Bush Fire Danger Period officially commenced on 1 November 2022.

SW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Rob Rogers recently said the state can expect to see a normal fire season despite the east coast experiencing wetter than average conditions.

"Only areas that have below-average fire risk are

those areas that were heavily burnt in the 2019/2020 fire season," he said.

However, the ongoing heavy rainfall is expected to curb the risk of a heightened number of grassfires.

"That is very different than what it would be if we weren't having this ongoing rain because once the huge amounts of grassland growing in western NSW dries

out that's going to be a huge risk for us," Rogers said.

Commissioner Rogers said the introduction of the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System will help people make informed decisions this bush fire season. "Know your risk, and check the daily fire danger ratings. The new Fire Danger Rating System has four levels – Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic – with clear actions for each

level," Commissioner Rogers said.

"Each rating gives an indication of the consequences of a fire if one was to start."

Permits are required in areas where the Bush Fire Danger Period is in place, and landholders using fire must notify the RFS, such as online at:

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify).

*Courtesy: Channel 9 News.*

## Mosquito borne diseases

Mosquitoes aren't just a nuisance – some also carry diseases that can make you really sick (**refer to article on page 12 concerning Japanese encephalitis.**)

The risk of mosquito-borne diseases is increasing in NSW due to the warm, wet

weather forecast. This summer it's important to take extra steps to protect yourself and your family by keeping mosquitoes away – **Spray up, Cover up, Screen up and Clean up!**

### Bite protection

Your best protection against

mosquitoes and the diseases they carry is to avoid mosquito bites.

Know how to prevent bites – **Spray up, Cover up!**

### Mosquito reduction

Reducing the number of mosquitoes around you can prevent mosquito bites.

Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home or business at least once a week

– Screen up, Clean up!

### Vaccination

Most mosquito-borne diseases found in NSW don't have vaccines so it is important to protect yourself against mosquito bites.

Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is the only vaccine-preventable mosquito-borne disease in NSW.

## We have childcare places available in Henty

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# Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Thursday 26 January 2023  
at Brocklesby Recreation Ground, 11 Recreation Street, Brocklesby  
8 am for Breakfast, 9 am Official Ceremony commences.  
This is a FREE event.

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, Citizenship Ceremony, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



Shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent.

## Brocklesby community invite you to stay on for the family fun activities to be held after the Australia Day Ceremony:

- Live Music
- Kids Entertainment inc face painting, jumping castle
- Brocklesby historical display
- Food and drinks available to purchase

## Our Ambassador

Will be announced in  
December.

For more information please contact - Kerrie Wise, Tourism and Promotions Officer  
02 6036 0186 or 0448 099 536, [kwise@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kwise@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au).



Pic Citizens of the Year, Ross and Helen Krause, Walla Walla

## 2022 Greater Hume Australia Day

**Citizen's of the Year**  
Ross and Helen Krause, Walla Walla

**Young Citizen's of the Year**  
Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla and  
Jessica Toogood, Henty

**Sports Person/Team of the Year**  
Ben Parker, Holbrook and Fours Team  
Holbrook RS Women's Bowling Club

**Community Event of the Year**  
Book Launch of 'Henty Heroes: Short  
stories of Henty's Enlistments of World  
War 1'



Pic Young Citizen of the Year, (joint winners) Jessica Toogood, Henty and Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla with Australia Day Ambassador, James Willett and Cathie Jones watching on.

## Shed's elves hard at work

A few days of sunshine and Santa's helpers at the Men's Shed were hard at it to meet this year's Christmas wishes. Some folk had requested more of the Santa cutouts as had appeared previously in the main street at this time in previous years.

The hive of activity was matched by the "buzz" of machinery, the "hum" of mowers and whipper-snippers as the "wee folk" got ready for the festive season. The pressure of "examinations", both intellectually and physically for those of all ages, in the run up to Christmas and the end of the year, saw lots more "goings and comings". The chatter in the shed was spiced by who had been successful with a wager on The Cup, those returned from a winter break, folk recounting what roads and paddocks were covered by water, news from other communities struggling with an excess of water, and the implication of developments in international affairs was contributing to more noise in the shed.

Yes, Christmas and New Year plans are upon us all,

with discussions about "can we afford it", even though "it" has a different meaning for each and all of us. However, there is no disguising that there is action at "that shed", for now there is a bridge over the by-wash from the shed creek.

The number of vehicles parked outside the shed shows that things are happening.

The well-known Henty Men's Shed peaked cap has been replaced by the traditional "elvish" hats, as broad-brush strokes of red and green are slathered over the Santa and Christmas tree cutouts.

Gardens are being weeded and seedlings are going in as spring makes a seasonal rush. The shed social activity this season included a cup lunch, to be followed by Ladies Day and then a Christmas party.

The "buzz" at the shed is each weekday with morning and afternoon sessions and all "elves" welcome to assist with painting "stockings".



## From an artist's perspective

*We continue in this edition with another contribution by local artist, Gwen Bull-ock.*

Sometimes, as artists, we paint with a "voice".

We paint to tell of touch and care.

We paint to show gentleness and softness.

We paint to say "I love you" and "I trust you."

We paint to tell a story of connection.



## Beanie output builds

Since the appeal for beanies in November 2021 Henty has knitted and crocheted 215 for The Seafarer's Mission, located at The Rocks in Sydney.

A big thank you to all who have contributed just one or dozens. The thicker wool that can't be used for Peter Mac crafts or Wrap with Love is perfect for beanies, as well as the old favourite eight or 12 ply.

The Seafarer's Mission is worldwide. It distributes beanies for the seamen who work on the sea from barges to cruise ships. At any one time there are a million seafarers on the oceans, but over two million all together. Because of COVID many have not had shore leave for months and even years.

Beanies can be sold in port if the Seafarers have a shop there or can be put in care packs (with toiletries, pens, T-shirts etc.) or given away. During COVID lockdowns 3,000 beanies were distributed when the men (and women) were receiving vaccinations.

During this year Princess Anne, The Mission to Seafarers International's president, attended a garden

party at Government House as a fundraiser.

Chaplains are employed by the Mission to provide counselling, conflict resolution (can you imagine being stuck in a small ship with a dozen men for months at a time?), goods delivery service and a listening ear for those trapped and away from their families, homes and friends.

This year 2,000 packs were given to seafarers, the value of which was over \$100,000. A group called Good 360 raises money and is now preparing for Christmas packs. Your donations, in kind or finances, will go a long way to raising the spirits of these seafarers.

Further information available from Julie Parker (0400 293 059) or Yvonne Booth (0428 293 193).





## Students earn a shout-out

Raise your hand if you like to feel appreciated. Most of us would agree that feeling genuinely appreciated is a truly wonderful experience. Appreciation and collaboration are the focus areas for St Paul's students in Term 4. The school is on the lookout to see these in action within the classroom and out on the playground. Students and staff are encouraged to write a 'Shout-Out' to let someone know you appreciate them, and these cards are then presented at the weekly school assembly.

Project-based learning is a great way to encourage collaboration as students are required to communicate, respect and work together for a shared task. It's not always easy and certainly takes practice. But the school staff are so impressed with how enthusiastic the students have been on stopping and taking notice and really appreciating and collaborating with those around them. Another great example of collaboration has been on the multipurpose court during lunch time – the senior students have welcomed kinder students to join in their games of cricket. The school says this is raising future leaders when people witness this display of inclusion, acceptance and collaboration.

Students in Years 5 and 6 recently underwent speech exams. Thanks went to Jill Tucker for her time and expertise in assessing the students, and Grace Stein for the time she devoted to preparing students. Students were required to prepare a speech on a chosen topic. They would then have a Q&A

time on their chosen topic, followed by a poetry recital and reading an excerpt from a novel.

The school has started six weeks of basketball coaching sessions with Aidan from Wagga Wagga Basketball Association. Students have been enjoying learning new skills from an experienced player and coach.



Students really missed not being able to have visitors on site over the past few years, so they were very excited to be able to welcome special guests for Grandparents Day. After a special chapel service and



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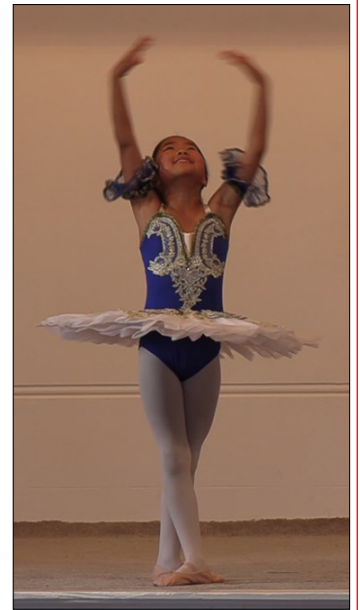
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morning tea, it was wonderful to watch grandparents and children painting each other's hands to make artworks together.

Transition Days have started for the kindergarten class of 2023. It's been lots of fun to welcome this enthusiastic bunch of students into their new school environment.

Over the October holidays families gathered lots of goodies for the annual Operation Christmas Child



to teach students to be able to push through challenges. It can be very difficult to get up and perform in front of an audience, but the students all stood up to the challenge for what was a very entertaining night.

There is still so much to come this term with RAS Tennis Trials, basketball coaching, kinder transitions, swimming lessons, Life Education van, Parent Helper Appreciation Morning Tea, mainly music, Combined Schools Christmas Service and lots still happening in the classrooms.

donation. Thanks to the generosity of the St Paul's community, the school was able to make up 20 boxes to bless children in need around the world by filling shoe boxes with toys, hygiene items, clothes, school supplies and other fun gifts.

The school concert was a fantastic night showcasing the many talents the students have. At St Paul's, they strive to build grit and perseverance in students and experiences like the concert can be very useful

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# Golf club to mark course's centenary

The Henty Golf Club will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its course at its present site on Rosler Avenue in May 2023. The golf club was founded in 1906, and the first golf course was located north of Sladen Street and west of the railway line, stretching as far as the Showgrounds. However, by the early 1920s, a larger site was needed and in 1923, Messrs B E and F W Paech made the present site available to the golf club for a nominal annual fee.

Preparations are underway to celebrate the course's centenary in style. A dinner and golf tournament will be held in late May 2023, the exact date yet to be determined. A feature of the dinner will be the recognition of people involved with the development and operation of the club over the past 100 years.

Additionally, the club views the golf course's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an opportunity to rebuild the membership of the golf club. Several initiatives have already been

proposed, but more are needed. If you would like to play golf or like your children to play golf, please let us know the impediments to getting started, and the club will endeavour to find a solution. The Henty Golf Course is an excellent facility, but needs to be used more. Please get in contact with Janet Beverley at [janetbeverley14@yahoo.com](mailto:janetbeverley14@yahoo.com) or 0475 390 341 with any ideas about how to make the sport attractive to new members.

Finally, Henty's centenary

book, *From Early Beginnings*, contains a brief history of the golf club to 1986. As part of the centenary celebrations, the club plans to prepare a more comprehensive account of the club's history. If you, or your forebears, were club members and have any information amongst your family's historical records, including photographs, please get in contact with Stuart Davidson at [stuartdavidson60@gmail.com](mailto:stuartdavidson60@gmail.com) or 0400 381 670.

More details about the celebrations to come in the new year.

# The art and soul of the community

The Community's Soul Portrait Exhibition was opened by Doug Meyer, OAM, on October 11, 2022 at the Henty Creative Gallery.

A Country Arts Support Program grant organised by Emily Willis (Jones) and Susan Kane for adult community introduction to art workshops for social, education and wellbeing development, and recognition of community personnel.

Nine art students accepted the challenge. Local artist, Gwen Bullock, was invited to tutor the art workshops.

All art students were new to portraiture and Gwen had not taught a portrait workshop prior to this event. An awesome learning experience for all.

The 12 portraits were created in the charcoal medium in Spring 2019. Although an unveiling evening was organised on completion of the portraits, COVID prevented that from going ahead at the last minute.

The artists are- Jenny Stein, Stephanie Hanckel, Trish Busby, Leanne Howard, Judy Zweck, Gwen Conrad, Roger Macreadie, Carol Keene and Phillip

Morison. John Ross, the late Les Dale, Debbra Stanley, Brad Wettern, the late Noelene Bedggood, Annette Schilg, Mick Brougham, Abi Meyer, Yvonne Booth, Milton Taylor, Fr Ken Dale

and Judy Morison each endured a rigorous photography session.

This experience taught all of us, not just the art of portraiture, but the realisation of the many other community members who also contribute to the Soul of the Henty community.



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## Outdoor broadcast expert tells story

Probus met in Henty on Wednesday October 12. New member Margaret Pumpa, who has been a school teacher, was the five minute speaker. Married to Ian, they have four sons and a collection of grandchildren

Margaret looked back on 53 years of "playing farms". They had sheep and cattle and cropped and tried pigs. The couple built a commercial yabby farm. Such a busy life and so much knowledge to share. Margaret was generous to share her story.

After morning tea Probus

had one of its vice presidents, Warren Berkery, to talk on "40 Years Below the Mast", the story of his time with Channel 9 in Sydney beneath its 770 foot broadcast mast.

Warren started as a trainee with AWA in 1956, the year television in Australia started. He was part of the team that built a microwave link to enable horse racing broadcasts between Melbourne and Sydney. In 1964 Warren worked at Woomera rocket range and tracked American astronauts.

In 1966 Warren was with

Channel 9 in charge of outside broadcasting. The Sydney Opera House was being built and opened in 1973. Channel 9 broadcast "Sunday Nights at the Opera House" live to audiences at home

Channel 9 owner Kerry Packer in 1975 wanted golf tournaments covered for all 18 holes and followed by World Series Cricket and computerised score boards. Microwave links delivered the dream to give Australia the best live television possible. The team was recognised when Warren and two others got a technical

Emmy award in the US.

Events covered by Warren include an Opera House Royal Charity Performance concert with Her Majesty the Queen, Wimbledon tennis, the royal wedding, Princess Diana's funeral and the Sydney Olympics. Warren had technical management of the Games opening and closing ceremonies.

Warren and his wife Sandra met famous people including John Denver and Cliff Richards as their concerts were broadcast.

Kevin Knoble presented Warren with a Probus pen as a token of thanks

## Harold marks his ton plus one

Harold Janetski's 101st birthday was cause for celebration at November's Probus meeting before it got down to usual business.

The five-minute speaker was Leila Hensel, who spoke of her husband Haydon's life.

Haydon's father had worked for the railways and the family moved from town to town to fit with his work

Haydon also worked as a drover with the abattoirs,

feeding the animals and spending long hours working with cattle. Since Haydon retired, he has worked on his garden and as an older gentleman, gets much pleasure from a walk around it.

The main speaker was Trent Dean, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Connect, in New South Wales and Victoria. Mercy Connect is to be involved in operating Henty's Avondale Place. Trent is a young man with a wife and two

children He has all sorts of qualifications and experience and is currently completing a Doctor of Public Health at La Trobe University.

Trent is a strong advocate for people with disability and talked of volunteers for Avondale Place and day programs with music and fund raising. He also spoke about the \$20 note and its constant memorial to the Flying Doctor Service, the Reverend John Flynn, "Victory" the de Havilland plane and the service's pedal wireless invented by Alfred Traeger 1927.

Janet Beverley presented Trent with a pen in appreciation for his informative speech. Trent came armed with pens and shopping bags and information so we have plenty of prompts to think of Mercy Connect and Avondale Place. Thank you for the lovely thought.

On November 11, Remembrance Day, Probus joined with Henty townsfolk and

relatives of Harold Edward Piltz, Horace (Bryce) Taylor and Richard Craze to lay flowers and quietly remember those who had died in war, and those who came home to deal with the after effects of war.

Gary Kenny was padre for the day and after the ceremony he has generously donated five books, four signed by author Don Wall on Sandakan to be offered to Henty library. They have mention of Henty people.

The next meeting of Probus will be in December. The second Wednesday at Henty for a Christmas style lunch at 11.00am and cost is to be \$20 per person.



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# Free JEV vaccine to Greater Hume residents

Japanese encephalitis (JEV) is a rare but serious illness caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus. It is spread to humans by infected mosquitoes. Due to this year's wet weather residents of Greater Hume

have been identified at being at risk to contracting JEV and are now entitled to a free vaccine to prevent it. What are the symptoms of Japanese encephalitis? Most people who get Japanese encephalitis do not

have any symptoms. Some people may get symptoms such as fever, headache and vomiting. People with a severe infection (1 in every 250 people) may get symptoms such as neck stiffness, disorientation, tremors,

coma, seizures and paralysis.

JEV vaccinations are available through the Henty Medical Centre provided the patient meets a list of criteria to do with health status.

Make an appointment at the Henty Medical Centre on 02 6929 3760.

# Peter Mac group takes break

The last Peter Mac meeting for 2022 was held on Wednesday November 16, when everyone brought a small plate of food for Christmas lunch. One large and one small case were packed for Melbourne with many Christmas items included.

Thank you to all the people who have allowed the

group to pick their lavender for the sachets and for the heat packs. Jenny Mc has done a great job collecting lavender and making Christmas and birthday tags.

Helen continues to travel from Baranduda and the group has been grateful for the visits from Pat Duke and Lyn Ehlers to help sew.

Pam is great on the machine and Alice is trying to catch up on Christmas trees. Bev continues to keep the knitting in order and Cookie crochets for homework. Thanks to all the other participants who support the Peter Mac craft day every month.

Next year the group celebrates 25 years of existence. It began with the late Phyllis Cochrane organising an afternoon of craft displays in the old Memorial Hall.

Money taken that day went to Peter Mac for cancer care in memory of her daughter, Helen, who was treated at the institute in Melbourne.

The Uniting Church ladies decided to continue with the idea of making beautiful crafts to send to Peter Mac Institute. That was in 1998.

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# Busy end to school year

Henty Public School has been very busy over the first three terms and now it is the last one the busyness has not stopped

Kindergarten Transition for 2023 has been full of fabulous activities and getting to know the school and classroom, The school is looking forward to welcoming the new families and students next year.

Year 5/6 travelled to Melbourne, Bendigo and Ballarat for this year's camp and had a great time exploring the sites of Melbourne. They then headed down a 60m cave in Bendigo, finishing the excursion with gold panning in Ballarat. Some students were even lucky enough to find gold.

Sport at the school has been very successful this year with a team heading to the

Riverina championships for swimming and athletics. Hayley Chambers attended the Riverina Championships for cross country.



The school also had two students attend the State Championships and congratulate Zane Gardiner on his success in tennis and Edward McPherson on his success in athletics and swimming in the MC class.

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The school has had many fundraisers this year and families and community are thanked for their support over the year. The car wash was a hit and provided the year 5/6 students with some money to spend on their 5/6 camp. Other fundraising was donated to the flood appeal.



This year the annual gala performance is The Lorax. Students have worked hard and have had their performance filmed for editing. The premiere will be shown at the Regent Cinemas in Albury, with the cinema being booked out only for the school families and invited guests on Thursday, December 1. Please contact the office for tickets.

The Stephanie Alexander Cooking Program has been very successful this year.



ABC interviewing students for the Stephanie Alexander Cooking Program

Students have been busy in the community garden growing delicious fruit and vegetables to then use in

the new kitchen. Providing the whole school with a lunch every Thursday. Students have been able to try food they may not have necessarily eaten at home or tried before. All students are encouraged to try the meals and there has been some coming back for a third round it has been so delicious.



Kindergarten delivering lunch



Josephine and Ruby picking Rubarb

Henty Machinery Field Days was a huge success, with the Henty P&C Catering Committee sheds earning over a whopping \$48,000. What an incredible effort by all the community from suppliers to volunteers and families. The school wants to thank Narelle and team at the IGA, Henty Foods, Newmarket Catering, Bid Foods, Peter Murphy, Arnolds Fruit Market Wodonga, Juicy Cow, Riverina Party Hire, Henty Football and Netball Club, Tonkin Plumbing, Singe Family and the fabulous volunteers of the community. As a



Zac, Courtney and Rossco Cooking up a storm

token of appreciation the school hosted a volunteers morning tea on Tuesday, November 22.

The school is saying goodbye to Emma Quinn who has taken on a position at The Rock Central School. She contributed much to Henty Public School.

The school also thanked

Bree Morey and Noela McGuffie as they move to other positions.



Mabel being well looked after by Tommy and Freddy.

# All the rivers run

The piercing sound of a whistle galvanized a flotilla of stately pelicans into becoming airborne and a flock of cockatoos abandon their leafy sanctuary nearby, the latter screeching their annoyance as they flew. In the distance could be seen a thin plume of white smoke drifting through the stand of ancient river redgums guarding the bank. Round the corner appeared a paddle steamer, her spinning paddlewheels churning the surface of the water and glistening in the sunlight as she made her way to the next port of call.

Scenes like this were commonplace on Australia's inland waterways from the 1860s to the early 1900s. Towing large barges, these iconic vessels navigated the winding courses of rivers

like the Murray/Darling, the Murrumbidgee, the Lachlan and further afield, the Paroo in Queensland.

Much has been written about the Mississippi River in America and there are many colourful accounts of life there during the paddle steamer era. However, Australia also has a rich history concerning the life and times of all those connected with riverboat trade.

There remain indelible stories of the riverboat community, of fortunes made...and lost, the characters, the heroes, villains and the folk who worked and lived along the rivers of outback Australia. These boats, many towing large barges were very important in the transportation of mail, freight, passengers, produce to market and general supplies.

The first paddle steamer to ply the Murray in 1853 was the "Mary Ann", followed by the "Lady Augusta" and the intense rivalry between their respective Captains Randell and Cadell, is legendary.

Such vessels were powered by one or sometimes, two steam engines, managing

the river levels were high, they could reach Albury, on the Murray, Gundagai on the Murrumbidgee and Walgett on the Darling. The Murray, 2,500 kms in length and the fourth longest river in the world was navigable for over 2,000 kms in good conditions!



PS "Murrumbidgee with a load of wool bales.

about 5 miles /8kms an hour, which drove the paddle wheels that were usually mounted on each side or sometimes, one at the rear. The boilers required eight hours to get up a full head of steam and consumed vast amounts of wood which necessitated stockpiling piles of logs along the river for future use. It is recorded that the theft of these by rival operators resulted in bitter arguments at times!

They had a short bow, able to tie up at riverbanks and a very shallow hull to negotiate low river levels. On many occasions paddleboats were marooned on riverbeds for months until the rains came!

Many more paddleboats soon arrived, transporting food-stuffs, machinery and other vital supplies to outlying areas upstream and returning with wood, wool, fruit and other produce bound for the major ports in Australian cities and overseas. Those hardy river captains had to contend with bushfires, floods and droughts. Whether the river was navigable depended on the seasons. When

The Victorian town of Echuca, founded in 1853 and situated on the bank of the Murray River became the largest inland port in Australia and in its heyday, boasted a redgum timber wharf 1.2 kms in length, which catered for 240 paddle steamers. Their cargoes were off-loaded and transferred onto freight trains for the journey to Melbourne.

This network of waterways became a veritable highway to transport enormous numbers of goods and passengers. Not only were the boats cargo carriers, but some were virtual floating shops, hawking boats. The PS *Etona* provided for the spiritual needs of the river communities, plying South Australian waters from 1899 to 1915 as a floating church. It carried a minister who performed weddings, christenings and religious services, and also had an altar and organ on board.

During this time the paddle steamers came into their

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own when transport and communication was difficult or almost non-existent in the more remote areas of the colony, as it was then. They played an important part in the development of many farming areas. The arrival of a riverboat at nearby lonely farms and stations, villages and towns along the reaches of the river was greeted with delight. Letters from family, medicines, newspapers and mail order catalogues had come to break the isolation...the "tyranny of distance", as historian and author Professor Geoffrey Blainey famously wrote.

The presence of logs, snags (fallen trees and branches) below the water level could disable or sink a boat and floods presented another challenge. However, during one such flood, a paddle steamer paddled up the Paroo River to the Queensland border, almost 300 kilometres from the Darling River.

At the peak of the river trade era there were nearly 300 steamers operating on the Murray/Darling system alone. Most began service as barges and were often converted back to this function as the river trade waned. Some became fishing boats, log carriers and passenger vessels. They were purpose-built for their shallow draught which meant that they were not suitable for use in open waters due to the likelihood that they would capsize.



P.S "Adelaide" on a cruise down the Murray River

At about the turn of the century, the coming of the railways and better roads sparked a rapid decline of the riverboat industry linking outlying towns with cities and offering faster, more economical and reliable transport. Sadly, many boats were moored all along the riverbanks while their captains and crews waited for work that never came! Some were sunk or stripped down and broken up for parts. Many were abandoned and left to rot. Built in 1866, the PS Adelaide, which calls the Murray River home is the world's oldest wooden-hulled paddle steamer. Nowadays, having undergone extensive restoration and renovation she offers tourists a glimpse into an era when river boats reigned supreme...a passage into another world.

The contribution made by the paddle steamers to open up vast areas of Australia cannot be underestimated, and they will always remain a unique part of the history of our great nation.

As we live between two of the largest and most iconic rivers in Australia, the Murrumbidgee and the Murray, we can appreciate the rich heritage and history handed down from those challenging times!

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## What is happening at the old servo?

Many have noticed over the past few months that there has been some activity at the old servo on the corner of Sladen Street East and the highway in Henty. According to locals, the last time the servo was used was in the 1980s.

In July this year, it was purchased by a local company who are undertaking a renovation project. The building has been given a well-deserved lick of paint on the inside, and many things have been updated to make it more suitable for the planned usage. While not all areas are completed there is still much to be done. The first tenant to the building Henty Physiotherapy has moved into the front room and is open for business, welcoming clients to the new space.

Next year it is hoped another allied health business will move in and take over the therapy room at the rear of the building. There are also plans to hold some group activities in one of the larger rooms – including first aid courses, antenatal classes and back care classes.

The outside still needs some TLC, with signage and painting still to be completed. When the ground gets a chance to dry out, a new fence will be installed and landscaping the front area will be a priority.

Next year, there are plans to hopefully put in a laundromat, electric vehicle charging station and to use some of the outside space to house and sell chickens.



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