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## Henty Community News



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### Greater Hume Australia Day winners

Australia Day 2022 in Greater Hume was held at the beautiful Ten Mile Gardens in Holbrook. It was a fabulous ceremony, with over 300 people attending. Some of the highlights were the wonderful addresses given by our Australia Day Ambassador, James Willett, Billabong High School captain Erin Hogan and vice-captain, Connor Murphy and Cr Tony Quinn, Mayor,

Greater Hume Council. The Australian flag was unfurled by well-known local Colin Strong, who also made the flag pole from a Skinny Bark sapling and ropes. The Holbrook Public School choir lead by Christine Biar sang Advance Australia Fair, I Still Call Australia Home and I Am You Are We Are Australian.

Five residents of Greater Hume became Australian

citizens following an official Australian Citizenship Ceremony, they were:

- Mrs Lidwina Bulle, Holbrook
- Mr Cormick Cronin, Holbrook
- Miss Ting Ting Ding, Jindera
- Mr Samuel Murray, Mulgandra
- Mr David Thompson, Brocklesby

Congratulations to all the award nominees and winners who were recognised for their hard work on behalf of the Greater Hume community, and the winners were:

- **Citizen of the Year – joint winners** Ross and Helen Krause, Walla Walla

good, Henty

- **Sports Person/Team of the Year – joint winners** 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"



From left to right: Yvonne Booth, Judy Zweck and James Willett.

### Vaccine effort acknowledged

On behalf of the Community, Henty Local Health Advisory Committee members Kellie Penfold-Bahr and Mick Broughan were on hand to present a small gift of appreciation and card to Dr Rashid, Tracey Spencer and Karen Forrest at Henty Medical Centre.

Kellie expressed the thoughts of the community in thanking Dr Rashid and

staff for the manner in which they have handled the huge increase in workload, over two and a half thousand vaccinations as well as the hundreds of extra phone calls inquiring about availability and safety, all of this on top of the usual practices workload. Again we say thank you.



From left to right: Kellie Penfold-Bahr, Karen Forrest, Tracey Spencer, Dr Rashid and Mick Broughan.



Ross and Helen Krause

- **Young Citizen of the Year – joint winners** Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla and Jessica Too-

### School Citizenship Awards:

- St Paul's Lutheran College: Tilly Phegan
- Brocklesby Public School: Leah Perry
- Burrumbuttock Public School: Ella Hawkins
- Culcairn Public School: Scarlett Hocking
- Gerogery Public School: Zara Byrne
- Henty Public School: Macey Bullock
- Holbrook Public School: Issac Bennett

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- Jindera Public School: Charlotte Wright
  - St John's Lutheran School: Sam Howland
  - St Mary MacKillop College: Angelica Murphy
  - St Joseph's Primary School: Kaycee Thomas
  - St Paul's Lutheran Primary School: Milly Forrest
  - Walbundrie Public School: Jai Leischke
  - Walla Walla Public School: Olivia Odewhan
- On behalf of the Holbrook

Lions Club President, Elizabeth McLean presented the Holbrook Citizen of the Year to Russell Parker and Rotary Club of Holbrook President, Rick Bull presented Russell with a \$75 voucher. The Rotary Club of Holbrook also presented five Pride of Workmanship awards to Shaun Hughes, Churchill Transport; Rita Bowler, Holbrook Happenings; Kylie Durante, Holbrook Landcare; Nick Pugh, Ten Mile Engineering and Ken Hulme, Anglican Op-Shop.

Emily Jones, Greater Hume Council representative outlined to the audience the

events planned for 2022 by the Greater Hume Youth Council.

A big thank you to:

- Rotary Club of Holbrook and Holbrook Community for providing a delicious breakfast and morning tea.
- Morgan Country Car Club
- St John's Ambulance
- Holbrook Landcare
- Australia Day Council of NSW and National Australia Day Council

## CWA turns 100, Henty branch 90

This year, Henty branch of the Country Women's Association of Swiss joining in the Centenary Celebrations as well as celebrating 90 years of the local branch, with some exciting plans.

The branch, founded in 1932, went on to include a strong Younger Set as well as the main branch. The building of the branch rooms was community funded and originally operated as a baby health clinic, serving the township of Henty and the wider rural district.

The late Joan Meyer, along with the Henty CWA branch, worked tirelessly with the organisers of the annual Henty Machinery Field Days

to establish the Women's Lifestyle Tent. Thanks to CWA, anyone could get a cup of tea, shop for treats, enjoy the many demonstrations and catch up on the latest trends, away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the Field Days.

Henty CWA Branch, under the leadership of branch president Margaret Singe, continues this practice today in the Lifestyle Pavilion by providing a cup of tea, refreshments and a place to rest and watch the fashion shows, presenters demonstrating contemporary trends and listen to guest speakers.

Following the recent sale of the Henty CWA rooms, Mar-

garet and fellow members of the branch, always active in the area, are finalising details with several local groups to donate funds to some much-needed local projects in the coming months.

The branch would like to recognise the generous contribution of the community towards the building of the rooms many years ago, and the continuing support given to members past, present and future. Watch this space for further updates.



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## Say thank you to workers

Henty Local Health Advisory Committee has congratulated all business house operators and staff health workers for continuing to provide the community with all the services it needs during the COVID pandemic. These services are so often taken for granted. The committee says the community has shown understanding during this very frustrating time. The public is urged to thank staff and others for the great job they are doing looking after us.

Meanwhile, vaccination supply is readily available children aged five to 11 and parents are urged to play their part in helping keep not only their own families safe, but all fami-

lies by booking appointments now.

If you want to keep informed of what activities the committee is undertaking, what the residents in the Henty Hospital are up to or keep abreast of the latest NSW and Murrumbidgee Local Health District news then check out the Henty LHAC Facebook page. The committee invites you to like the page and it welcomes any enquiries or comments you may have. The committee's role is to keep the public informed of what is happening in the health world and you can help by having input.

Keep healthy and safe, play your part and make sure your friends or neighbours are doing OK.

## Service NSW — Mobile Service Centre

Service NSW is returning to Henty Wednesday, February 16, 2022 in our Mobile Service Centre.

A friendly reminder that our dedicated Service NSW team on board can provide support across a broad range of services:

- Roads & Maritime Services (including licence and registration renewals and applications).
- Processing of NSW Fitness to Drive Medical Assessments and Mobility Parking Applications.
- Processing of RSA and RCG cards.
- Undertaking Driver Knowledge Tests.
- Births, Deaths and Mar-

riages (including birth, marriage, death and change of name certificates).

- Application and Renewal of Working with Children Checks on behalf of Office of Children's Guardian.
- Cost of Living appointments to assist with accessing more than 70 government rebates and savings.

Our Mobile Service Centre is a cashless facility and will accept payment by credit/debit cards or cheques.

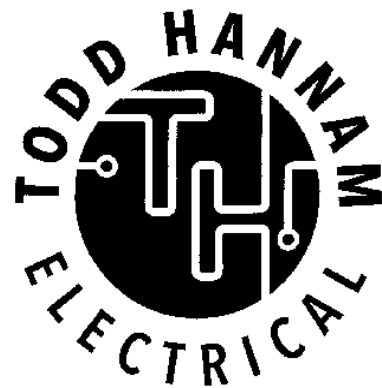


## Test your knowledge — Australia quiz questions

1. What is the constellation on Australia's flag?
2. What type of mines do you find in Coober Pedy, South Australia?
3. Australia is home to the largest cattle station in the world. What is it called?
4. What is the name of the highway that runs from Darwin to Adelaide?
5. What is the highest mountain in Australia?
6. What is the longest river in Australia?
7. Which Australian band sang "Stayin' Alive"?
8. Which Australian song mentions "eating a vegemite sandwich"?
9. What year did the Sydney Harbour Bridge open?
10. When did Australia become a federation?
11. Who is Australia's longest serving prime minister?
12. Which Prime Minister disappeared in 1967 while swimming?
13. When did Canberra become the capital city?
14. Which Australia author wrote "Possum Magic"?

Reference: *Beloved City website:*  
<https://www.beelovedcity.com/australia-quiz>

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## Library News

### Storytime at Henty Library 2022

Storytime is held on the first Friday of each month commencing – 4 February 2022 from 12noon to 1pm.

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

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

### National Backyard Cricket - January – February

National Backyard Cricket is an opportunity for you to take time out with family and friends to enjoy a game of cricket and raise funds to support education projects in Australia and other cricket playing nations.

The official date is Sunday 6 February, however, you can get involved by playing a game anytime over the summer.

It's easy to participate! All you need to do is register by entering your details on their official website (link below), and play your game of backyard cricket.

If you would like to support National Backyard Cricket, but don't want to hold a game you can donate directly to National Backyard Cricket via their website. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

If you register or donate before 15 January you will go into the draw to win an experience to attend the backyard cricket game at the Governor General's residence in Sydney on 1

February. There are also prize packs to be won if you register or donate before 6 February.

Every dollar raised will help fund country libraries around Australia and tertiary education projects in cricket playing nations around the world.

Register or donate at [www.nationalbackyardcricket.com](http://www.nationalbackyardcricket.com).

A total of \$70,000 was raised in 2021 to support regional libraries around Australia. Wagga Wagga City Library, Gundagai Library, Cootamundra Library, Henty Library and Holbrook Library were helped through this program.

### Review and Win – a craft kit or an audiobook

Send us a review of a library item during February and you could win a craft kit or an audiobook! Share with us what you have borrowed over summer.

The review may be of anything you have read, listened to, or watched, as long as it is available at the library. People of all ages are welcome to submit a review. The reviews will be shared on our library social media channels (Instagram and Facebook). You are welcome to submit a photo of yourself

with the reviewed item, if you are happy for us to share it.

Audiobooks have been generously donated by Bolinda. Craft kits are valued \$5.00-\$20.00.

If you're looking for something new to read and review, view [items new to the library here](https://riverina.libero.com.au/libero/WebOpac) <https://riverina.libero.com.au/libero/WebOpac> or check out our [eBook and eAudiobook platforms](#).

We look forward to reading and sharing your reviews!

### There's never been a better time to join your library

The world is changing so fast these days; it's hard to keep up. New technology is coming out all the time, so much has gone online and many people are time poor. Your local library is here to help! The days of shushing librarians in a room full of dusty books are long gone! Your library is a place to find the information you need, access the Internet, learn a new skill, discover new technology and connect with others. Joining the library is FREE, and the library is for everyone.

Read all the newspapers, research your family history, grow your hobbies with the latest magazines, binge watch your favourite television series on DVD and design the best garden/meal/party/holiday with fabulous books. You can borrow thousands of dollars' worth of items, absolutely free.

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your library staff can help you find your next favourite book. Join a book club and experience the joy of social connection over books (book clubs are about so much more than just books).

Follow the Greater Hume Council Libraries on Facebook to see all the great programs and services coming up.



### Click and Collect and Home Delivery Service

Greater Hume Council Libraries are now opened however, Click & Collect and Home Delivery Services are still available. Please contact your town library to organize this amazing service. The Home Library Service is a free home delivery service for residents of the Greater Hume Council who are unable to visit one of the Greater Hume Libraries in person, by reason of age, sickness or other incapacity.

Please contact the library to request a Home Library Service application package to be posted to you.

Staff will conduct a telephone interview to introduce you to the service. Books and other library materials will be selected according to your preferences, and delivered to your home on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

### Frequently asked questions:

#### What can a Home Library Service member borrow?

Our Home Library Service members can borrow items from any of the library's lending collections includ-

ing large print books, regular print books, audiovisual material (including audiobooks, CDs and DVDs) magazines.

#### How often will I get my library items?

We can deliver your items on a 2 week or 4 week cycle. We will arrange this with you when you join the service.

#### Can a Home Library Service member request a particular item?

Yes. To request a particular item from the collection, please contact your local Greater Hume Council Library P: 060360100

#### Can I stop the service for a short period?

When you go on holidays, or go to hospital just keep us informed and we can stop and start the delivery as required.

#### 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

#### Youth Services

**Expression of Interest –  
Adulthood 101 Classes –  
RSA, RCG and First Aid**

The successful funded project Adulthood 101: Young People in the Greater Hume Council becoming resilient young adults will provide young people living in the Greater Hume Council aged 12 -25 years the basic life skills to make a successful transition to life after home and school to undertake employment opportunities and further studies.

Mayor of Greater Hume Council said "The lifeskill programs that the young people will participate in will transform their future through the development of their skills, confidence and relationships with each other, their families and their communities".

Greater Hume Council Youth Services will be working with TAFE NSW in early 2022 to delivery FREE RSA, RCG and First Aid courses for young people under the age of 24 years.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these accredited FREE courses please contact Greater Hume Council Youth Services P: 0260360179 for further information.

#### Technology Petting Zoo Program at Henty Library

Visit the Henty Library and enjoy our new Technology Petting, Little Bits, DIY

Tanker and Cement Truck Construction Kits, 3D Printer and Sphero Balls plus the ever popular Virtual Reality. Work together to build the different items from the Technology Petting Zoo and then learn to code and control the devices with an iPad. This program has been made possible due to a successful ALIA Backyard Cricket funding. Further Technology Petting Zoo programs will be held at other Greater Hume Council Libraries from February 2022.

**Date: Wednesday 16 February 22**

**Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

**Ages: 10+**

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Spaces are limited so bookings are essential. Contact Henty Library P: 0260360179 or visit the Henty Library to make your booking.



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## Council News January 2022

Business dealt with at the meeting included: Council opened with Councillors Forrest, Lindner, Meyer, O'Neill, Quinn, Schilg and Wilton undertaking the oath of office, Councillors Hicks and Parker undertook the affirmation of office in front of Ken Scheuner, Justice of the

Peace. Congratulations to all Councillor elected or re-elected at the December local government elections.

Councillor Tony Quinn was elected Mayor with Councillor Annette Schilg elected Deputy Mayor for the period January 2022 to September 2023.

Council takes this opportunity

to thank our long-serving outgoing Mayor Heather Wilton and Deputy Mayor Doug Meyer OAM for their leadership during their tenure.

Council adopted the meeting schedule below for 2022, with all meetings to commence at 6pm. A public forum will immediately precede each meeting.

Month	Meeting date	Venue
January	Tuesday 11	Council Chambers, Culcairn
February (Extraordinary meeting)	Wednesday 2	Council Chambers, Culcairn
February	Wednesday 16	Council Chambers, Culcairn
March	Wednesday 16	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
April	Wednesday 20	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
May	Wednesday 18	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
June	Wednesday 15	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
July	Wednesday 20	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
August	Wednesday 17	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook
September	Wednesday 21	Community Meeting Room, Holbrook

al vacancies in the office of Councillors will be filled using the countback method in the first 18 months following the 2021 local government election.

Council resolved to submit a motion to the Local Government Special Conference to defer the Infrastructure Contributions Bill until it can be clearly demonstrated that no Council will be worse off and it provides fairness and equity across the State of NSW.

Council will become an affiliate member of the Companion Card NSW program. The NSW Companion Card program is for people with significant and permanent disability who have a lifelong need for a high level of care to participate in community events and activities. The Companion Card allows a person's carer free entry into participating venues and events. For more information visit: <https://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au/>

The appointment of Council delegates to various internal and external committees were determined.

Council approved that casual

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## Raffle helps respite centre

The Lions Club of Henty ended 2021 with a lot of activity after COVID-19 had presented many difficulties with fund-raising during the year.

The Christmas Stocking Raffle was again very successful, with \$1240 being raised. Congratulations go to the winners - 1st, Robin Roosenburg, 2nd Willow Alliento, 3rd Kayla Muller and 4th Marie Katalinic. Lions wishes to thank the many businesses and individuals who generously contributed in many ways to provide the prizes and appreciate the great support from the community. The entire proceeds will go

to the Avondale Place respite home development on the corner of Comer Street and Keighran Street west of the Henty Multipurpose Service.

Henty Lions Club was one of the many local organisations on hand to address new residents to the town at the highly successful "Meet and Greet" Evening at the Henty Community Club. In addition, Information on what Lions do was distributed during the night.

Lions had a busy night conducting the sausage sizzle

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in conjunction with the annual Carols Service, which had to be transferred from the park to the Henty Community Club and Civic Centre due to inclement weather. Henty Lions would have been hard-pressed to cater if it were not for several "unofficial" Lion volunteers who helped out. As a bonus, all concerned also dodged the predicted attack by squadrons of mosquitoes.

The Lions Christmas cakes were again very popular and five cartons have been sold to augment the coffers. They are certainly

good value for money due to their high quality.

In mid-January, six local primary students were given a holiday at Licola Wilderness Camp on the banks of the Macalister River near Mansfield, Victoria. This is a wonderful experience for these children and they will start the new school year much refreshed. The Bendigo Bank is a great supporter of this worthy project and the club is grateful for the three places provided this year.

Coming up in 2022, COVID permitting, is the Lions Youth of the Year Competition which gives local Year 11 and 12 students the op-

portunity to present their speeches, both prepared and impromptu, as well as answering questions on general knowledge and current affairs.

It is hoped to hold the Lions annual Town Garage Sale in March or April this year. Also, in either March or April, the club wishes to once again conduct a Junior Public Speaking Contest and a Spelling Bee for students attending the four local primary schools.

Henty Lions is updating the Local Telephone Book which was last compiled in 2018. Prior to that, this important project was undertaken by Henty Rotary Club. This is an enormous task, so the club needs help from all subscribers when contacted.

Henty Lions is hoping to attract some new members to help spread the work-

load. Last year the club was excited to welcome new member David Amery, who transferred from South Wagga Lions and now calls Henty home. Additional members would mean the club can live up to the Lions International motto, "We Serve". Any person who can help to make the community a better place is most welcome.



## Museum to honour visionary

With the New Year well behind us it is time to reflect on where we are at and what we hope to achieve before this year is over.

The Museum Committee is saddened to hear of the passing of Les Dale whom our members recognise as the major contributor to the Heritage Museum collection.

Les had a commitment to collecting and preserving our past in his "Cellar Museum" and took great pleasure in showing visitors a lifetime of various items, his memories and the stories that relate to most of them. Les was a man of great vision, a hard-working businessman, but also very much community orientated. He gave his time and assisted with so many organisations. Our community is very much the poorer for his passing.

With this in mind, the next meeting will require some thought and commitment from members as there is a proposal for an alternative

to the building that was planned to be constructed behind the Henty Creative Gallery in Sladen Street.

There is a parcel of vacant land behind the School of Arts building (Old Memorial Hall), that may be available for the construction of a single-storey building. The advantages of this building compared to the original proposal are to be discussed. We may also be able to make use of sections of the Memorial Hall to assist with the cataloguing process or even storage of gifted items prior to building completion.

At the next Committee meeting of the Museum Committee, it is hoped that there will be a report and a review, based on recent discussions with Council and with a draftsman regarding plans. The meeting will be held Tuesday night, (February 1) 7.30pm, at the Men's Shed.

*Contributed by Russell Davies...Deputy Chairperson...  
Henty Heritage Museum Committee*

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### Bill overdue?

If your energy or water bill is overdue and/or you receive a reminder notice, you should contact your provider as soon as possible to discuss the best options for you. Let your provider know your current situation, and what you can afford, and ask them for more time to pay your bill.

### Setup a payment plan

A payment plan is a formal arrangement between you and your provider. It can help you avoid late payment fees and avoid disconnection of your supply. Offer to pay what you can afford and don't be pressured into offering more.

### Get on an affordability program

Affordability programs (sometimes referred to as hardship programs) are designed to protect you from disconnection and help you manage the arrears on your account by paying smaller amounts over a longer period. All energy companies must have an affordability program - so ask to be referred. They can also help by checking you are receiving

government rebates and giving advice on how to reduce your bills.

### Are you eligible for a rebate or EAPA vouchers?

You may be eligible for a rebate if you are a senior, on a low income, on life support or have other medical needs. You can ask your provider about the rebates available or find out more <https://www.ewon.com.au/rebates>.

Energy Account Payment Assistant (EAPA) vouchers are also available to help pay an electricity or gas bill. These can help in emergency situations, and you apply for these through an organisation which will assess your situation. Find out more about these vouchers at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/energy-accounts-payment-assistance-eapa-scheme>.

Most water providers also offer rebates and Sydney Water and Hunter Water offer additional support for private tenants and owners.

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## Grants for museums and historical societies

The Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program is a \$3 million Australian Government program that aims to support community cultural, heritage and arts organisations in regional Australia as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19. It provides small quick response funding up to \$3000 and projects must be delivered by 30 June 2022.

The CHART grant aims to help regional museums, galleries, and historical societies to continue to offer appealing cultural tourism experiences as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

CHART grants will provide funding up to \$3,000 to enhance visitor experiences, promotions, and access to organisations and their

services, with the goal of supporting the sustainability of regional cultural organisations and their local economies.

Activities funded must be delivered by 30 June 2022. The Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) strongly encourages eligible applicants to submit at the earliest opportunity.

To find the CHART Program Guidelines and to learn more about the grant program and whether your organisation is eligible for funding, visit [\[https://www.amaga.org.au/chart\]](https://www.amaga.org.au/chart)

Or if you have any questions about eligibility or want to discuss your ideas, please contact your NSW regional coordinator, Chelsie by calling 0456 488 915.

This grant program is being implemented by AMaGA on behalf of the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications through the Office for the Arts.

### Key dates:

Announcement Milestone:  
5 November 2021

Round opens 9:00 am AEST  
on 5 November 2021

Round closes when the \$3 million CHART funding allocation has been expended, or 29 April 2022, whichever is sooner

Announcement of successful applicants: Following the assessment of each batch

Delivery of all funded Activities: 30 June 2022.

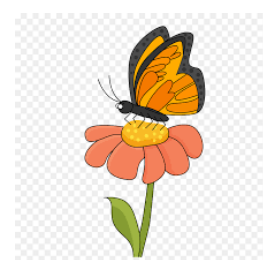
## EVENTS

## CANCELLED

### Please Note

The following events have been cancelled due to COVID-19:

- Henty Show - Saturday February 12, 2022
- Hello Henty—Saturday March 12 and Sunday March 13, 2022 at Henty Field Days site





## Have you received an estimated energy bill?

You might receive an estimated bill if your actual meter can't be accessed easily, but it's important to understand your rights and responsibilities if you receive an estimated bill.

We are the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON), a free, fair and independent complaints-handling service for all electricity and gas customers in NSW, and some water customers.

### Why did you receive an estimated bill?

You may have received an estimated bill if your meter couldn't be safely accessed. For example, locked gates, a dog on the property, or overgrown bushes blocking the meter can prevent it being read. Retailers try to

read meters every quarter however, if there are unsafe weather conditions estimated bills can be issued up to three times a year.

Estimated bills are usually based on the amount of electricity or gas used in the past, and your bill will be adjusted depending on whether you use more or less than what was estimated.

Your bill should clearly state that your meter reading has been estimated, either with the word Estimated or with the letter E next to the readings.

### What to do about an estimated bill?

Can you read your own meter? If you have an old meter you can provide your

own readings to your retailer so that your bill can be adjusted. If you send a picture of the meter to your retailer before the due date, the retailer can adjust your bill. However, this isn't an option if you have a time-of-use meter or smart meter.

If you are worried that your estimated read is too high, you can ask your retailer for a special meter read, however, there may be a cost for this service.

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## New police officer arrives

Local residents are delighted to welcome another new family who have just moved in and will now call Henty, their home. Their arrival has been anticipated for some time.

Senior Constable Daniel Davila has officially taken up duties in Henty last week, having requested a country posting. He joined the Police Force in 2014 and was stationed in Liverpool prior to his transfer to Henty.

He and his wife, Ana have always wanted to live and work in a "family-orientated town" and are most grateful for the warm welcomes they have received so far. They look forward to settling in and becoming a part of our community.

They have two sons, Samuel, 5, who "can't wait" to start school this term, and his little brother, Dominic, who is 10 months old.

It seems that word spreads and the local cricket club have already scored well with their latest recruit. You could say that he bowled them over! Ana loves to bake, cakes being her specialty. No doubt there will be additional opportunities and the P and C will benefit when it comes to cake and produce stalls as part of its fundraising.

We wish them all the best and know that the community will make them feel at home.



Senior Constable Daniel Davila, Ana and sons Samuel and Dominic settling into life in Henty

## Cherish Sweet Music

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

This acrylic painting, *Cherish Sweet Music*, is the third in a series. It was a commissioned artwork.

The background to this series of paintings is the closest to abstract as I had attempted. Music has been a major part of my life with my grandmother teaching me piano to begin with then having professional teachers until completing 7th grade piano and 6th grade theory for HSC many years ago. I really do not remember not being able to play. This skill had very lean years without a piano and therefore the loss of all those early years of train-

ing three hours a day has just never been on the books again!! However, music has been a wonderful skill for church and for school teaching. I played and we sang everyday and the children loved that. Hence, when in a very early art Workshop the tutor asked us to draw an abstract drawing (and I do not understand abstract!), I panicked and took flight into my music world with a quite bland, very sketchy "something" which I passed off as my abstract. Maybe it should have been called a "realism abstract". A few years later I just felt like having a bit of fun with that old sketch and painted *Cherishing Music* which was purchased by one of my



*Cherish Sweet Music* Acrylic on paper, framed size 56cm x 45 cm

lovely art students.

Now for my story of the actual paintings. The flute (in the above painting) is replaced by a drum and abstract brass instrument in *Cherishing Music*, and a

violin in *Cherishing The Music- the other two in the series*. My story is built around the beautiful flow of the notes off the music staff into the sound that floats for all to enjoy. The gentle holding of the other instrument by the flow of the piano keys represents the "Cherishing" of the music. The music stand represents the background strength and planning that holds musicians, compositions and instruments all together to produce the beautiful music. Finally the water colour look of the painting's background represents the depth of feeling, meaning and understanding within the music. This level of realism abstract touches my heart.

## Jaycees look back

The Henty Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) in recess are recording the history of the Jaycees in Henty between the years of 1954 and 1985. The book, a chronology, is well under way.

During the Jaycees history they accomplished many deeds like The Lyric Theatre project, the toilet block at the Community Hall, the Duckarama, (a well organised and patronised community social function held prior to the opening of the annual duck shooting season in Henty), Carols by Candlelight, erection of street name signs and much more. The members helped shape Henty into the community it is today.

Henty Jaycees have had contact with some of the past members who have been kind enough to give samplings of their activities during their time with Jaycees and after Jaycees. Each member, who has agreed, has a small biography in the book to preserve, in some

way, the part they played in the development of this community.

Through the Headerlines, Jaycees are hoping to find any of the men in the Henty district who were Jaycees or possibly contact with the wives of those who are no longer here. At present they are reconstructing the history from the ads and reports published in "The Observer" and from the Jaycee records that have survived the past 40 years.

We are anxious to contact ex-members to gain as much firsthand information as possible and maybe get some of the stories that never appeared in official records or the paper. Any and all information and help will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Ed Dale (Project Co-ordinator) Mob: 0418 453 046 and Ken Shiels (Compiler) Mob: 0467 410 346. Email: shiel.genealogy@gmail.com

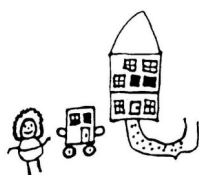
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## Couple of old rockers spruced up

The Christmas and New Year period was still busy at the Men's Shed with a particular challenge to take the curry comb and brush to a couple of ponies. The ponies are usually stabled at the Henty Pre-School, but during the holiday period were given a little pampering after years of service to the younger members of the community.



Nimble

Nipper and Nimble (for want of better names) are brown and white rocking horses. That were sanded and brushed, whilst their harness and gear was cleaned and painted.

The other challenges at the shed during this period, were salvaging useful local timbers from a house being demolished, a coffee table turned out of some of the roof trusses, work on a tim-

ber "bar" for the bowling club and doing battle with the weeds and lush grass.

These challenges are new for most of the fellows, which keeps testing their minds and bodies in the lifelong challenge to master a new skill and be appreciated.

The Henty branch of Bendigo Bank kindly provided funds for the installation of solar panels at the shed. While the "tradies" rapidly erected the frames and solar panels, the shed members reflected on their own days of physical challenges, with some of even remembering when they were "Nippers and Nimble" and when horses came before cars and tractors.

after stepping on it, it doesn't require watering. When you do water, a good soaking every now and then is preferable to frequent, light watering.

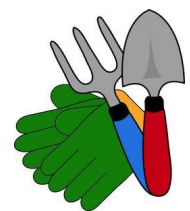
Watering your garden in the early morning or evening reduces water loss through evaporation. Don't put the sprinkler on if it's too windy.

As well as reducing evaporation and water run-off, good quality mulch will also provide nutrients to the plants and restrict weed growth.

Keep the mower cutting height as high as possible so the lawn retains all the moisture that it can and shade the soil. Keeping grass longer shades the soil surface and reduces evaporation loss.

An easy way to save time while conserving water is by using a tap timer so you can get on with your day without accidentally overwatering your lawn.

*Reference: Water Wise 12 water saving tips that will keep your garden alive*



Nipper

## In the garden

Plant a 'waterwise' garden using plants with low water requirements. And what better range to choose from than our own native plants that come in a bewildering variety to keep any gardener happy. Your local wildlife will thank you for it too.

Don't over-water your lawn

(if you have one). Train it to use less water by encouraging the roots to grow deeper. Also, set your mower level higher during summer and let your lawn grow longer

If you have an outdoor pool or spa, keep it covered when not in use. Covers help prevent the water from evaporating and keep out leaves as a bonus.

Use a rake, broom or outdoor blower to clean paths

and driveways rather than a hose.

Similarly, if the car's looking a little dusty sitting in the driveway, resist the urge to grab the hose

One leaking tap can waste more than 2,000 litres a month. Use good quality hose fittings - such as nozzles or trigger sprayers - that won't leak or break and waste water.

If your lawn springs back

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## Flash of brilliance saves lives

If someone refers to you as a “Pharophile”, would you be concerned? Perhaps not, especially if you knew that it signifies you have an interest in lighthouses!

As an island continent, “our home is girt by sea”, Australia’s coastline totals 47,070km. This includes all islands more than 12ha. As such, it boasts a rich maritime history and the surrounding waters are littered with shipwrecks over the last few centuries. Of the 8000 that are registered, only about a quarter have ever been found. Hundreds of seafarers died. The grisly toll would have been much greater if not for the construction of lighthouses along our shores to guide mariners when negotiating coral reefs and atolls, rocky outcrops, harbours, unpredictable winds and treacherous currents and tides. The seas around the southern areas, such as Bass Strait and the Western Australian coast are infamous for hosting sudden and unpredictable weather conditions.

The first beacon to guide sailors to safety in the new colony was probably erected in 1793 at what is now, South Head, in the en-

trance to Sydney Harbour. It was manned by convicts, who ensured that a wood fire was kept alight from dusk until dawn each night. Governor Lachlan Macquarie is credited with ordering the construction of the first lighthouse. The light, or beacon, was fueled by whale oil. Many of Australia’s lighthouses were built with convict labour.

By the time of Federation in 1901 the Commonwealth Government took over all coastal lights; many of which were in remote areas serviced by boat or sometimes inaccessible roads.

Much later, kerosene was used, often under pressure, also acetylene gas lamps, then mineral oil and when available, electricity, usually provided by a diesel driven generator. Now, solar panels provide power at some locations.

A clock-type mechanism served to rotate the platform on which the polished reflectors were mounted in front of the light itself. The taller the structure, the further away the light could be seen, due to the curvature of the Earth’s surface.

In earlier times lighthouse keepers were called “wickies” because they had

to regularly clean and polish all the glass and mirrors, trim the wicks in the oil lamp daily and wind up the mechanism, all part of the daily ritual of mounting the spiral staircase to the room at the top. Eventually, glass and mirrors gave way to lenses, or prisms and in 1820, a Frenchman, Augustin Fresnel invented the amazing Fresnel lens, which greatly magnified the light behind it and thus saved countless lives.



Lighthouse keepers and/or their assistants manned the stations all night and their days, and those of their families were often spent in lonely, harsh and remote circumstances, demanding ingenuity, courage and dedication. A cottage was provided at locations either on the coastline or an island and supplies had to be ferried in by boat, horse and cart or whatever solution was necessary in such isolated locations.

Australian lighthouses come in all shapes and sizes, and many are over 150 years old. They can be square, round, conical and rectangular, may be painted white, red, black or a combination of white, red or black in horizontal or vertical stripes. Their colour is determined by the background, ie, a white tower on dark rock. Obviously, the structure must be as conspicuous as possible to sig-

nify its location and identity on the coastline. The lighthouse colour, pattern or number of flashes per minute and the intervals between flashes is the unique “signature” or character of each one.

They remain a tribute to the superb architecture, engineering, and construction qualities as much as to the courage, endurance and perseverance of those who operated and maintained them. Most built in Australia were made from the more durable stone or bricks, however, wood, iron, reinforced concrete and even, occasionally, aluminium or fibreglass have been used in Australia.

The lighthouse with the brightest beacon is to be found at Cape Byron, NSW. Flashing once every 15 seconds, its light can be seen from 50kms. Some modern lighthouses are rated at a million candle power. A 100-watt incandescent light bulb can only muster 100 candlepower.

In World War II, Australian lighthouses and their personnel played a vital role in providing information on enemy activity, whether in the air or at sea. Some doubled as radar stations.

Today there are about 500 such structures in Australia comprising lighthouses, beacons, buoys, radio transmitters and other marine navigational aids. Only about 103 are still manned. Due to great advances in technology, many of the lighthouses are automated and no longer require a keeper. Many provide additional vital information about prevailing weather conditions and other data and tidal movements. It seems that the larger, ocean-

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going vessels now largely use their Global Positioning Systems, (GPS), however, many of the smaller coastal ships still rely on the network of remaining lighthouses and other aids.

It is likely that the oldest and most significant remaining working lighthouse on the mainland is perched on the steep, rugged cliffs of Cape Otway, in Victoria as it keeps its lonely vigil overlooking the restless Southern Ocean where it meets Bass Strait. It was built in 1848, is 20m high, made from sandstone and is an integral part of our maritime history as well as currently being a magnet for tourists.

The light station on Wilson's Promontory in Victoria, now fully automated, is regarded as one of the most isolated in Australia, although the white, cast iron, Tasman Island lighthouse, built in 1906, automated in 1976 and currently solar powered can probably claim that title.



Cape Otway Lighthouse, Otway National Park, Victoria.

Surely the sight of that shaft of light piercing the curtain of darkness when all seemed subordinate to a backdrop of towering waves and shrieking wind must have seemed a like a beacon of hope and security to all "those in peril on the sea"!

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## How safe is your home?

We often think of our homes as our safe havens, but that's not always the case. Here are some practical things you can do to help prevent accidents in your home.

### Poisons

- Put all your harmful household chemicals in a locked cabinet if you've got small children in the house. Keep poisons away from children and pets.
- Don't forget to hide dishwasher soap pods—they look quite inviting to curious children.
- Don't mix your chemicals. You may inadvertently create a toxic gas.

- Keep the Poison Control number posted near the phone or programmed into your cell phone.
- Keep a close eye on the kids while you're using any household cleansers. Don't leave your children unattended while you go to answer the door.

### Burns

- Never leave frying items unattended.
- Keep matches and lighters locked away so children can't reach them.
- Don't wear loose fitting clothing when cooking.
- Check the temperature on your water heater

- Keep pot handles turned in when cooking. Sadly, we've all heard of children who have pulled down pots of boiling water on themselves, causing serious life-threatening burns. Take care with electric toasters too!

### Electrocutions

- Replace any old, worn extension cords.
- Cover electrical outlets when you have small children in the home.
- Keep electrical appliances away from water or wet hands.
- Don't overload outlets. In older homes with outdated electrical systems, overloading is a more common issue.
- Keep outlets covered so

little hands stay safe.

- Don't leave appliance cords in places where you can trip on them.

### Sharp Objects

Adults use plenty of dangerous tools on a daily basis: kitchen knives, power tools, screwdrivers and so on. Never cut something toward you, always point away. Don't carry a sharp item facing you, and kids never run with scissors!

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### Eye problems in focus

This camera will not capture the wonderful images you want to bring back from your holiday or help preserve the memories of a special occasion in your life. This camera hasn't heaps of megapixels and a zoom lens and it won't take the usual "selfie" for you. However, this truly amazing, purpose-built camera is a Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener, a portable, hand-held device designed to help screen and detect vision problems in those at risk from six months of age up to adults.

The camera screens both eyes simultaneously and from a simple on-site photograph, the resulting on-line screen data results can

be shared or printed and can be available for eye care specialists and doctors. Special eye charts are used to check for lack of clarity, near and far sightedness colour blindness and other conditions.

Since 1917, Lions Clubs International have worked to make a difference by initiating many humanitarian programs, and currently in Australia, one of these is the LEHP, or Lions Eye Health Program, where Lions Australia have partnered with Centre for Eye Health to develop resources to assist those who are visually impaired. Statistics indicate more than 75% of cases detected in the community are preventable or can be cured and the key to

it is awareness! The second factor is early screening and detection.

Did you know that according to the LEHP website, 575,000 Australians are vision impaired in both eyes?

Did you also know that in Australia, one in five children have an undetected vision problem which may have a profound effect on their development including schooling, sporting participation and day to day activities? All children should have a full eye examination before starting school and regularly thereafter as they progress through all levels of education and beyond.

The LEHP-Australia program, which is run by volunteers, focuses on specific conditions like glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetes-related issues. The camera detects abnormalities including near and far-sightedness, (which are the most common problem), blurred vision, unequal pupil size and poor eye alignment and coordination. In Districts where Lions clubs have adopted the program, members undergo special training to be able to oper-

ate the cameras and liaise with pre-schools, schools, and the community in general. Resource material is also distributed to reinforce and assist in the detection of vision loss, which can happen to anyone and sometimes, the signs of underlying problems are subtle! Children and adults who are screened through the LEHP Australia and have a particular issue are referred on to a health professional for treatment if required.

Impaired vision can lead to loss of confidence and the chance of falls and accidents, particularly in older people. Regular eye examinations are vitally important. Be vigilant and aware. Protect the eye health of you and your family.

In the words of Humphrey Bogart in a touching scene from the iconic movie, "Casablanca", first screened in 1942, "here's looking at you"!

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| 4. Stuart Highway            | 12. Harold Holt    |
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## Message from Susan Ley, Member for Farrer

With travel restrictions finally easing, it's been great to get back across my electorate over the last few months – and equally exciting to see tourists and travellers out and about along the border.

My government remains focussed on suppressing the virus and supply of vaccine, together with the support needed to boost this region's economy and delivering the essential services we rely on. I have long been a supporter and understood the value of rapid antigen testing and those supplies are coming back, and we are seeing the lines at the PCR testing sites reducing.

Our economy continues to power through, and we are coming out of the pandemic very strongly. People have gone through a lot and some are quite anxious and frustrated, but most believe that we are through the worst and know that their government has their back.



Minister for Resources and Water Keith Pitt recently announced approval for the \$126.48 million NSW Murrumbidgee Irrigation Automation Project to better prepare the water delivery network for the future while delivering 7.4 GL of water savings to the environment and water users.

"The approved NSW state-led project proposed by **Murrumbidgee Irrigation** underwent a robust assessment process

that included independent advice to verify expected water savings," Minister Pitt said.

"The project will upgrade 1,500 monitoring sites, automate 360 regulators, refurbish 20 kilometres of open earth channels and construct a new 5,000 ML surge reservoir that together will generate 6.3 GL per year of water savings for the environment and 1.1 GL for water users and their community.

"Projects funded through the \$1.33 billion State Led Off-farm Efficiency Program will provide practical improvements to irrigation networks, better preparing them and their water users for the future, while generating economic activity and jobs for rural and regional communities.

"In addition to this project, the Commonwealth will also provide \$5 million to support feasibility studies that will result in further applications to the Off-farm Efficiency Program across New South Wales," Minister Pitt said.

Projects under the State Led Off-Farm Efficiency Program are proposed by states in partnership with irrigation infrastructure operators and submitted to the Commonwealth for assessment and agreement.

Local member, Susan Ley, said community consultations held in September and October 2021 had delivered positive feedback.

"The majority of submissions from the community agreed or strongly agreed that the project would result in neutral or positive socio-economic outcomes, with unanimous strong agreement from irrigators in the Murrumbidgee,"

Minister Ley said.

"Recovering water by investing in off-farm infrastructure increases water availability for our farmers – turning water that would otherwise be lost to seepage and evaporation in irrigation networks into useable water that also contributes to Basin Plan outcomes."

NSW Minister for Lands and Water, Kevin Anderson, said the state will continue working with local communities, industry and the Commonwealth to identify further opportunities under the Off-farm Efficiency Program.

"This is fantastic news for communities in the Murrumbidgee Valley who depend on this water for their livelihood. This project will keep water in communities while working towards environmental outcomes. Feasibility studies will be undertaken to scope further possible projects in NSW so more communities can stay productive," Minister Anderson said.

"These studies will be important to ensure that the future water needs of irrigation network customers are known and that water savings projects can be developed to reduce water losses and share water be-

tween networks and the environment providing a win-win outcome.

"Feasibility funding will unlock and speed up new projects by funding important activities such as on the ground surveying, soil testing, modelling, detailed designs for infrastructure and project implementation planning."

Senator for NSW Perin Davey said the federal and state governments were getting on with the job at hand so local communities and industries could benefit through this program.

"NSW has clearly recognised the important opportunity this program provides to modernise water network infrastructure while delivering water for the environment and increasing water availability for our users," Senator Davey said.

For more information on the \$1.54 billion Off-farm Efficiency Program refer:

<https://www.awe.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/programs/basin-wide/off-farm-efficiency-program>



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