

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE A GREAT COMMUNITY

Holbrook Rotarians honoured three community volunteers Betty Winzer, Lea Parker, and Steven Bunyan with Paul Harris Fellows for their community work at a dinner held to celebrate the occasion. Family members and friends of the volunteers came along to support and acknowledge their work. Responding to the honour, recipient Lea Parker said, "I wanted my children to grow up in a great community and realised it's up to us to create that." Lea became a Greater Hume Shire Councillor in 2018. A year ago, she was an organiser /co-ordinator of the Holbrook Staging Area during the fires and her teams did a great job catering and caring for the people, firefighters and others who passed through the staging area. Previously, Lea spent 11 years on the committee of Holbrook Early Learning Centre, with five years as president during its transition to Long day Care. She was St Patrick's School co-ordinator for the Henty Machinery Field Days and spent three years as chair of the St Patricks Board. Lea was involved in bringing the resilience program to Holbrook and the mental health play Carpe Diem. A strong involvement in sport involved coaching the C-grade and A-grade netball teams, the netball club treasurer for 4 years, and remains on the marketing and sponsorship committee today.

Listed in the Rural Women's Hidden Treasures Honour Roll in 2011, Betty Winzer loves what she does as a volunteer. Betty has knitted thousands of Scare Bears for young and distressed patients at the Holbrook Health Service and Ambulance NSW and further afield in Albury Wodonga. She was a regular visitor to the Harry Jarvis Wing helping at mealtimes three times daily, and a member and active fund raiser of Friends of the Hostel. She provided support services for the Red Cross and in particular the Holbrook Blood Bank Service. While some ill health and COVID 19 regulations have impeded her work, Betty encourages volunteers in the future to continue her legacy as a helper at the Harry Jarvis Wing. "Feeding people at mealtimes or just reading and talking to residents can really make a difference to their day," she said. Betty's generous nature, kind heart and enthusiastic volunteerism has been a great example for the Holbrook community. She was nominated by the Holbrook Health Service for Volunteer Excellence Award in 2018; was a nominee for Greater Hume Shire

Citizen of the Year in 2019 and nominated as Holbrook Citizen of the Year on two occasions. Stephen Bunyan said, "It's always more rewarding to be a giver than a receiver. "I've enjoyed every minute of my volunteering in the community." Stephen's active involvement in the community has included: life member of the Holbrook Show Society and president for five years; member of the Cookardinia and Back Creek Rural Fire Service for over 50 years. He is a foundation member of the Holbrook Sporting Complex, and Holbrook Basketball Club; board member of the Hume Football and Netball Clubs and the Holbrook Australian Rule Football Club; chairman of the Log Cabin Trust and past member of the Rotary Club of Holbrook, Holbrook Landcare, Maintenance Committee member of the Cookardinia Cemetery, and Holbrook Lions Club citizen of the Year in 2015.

Who was Paul Harris? He was a businessman who founded Rotary in 1905. The Rotary Foundation came along later in 1917 and since then has spent more than \$4 billion on life changing, sustainable projects. Paul Harris recognition was established in his honour in 1957 to express appreciation for giving US \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation for humanitarian and educational programs. As a club, we the members donate through our weekly fine money around \$1000 to \$1500 annually to the Foundation. Money that we collect also goes to the eradication of Polio worldwide. Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person who has served the community or the Rotary Club above and beyond self. Holbrook President Jen Parer said we have honour and pleasure in recognising three outstanding citizens as they become Paul Harris Fellows: Stephen Bunyan, Lea Parker, and Betty Winzer.



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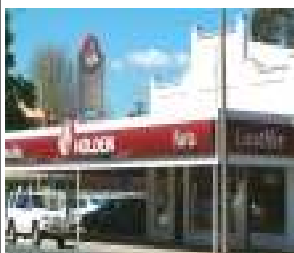
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Rock 'n' Roll with Johnny Rockers

Wednesday 21 April
11.00am-2.00pm
Chair yoga, Thai Chi, macramé workshop and lunch

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Rock N Roll with Johnny's Rockers from Albury. Open to everybody over 15! Join in the workshop or come along and enjoy the music, dancing and supper. The workshop will be 50-60's Rock N Roll and finish with a fantastic floor show with a team from Johnny's Rockers dancers.

Seniors week luncheon with Tai Chi, Yoga and Macramé Workshop Open to everyone over 55. Come to all or just the sessions that you are keen to do!

11.00 am **Tai Chi Demonstration** by local instructors

11.20 **Arm Chair Yoga** run by Sue Rutledge

12.00 pm **Luncheon**

1.00 pm **Macramé Workshop**

Learn a new skill and make a plant hanger. Macrame is a technique or method of crafting a textile that uses several knots to form the basic shape and function of the piece. Each knot can be created with your hands, and there are no other tools required other than a mounting ring to keep the item in place while you work.



The Vegetable Plot

Wednesday 14 April
Holbrook Library
4 pm

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For ages 0-12 years

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



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last Friday, we participated in the National Ride2School Day. Meeting at Caltex we were quite the sight in our fluoro vests. The community feedback was wonderful with many comments about the joy the children were having. We arrived back to school for a cooked breakfast, with eggs kindly donated by the Happy Hens Eggs. Thank you to the following volunteers: Ben Galvin, Sheila Holbrook, Sarah Stone (and Harvey and Jack), Jen Lavis, Leeah and Ewen Scholz, Gary and Jane Wailes (and Mia), Liz Keogh, Daniel Shaw and the staff. Such events are only possible with your support and we as a school community are extremely grateful.



It was wonderful to see so much of our students' work honoured in the Holbrook Show. Thank you to the organising committee for giving our children the opportunity to showcase their talents. Congratulations to: Connor Tyndall, second for an article of handicraft Tyla Kelly, first craft made out of something recycled Braxton Spencer, second Poetry section 3A Genevieve Prentice, first Poetry section 3A Alira Coman, first creative writing section 5 Highly Commended, Connor Tyndall, Mia Kelly, Genevieve Prentice, Braxton Spencer and Jessica Hulme.

It was a sea of green as we celebrated the Feast of St Patrick. Father Terence presided over Mass and it was great to see some parents, grandparents and siblings come along. After mass we enjoyed a shared lunch and then enjoyed activities coordinated by our teachers. Mrs Hocking explored limericks, Mr Carey facilitated extreme tag on the playground, and Miss Dally engaged the children in an exercise of gratitude.

Swimming Engaging in swimming from day one certainly paid off with our relay team, Gwendoline Durdin-Paul, Charlie Mackinlay, Dominic Valena and Alana Scholz, placing third in Sydney at the Mackillop swim meet. Gwendoline placed second in individual backstroke event and as such all students will return to Sydney next week to compete in the State championships. This is a huge commitment

by our families and for that we are all truly thankful. There was much cheering, screaming and shouting as we watched the livestream of our student's events. I must also extend our gratitude to Margot Pitzen who worked with our students in preparation of their Sydney events.

Staff and students wish everyone a very Happy Easter and would like to say a special thank you to



Mrs Cynthia Maher who led the students in community service project creating Easter baskets for the UPA Hostel and Meals on Wheels.

Demolition works are due to commence in the school holidays. This is an exciting step in the right direction with completion set for year end.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH NEWS

Sacramental Program Our sacramental program is in full swing with the Sacrament of Reconciliation taking place this Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It would be wonderful for as many of our community members as possible come and celebrate with us. We would like to take this time to congratulate Charlotte Smith and Asher Kenney on the preparation and commitment they have made as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Advance notice First Holy Communion Term 2, Confirmation Term 3. If you know of Catholic families in our community who have children in Year 4 or above and require any of the sacraments, please get them to contact the St Patrick's School office as a matter of importance.

Baptism If you are interested in learning more about Baptism or are interested in having your child baptised please contact Fr Terence on 0458 298 363 or St Patrick's School office 6036 2288.

Easter Mass Services - Thursday 1 April - Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm St Patrick's School COLA all welcome. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:30 pm Culcairn all welcome.

Friday 2 April Good Friday - Stations of the Cross Henty 10:00 am Walla Walla 12 noon, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm Holbrook all welcome. Saturday 3 April Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass 6:30 pm Culcairn all welcome. Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday - Henty 8:00 am, Holbrook 10:00 am All welcome.

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Baby News! Congratulations to Mrs. Henderson and her family on the safe arrival of their daughter and sister, Nita. Nita has some very proud siblings at school, we all look forward to meeting her soon.

We have students travelling to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre this week for the State Swimming Championships. Good luck to Cess Lieschke (50m freestyle) and our Junior Boys Relay team (Cess, Will, Ollie and Chace). Good luck, boys!

Our School Chaplain, Sonja Dionysisu, recently travelled to Sydney for training in the 'Rhythm 2 Recovery' drumming program. This is an evidence-based drumming program that utilises fun and engaging rhythmic musical activities to support social and emotional development based on the latest neuroscience. The program has been shown to support emotional regulation, improve social connection and reduce levels of anxiety and other psychological distress. Staff are looking forward to upskilling in this program as well as participating in a session with Sonja with great holistic benefits for all!

Ride to School Day was a huge success at Holbrook PS! We had an astonishing 95 students ride to school on Friday 19 March 2021 with some teachers and volunteer parents joining in as well. It was a great opportunity for students to ride to school in a safe and encouraging environment. Many thanks to parents who assisted on this day and to Miss Hemphill who put in a huge effort to make this event happen and be so successful. Students also enjoyed many fun bike related activities in the afternoon, including relays, popping bubbles on bikes and an obstacle course.

Our Year 5/6 Girls and Boys AFL teams played the next stage of the Paul Kelly Cup competition in Wagga Wagga recently, after they both won at Culcairn. The girls played four games, and under the guidance of Richard Triggs and Tim Glass, refined their skills and grew stronger with each game, winning the last two. Good luck to Mia Boers, Georgie Cardile, Laycii Freund and Sybil Triggs who will also attend the NSW AFL Primary All-Schools Girls u12 selection trials on Tuesday 20 April 2021.



After winning all games at Culcairn, the boys came out of the blocks firing with two convincing wins at the Wagga Wagga carnival. The real test came against Mater Dei who got away to an early lead.. Our boys showed great resilience and dug deep, getting a run of goals through smarter ball use, great aerial skills and strong marking. Unfortunately, the final siren came too soon, with Mater Dei winning by a goal. Both girls and boys teams should feel extremely proud of their efforts, and the way in which they represented our school. Congratulations to Cooper and Isaac, who were successful in being selected to represent the Eastern Riverina at the Riverina AFL trials.

Holbrook Public School staff and students would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break with your families. We'd like to thank the parents and wider community for their enduring support ,and we look forward to returning after the holidays to our new sustainable garden space.

PLANT PICK PLATE

Up until now I have wanted to plant more and more into my extensive productive garden. I love picking daily fresh produce for my next meal and to preserve for later. Circumstances have changed and sadly I have decided to shut down my garden for the time being. Sure, I have planted the long growing garlic bulbs as previously written about, but once the summer crops have finished and removed, layers of cardboard will cover the soil to help prevent weed growth. This does not mean I will cease gardening, I am simply undertaking a "garden downsize". Smaller gardens can be extremely productive with the benefit of less weed growth and maintenance. I have a used 2 x 1 mt raised vegetable garden container and have reinvigorated the soil with the addition of well rotted manure, compost and lime. Obviously, as with my large garden, I want to grow as much as possible so compact, quick growing vertical vegies are what I have planted. Perennial Spinach, Cos Lettuce, Spring Onions and a few strawberry plants consume most of the space with herbs of Chives, Basil, Parsley and Lemon Thyme filling the rest. Room allows for progressive plantings of Spring Onions and also the super quick growing Radish and Asian Greens in between. Spring Onions are so underrated and a worthy inclusion in all gardens. They are quick growing all year round, extremely versatile and have a pleasant modest onion flavour. Oversized spring onions can be sliced and sauteed as a brown onion while the younger give a fresh crunch to mash, gravy and soups when finely sliced and sprinkled on top. Raw or cooked, the Spring Onion provides a freshness to any meal and will be a renewed vegetable in my downsized garden. **Passionate Gardener, June.**

WOMEN'S GOLF SEASON IN HOLBROOK

Golf Clinic with Penny Graeber has been a hit. The clinic runs over three sessions and has been a great skill refresh before officially starting our season in April.

We have had 14 women attend each week and welcome new golfers, Robyn Lister, Louise Wishart and Skye Trescowthick.

We play golf on Wednesdays from 9am and love helping newbies start their golf careers. We play our Competition season from April to September, with both 9-hole Comps and 18-hole Comps each week. We follow our games with morning tea and/or lunch at the Club, which is always delicious. Beginners are most welcome - we can usually find some clubs to borrow too.

Our Annual Women's Tournament is on Wednesday May 19th and we are lucky to have a beautiful quilt to raffle. We will be selling tickets around town or at the Club on Wednesdays, after golf! Any queries about starting golf in Holbrook, contact Holbrook Women's Captains, Liz Plunkett 0407 535 533 or Brooke Mathewson 0419 684 231 or our President, Helen Morton 0417 069 836.



ANGLICAN CHURCH

The change of *seasons* in nature are linked with our everyday life and the events and *seasons* within the Christian Church. E.g., the full moon that appeared on Saturday March 20, is known as the "Harvest Moon," and we had a mild Summer *season* with good rain and bountiful crops. On Sunday March 14th we at the Anglican Church held our *seasonal* Harvest Festival Auction. The money raised was donated to the "Sam McPaul Memorial Drive" construction. Thank you to everyone who donated goods and those who purchased them.

In the Book of Joshua in the Bible, in Chapter 1 verse 6 and in many other places, God says to Gideon, "*be strong and courageous, for I AM with you everywhere you go.*" On Sunday 21st we hosted a speaker from the "Gideons' Society." The Gideon Society is an international society that is best known for placing Bibles in Motels, Offices, Hospitals, etc. Last year they gave away nearly 2 million Bibles throughout the world and there is a need for more, especially in developing countries like the Middle East, Asia, and China. It is interesting that 90% of Bibles are printed in China, and China being a non-Christian nation, is one of the biggest consumers of Bibles! That is an interesting *season*.

The verse quoted above always stops me in my tracks when I think that God is with everyone, even with those who do not recognize Him or

make a commitment to worship Him! He forsakes no one, if they only realized.

Palm Sunday was on March 28th we gave out small Palm Crosses to remember that Jesus chose to be the Saviour of all. If you would like a Palm Cross please contact me. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the *season* of Easter for Christians, which is followed by Good Friday where we will have a service in the Church at 9:30am. Sunday April 4 is Easter Day and it is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter services will be at Holbrook at 9:30am, and at Woomargama at 11am. The *season* of Easter is full of "Holy Days" for Christians, which are a gift to all people from the Christian Church, as the ancient word for Holiday was "Holy Day." Please enjoy the *season* of Easter and the *Holy Days*.

There are special sales at Op-Shop and we invite you to come and shop and chat, or bring some items for us to recycle.

Best wishes for the Easter *season* to everyone from the Anglican Church at Holbrook and Woomargama. Reverend Stephen Davis, 0429 845 525.

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CRICKET

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On the weekend of 13th & 14th March, when the Holbrook Cricket Club hosted the U13's & U16's Grand Finals of the CAW Hume at the Ten Mile Cricket Ovals.

Junior Cricket Semi Final 6.3.21

Another local derby saw Green v Gold vie for a place in the Grand Final. Green won the toss & batted first, making 6/214. Solid effort from Hamish Livermore (33), Harry Greenhill (33), Nick Robards (29), Ned Harrison (29) & Rory Gulliver (25). Gold bowlers Cooper Glass, Isaac Bennetts, Tom Parker, Will Glass all taking 1 wicket each. Gold worked hard in the run chase. Cooper Glass (46), Issaac Bennetts (21), Eli Toll (23), & Ryder McKillop (18), but fell short 8/167. Green wickets to Robards 2/12, Harrison 2/8 and Jack Pitzen taking 2 behind the wicket.

Grand Final played on the Leo Mackinlay Oval

Holbrook Green met their match against Culcairn, proving too strong on the day. Culcairn won the toss and batting solidly from the start 6/172. Wickets and catches were shared throughout but our boys couldn't reach the target and Culcairn won by 38 runs. Steve Bennett from CAW Hume spoke highly of the Holbrook players & coaches and the strength of junior cricket at the presentation.

U16's played on the Peter Stead Oval

Holbrook took on Henty in the Grand Final played over Saturday & Sunday mornings, with both teams having excellent wins in the previous

weeks' semi-finals. Henty won the toss, & elected to batt, & were bowled out for 106 in the 35th over. Skipper Ben Parker with 4 wickets & spinner Jett Liddell with 3 were the pick of the Holbrook bowlers. Flyn Scholes, Aiden Cox & Charlie Morton completed the wicket takers. With five overs left to batt, Parker & Hamilton Black had Holbrook off to a great start to be 0/20 at stumps. Unfortunately, on day two the wheels fell off, & the home side was dismissed for 94, 12 runs short. Parker (52 not out), Black (16) & Will Jenkyn (9) were the only batsmen to show any resistance to the Henty attack. Ben Parker was named Man of the Match, a great effort in a losing side, while Aiden Cox was the leading run scorer in the U16's competition for the 2020/21 season.

In the Senior Grades Henty defeated Brocklesby/Burrumbuttock at Paech Oval Henty in the A Grade, & Oaklands won a thriller by one run against Osborne at Oaklands to be B Grade premiers.

Saturday the 27th Feb saw the Cricket, Tennis & Adult Riding Clubs' hold a very successful Trivia/Auction night at the RS Club. A big crowd was in attendance & a very enjoyable & successful night was had by all. Many thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated to the night, & Matt Pitzen for running a very well supported auction.

Holbrook Cricket Club presentation will be held Sunday 18th April 4pm at Holbrook RS Club for all Grades. Players and families welcome.



OLDER MEN'S GROUP MEETING

A public meeting about the needs of older men in Holbrook and district and how to meet them, will take place on 15th April at the Holbrook Returned Services Club. According to organisers, numerous social issues affect men differently to women so there is need for a safe, male only environment in which older men can exchange ideas and views, plan activities, support each other and take more control of their lives. The formation of OM:NI groups which stands for Older Men, New Ideas, is in response to issues which affect older men. Recognising that men have special concerns during older age, OM:NI urges men over 50 to share their views and experiences with others in a friendly group discussion. The OM:NI organisations says that groups are autonomous and follow a program derived from the wishes of the men themselves. Many groups have begun as self-help discussion groups and expanded to take on community work. The organisation believes that there are benefits in improving the health of Older Men, reducing isolation and encouraging public recognition of the positive contribution that Older Men can make to their families and communities. Many OM:NI members are veterans who benefit from sharing experiences in a climate of trust and mutual support.

The meeting is sponsored by the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, an Australian Government Initiative.

The public meeting starts at 10.30am. A light lunch will be served at no charge. All older men are invited to attend and wives are invited to bring their husband and sons and daughters to bring their father.

It has been decided to hold the first OMNI group meeting at the Returned Services Club on Friday 23rd April starting at 10.00am. For further information please contact [John Keogh on 60204203](mailto:John.Keogh@bigpond.com), Frank De Luca on 69228881, Ray King on 69263432, or email dr.raymondking@bigpond.com.



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MENS GROUP Our Men's Group is kicking off again after the enforced Covid break, on Friday 16th April. We are heading out to lunch at the Kinross and then off on a drive across the weir and onto Wymah. More information soon!

ARE YOU EATING ENOUGH??? It is important to eat a variety of foods as no one food will provide all the vitamins and minerals your body needs. Different foods contain different nutrients. For example, spinach and other green leafy vegetables contain folate; oranges contain vitamin C; bananas provide potassium and wholegrain bread contains thiamine. Red meat is good for protein, iron and zinc. Dairy foods are excellent for calcium, zinc and protein. Variety is important, so is food enjoyment.

There is now evidence that being overweight is not necessarily associated with higher mortality in people over 65 years of age.

GREAT NEWS FOR MOST OF US: It seems that older people have better health outcomes if they are heavier rather than thin. The health benefits of actively trying to lose weight, especially by restricting calories, are uncertain. Deliberate weight loss in older people can lead to muscle loss, loss of ability

TENNIS

The Holbrook Section 1 Tennis team are premiership winners after defeating Jindera in the Hume Country Tennis association Grand Final on Saturday 20th March played at the Jindera courts .

In the match played in good tennis weather the Brooker team built a gradual lead through the match to run out winners 9 sets 81 games to Jindera 7/66 games .

Early in the final , set scores were pretty even but the Holbrooks ladies gained the advantage in losing only 1 set during their sets to be 15 games up . The telling set here was Claire Young and Abby Parker winning 6/0 . In the gents sets Jindera were 6 games up after pretty even sets early but they scored a 6/1 win to get the match back within reach . At the start of the mixed Holbrook were 9 up . James Starr and Claire won 6/3 followed by Jarrod and Jody losing 6/5 to have the cup within reach , Sally Bulle and Austin Todd won 6/1 to have the result beyond doubt , Leigh and Abbey went down 6/5 in the last set on court , but the Brookers were home. The Holbrook team consisted of James Starr, Jarrod Hibberson, Austin Todd Leigh Goldsworthy Sally Bulle Claire Young and Jody and Abbey Parker along with emergencies Jarra Dickinson and Kaye Semmler and Andrew Todd.

Of note was that the Holbrook ladies had not been defeated in the their respective sets all season which is a very good effort .

Congratulations to the team on the win especially in the top grade which Holbrook hasn't won for 10-12 years. The Clubs AGM has been tentatively set down for Monday 19 April.



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KNOX CONGREGATION TO CLOSE

A Service of Remembrance and Closure for the congregation of Knox Uniting Church will be held on Sunday 11 April.

The congregation decided last year that it would be best to close the formal entity within the Riverina Presbytery, so that management of the real estate and other assets will be the responsibility of that presbytery. Ownership of the buildings remains with the Uniting Church Property Trust, and it will be their decision in the long term as to what happens with these buildings, which includes the Knox Church itself, the church halls, and the manse. This was of course a difficult decision! Members of the Uniting Church will still enjoy the support of the Southern Region community minister, Rev Yvonne Ghavalas, who is based in Wagga, and the Presbytery Minister, Rev Nigel Hawken. Members of the congregation with the support and guidance of these ministers will work out how best to proceed in the future. They will continue to meet, every second Tuesday of each month at 11am. Rev Yvonne will lead us with her wonderful story telling as we study, pray, and talk, followed by lunchtime laughter and conversation.

The beautiful Knox church remains available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and the Hall will still be available for community use. The Centenary of the building of the spired Knox church was held in 2000. The original church is now the hall, opened in 1873 as the Presbyterian Church in Germanton, and now used as a worship and community space. The other buildings that form part of the Knox block are the Manse (leased since 2004), the Mary Lundy hall which was originally built in 1929 as the Sunday school, and the toilet/storage block. In 1977 the Uniting Church in Australia was established, and the Presbyterian congregation in Holbrook has been a congregation of the UCA since then.

Chair of the Congregation, Jenny Parer, said that the load of running a congregation had become too much for the small group of ageing parishioners. "There hasn't been a minister for many years, the last one was Russell Dancey who began his ministry in 1996, followed by Judy Harrison, a lay minister, in 2004.

"This has been a very difficult decision, and a long time in the making. However, being realistic, and perhaps being pushed along by the effects of COVID19, we think this closure has become inevitable. We hope that the change will be a positive one, sometimes it takes a big change to move us along and do things in a different way. The Uniting Church is certainly looking at ways it can "do church" differently and this could breathe new life into us."

2GHR COMMUNITY RADIO NEWS

Your voice in the Greater Hume is alive with fresh programming in 2021, with new shows this year to Wednesday evenings featuring Aussie and International Ska Punk music with Offbeat at 7PM, we catch up on the best in international charts with BBC's Top of the Pops at 8PM and hear the best in new Australian music with Aussie Music Weekly with Noddy from 10PM. Now that things have settled down just a bit into the new normal brought on by COVID, you might be thinking of new opportunities to volunteer in our community and 2GHR might just be the gig that you never thought of, but would enjoy immensely. Our volunteers absolutely love sharing their enthusiasm for a wide variety of music along with serving the community with news and events. Training is provided and shifts are as flexible as your schedule, so if you are interested be sure to touch base with Trent on 02 6009 5008. Due to COVID setbacks, we are holding our 2020/21 AGM on Wednesday 21st April 2021 from 6:30PM at the station office, rear of 40 Young Street, Holbrook. We would love to have enthusiastic members of the Greater Hume Shire involved in the operation of our station and would love you to consider a nomination. You can find out more info about the nomination process/register to attend at <https://www.2ghr.org.au/agm/> or send an email info@2ghr.org.au. We will have copies of the nomination forms at the station if you would like offline copies.



Margot and Hope would like to thank all who donated, we raised \$1706 for mental health.

GREATER HUME CHILDREN SERVICES

Another exciting month full of fun and learning at Greater Hume Children Services Holbrook. All of the children are very settled in their rooms and routines, having a fantastic time emerging themselves in nature, the community and play. It's been lovely welcoming new families into our community.



Recently, the children have participated in Clean up Australia Day, picking up rubbish around the yard and talking about the well-loved garbage man in the big blue truck. We've had discussion about ensuring that our space here at the Centre is well cared for, and putting rubbish in the bin is one small way we can all help the environment. We celebrated St Patrick's Day with shamrocks, green cupcakes and treasure hunts under the rainbow. During Harmony week, we celebrated Australia's cultural diversity and its inclusiveness, respect and sense of belonging for everyone.

Importantly, we have also acknowledge Lots of Socks Day, which is a day to raise awareness of people with Down Syndrome. Down Syndrome Australia aim to support and empower people with Down Syndrome to live a full and inclusive life. We have been wearing odd, bright and colourful socks, as well as raising money that we will pass onto Down Syndrome Australia. Children have been participating in excursions in the community walking to the bush walk, the library for story time and the parks. Look out for us in our bright yellow vests and big 6 seater pram in the community – you can't miss us!

LADY GAIL'S BOOKSHOP

A big 4 wheel drive pulled up in front of my shop. 2 ladies get out. They are hardly inside, having had a browse outside when I heard toot, toot. They agree, not time to go yet. TOOT TOOT. One lady goes to the door and waves for the men in the vehicle to come in. Toot Toot. The other lady goes to the door, waves and sings out, "Come in, it's great". Nobody comes. Toot Toot. The ladies continue looking. Toot Toot. I hear a door open and close. One man appears at the door. "Doug is getting very cranky" he said. Toot Toot. His eyes having adjusted to the light- "Wow this is much more than I imagined" he says, to no-one in particular. Toot Toot. He goes to the door and sings out to Doug " You may as well come in. We are going to be awhile". Very cranky by now, Doug slams the door and comes inside. The 2 ladies make their purchases, then the first man comes out with two books, pays, and off he goes. All standing outside the locked car waiting patiently for Doug. Doug is like a kid in a candy store. Finally he brings an armful of books and a pair of bookends to the counter. He says "I wish I had more time, but the others are waiting for me, they are ready to go." One toot and a wave good-bye from everyone.

POLOCROSSE 'COVID CUP'

Albury Holbrook Polocrosse Club is hosting one of the first major competitions since the 2020 shutdown; and for 2021 only, it's being named THE COVID CUP. Held at the Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre, Thurgoona, it's taking a slightly different format with stretched age divisions to allow those players who missed their 'time to shine' in a Junior or Sub-junior division last year to come out and play. Starting April 7th with two days of coaching for any players Under 22, competition will run Friday 9th – Sunday 11th from 8am each day. Teams are coming from WA, Vic, QLD and NSW.

Alongside the Junior Covid Cup will be a Club team competition and a Men's and Women's Sponsored Team competition. Teams in the later are made up by the players and must include an U18 'Rising Star'. Businesses are sponsoring for Naming Rights of these teams and so far include local businesses of HOLBROOK TYRE SERVICE, HICKS BEEF, LAMBPRO, BERRAGOON STOCK HORSES , SCOBIE SADDLERY , PRD REAL ESTATE (Albury) as well as from further afield.

Entry to spectators is FREE. Covid Safe rules will apply. Any one is welcome to attend and enjoy the spectacle of the best players with full canteen and bar facilities available. Follow 'Albury Holbrook Polocrosse Club' on Facebook for updates and the playing draw of games.



HOLBROOK SHOW

An enormous "thank you" to everyone who helped out at the 2021 Holbrook Show, and to everyone who supported us by entering something, sponsoring, advertising or by simply coming along.

We were determined to hold the Show this year in spite of several challenges along the way, and the weather gods not being very helpful on Sunday morning. Extra planning to meet the Covid-19 requirements was also needed. It was interesting to note how well people have adapted to the use of QR codes to sign in and this was quite a simple process for most people as they came through the gates.

This year the horse events were all moved to the Holbrook Equine Centre, with the Pony Club handling the catering up there, and volunteers from several other Show Societies in this Group helping out. We had organised additional gate keepers in order to get the horse floats & trucks in off the road as quickly as possible and this appeared to work.

In spite of most people ending up very wet the feedback has been extremely supportive, with a huge number of competitors.

Down at the Sporting Complex, the pavilion exhibits demonstrated a wide and varied range of talents, in spite of entries being down a bit on previous years. By late morning the sun had reappeared and a number of families ventured out to enjoy the fun of the dog high jump, animal nursery and sideshows or to help their children enter the Showgirl/Boy competitions.

Some of the Pavilion Results: Champion Fleece of Show—Lloyd Brog, Champion District Fleece & Most Valuable Fleece—J&D Maher, Champion Ram's Fleece—Don Shaw, One Person's Work—Gail Davis, CWA Exhibit—Little Billabong, Best Photography Exhibit (Open) & Photo of Show—Fiona Wragge, Best Photography Exhibit (14-18yrs) - Pippa Taylor, Champion Rose—Alan Grunow, Best Knitting/Crochet Exhibit—Robyn Turner, Champion Craft Exhibit—Robyn Walker, Best Fine Art Exhibit (Open) - Margaret McCall, Best Fine Art Exhibit (under18) - Ruby Corbett.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out, whether it be for a brief period or for many hours. It is truly a combined community effort which enables your local Show to take place.



*Above: Danielle Mavroudis & Cassie had a successful day
Below: Charlie Corbett was pleased to find he had won something.*



Left: Heidi Papatodori took on the Bucking Bull challenge



I want to take this opportunity to thank the president and the members of the show committee for all the hard work and dedication through out the year to ensure Holbrook has a show every year. This is not to forget the wonderful volunteers who work wholeheartedly during show weekend. I was privileged to witness families bring in their entries ready to be judged and proudly displayed . One little boy carried in a large watermelon with wobbly knees but he was determined to get it to the table, Watching children bringing in their legos, drawings and even cooking was so refreshing and uplifting. This is the reason I believe the show committee work so hard year after year to see people, families ,everyone enjoy what is on offer on the day. The Holbrook Show is very inclusive and for this reason you are sure to enjoy the day. Gayle Sullivan

HOLBROOK BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION – 2020 Summer Competition Final Results:

Congratulations to all players and spectators on a very enjoyable grand final evening. A special mention goes out to Gail for all of her organisation behind the scenes and such a great job on the trophies, also to our umpire group (Ira Southwell, Josh Beer, Jett Liddell and Oscar Southwell) for steering the ship all year! We were blessed to have Megan McPaul and Brian Frana join us to present some inaugural memorial trophies.

Congratulations to the women's competition winners – Heifers defeating Hoppers (MVP - Ruth Corrigan) and men's competition winners - Ralvona 2.0 defeating HVC (MVP - Ewan Mackinlay)!

The women's grand final was an extremely close and competitive game with the Heifers narrowly beating the incumbent Hoppers side.

The men's grand final was equally as entertaining, with HVC hanging in to be competitive in the first half, but the new Ralvona 2.0 side dominating and running away with the game on the back of some very slick skills in the second half.

Women's Season MVP - Kelly Boers Women's Season MVP Runner Up - Maddie Black, Men's Season MVP - Ewan Mackinlay, Men's Season MVP Runner Up - Flint Trimble, Stacey Hunt Trophy - Ava Wolter Sam McPaul Memorial Highest Overall Points scorer - Flint Trimble, Sam McPaul Memorial Young Club Sports person - Josh Beer, Defender of the Year - Russel Trethowan, Brian Frana Basketballer of the Year - Lachie Brown

Thank you to all who were involved in the 2020 competitions and we look forward to another successful season in 2021. Please chat amongst your friends and teams and think about your team nominations for the 2021 autumn competition. New teams are always welcome and we hope to be able to keep many of the existing teams. A call for team nominations will be out soon with the autumn competition starting shortly after Easter.



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night.

Thank you to auctioneer Matt Pitzen.

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HOLBROOK MEN'S BOWLS The 2021
Pennant has been completed with Grade 4
finishing 4th on the ladder and avoiding relegation
but missing out on the finals. The margin between
3rd and 4th was only three points (three rink wins)
so only a small improvement is needed.
Unfortunately, despite a good effort in the final
round (losing by a margin of only five shots),
Grade 6 finished on the bottom of the ladder and
are relegated to Grade 7 for next year.

I would like to thank all who made themselves
available throughout the competition and would
like to make special mention of the 1st and 2nd
year bowlers who showed marked improvement.

The club competitions are reaching the finals
stages. Good luck and better bowling to all those
involved.

HOLBROOK MEN'S SHED Pretty quiet at the
shed this week what with all the rain, however we
worked on a couple of projects for some local
people. One of our members started a project of
his own making little ornamental wheel barrows
for the garden or patio. They will look good with
some potted colour in them.

We were hoping for a little more progress on
our new shed, however the weather has put a stop
to that for the time being. Rod Peters



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- Fri 2 Good Friday
- Sat 3 **Ultralight Fly-in @ Airpark**
Fly-in Dinner 6pm @ Airpark
- Sun 4 **Ultralight Fly-in @ Airpark**
- Sun 11 Closure Service for Knox Church congregation 2.00pm
- Mon 12 **Crafty Hands 10.30am @ 7 Fleet St**
- Tue 13 Little Billabong CWA meeting
- Wed 14 **"The Vegetable Plot" @ Library Complex**
- Thu 15 Rock & Roll @ Shire Hall 6-8pm
- Mon 19 **Sporting Complex meeting 7pm RS Club**
- Wed 21 Seniors' week Activities @ Library Complex
- Fri 23 **Holbrook Campdraft**
- Sat 24 Holbrook Campdraft
- Sun 25 **ANZAC Day—No Service**
Holbrook Campdraft
- Mon 26 **Crafty Hands 10.30am @ 7 Fleet St**
- Tue 27 Probus - 11am @ RS Club

May 2021

- Mon 3 **Crafty Hands 10.30am @ 7 Fleet St**
- Sat 15 Polocrosse Carnival @ HEC
- Sun 16 **Polocrosse Carnival @ HEC**
Holbrook Veterans Cancer Appeal Golf Tournament
- Mon 17 **Crafty Hands 10.30am @ 7 Fleet St**
- Tue 25 Probus - 11am @ RS Club
- Wed 26 **Sheep & Wool Fair—Schools' Day**
- Thu 27 Holbrook Sheep & Wool Fair
- Fri 28 Holbrook Sheep & Wool Fair
- Mon 31 Crafty Hands 10.30am @ 7 Fleet St

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Date: 11 April 2021
Time: 2p.m. followed by afternoon tea
Place: Knox Uniting Church
RSVP: Jenny Parer by Wednesday 7 April.
Email: jasparr@inet.net.au
Phone: 0401 214 904

Due to catering and COVID-19 restrictions, please note that there can be limited numbers in attendance. It will be appreciated if you can provide the names and contact numbers of those who will be attending to Jenny Parer by Wednesday, the 7th of April, at the latest.

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