



AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY IN GREATER HUME

Australia Day 2022 in Greater Hume was held at the beautiful Ten Mile Creek 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 Stringy 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, Mullengandra
- 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**
- Young Citizen of the Year – joint winners **Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla & Jessica Toogood, Henty**

Sportsperson/team winners



- Sports Person/Team of the Year – joint winners **Ben Parker, Holbrook & 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'**
- **School Citizenship Awards (Holbrook):** Holbrook Public School - Issac Bennett

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 Durant, 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

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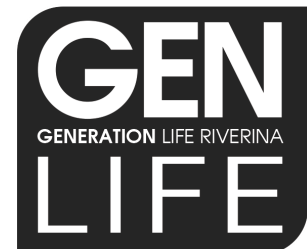
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STORY TIME
The fourth Thursday of each month from 11am –12pm. For babies through to five year olds. Starts **February 24th**. Reading, singing, moving, craft and learning to be part of the Story Time group.

HOLBROOK ROTARY CLUB POKER RUN

Holbrook Rotary Poker Run this year hosted by the Holbrook Motorcycle Sports Club. Holbrook Rotary Club were busy feeding the masses at the Australia Day ceremony in the Ten Mile Creek Gardens.

The submarine was the starting point and first card draw. Then the lure of coffee and a lamington saw thirty bikes and five cars set off. Morven, Gerogery, and the Old Walla Walla Bake Haus was the run to the second card draw and the promised morning tea.

The route then took participants past Morgan's Lookout, Alma Park, and onto the Pleasant Hills Community Hotel. A refreshing cold drink was well received with the temperature nudging 30°C. A point of interest just beyond the pub was a large collection of ploughs and farm machinery from a bygone era.

The ride then continued out to Osborne Road and onto Henty via the sweeping corners of Grubben Road. Everyone then enjoyed a great lunch at the Doodle Comma Arms Hotel in the cool area beer garden. With lunch finished, it was past the

very quiet Henty Field Day site down the Cookardinia Road to Round Hill Hotel Morven. It was here, after more refreshing drinks and final card picks, we came to the business end of the day.

Best Hand - Kylie Smart, 2nd - Michelle Eastley, 3rd - Debbie Jones, Worst Hand - Michelle Fagan. The ladies had a clean sweep of the cards, but the men took out the raffles and the award-winning Holbrook Rotary wine.

The next outing for Holbrook Rotary Club will be the ever-popular 4WD Day this year Saturday 19th March.



Col Bickley's car

HOLBROOK LANDCARE

Testing Tropicals: Well, what a season it has been for our tropical pastures! We've seen the good and the bad already, and who knew we could actually have a year deemed 'too wet' for tropical grasses down here. For some producers involved in our Testing Tropicals PDS, funded by MLA, that has been the case.



*Digit grass
(amongst some
hairy panic)*

For producers that gave tropicals a crack for the first time this year, unfortunately the recent monstrosity of rains we saw towards the end of spring and coming into summer, washed out some paddocks that had recently been sowed and instead an abundance of summer weeds popped up after some drying out. Hardly ideal!

On the other hand, we've been fortunate to see some great success too. We have been sent photos from 2 of our producers at Henty who have some established tropical summer pastures that responded beautifully to the rainfall events and are providing some excellent feed over the summer.

For more information, visit the HLN website and see our *Testing Tropicals Brochure* located on our 'Resources' page.

Prograze: Are you interested in being involved in Prograze training? We are aiming to start a new course during the autumn, so if you are interested please contact the Holbrook Landcare office.

HISTORY QUIZ

Quiz: According to the Holbrook Courier, 23 March 1988, Holbrook has a Sister City, or rather a Sister Village. Where was it?

Previous Quiz: "Holbrook Association perfected one of the greatest escapes in O'Farrell History, by beating Cootamundra on the last ball of the game." When was it?

Answer: reported in the 18 February 2002 Daily Advertiser, Holbrook players mentioned were S. Fairall, B. Weckett, and Robbie Mackinlay not out 11 and bowled 13 overs 43 for 3. Holbrook won by 4 runs. Unfortunately, Holbrook Association lost the following weekend.

CANCELLATION OF 2022 HOLBROOK SHOW GENERATES ENORMOUS RESPONSE

Following a good deal of discussion, the difficult decision was made to cancel the Holbrook Show for 2022. Several factors have contributed to this decision, but the over-riding one was the inability to have horses on the same ground as the rest of the show. Ultimately, splitting the show, with the horses at the other end of the town, was deemed to not be a viable option, nor is it in the best interests of the show society.

Thank you to all of those people, with a wide range of interests, who have come out in support of the Holbrook Show Society as the result of this decision.

The members of the show society organizing committee have been working very hard behind the scenes to maintain and run a successful Holbrook Show. This work and planning will continue so as to ensure that the 2023 Holbrook Show is a successful event, and we look forward to being able to take full advantage of the completion of upgrades around the grounds.

Other activities associated with the Holbrook Show Society, such as the Holbrook Sheep & Wool Fair (18-20 May 2022) will still be held.

We are also actively involved with helping to attract outside events to the Sporting Complex. The first of these will be the Limousin National Show and Sale (28-29 April 2022). An event such as this attracts a large number of visitors to our town, but is usually associated with much larger centres (e.g. Wodonga or Albury), and we look forward to being able to demonstrate that Holbrook is well placed as a host venue. It will be exciting to see the result of this effort.

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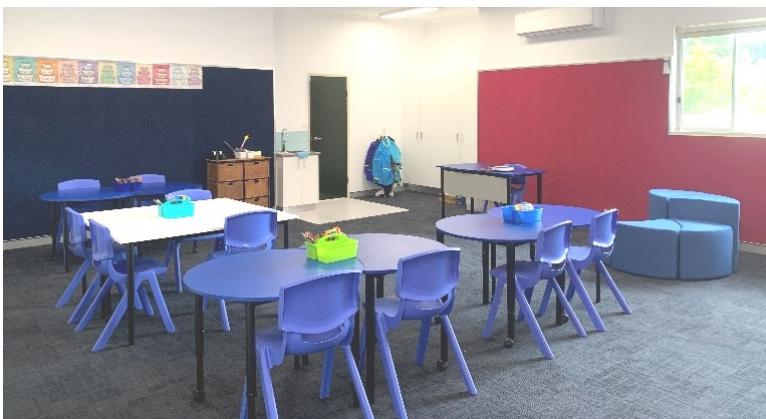
Welcome back to the 2022 school year. Whilst we begin the school year once again navigating unprecedented times we have much to celebrate as a community. It was with great excitement that we took possession of our new building on Monday of last week. This project morphed from a refurbishment which was meant to be finished in the middle of 2021 to being fully demolished and rebuilt.

This provided the perfect opportunity to go back to the drawing board and really customise the building to take us well into the future of education at St. Patrick's School Holbrook. There has been a real buzz around the completion of our building and I would like to thank the community for taking such an interest and for the kind words as they walk past.

Part of the works included the refurbishment of our multi-purpose classroom. This room is now fresh and bright and includes flexible seating and will be the perfect backdrop for our Creative Arts Program.

In other news, early in January I received a phone call to inform me that we were to receive a donation from HRLFC. I would like to thank Scott Black past president and previous members of the committee for choosing us as a recipient of those funds. You can be guaranteed that this donation will be utilised to positively impact our students.

Happy new year to all in our community. Melanie Dusterhoft Mavrick, Principal



PONY CLUB STARTS A NEW YEAR

Holbrook Pony Club families kept busy during the Christmas holidays at the annual Zone 20 Camp at Tumbarumba. They joined with 100 riders from throughout Southern NSW for 4 days of riding activities while camping at the Tumbarumba Showgrounds. Rain before the camp created a water view but it then held off until the last night before the street parade.

All riders from the youngest to eldest had a variety of lessons by volunteer instructors, ranging from showjumping, sporting events, cattle handling, polocrosse, six-bar jumping and formation troop drill. Also on offer were private lessons in showjumping and dressage with professional coaches.



The first club rally for 2022 will be held on Sunday 13th February at Holbrook Equine Centre from 9.30am. New riders and families are always welcome to join in or just come and watch. Each rally involves a variety of riding activities made suitable for beginners or more advanced riders.

Holbrook club members will provide a day canteen and evening meal for fundraising as part of the Goulburn/Murray Stockhorse Branch Show on Feb 19th and 20th at HEC.

Join Holbrook Pony Club Facebook group for updates and events.

GOLF

20 Jan: **Dad's Army 9 hole event** - Winner Alan Buchanan, 2nd Mick Smith, 3rd Lawrie Ryan.

NTP 9th Tony Castles. 27 Jan: **Dad's Army 9 hole event** - Winner Alan Buchanan, 2nd Gordon Webb, 3rd Jimmie Maskus. naga Vic Derbridge.

Veterans 18 hole event - Winner Gordon Webb, 2nd Alan Buchanan. NTP 3rd Gordon Webb, 5th Jimmie Maskus, 10th Tony Castles, 16th Gordon Webb.

The latest news on the **Hills Pennant** is Holbrook is leading Corryong by one point. The Walwa 500 is on this coming Sunday and then we host on 6th February before the last match at Tumberumba were we play Corryong for the right to play finals and who will pick the venue for that final.

Because the **Twilight Golf** is now being played any time of your choosing through the working week, we have had some very good scores come in. Cards still need to be in by 8.30 Friday night.

Saturday Spray is still running at this stage, and hoping that more players can take advantage of this.

The new programs for 2022 should be out soon.

MEN'S SHED

Hi from the Men's Shed. First up a big thanks to Holbrook IGA for a generous donation of \$450.00 from their Community Chest Fund. It is much appreciated and will help us move closer to getting into our new shed. We now have all the internal wall frames up. Also Graham Malloy has started on our security fencing. He has also put the concrete pads for our forty foot container in. Some of the guys represented us at the Australia day celebrations, helping out with the breakfast. Thank you to them for showing the flag for us, we are a community group not quite the same as Rotary or Lions but a community group none the less. We have a number of Redgum slabs for sale at the old shed on Wallace Street. If you are interested, come down and offer a fair price. These slabs are of various sizes, all about 50mm thick, up to 2 metres long and about 900mm wide.

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CRICKET

15 January: **A Grade** Holbrook played host to Brock/Burrum & batting first the Brookers struggled for runs with only Tom Heriot (34) making an impact with the bat before all being bowled out for 73. In reply, Brock/Burrum finished with 6/75. Aiden Cox with 3/16 was the pick of the Holbrook bowlers. Youngster Jack Pitzen, despite the concerns of his mother, acquitted himself very well in his first game of senior cricket.



Tom Heriot presents Jack Pitzen with his senior shirt

B Grade The Brookers made the long trek to Osborne & came away with an excellent win. Holbrook, with youngster Will Jenkyn (38) leading the way, made only 91, but it was enough as Jackson Gibbs with the excellent figures of 5/13 & veteran Lachie Trethowan 2/13 bowled Osborne out for 82.

22 January: **A Grade** Against a steady Rand attack, Holbrook managed to make 116 in the away game against Pigeons. Lewis Bowen (37) top scored, while Ewan Mackinlay, Ben Parker, & Aiden Cox all batted into double figures. Rand chased the runs down for the loss of only two wickets with Parker & Ben Jones being successful bowlers.

B Grade Henty batted first to compile 113, with Jayden Hucker 3/25 & Riley Ross 1/16 the pick of

the Holbrook bowlers. In reply, the Brookers were bowled out for 65, burley veterans Kelvin (Boris) Winkler (17) & Hamish Casey (16) the best of the Holbrook batters.

New Nets: Photo showing new 2 lane cricket practice nets under construction at the Sporting Complex. The concrete slab, 26m x 7m has been laid by Garry Wailes Concreting and the steel work will be done by Ten Mile Engineering. The new nets will be operational for next season and will provide a first class facility for the Holbrook Cricket Club.



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- Sat 12 **Polocrosse Top Gun Coaching @ HEC**
- Sun 13 Pony Club rally 9.30am @ HEC
**Sheep & Wool Fair meeting 2pm @
Sporting Complex**
Polocrosse Top Gun Coaching @ HEC
- Mon 14 **Woolpack Inn Museum AGM 2.30pm**
- Tue 15 "Are You Bogged Mate?" 8.30am @
Jingellic Hub
- Fri 18 **Goulb/Murray Aust Stockhorse Annual
Show & Challenge @ Equine Ctr**
- Sat 19 Combined Clubs Auction/Trivia Night
**Goulb/Murray Stockhorse Branch Show
& Challenge @ Equine Ctr**
- Sun 20 Goulb/Murray Aust Stockhorse Annual
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- Tues 22 **Probus 11am RS Club**

March 2022

- Fri 4 World Day of Prayer
- Tue 8 **Bible study ("Poison apples?" Genesis.3)
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- Sun 13 Rotary Club of Holbrook Triathlon
- Sat 19 **Rotary Club 4WD Day**
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Right: "Pride in Workmanship Awardees - Ken Hulme, Shaun Hughes, Kylie Durant, Nick Pugh & Rita Bowler.

Below left: Russell Parker receives his Holbrook Citizen of the Year Award from Elizabeth Maclean.

Below right: Holbrook Public School students sing the National Anthem





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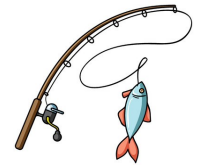
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PLANT PICK PLATE FISH



Life is full of passionate pursuits. Gardening is one. Fishing is another. I admit that fishers evoke greater enthusiasm in mastering and pursuing their challenges. My fisher is learning how to fish Lake Hume. There are so many variables to be considered, tested and practiced in order to successfully fish all new waters.

Local knowledge is first which must be obtained delicately, piece by piece from a fellow fisher. Some information will be of use, some slightly useful and some fable. My fisher asked questions such as bait or lure used – the colour, type and underwater action, braid or nylon line and so on. When the information was forth coming he continued with the depth of the water, temperature and time of day, then the cheeky question, where specifically?

Another fellow fisher was anxious to demonstrate how his phone app connected to his fish finder showed the fish resting on the bottom of the lake. Its torment when you can't even catch one.

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Passionate Gardener/Fishing Buddy, June.



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