HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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On the Greater Hume Council website, we have outlined some of the opportunities that living in our region offers in the wake of isolation.

Exercising in the outdoors during this beautiful Autumn weather is a true blessing and with the end of daylight savings just around the corner there's no better time to make the most of it. We have a variety of parks and walking paths where taking a dog for a walk, going for a bike ride or outdoor yoga are all achievable while adhering to social distancing. Due to the size of our communities it is easy to find a time that these areas are not over populated.

Happier to stay in the confines of your own backyard? Autumn is a great time to get out in the garden. Visit https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/ for a definitive guide on planting, pruning and pests along with oodles of DIY projects to inspire you. Now would be the perfect time to start your own veggie patch or draw up plans for a garden make over. If maintenance is more your thing jobs like cleaning the gutters, trimming away plants or trees from service points and spraying for spiders and weeds ensures a safe future for all beyond isolation.

If the kitchen is your arena visit https://www.abc.net.au/life/food/ where there are a great selection of recipes to try. Perhaps those interesting

items that are left on the supermarket shelves will become ingredients for your new favourite meal. Now could be the time to trial making your own bread or make up a damper and have a back yard camp out with the kids.

Stargazing is one of the luxuries we have living in the country so visit https://astronomy.org.au/general/sky-guides/ for your guide to Australian Astronomy.

Children love to be outdoors and inspiration for art can be found everywhere in nature. Go on a hunt and gather of your backyard or neighbourhood collecting Autumn leaves, sticks and pods. All of those empty toilet rolls have a creative life just waiting to be lived so jump onto https://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/makeanddo/craft/ for some ideas.

David Walliams is offering a free audio story each day for a month at https://

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

Currently the following businesses are open for trading in some capacity relative to current government and health regulations.

Chemists, Newsagents, Post Offices, Petrol Stations, Supermarkets, Butchers

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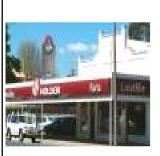
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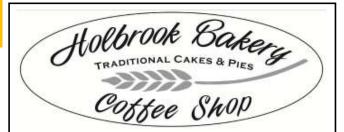
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We are able to pick up your scripts and deliver your medication to you that same day. We can also take orders for any over the counter products via phone, email or fax and deliver to you. This is a free service for anyone who is unwell, or anyone who is worried that their existing health issues may worsen by being exposed to infection in a public space. This may be particularly important for the elderly and those with respiratory conditions. We are also ensuring we have enough medical stock to cover the needs of the Holbrook Community, which is our priority.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

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We have cancelled our Click & Collect service in the interests of everyone's safety. If you would like help on how to access our eBooks and audiobooks please phone us, Tuesday to Friday between 11am and 1pm and we will be very happy to help you over the phone.

RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY UPDATES

We have seen a spike in loans/ access to RRL's eResources including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and Story Box Library. RRL has allocated a further \$10,000 for expenditure on eResources in the RRL Borrow Box quarantine collection, to provide faster access to popular titles and expand the range of titles that are available only to RRL borrowers.

The Internal Delivery Service and Mobile Library service are both suspended until further notice.

Ancestry is now available (for a limited time during the pandemic) online via the RRL website.

The RRL website has been updated to highlight eResources and showcase any innovations that have become available in the online space.

RRL has suspended overdue fines and implemented ongoing automatic extensions on all loans. We ask that members keep their borrowed items at home until it is safe for members to be out and about, and safe for library staff to be handling retuned items.



Holbrook Library Complex Meeting Rooms

Please be advised that there will be no usage of the meeting rooms until further notice.

Any meetings or gatherings that were scheduled have been cancelled.

Our borrowers can make the most of our electronic resources during this time. Story Box and kanopy are a couple, but check out the RRL website for more.



Use your library member number to log in to Story Box to watch your favourite stories read aloud by our best story tellers.

Library Return Chute Closed

Please hold onto your current loans, automatic renewals are in place and you will not be charged overdue fines.

GREATER HUME COUNCIL PREPARING TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Greater Hume Council is preparing to maintain essential services in line with the measures being put in place by the federal and state governments to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Council has closed until further notice the Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera Libraries and Mobile Library Services, Greater Hume Visitor Information Centre at Holbrook and Submarine Museum, Henty Customer Service Centre and postponed the Free Waste Day on 5 April. Council Libraries are currently closed to the public. Greater Hume Children Services has put new measures in place at the centres: Families will be asked to drop off and pick up their child/children from outside the building or in the foyer area, no entry to the rooms

Sign in / Sign out on iPad, this must be wiped, and sanitised clean after every use.

Outdoor play activities will be undertaken as much as possible following sun safety, and with the opportunity for sleep and rest outdoors, in shaded areas.

Our Customer Service Centres at Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera will remain open, however the community is encouraged to consider alternate contact methods, such as: Phoning 02 6036 0100 or 1300 653 538, 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded).

Emailing via mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.

<u>Submitting a Customer Action Request via our website, www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.</u>

Making appointments with staff to deal with inquiries and payments as required by phoning or emailing.

If you need to visit one of our offices please try to keep social distancing wherever possible. Rates and water payments can be processed via: BPay, Post Office, Council's website or online banking Centrelink and Service NSW facilities are no longer available in Greater Hume Council offices. Please go to www.service.nsw.go v.au for information on where you can access these services.

Planning, building, water, waste and recycling, animal management and traffic services will also continue to operate and our outdoor teams will continue to maintain the shires parks, gardens and road network.

Council recognises this is a rapidly changing situation. These closures will be continually reviewed in line with health advice and government guidelines.

If you believe you may have contracted the COVID-19 virus (returned travellers/had contact with a confirmed case/showing symptoms: fever, sore throat, dry cough and shortness of breath) you should:

Call HealthDirect 1800 022 222 or

Call the Murrumbidgee COVID-19 Hotline 1800 831 099 or

Contact/phone your GP, advise them in advance if you have symptoms

Due to the Australian Government's restrictions

introduced to minimise the impact of COVID-19, Greater Hume's Customer Service Offices will close to the public from 5pm Friday, 27 March 2020, until further notice .Council staff will continue working at each office to ensure essential community services are continued to be provided. However, the offices will not be open to members of the public for face to face enquiries. The closures impact Council offices in Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera . "I want to reassure the community that staff will still be available and Council encourages residents to utilise a range of online options, or have your enquiry dealt with over the phone" said General Manager, Steven Pinnuck.

Residents can still contact Council by the following means:

Phoning 02 6036 0100 or 1300 653 538, 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded).

Email Council mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.

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Payment of Development Applications, Construction Certificates, Plumbing Approvals, Complying Development Applications, Building Certificates, Swimming Pool Certificates, etc. can be processed via: 6036 0100 and lodged electronically to mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 99, Holbrook 2644

For all other services not available on Council's website, please call 02 6036 0100 for assistance.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding gatherings and the need to comply with social distancing measures, all Council meetings will be held at Holbrook Library Complex until further notice.

COUNCIL MEETINGS; Also due to COVID-19 restrictions, and until further notice, residents will not be able to attend the Public Forum in person. However, should residents have an issue they wish to bring before Council, they can provide a written statement which will be distributed to councillors, and read out prior to the commencement of the meeting. Any written statement should be provided to Council by 5pm on the day preceding the meeting.

Residents will not be able to attend meetings in person. Council live streams meetings so that the public may view the proceedings of the meeting in real time or later.

View meetings via the link https://bit.ly/35uKFxX

PLANT PICK PLATE

Are you looking for an activity to share with your family? How about organising an excursion into your garden on a bug search, in the day then again at night with a torch. Kids love shining torches at everything and everyone (be warned). I have been conducting such excursions regularly into my garden at night since discovering an infestation of slugs and slaters and have been amazed what good and bad bugs I have found.

The various beetles were easily spotted as they reflect light from their coloured armour, a pair of legless skinks living under a mat wriggled intensely when disturbed and a grumpy looking brown bull frog was making his way out of my gate. The moths were dazzled by the torch leaving evidence of their offspring on the soft leaves of the grape wine ie: hungry caterpillars and an apple tree inspection found a beautiful and silent Orb spider awaiting his prey. Of course there were still slugs, snail and slaters but in reduced numbers due to my control methods. A regular and significant spraying with Pyrethrum, a natural insecticide, is controlling the infestation of slaters but I need to persist.

After your excursion an educational research of the bugs found could reveal some amazing facts. For instance due to the huge numbers of slugs in my garden I felt a need to delve further into the life of these molluscs. They are hermaphroditres, having both male and female reproductive organs, and once mated both will lay around 30 eggs beneath the covers of an object. That means within and under the brick pavers I have edging my productive garden patches is a slug nursery of hundreds and hundreds of slug babies. I will be buying another packet of bait. Passionate Gardener, June.

HOLBROOK RS CLUB VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CANCER APPEAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 29th Holbrook Veterans Golf Tournament set down for Sunday 3rd May has had to be CANCELLED due to the ongoing protocols of the COVID-19 outbreak. The safety and protection of all participants will not allow us to run the golf day part of the event or the annual raffle. We have received some sponsorship and donations from business houses and individuals and these will be totalled up at the end of April and cheques will again be presented to Albury Wodonga Cancer Council and The NSW Council Wagga. Any donations towards this cause would be most welcome. Until next year when we will conduct our 30th Veteran Golf Tournament may I thank everyone for their support. Rick Murphy President Holbrook Veteran Golf Club

HOLBROOK LANDCARE

While the family is at home and possibly looking for a change from online work and learning, Birdlife Australia has some interesting activities available through their website. Have a look at www.networkbirdlife.org/birding-at-home

Until the end of April you can be involved in their **Birds** in **Backyards Autumn Survey.** Even though we are not, birds are on the move!

Autumn is a season of migration, cooling temperatures (for the most part) and another excuse to get out into our backyards and survey our birds. Some of the birds being seen around our backyards are not usually found here but may have changed their migratory patterns as a result of the bushfires over the summer.

Birdlife Australia's surveys can be submitted at any time, and as many times as you like. The data submitted helps to provide an indication of how our urban birds are doing and how our gardens, and our own behaviour in those gardens can impact on the birds visiting.

Instructions on how to be a part of the survey can be found on the Birdlife Australia website, under Birding at Home.

Don't be concerned if you are not an expert on identification either, the website can help you there as well. You never know, this may lead to a new hobby.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC DAY

COVID-19 doesn't need to stop us from celebrating this special occasion. The ABC has a proud history as broadcast partner of Anzac Day services, providing coverage across the ABC on TV, Radio, iview and online. ABC Local Radio is supporting a movement where people will stand in their own driveways at dawn on 25th April 2020. This will happen at Dawn but it is likely that this will also happen at 11am. We encourage people to stand on their nature strips with a radio playing (or turn your car radio on). Together you will hear The Ode and The Last Post. These details are not confirmed yet so check the website for up to date information. https://about.abc.net.au/media-centre/-

HISTORY QUIZ

Where am I? I was auctioned 28 November 2008, an area of 86 ha or 212 acres, in two. I was also the site of two hotels in the past. **Answer:** Garryowen, 12 km from Holbrook

Quiz: What is the original name of Morgans Ridge or Morgans Lookout?



Meals on Wheels and similar services will be reinforced and prioritised, as seniors across the country are urged to follow COVID-19 restrictions and stay home.

The National Cabinet has asked that older Australians stay at home unless it is for essential purposes like food shopping, medical appointments and exercise. This advice relates to all Australians over 70 years of age; over 65 years of age with existing health conditions; and Indigenous Australian over the age of 50 with existing health conditions.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the National Cabinet's advice for self-isolation, particularly for those aged over 70, would mean more people will look for support from community food programs.

A \$59.3 million injection will ensure more prepared meals, food staples and essential daily items are delivered to those who need them most.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said "with older people being asked to limit contact with others as much as possible, meal services were more important than ever. Australians who are staying at home and meet this criteria should still continue to receive aged care support in the home if eligible. It is vitally important during this unprecedented time that continuity of essential services by providers is maintained and that we all stay connected to the Older Australians in our community".

If you are in urgent need of support, the My Aged Care contact centre can refer you directly to these services in your local area. Services can be set up quickly for up to 6 weeks without the need for an assessment. You can also arrange this directly with us if you prefer.

If you are an older Australian in crisis, uncomfortable with, or unable to access the internet to order groceries, and your support networks are unavailable, the My Aged Care contact centre can help.

Holbrook Meals on Wheels has implemented Zero contact delivery provision and we have a large range of over 80 meals to choose from. We are also able to deliver pre-ordered grocery shopping to our service users. We have delivery schedules right across the Greater Hume Shire and now have capacity to accept more clients onto meals services.

If you would like to receive meals or would like more information, please call us on 02 60363677. You can also contact My Aged Care directly on 1800 200 122 for more information or to have them send us a referral.

Please everyone Stay Home and Stay Safe.

ANGLICAN NEWS

The Corona Virus has made life difficult in so many ways, however we must stay safe and use the guidelines that are in place.

We at the Anglican Church, along with other churches and businesses, have closed our doors for now. Easter is one of the major highlights of the Christian year and probably the greatest celebration of our faith, however we will be celebrating Easter at home.

I am encouraging people to spend some time in prayer on Sundays and even have Communion by saying the Lord's Prayer, eating a piece of bread and drinking a little wine or grape juice. If you live on your own you may be able to invite another person who lives likewise for a cuppa, as Easter is about remembering that we are not alone, and that through having faith in Jesus we have a wonderful future waiting for us.

We closed our Op-shop for a week to reassess what to do as we are encouraging the staff to be absent if necessary and many are. This has given us time to change over the stock for winter, and we will be opening for shorter hours only a few days each week.

These will be 10 AM to 2PM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We ask people to observe the "Noah's Ark" rule, only 2 customers at a time in the shop and please observe the personal space and hygiene guidelines.

We cannot receive books and furniture for now, and we are asking people to only bring goods to the shop when it is open.

The Op-shop has been deemed an Essential Service as we sell clothing and we are able to keep trading. The Op-shop is a ministry to the community and to our staff. The money is secondary, however it helps us pay our bills in good times, but not at the moment. We want to keep the doors open as long as we can. We are here for you because we are in this situation together. If anyone is in need and the Op-shop is closed please ring me on 0429 845 525.

Remember, bankers invest but Jesus saves! I was told not to eat too much chocolate at Easter as it is a substitute for love, so get the real thing.

Holding you in our prayers during these awkward times, Holy Easter to all from Reverend Stephen Davis and the crew at the Anglican Church.



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HOLBROOK FOOTBALL CLUB

Due to current circumstances, unfortunately our routines have been taken away from us. As we all know, football and netball are a massive part of our lives but I know that the strong Holbrook community will get through this. As there is a lot of negative going around at the moment so I would touch on some positives...

I would like to thank the hard work of the recruiting team, lead strongly by Trent Boers. We have shaped an exciting list and added not just good footballers but good people to the Holbrook footy club. This has given us every opportunity to chase success.

I would like to thank the players and their commitment and attitudes towards preseason. Preseason was full of hard work and enjoyment and this was due to players wanting to be around their mates and the strong culture that has developed at the club over the past two years.

I would like to thank the committee led by Mort, Churchie and Wes for giving the playing group anything that we ask for and giving us every opportunity to succeed in 2020. This team has worked really hard on the off field and to their credit this has made Holbrook footy club an attractive place for footballers to play their football.

Unfortunately for now we have to put things on hold but I am sure the boys will be doing silent miles in the background and will come back fitter, stronger and better when we return.

It was fantastic to see 40 blokes on a training night and over 60 faces over the preseason journey attend training. We look forward to executing our skills and plans sometime in 2020.

I have stressed to the boys during this tough time that we all keep in contact and keep our positive energy heading in the right direction. Again, I am super proud of their commitment.

To our junior footy kids, I can't imagine what you boys are going through, please continue to kick the ball around the back yard and have a footy in your hands. I look forward to when we get back into it, you guys kicking the dew off the ground and setting the tone for game day.

To all of our supporters I want to thank you for all of your continued enthusiasm towards all players. There is nothing but appreciation and gratitude from us.

Moving forward, all of our decisions are based on the recommendations of the AFL and NSW footy. We wish to make it clear that our health and safety will be at the forefront of all decisions.

To the Holbrook community please continue to check in on each other as we know all routines have been interrupted and some of us are doing it tougher than others. This is a once in a lifetime occurrence, please remain strong, and I am sure we will come out the other side as a stronger footy club and community.

Take care,

Cheers Matt Sharp Senior Football Coach

MEN'S BOWLS

If you're like me, your missing your bowls too. However life goes on even without our bowls. Our thoughts are with those affected by the current health crisis.

The bowls club decided to hold a couple of scratch social games 1 pairs and couple of singles games. The pairs winners were "gentleman" Ray Hamilton and Wolfie Kaletta. In the 2 singles games played the winner's were "Swanie" Phil and that man again "gentleman" Ray Hamilton. Congratulations to all the winners on the day.

We might consider stopping Ray from travelling overseas next year as he appears to be bowling so much better upon his return. We also might consider a new name, possibly Bangkok Burglar or Thailand Tiger. As we know the final round of pennants was cancelled (due to the pandemic) and all bowlers were informed. However, one grade 4 bowler turned up to play (too his credit he did admit to his mistake). We won't name him to save embarrassment but I'm sure that Disney cartoon character "DONALD" wouldn't be happy with his namesake being the villain.

With all bowls suspended there is time for us to reflect on all those people suffering under the current situation. We would be practicing social distancing as well as all the other conditions implemented to combat the spread of the virus. However we shouldn't lose contact with friends, rellies, mates etc, make sure we phone them, text them, send an email, but just keep in contact to make sure they're alright. No famous bowling words this week, just take care and try to smile!!!!.

HOLBROOK SHOW

Even though we were unable to hold the Holbrook Show this year, due to the cancellation of gatherings, we were still able to judge the Creative Writing, Poetry and Colouring-in entries. Thank you to our judges for taking the time to evaluate all of these and the prizes will be available later in the year when we begin to return to normality—something to look forward to.

In the meantime, since we are unable to display these written entries at our Show, we would like to print them in our local newsletter over the coming issues, so that everyone can see how creative the local primary school students are.

Poetry—Year 3 (Free Verse):

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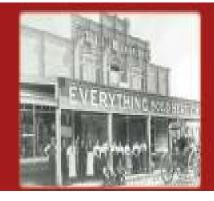
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A freelance photographer with an indoor studio located in Holbrook. I just love to take photographs of families, babies, pets, vehicles, landscapes, sunset/sunrise & rural properties. I will also travel for photoshoots. In my shop I have wall art for sale large & small. Custom orders are welcome.

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Church service Sundays at 10am at 81a Albury St.

OUR NEW CENTRE IS NOW OPEN! Drop in for a chat, enjoy a coffee with us and browse through our range of Koorong books Open on Thursdays 10.30am to 3pm 81a Albury St. Holbrook Pastor Graeme and Judy Sheppard Contact: 0422 671 149







13 Hume Street, Holbrook

\$195,000



RETRO AND AFFORDABLE

Web ID: LPZ3363

This gorgeous 1965 Circa home is ready for a new life. Conveniently positioned and close to all Holbrook has to offer. This tidy home has a galley style kitchen with adjoining dining area, a family lounge and 3 bedrooms, all with built in robes. Natural gas heating and a split system. Carport and off street parking, rear lane access to a secure shed or garage, with extra shedding. Established trees and manicured gardens. A short walk to Holbrook's main street, close to the RS Club and the Holbrook Pool and the Sporting Complex. Please call to arrangement an inspection.







14 Bruce Street, Holbrook

\$390,000



PEACEFUL WITH PLENTY OF SPACE

Web ID: LPZ3345

Set on 1.5 acre block on the end of town, this immaculate 3 bedroom brick home is fronted by a wrap-around verandah to enjoy a beautiful rural outlook. Designed for both entertaining & relaxation. Open floor plan flows effortlessly together from the well-appointed kitchen out to the dining / living area, with all modern comforts. The undercover outdoor entertaining area overlooking family friendly, low maintenance garden, 3 bay shed, chook yard and wood shed. Ready for new owners.

50 Wallace Street, Holbrook

\$175.000



GORGEOUS COTTAGE

Web ID: LPZ3357

This gorgeous cottage has 2 large bedrooms and a sleep-out or office. Open plan kitchen overlooking the back garden, an adjoining meals / dining area and family living room. The bathroom and laundry are combined. With a covered outdoor area for entertaining. Situated on a corner block with both side street and front access. The property has a garage, garden shed and horse stables. A number of improvements made to the property over the last 10 years. Inspections by Appointment.

15 Macinnes St, Holbrook 22 Bardwell St, Holbrook 2 Croft St, Holbrook







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