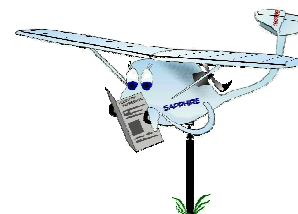


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HUGE HONOUR FOR ALYCE PARKER TO MAKE THE ALL AUSTRALIAN AFLW TEAM



It was a lovely surprise to find out that I had made the initial 40 player All Australian squad for the second year, but to then be told that I had made the final team was a huge honour. It was actually my head GWS coach, Alan McConnell who shared the news with me, which made it all the more special. It's definitely a time of reflection now of the last 12 months, I'm only my second year in AFLW but I've probably learnt more this year about myself and football, than I have in the entire time I've played sport. The highlight of the season is easily the Wagga game, I couldn't believe how many friends and family came to watch, particularly from the Holbrook Football and Netball Club. It was so special, especially when so many of them have had a lot to do with my journey over the years.

I have an amazing support network up in Sydney with the club, and particularly this year I've been extremely lucky with the support I have received from the coaches, staff and my teammates. It's an amazing club and team to be a part of and ultimately, that's the reason I've been able to achieve what I have. Mum and Dad have also been a huge support along the entire journey, even when I'm up in Sydney for most of the year. The upside of AFLW only being a shorter season this year, is that I get to spend quite a lot of time at home which has been really good. I'm lucky being able to have the best of both worlds, being home and Sydney, it's been a really enjoyable experience and I'm super excited for what's to come.

NEW NETBALL COURTS AT THE SPORTING COMPLEX

We now have our magnificent new netball courts that have been proudly funded by the NSW Government. These beauties were finished in mid-December in preparation for our intense pre-season schedule and did not disappoint the girls during the few weeks they actually got to use them. We are very grateful for the committee who worked to secure the grant to help fund the courts and fence and the plans to soon finish off the seating, coaches' boxes and beautification. Thank you to Greater Hume Council staff for their assistance with advice and work around the courts during this time.



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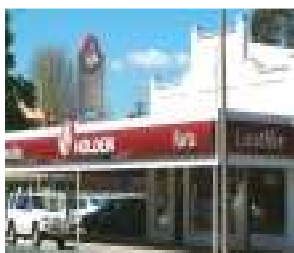
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Holbrook Meals on Wheels has had lots of support over the past few weeks through the COVID-19 pandemic. From local business to corporate and government support we are very happy to be able to pass on your goodwill.

We have a couple of local businesses to thank for donations. Andrea Wheeler at Nature Untold for her beautiful soaps, Holbrook Paddock Eggs for their fresh eggs for Easter and June Kilpatrick for her very useful face masks – Thank You! Woolworths for supplying each and every Meals on Wheels client in NSW and Queensland with a packet of toilet paper when it was in such short supply and our latest sponsor RB for sending us a supply of Glen 20 and Dettol hand sanitiser for our clients and volunteers. All very beneficial and thoughtful donations.

We have been able to supply all our clients with a couple of different care packs over the past few weeks, for Easter and last week including some Anzac biscuits.

Meals are available right across the Shire, including the more remote areas – we deliver anywhere. In Holbrook and surrounds, 7 days a week if required and our Sunday Pub Roast has been very popular! Freshly cooked Roast Pork or Roast Beef with a yummy dessert home delivered with zero contact. The government's emergency measures means we can provide meals to anyone aged over 65 without a My Aged Care referral for a period of up to 6 weeks. Now is the time, if you were wondering, to try our meals without the need for an assessment. We have a large menu - over 80 soups, snacks, small meals, main meals and desserts for you to choose from- which can be delivered to your front door, hot and ready to eat or any selection of frozen meals ready for you to heat and eat when you are ready.

We are also still providing Social Support and can assist with shopping, appointments or just someone to talk to.

Due to the pandemic the majority of our volunteers are having a break at the moment so they can stay home and stay safe. We want to thank those people that have contacted us to volunteer but we are unable to take on any new volunteers at this time due to social distancing and the inability to induct and train new people.

We have also had some phone issues over the past few weeks, some people receiving a message that our phone is no longer connected when they call us. As of today we think this has now been rectified however if you do get that message please call our mobile instead. Our contact numbers are 02 60363677 or 0428466455. Stay safe and stay well everyone. Hopefully things are a bit more normal soon.

HELLO TO ALL OF OUR LIBRARY CUSTOMERS AND BORROWERS

We are still here and really looking forward to the day that we open our doors again and share what will be a very large amount of new and exciting books with you.

It is quite odd being in the library without seeing all the folk who keep us busy and on our toes. We are still occupied with the Holbrook Happenings, writing and posting book reviews and Story Time clips which do take some time to put together.

All of the books reviewed are available as ebooks so if you are tech savvy you can borrow from our large digital collection via the Riverina Regional Library web page. If not, we hope that you have a good supply of reading material and you can always keep a note of the titles we review and borrow them when we open our doors again.

Some good news today is that we are starting home deliveries so you can call us on 60363262 to ask us for some reading material which we will then give a time to deliver to you.

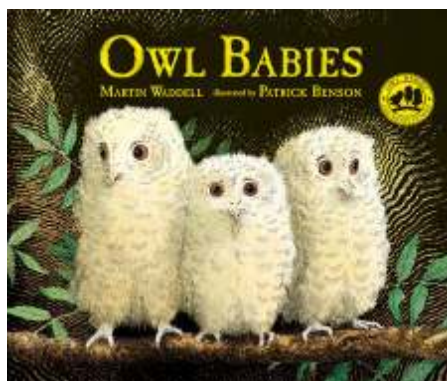
How different the world looks today than it did in early March and how lucky we are to live in Australia where we have a much better outlook than some of the European countries and the USA. Still, we are hoping that it won't be long before we see our wonderful customers and friends once again.

Happy reading!

STORY TIME ON HOLBROOK LIBRARY COMPLEX FACEBOOK PAGE

Over the coming weeks, we will post Story Time on our facebook page. Every Wednesday, Dom will read a new story. We encourage families to reply to each post to let us know that you are reading along too.

Our next story will be **Owl Babies** by **Martin Waddell**. A beautiful story about just how much we love our mums. Perfect just before Mother's Day.



THE SOURDOUGH SAGAS

Recently I jumped into the sourdough baking craze which has swept the country since the restrictions began. Basically with extra time on my hands I thought I would develop a new skill.

Anyway, my sourdough journey hasn't been without

dramas. After being given a starter by a friend I was pretty happy to see it was alive and smugly sent her a picture of it overflowing from the jar. Shortly after this I attempted my first loaf. I had read up on sourdough techniques extensively and was completely overwhelmed by information and handy hints and as a result my loaf was dense but tasty, (my family's words)! I think I overthought it and underworked it!

In my search for even more information or affirmation, I downloaded a new app called **indy reads** which is another digital platform available through the RRL website, which Holbrook Library is a part of. I borrowed *Baking School* by Justin Gellatly which is a lovely book to read on the iPad with great pictures and recipes and even more sourdough stuff to confuse my addled brain. I did glean some helpful hints and after a second dense but tasty, ("could be used as a weapon".....family again) loaf, my third attempt was pretty darned tasty but also good enough to make sandwiches with. I think other novice sourdough bakers will understand.

Websites are great for information but sometimes it is easier and less frustrating to read a book. No pop up ads, no scrolling through loads of unwanted chat, just the words on the page! So Indyreads gets a big tick as another great app courtesy of Riverina Regional Library. In my humble opinion I do prefer a paper book but I have to say that there is a huge amount of information available on line and for free!



TRAVELLING TALES THROUGH HOLBROOK

Holbrook has always catered to the travelling public. It matters not whether you're going from Melbourne to Sydney, Wollongong to Shepparton, Ballarat to Canberra, you get to Holbrook and you're ready for a stop. Breakfast, if you left home early, morning tea, lunch or plan to stay overnight.

Holbrook is geographically well placed. So, in this time of travelling discouraged, Holbrook has time to reflect. This is one travel story that my shop Lady Gail's Bookshop & Curios was part of.

The Tap

Imagine my surprise when I receive a letter from Callerton, Newcastle Upon Tyne UK. I open it, careful not to damage the many stamps, this is what I find. Dated 21.3.06, it reads

Dear Lady Gail, Well this is going to be a blast from the past! It's the story of Lady Gail's tap!! Can you remember when myself and my friends called at your shop, and asked about Footrot Flats and 'did you have an old tap?' You very kindly went home and got an old tap from your garden, and gave it to me for an old friend who collects them. Well, after we left you, we finished our wonderful holiday. I then took the tap to Scotland to a beautiful part of Dumfries, called Mennock Cottage near Sanquhar. Charlie the tap collector was thrilled, and started cutting a piece of pine to mount it on. I gave him the whole story and the photograph of you giving me the tap. The tap now has pride of place in his bathroom in his beautiful cottage. Well, I hope you didn't think I'd forgotten you, or your tap, and I hope this finds you and yours well and happy. Annie Taylor

Do I remember? Of course I do and had posted the Footrot Flats when they next came in.

Next issue I will give you a more recent story. Then perhaps we could fill in the middle until our life gets back to normal. Stay happy and healthy in between.



WILMA'S MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year Wilma's flower stall will be slightly different in light of COVID-19 restrictions but rest assured it will still be happening.

Wilma's Mother's Day flower stall has been a popular stop for plenty of locals over the past 20 years for their Mother's Day presents & she is truly grateful for the support of the local community & although the stall won't be set up outside the newsagency it will definitely still be operating but this time from Wilma's home at 4 Byng St, Holbrook. All Wilma's usual beautiful flower arrangements & handmade gifts will be available from here from 8am Saturday 9th May. Orders can be placed by phoning Wilma on 0417 919 517



PLANT PICK PLATE

I am writing this as the rain is steadily falling on my iron roof. There is something comforting about that metallic sound and for many the rain is most welcome bringing confidence, hope and joy. Steady rain will top up the water tanks and gently soak the soil provide watering relief for the garden. There is something in rain that encourages plants to sit up and smile that collected water can't provide. Your indoor plants will also enjoy the rain so put them outside to soak in the nutrients and for a shower. Do not forget the potted plants under eaves and verandahs who often miss out on falling rain.

For the home gardener this is time to wander around your yard checking the drainage. Identify areas that are low and those that tend to pool water. With a bit of elbow grease and your shovel dig small trenches around your vegetables and your young plants to direct water flows away and around. They don't like wet feet and in extra heavy rain there is a risk of them becoming damaged. All your hard work will be down the drain, literally.

The first frost signifies the harvesting of pumpkins so here is my **Thai Pumpkin Soup recipe**. It serves 4 and is very warming on a cold and wet day.

Pumpkins (cut 4cm cubes), 800g Onions (chopped), 150g Garlic (fresh), 5g Chilli or curry powder (optional) Butter 100g

Sweat all above without colouring, add ginger and cook 1 minute. Chicken stock 500ml Apple 150g Ginger (fresh grated), 3g Salt, Pepper and sugar to taste.

Add stock and apple, bring to boil, season and simmer until pumpkin is soft. Puree then reheat and adjust seasoning. Serve hot with sour cream (optional) and chopped chives/parsley.

Passionate Gardener, June.

GREATER HUME COUNCIL LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closures

Greater Hume Council Library staff would like to thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming our community back to our libraries when it's safe to do so.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live. The Greater Hume Council Libraries are collecting images, flyers and posters of life in the local area during this unprecedented moment in our history so that we may help tell this story to future generations and to show how life in regional New South Wales has changed during this time. We would appreciate your help in preserving this material. If you would like to put any material you have aside, we will send a 'call out' for you to mail or drop the material in to the library when we reopen. You could also; take a photo of your life right now – how you work, learn, eat, stay fit, keep informed and stay entertained.

Send information to skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or Holbrook.library@nsw.gov.au or Post and Tag Us Please take care and stay in touch with us.

Virtual Storytime Sessions with Library Staff

Follow the Greater Hume Council Libraries on Facebook and Instagram to listen to library staff reading some wonderful stories suitable for preschool aged children.

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Newspaper Database

We are adding to our digital content with Access Australia by NewsBank. From local publications to nationwide news sources such as The Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian, Access Australia includes content from the most popular daily, weekly and Sunday newspapers as well as hard-to-find community and regional news. It gathers content related to current global issues, events and people from over 600

Australian newspapers (including web-only sources). There is also television transcripts, audio and video content. Find NewsBank on our Information Online page <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/info-online-3/>

Susan Kane Library & Youth Services Development Officer, Greater Hume Council

HISTORY QUIZ

Thanks to all who have given us names for last issue's quiz. Who can fill in the gaps?

Back row Faye Hope, Jenny Mackenzie, ?, Joan Taylor, ?, ?, Cathy Creten/Ruth Watson?

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GREATER HUME CHILDREN SERVICES

Celebrating ANZAC Day 2020. A very important part of Australian Culture is the celebration and traditions surrounding ANZAC Day.

Whilst we were unable to attend physical dawn services or parades this year, this didn't stop the children at Greater Hume Children Services Holbrook over the past fortnight exploring and learning about this important day.

Displaying lots of concentration and commitment the children cut out red tissue paper poppies for our very own ANZAC Day display at the Service. They shared stories using digital technologies about a very Special ANZAC Ted and Grandpa who wears medals on ANZAC Day!

And of course ANZAC Day must mean some measurement and mixing our very own ANZAC Biscuits for enjoying! Finally the children created individual artworks for the veterans and residents in the local Aged Care facility, to thank them for their service and remind them we are all still celebrating their contributions even though we may show it a little differently this year.

ANGLICAN NEWS

Things have been quiet with the Anglican Church except for our Op-shop which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are finding ways to keep active and people have been sorting out things that are on the "I will get to that one-day" list. People have commented how good it is not to have meetings and events dictate where you must be and when. The quote from the movie "Shawshank Redemption," has some reality in it for us where a man who was in prison from 1905 for 60 years was released and he said; "The world has gone and got itself in a big rush." Maybe we are in a more natural pace of life now going slower than usual.

The world is full of people doing jobs who are not happy until they discover how to turn jobs into a ministry. The word "ministry comes from the Latin language which means, "to make yourself less and others great." That is why Christian Leaders are called Ministers. We can all be ministers if we are open and willing to let God show us what we are capable of. For those who want to find out more about Christianity here in Holbrook in the privacy of their own homes, there is a radio station which you can tune in to. You should tune your radio to **Vision Christian Radio on 87.6 FM**. There is also an app for those who have a smart phone. Why not go past the Anglican Church and check out the new sign in the gardens. Best wishes from Reverend Stephen and the Crew at the Anglican Church. 0429 845 525.



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MEN'S BOWLS

Hello from the empty locker room. As per our previous comments our thoughts and concerns are focused on those affected by the current virus situation.

We do have some good news at last!

We are now allowed to use the bowling greens, but under strict conditions which limit the numbers to no more than 2 persons per rink separated by a rink i.e. 10 persons in total, and practising the current distancing and hygiene rules.

It is proposed that a Saturday afternoon will be added to the normal Sunday morning session with those missing out on Saturday given preference on Sunday. For more information contact any committee member.

The A & D AGM will not be held this year for obvious reasons, and 3 different scenarios were tabled by the President Norm Honey.

Without naming all 3 possibilities the one most preferred by Holbrook Club would be for the meeting to be deferred to a later date and the current board remain as an interim one until new elections can take place.

That's all for this week, stay smiling and be positive. Wayno.

HOLBROOK LANDCARE

During this period of no field days, we have been able to take the opportunity to use short video clips to keep people informed of the work being done on farms in the local area. As part of Adaptive Farming Systems project instead of paddock walks we will be providing you with a few short clips. The first of these was at "Dalriada", which is a great example of a business adapting to changes in weather & production outcomes while considering risk and the environment. Thanks to Brian Burgess and Darren Grigg (Grigg Media) for their time. Stay tuned for the final product. In conjunction with ANU's Sustainable Farms program, a short video on Farm Dams has also been released and may be accessed via the Holbrook Landcare website. During the drought, Marcus Richardson, a beef producer at Table Top, spotted an opportunity to protect some of the farm's most vital assets - the dams. Here, Marcus explains why and how he chose to protect and enhance his farm dams for multiple benefits - so that the dams will, in time, provide cleaner water for cattle, habitat for wildlife, and a green, vibrant place on the farm that will be a pleasure to visit.

HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hello Holbrook! I hope this correspondence finds you well in these challenging times.

Term 2 has started well at Holbrook Public School, with students learning online or through physical packs, either at school or home. It has been wonderful to see students in person or in Zoom conferences with their teachers over the first couple of days. We miss you all.

It has been marvellous to see an increase in learning tasks being completed and returned to school so the teachers can mark the work, provide feedback and plan for future learning. Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting this in the midst of everything else that is occurring in your lives. I hope you and your family are doing ok.

The staff began the term with two staff development days to prepare for the term and get packs of learning ready. I am hugely grateful for their responsive transformation and flexibility throughout this pandemic. We are an extremely lucky community to have such a dedicated and experienced team of teachers leading learning for the children of Holbrook. For the first two weeks of Term 2, parents who can keep their children at home for learning are still being encouraged to. From Week 3 onwards, we will be re-introducing all children to the school for one allocated day per week. This is exciting for all of our staff, because the best part of our jobs is spending time with and teaching the students. They bring such joy and

energy into the school each day.

Term 2 Reminders All communication for parents and carers will be available through the Holbrook PS SkoolBag app and email, so make sure you have the most up to date version of the app, and that you have provided us with your email address. The school website is also regularly updated. Our online learning platforms include: Google Classroom, Zoom, Phonics Hero (K-2), MAPPEN (K-2) and Essential Assessment. Learning packs for Term 2 are now available to be picked up from the school office. All students in K-2 have been provided with a pack, and requests for 3-6 packs need to be made to the school email address. We have our school counsellor and school chaplain available at school to provide and link you with any support you may need. We are all here to help.

5 Great Things to come out of COVID-19 at Holbrook PS so far:

Unfathomable advancement in technological capability. Well done students, staff and parents!

Outstanding collaboration and support amongst staff.

Our school culture continues to be a major highlight.

Our relentless focus on student learning and wellbeing.

Students have remained at the core of all decisions and staff have gone above and beyond to help families and learning.

Great support from our local community in ensuring continuity of learning at home.

Many new resources have been developed and purchased which will make our school even better when learning and school returns to normal again.

Stay well everyone. This time too shall pass.

Nathan Fisher Principal

FOOTBALL HISTORY SOCIETY SEARCHES FOR HOLBROOK FOOTY BOOK

The NSW Australian Football History Society is searching for a copy of the History of the Holbrook Football Club which was published some years ago. Society President, Ian Granland, said that the Society is seeking copies of all NSW football club history publications.

We are hoping that maybe a resident of Holbrook might have one which they no longer require. The Society is based in Sydney. We collect significant football articles of interest and hold the collection in our rooms at Croydon Park. We have Football Records, minutes, newsletters, photographs, jumpers, blazers trophies and a whole host of items from around the state.

Much of our collection is viewable on the Society's website: www.nswfootballhistory.com.au. The Society is supported by the AFLNSWACT and is the only such body doing this work in Australia.

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Nobody was injured, the course had a nice break, no handicaps were broken and Karl had a few weeks to do his thing without holding anyone up (even though he has been working through his annual leave). Everything will be fine and we will be able to keep on playing as long as everyone observes the new rules set down. The Covid-19 Prevention rules set down are as such; Social distancing to be adhered to at all times, No more than two persons per group, Only one person per golf cart, One person/group per golf hole, No competitions or mass gatherings before or after play, Courses open to golf club members and up to one visitor i.e. two visitors unable to play together. Members found not adhering to these rules may have membership rights reviewed through disciplinary action.

Management, Golf Committee members and Ground staff will be conducting random checks. Otherwise get out and enjoy a hit. The Golf Club would like to thank everyone for their understanding during this trying time.

You are very welcome to come along!



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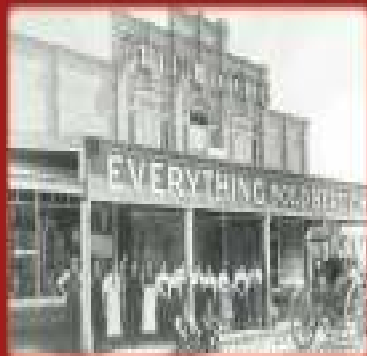
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