



## Mayor's Message

At this time of the year our roads are a hive of activity with tourists flowing through our towns and grain trucks carrying a bumper harvest. Livestock at this stage of the agricultural scene is almost a dirty word but as we know that is life.

Please shop locally if you can and help to keep everyone safe.

Wishing all rate payers and residents a happy, peaceful, blessed and safe Christmas and a prosperous new year from all Staff and Councillors.

Best wishes, Cr Tony Quinn, Mayor.



## COVID-19

Everyone should practise good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet,
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser,
- avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).

By social distancing combined with these simple, common sense actions, will help reduce risk to you and to others and you can use them every day – in your home, workplace, school and while out in public.

**COVID-19 and flu guidance and support for people in NSW. Call Service NSW 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays: T 13 77 88. COVID Information - [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19).**

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## Out and About in Greater Hume



Pic Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Culcairn Council Chambers. Graham Barber, Sokun Prak and Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn.



Pic Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Culcairn Council Chambers. Trinelyn Cheatley and Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn.



Pic Greater Hume Council Long Service Award Recipients.

## Greater Hume Council Holiday Closure Times

Council Offices and Customer Service Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period from 5.00pm Friday, 22 December 2023, reopening 8.30am Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

### Emergency Contacts

For emergencies during this period, use the emergency contact numbers:

- Roads, Storm and Drainage M: 0419 405 768
- Water and Sewerage M: 0408 691 637
- Ranger/Impounding Officer M: 0427 556 659
- Fire, Police, Ambulance and Other Emergencies P: 000

### Swimming Pools

All Greater Hume swimming pools are closed Christmas Day. All swimming pools will be open New Year's Day.

### Libraries

Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera Libraries will close at 5.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023. Libraries reopen in the New Year.

- Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera Libraries – reopen 8.30am Tuesday, 2 January 2024.
- Henty Library – reopen 12nn Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

### Waste Disposal Facilities and Kerbside Garbage Collection

All transfer stations and landfills will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Kerbside collection will occur on the usual day, but due to trucks operating earlier, residents should put bins out the night before or they may miss being collected.

### Greater Hume Council Visitor Information Centre

Council's Visitor Information Centre located at Submarine Park, Holbrook - closed Christmas Day, but will be open across the holiday period including Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

### Greater Hume Children Service

**Family Day Care** will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period from 5.00pm Friday, 22 December 2023, reopening 8.30am Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

**Greater Hume Children Service** will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period from 5.00pm Friday, 22 December 2023, reopening 8.30am Tuesday, 9 January 2024.





# Greater Hume Council Annual Report 2023

Each year Council prepares an Annual Report. The 2023 Annual Report highlights the achievements and effectiveness of Council in implementing the Delivery Program, Operational Plan and principal activities. The activities are aligned to the longer term Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 'Live a Greater Life'.

The report and audited financial statements can be accessed via our website <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/YourGreater-Hume-Council/Documents-andPolicies>.



**PLEASE USE  
QR CODE  
TO NOTIFY US  
WHEN BURNING**



NSW Rural Fire Service now offers an online portal for landowners to advise that they are planning a burning off.

- Notification 24 hours prior to burn - it is a legislated responsibility of the landowner.
- Notification required in case someone calls 000 so our duty officers can quickly contact the landowner to confirm if a fire truck is required, or not.
- Fines apply to landowners lighting fires who do not have a permit and/or notification to RFS 24hrs prior.
- Landowner's neighbours also to be informed 24hrs prior.

**Contact RFS Southern Border Team on 02 6051 1511 during business hours or download the QR Code above to register your burn or go to <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications>.**

## Snake Sightings

Council has received reports of snake sightings in the Greater Hume area. As we have entered our warmer seasons, snakes will search for a nice warm place to rest, often placing them near humans.

If you see a snake, do not panic, back away to a safe distance.

All snakes are protected in NSW and killing one is an offence. Only licenced people are allowed to catch or keep snakes. A licenced herpetologist is able to catch a relocate a snake. You can find out more information from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website.

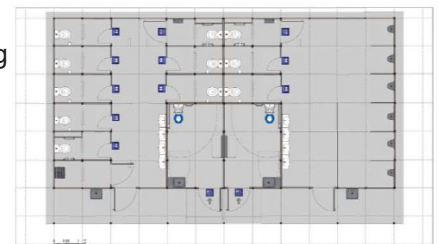
## Community Projects Update

Below are updates on some of the community prioritised projects currently being implemented:

- Brocklesby - Funded by Brocklesby Pub Fund - Replacing 4 tennis courts. This project is still a priority and additional funds are to be found.
- Brocklesby Focus Group's Blacksmith Park upgrade (including placement of Plane Silhouette and Brocklesby railway sign). Project to commence mid 2024.
- Jindera Community Forum - Fencing of dog park. This project has been included in Section 7.12 budget allocations so this project will now progress.
- Culcairn - Balfour Street and Railway Parade Upgrade. This program is near completion.
- Culcairn - Moving of the Pedestrian Railway Bridge. The design of the footing in the park is being currently being completed.
- Henty - Funded by the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 Grant - Cement path between Ivor Street and Alan Street to enable access to Henty Memorial Park. This project has been completed.
- Burrumbuttock - Supporting the Tennis, Netball and Football Club's to seek funding for the proposed multi purpose community hub. Project will commence before the end of the year.
- Burrumbuttock - Jointly funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program 2023 and Crown Reserves Improvement Fund - Installation of new toilets and septic system at Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve. The toilets are being constructed off site and this project is due to be completed by March 2024.
- Holbrook - Holbrook Dog Park - Indicative Plans have now been developed and they are being reviewed in order to develop a potential project budget. This project is due to commence in 2024.



Pic Culcairn - New Balfour Street plaza area.



Pic Greater Hume Council endorsed floor plan for new toilets at Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve.

Subscribe to our monthly What's On in Greater Hume via email.

### Pick up a Visitor's Guide at:

Visitor Information Centre, Holbrook; Doodle Cooma Craft Shop, Henty; Burrumbuttock General Store; Woolpack Inn Museum, Holbrook; Gerogery Supply Store; Jindera Pioneer Museum; Culcairn Red Cross Craft Shop; Woomargama Post Office; Walla Store and Walbundrie Co-op

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E [tourism@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

W [www.visitgreaterhume.com](http://www.visitgreaterhume.com)



## Local family friendly things to do this Summer

In the heart of Greater Hume, as the summer sun bathes the region in its warm embrace, families eagerly seek out adventures that are destined to create lasting memories. With an abundance of options and exciting opportunities, this season is shaping up to be one for the books



Pic Jindera Pioneer Museum

Nestled within the region, the Jindera Pioneer Museum unveils an enchanting Treasure Hunt. It's not just the children who get caught up in the excitement – adults join in the fun too. Beyond the hunt, families explore old-fashioned paper dolls, engage in word games, and revel in outdoor activities.

When the summer heat becomes too much to bear, the picturesque towns of Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, and Walla Walla offer beautiful swimming pools, inviting families to take a cool, refreshing dip. Laughter echoes poolside as young and old enjoy the water's embrace.



Pic HMAS Otway, Holbrook Submarine Museum, Holbrook

In Walla Walla, an artistic masterpiece beckons families. This stunning Water Tower Mural isn't just a visual treat; it pays homage to the rich local history and the preservation of the region's flora and fauna in the Walla Walla Gum Swamp. It's a celebration of nature's wonders, its one not to miss.

The Holbrook Submarine Museum offers a unique voyage into the world of

submariners. Families peer through the periscope, explore the control room, and even clamber into a bunk bed to experience submarine life first-hand. It's a journey back in time, beneath the waves.

For those seeking an adrenaline rush, skateparks in Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, and Walla Walla provide the perfect playground. Families showcase their moves, learn new tricks, and celebrate togetherness amid the laughter and camaraderie.

Summer in Greater Hume is a time for families to create cherished memories, explore the great outdoors, and embrace the region's rich history. Each day brings fresh adventures and the promise of unforgettable experiences.

Greater Hume eagerly awaits the stories and adventures its visitors will share.

To find out more information head to [www.visitgreaterhume.com.au](http://www.visitgreaterhume.com.au).

Photos on this page: Matt Beaver Photography



Pic Walla Walla Water Tower

## What's On

### December

- 8 Holbrook Community Twilight Markets
- 14 Storytime for 0 - 2 Years Olds @ Holbrook Library
- 15 Jindera Community Christmas Carols
- 17 Christmas Wreath Making Workshop @ Jindera Pioneer Museum
- 17 Henty Community Christmas Carols
- 17 Holbrook Community Christmas Carols
- 17 Culcairn Community Christmas Carols
- 20 Greater Hume Council Meeting @ Holbrook

### January

- 9 Bollywood Workshop @ Culcairn Library
- 9 Bollywood Workshop @ Jindera Library
- 12 Twilight Opening of the Jindera Pioneer Museum
- 26 Australia Day Celebrations @ Wymah Recreation Reserve

### February

- 10 Twilight Opening of the Jindera Pioneer Museum
- 10 Henty Agricultural Show
- 14 Valentines Day Dinner @ Holbrook Hotel
- 21 Greater Hume Council Meeting @ Culcairn

### Public and School Holidays

- |        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| 25 Dec | Christmas Day  |
| 26 Dec | Boxing Day     |
| 1 Jan  | New Year's Day |
| 26 Jan | Australia Day  |

- 20 Dec - 31 Jan NSW School Holidays
- 21 Dec - 29 Jan VIC School Holidays



## Greater Hume Road Closure and Incident Notifications - NSW Live Traffic

Greater Hume Council are now placing all road closures and other road incidents on the NSW Live Traffic website. This is in line with other NSW Councils to ensure that there is one central information point for residents and travellers. As a result the 'Current Road and Facility Closures' page on the Greater Hume Council website will no longer be updated.

Please refer to the NSW Live Traffic website for all road closure notifications, including major works, water over road, road closures and accidents.

NSW Live Traffic can be accessed here - <https://www.livetraffic.com/>.

While every attempt will be made to ensure that the information is up to date on this site, there may be a delay in updating the information, please always drive to the conditions of the road.

## Holbrook Landcare Network

The growing team at Holbrook Landcare Network (HLN) is actively involved in a range of projects aimed at improving on-farm practices and environmental sustainability. These initiatives include addressing soil acidity management, trialling sub-tropical pasture species, developing drought-resilient pasture systems, and exploring alternative fertilisers. Long-term demonstration trial sites have been established to gain insights into soil and pasture management.

Supported by the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund, HLN's Native Vegetation Restoration and Revegetation Techniques program focuses on establishing demonstration sites to showcase modern restoration methods. The project aims to highlight the positive economic, production, and environmental impacts of native vegetation restoration while collecting robust datasets for future initiatives. Collaborative efforts are also underway to update regional Revegetation Guides and create an online platform for landholders and practitioners.

As the Community Partner Lead Organisation for the FRRR – Future Drought Fund's Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought – Community Impact Program (CIP) in the Murray Region, HLN will host a Regional Coordinator position to strengthen drought preparedness. The program includes Leadership workshops and a Community Learning – Changemakers Series starting in 2024, supported by \$365,000 in funding secured through collaboration with other organizations. Activities are scheduled to take place from 2023 to 2025, contributing to building drought resilience in rural and regional Australia.

In addition to these initiatives, HLN is involved in various other projects, including Refreshing Rivers, Drought Preparedness, Labour on Farms, Bushfire Recovery, Connectivity of Vegetation Areas, Water on Farms, Risk Management in Cropping Systems, and Stock Containment. The team is actively assisting their members and the broader community in understanding evolving markets like Natural Capital Accounting, Carbon Farming, and Biodiversity Offsets.

### *Holbrook Landcare Network.*



# BRING YOUR OLD GAS BOTTLES DOWN TO YOUR RECYCLING CENTRE

Gas bottles can explode so please keep them out of your household bins and help look after our drivers and our environment.

Find out more at [halvewaste.com.au](http://halvewaste.com.au)

**HalveWaste**  
reduce • reuse • recycle

## Engineering Works

Listed below is Council's planned works program up to March 2024:

- Brocklesby Balldale Road – Reconstruct 4km from Brocklesby Goombargana Road to Woodland Road.
- Coppabella Creek Bridge replacement - Reconstruction of flood damaged bridge over Coppabella Creek, Coppabella.
- Brocklesby Balldale Road Stage 2 – Reconstruct 3.5km from Woodland Road to Shire boundary
- Widening of Wantagong Bridge and Replacement of 4 bridge size culverts along Jingellic Road
- Road Rehabilitation for 3.2km on Jingellic Road from Yarara Gap to Coppabella Road
- Council's Resealing Program is continuing on local roads, urban streets and regional roads
- Gravel resheeting on local unsealed roads is continuing as per Council's Capital Works Program
- Heavy patching will continue on various local roads and regional roads.
- Installation of a new culvert on Yenschs Road over Water Creek
- Installation of an all ability swing in Adventure Playground at the Jindera Recreation Ground
- Natural disaster rectification works will continue on local and regional roads
- Installation of a culvert under Urana Road, Jindera

Greater Hume Council Engineering Department now provide a weekly works schedule on our website, go to <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Living-in-Greater-Hume/Works-and-Projects> to access.



Pic Reconstructed Coppabella Bridge, Coppabella.



Pic Gerogery Road, Gerogery West drainage works and road reconstruction

## When Driving on our Country Roads

Beware of wildlife and stray livestock.

If you hit an animal first contact:

- Albury Police - 02 6023 9299.
- then for Wildlife - WIRES - Albury area 0427 493 716 or 1300 094 737.
- and for Stray Livestock - Greater Hume Ranger on 0427 556 659.

When driving farm machinery on public roads, harrows and other devices should be raised off the ground.

### Greater Hume Children Services Contacts

Lavington

T 1800 954 999

A 1132 Burrows Road, Lavington

E [mail@ghchildren.com.au](mailto:mail@ghchildren.com.au)

Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Walla Walla

T 0436 812 579

*Indoors, Outdoors and Beyond the Gate*



### Greater Hume Grant Finder

Looking for a Grant or Funding?

The Greater Hume Grant Finder website provides a comprehensive list of grants and funding and is available to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

Register (for free) to receive email alerts when grants are open for applications.

Go to <https://bit.ly/3GuUCi9> or google search Greater Hume Grant Finder.

### Hazards Near Me NSW App (Fires Near Me NSW)

For more information on the Hazards Near Me NSW app go [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date).



## Your Libraries

### Greater Hume Council Libraries – Winners of NSW Public Library Outreach Award

Greater Hume Council Libraries have just won the NSW Public Library Association's Innovation in Outreach Services Awards!

Hot off the press, the winners were announced at the NSW SWITCH conference where Susan Kane - Customer Relations Coordinator, was attending and was excited to accept the award. These awards are in recognition of the high-quality outreach programs and services provided by public libraries across New South Wales. Our winning category was for library services within the population of 10,000 to 30,000 and our winning submission was for our Book Nook outreach program.

With the target audience being both adults and children, Greater Hume Council libraries have established Book Nooks within a number of local businesses.

Our goals are;

- To add another dimension to the ways we connect children and adults to books.
- To add another way of promoting our libraries and being creative in the way we connect people to information, knowledge, reading for pleasure and a love of reading.

Each month Council staff deliver approximately 10 picture books and 10 adult 'coffee table' nonfiction books to the businesses we have partnered with. A basket, kept in an area where customers are seated, is filled with these books and refreshed with new books each month. Within each book is a bookmark which says; "You may borrow this book from the library. Just call in to the library and let us know. Not a member? It takes a couple of minutes to join and it is free

to join. Call in or go to [rrl.nsw.gov.au](http://rrl.nsw.gov.au) to get your library card. You can then keep your books for at least a month. No need to worry about overdue fines because we do not charge overdue fines. Have you visited the library lately? It is a beautiful space and each month we purchase many of the new books currently on display in bookshops. Our range of 'coffee table' books are a treat to borrow and you are sure to find a novel that suits your current mood. If not, our library staff are great at helping you find the right one".

Our books are located at Cafes/bakeries, Doctors' waiting rooms, Hairdressers, Day Care centres, Hospitals and Age Care hostels (for the hospital/age care residents), Solicitors' offices and the local Gyms. Council staff identified that some of these businesses had customers who may be waiting for their appointment and would appreciate a beautiful book to look through whilst waiting. Staff thought that residents from our local Aged Care homes and children from our local child minding services would also love to read through the books we would choose for them. We identified that the local Gyms were interested in books on health, fitness, diet and café patrons loved the books on home décor, gardens and cooking.

Council staff love that the community is enjoying our books whilst out and about. There has been a very positive response from both the business owners and their patrons. By getting our books out and into the community we have certainly raised awareness and usage of the Greater Hume Council libraries. Our Book Nooks have been an effective way of promoting reading within our community. To take our books beyond the library buildings is such a fun, gentle way to promote our libraries and our beautiful books. The program is easy to run and very much valued by members of our community.



Pic Susan Kane receiving NSW Public Library Outreach Award

### Greater Hume Council Library Festival of Seniors Week Grant Success!

Each year, the NSW Government provides grants for local organisations to host NSW Seniors Festival events. The NSW Seniors Festival Grants program provides \$200,000 in funding for community programs and activities that enable older Australians to remain active, healthy, and engaged during the NSW Seniors Festival. The festival will run from Monday, 11 March – Sunday 24 March 2024.

Recently Greater Hume Council Libraries were announced as successful recipients of the NSW Seniors Festival grants program receiving \$9000 for an event titled Festival of Seniors - Let's Get Together and Stay Connected!

The aim of the Seniors Festival Week event is to bring together members of the community to enjoy new experiences, stay active and connected to their community. There will be a number of expos held in each of the four Greater Hume Council Libraries.

The expos will all be free to attend and held during daytime to ensure inclusion for all at the same time fostering partnerships with local businesses, support services and organisations. All of the events

### What can you borrow from Greater Hume Libraries?

Item Type	Maximum Number of Items	Loan Period	Maximum Number of Renewals
General Library Item	30	In Total 28 Days	2 x 14 Day renewals
eResources		Vendor Specific	

## Your Libraries cont.

will include a free morning tea and lunch.

There will be presentations by service providers specialising in age care, health and fitness coaches, activities to enjoy such as painting activities of birdhouses, creating felt flowers, and bees wax candle rolling. There will be something for everyone as well as an opportunity to engage with each other in an accessible space and inclusive environment. Each participant will take away something special from the day. This can be either a craft item completed, a lucky door prize or just the knowledge gained from listening to the organised speakers.

### Henty Library closing for exciting renovations in January 2024

The Henty Library will be closed from Tuesday, 16 January 2024 and reopen on Tuesday, 30 January 2024 for renovations. During this period library staff will be available to contact for delivery of library items directly to your home, any Council enquires or payments can be made on 02 6036 0100 or by visiting one of the offices in the nearest town.

The main purpose of the redevelopment of the Henty Library is to improve the accessibility, functionality and inclusiveness of the Henty Library ensuring that the space is fit for the future. The new refurbishment to the library will follow current library trends providing clean open spaces in line with changing needs of the community.

Some of the changes the community will see happening in the Henty Library will include: new carpet, painting, new furniture throughout, a change to the current circulation desk and upgrading of the current restroom facilities.

Further information regarding the closing of the library for this time and alternate ways to access Council information will be provided on social media platforms, Council newsletters, notices and the next edition of Henty Headerlines.

### Social Media Pages



<https://m.facebook.com/>

@ Greater Hume Council  
Libraries



#ghc\_libraries

### Storytime at Greater Hume Council Libraries

Greater Hume Council Libraries offer a range of Storytime sessions to suit the various ages and needs of our younger community members and their families. Come along and enjoy stories, activities and craft. Have fun then borrowing from the wonderful selection of books and DVD's in our children section of the libraries. This year the aim of Story Time continues to be to develop children's literacy skills and socialisation through listening to stories, reading together, singing and finger plays, games, craft, writing, movement and learning to be part of the Story Time group.

#### Henty Library

Thursday from 10am - 11am  
22 Dec 23 - Christmas

#### Culcairn Library

Thursday from 10am – 11am  
23 Nov 23 - Christmas

#### Holbrook Library

0-2 year olds - 2nd Thursday from 11am to 12nn  
3-5 year olds - 4th Thursday from 11am to 12nn  
(Storytime at Holbrook Library is not held during school holidays)  
For families that have children in both age groups can attend both sessions, knowing that the activities are focused on a particular age range).

Remember you can now borrow up to 30 items at a time and there are no longer any overdue fines.

### FREE Home Library Delivery Service

If you're a person with a disability or an older person who experiences challenges getting to and from your local Library, then the home library service is here to help you borrow books or other items.

Once you have joined any of the Greater Hume Council Libraries or are already an existing member, contact a library staff member to discuss the types of books and/or other resources you wish to borrow. Staff will then deliver items directly to your home, free of charge. They will also collect items that need to be returned. Items available for public loan include:

- books
- audio books
- CDs
- magazines
- DVDs

To help you choose items, the library catalogue is available online. [www.rrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rrl.nsw.gov.au)

### Borrow an iPad from your Library to download eAudios, eBooks, and eMagazines

Before you purchase e-books from vendors like Amazon or from the iBookstore, see what your local Greater Hume Council Library has to offer. With a library card, you can download free Bolinda e-books, audiobooks, emagazines to your iPhone Android device, or computer. Or better still why don't you borrow an Ipad from one of the fabulous libraries in your town.

### January School Holiday Program Reptiles on the Go

**Henty Library** - 9 January 24  
2 - 3pm

**Holbrook Library** - 9 January 24  
12 - 1pm

Reptiles On The Go features a fun and educational showcase where children learn about fabulous Australian native reptiles in the safety and comfort of your own venue. This inclusive experience



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allows people to get up close and personal with animals such as fresh and saltwater Crocodiles, Pythons, Shingleback, Frill Necked and Blue Tongue Lizards, Turtles, Frogs, and Monitors. Yes, the children can pat them if they like! Yes, you can take photos, a great opportunity for promotion!

### The Coota Bollywood All Stars

**Culcairn Library** - 9 January 24  
11am - 12pm

**Jindera Library** - 9 January 24  
2 - 3pm

The Coota Bollywood All Stars are a vibrant group of Bollywood dancers from country NSW. The group was founded by Fiona Braybrooks and is made up of performers from Cootamundra and the surrounding Riverina region.

The Coota Bollywood All Stars have performed extensively throughout the Riverina area and their Troupe Director, Fiona, has also taken the group name all the way to India, performing at a number of events.

The troupe members come from a range of different dance backgrounds and each bring unique skills to the group. The Coota Bollywood All Stars perform a number of different Indian dance styles including:

- \*Bollywood
- \*Semi-Classical
- \*Bhangra
- \*Folk

The Coota Bollywood All Stars aim to educate, entertain and create

awareness of multicultural inclusion throughout Cootamundra and the surrounding areas and has gained popularity in the region, particularly in the last two years. The group have performed two successful stage shows in Cootamundra, with the choreography, costume design and direction by their Troupe Director, Fiona.

### Library Lovers Day Celebration in 2024

Celebrate Library Lovers' Day at Greater Hume Council Libraries in February 2024 with competitions, chocolates and lots more!

Valentine's Day is a day that celebrates love, yes, but it's also Library Lover's Day on 14 February 24, dedicated to book lovers across the globe. The day honours libraries and the amazing life-changing books they hold within them. Before you ask why libraries need to be celebrated, digest this fact — there was a time when libraries didn't exist! The word 'library' is actually a Latin word that literally means 'a place that stores books.' Therefore, libraries were simply places appointed by the state to 'stock' books and important manuscripts for the longest time.

### Lego Fun

Show us your master builder skills and have fun playing with Lego at all Greater Hume Council Libraries. For all ages. Enjoy unlimited Lego time at all the GHC libraries throughout the during school term and school holidays.

Call in any time during your library's opening hours and take time to build whatever you would like to make. No need to book.

### Riverina Regional Library Book Club 2024

It is that time of year again to start organising a book club for 2024. Joining a book club is a fantastic way to get to know people better over a shared love of reading.

To start, get together a group of between 6 and 11 people. You need to nominate a group leader and pay the \$400 per year club membership. This equates to only \$40 per person per year. Join and enjoy time with friends discovering new reads!

You can also enquire at your local branch about joining an existing group.

The library provides 10-11 copies of one title, plus background notes and discussion questions. Clubs meet from February to November, reading ten titles over the year.

Check out the fantastic new book club kits we have added for 2024!

### Mobile Library

The Mobile Library is a library branch on wheels! You'll find books, DVDs, magazines, and audiobooks for all ages, as well as public access computers and free Wi-Fi.

Travels to smaller towns and villages within Greater Hume are provided with a mobile library service. The mobile libraries carry a wide range of books and materials including large print, picture books, talking books and videos.

All borrowers have access to a complete collection through the reservations facility. Internet access is also available, although at most sites the time is limited so booking access in advance with the mobile operator is recommended if you wish to use this service.

## Library Contacts

**Culcairn:** T 02 6036 0100 A 40 Balfour Street

**Henty:** T 02 6036 0100 A 32 Sladen Street

**Holbrook:** T 02 6036 0100 A Library Lane

**Jindera:** T 02 6036 0100 A Jindera Community Hub

**Customer Relations Coordinator:**

T 02 6036 0169

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## Regional Bus On Demand Service

The Regional Bus On Demand Service links the Greater Hume communities and is now also offering parcel pick up as well as it's normal bus service. The towns and villages being serviced are Albury, Burrumbuttock, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, Morven, Gerogery, Gerogery West, Mullengandra, The Rock, Uranquinty, Wagga Wagga, Walla Walla and Woomargama.



Pic The Regional Bus available in many Greater Hume locations.

**Bookings are required, book via, phone or text 0448 353 281, [www.regionalbuses.com.au](http://www.regionalbuses.com.au) or [bookings@regionalbuses.com.au](mailto:bookings@regionalbuses.com.au).**

**Contact Matt on 0447 354 357 for more information or find 'Regional Buses' on Facebook.**

## Buy Local in Greater Hume Business Directory NOW AVAILABLE

The buy local initiative was designed to support local businesses and to build thriving local economies. Greater Hume Council has adopted a Local Preference Purchasing Policy to support local businesses.



## Greater Hume Residents Guide

The Greater Hume Residents Guide has been compiled to provide quick links to our website on local facilities, contact information and services to support all residents of Greater Hume.



**Download the Buy Local Directory or Residents Guide from Greater Hume website.**

## Connecting with Greater Hume Council Website through QR Codes

(scan on your phone to access the following pages on the website)



### Contact Us

(Emergency Contacts, Visit a Council Office, Lodge a Customer Request, Greater Hume Councillors, Greater Hume Visitor Information Centre, Trouble Hearing or Speaking - You can make contact.)

### Building and Planning

(Approvals, Building Information, Planning Guides and Tools, Non Council Agency Information, What Forms Do I Need and Subdivisions)



## Youth Services

January School Holidays is going to be loads of fun for young people in Greater Hume Council with movies at the local pools and a Gold Class Movie Experience in Albury for young people aged 12 – 24 years.

### Movie at the Pools

Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera Swimming Pools – Dates to be confirmed

There will be blow up movie, free sausage sizzle, movie snacks and drinks. The youth will be able to access the pool and the outdoor games until 7:30pm when the movie will be started and the water will be off limits.

### Gold Class Movie Experience

The youth from Walla, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Culcairn will be taken to the Albury Regent Cinema Centre for a Gold Class experience. The movie of choice is the new Willy Wonka movie. All youth will be able to indulge in two meals and 2 drinks whilst relaxing in recliner seats. Limited spots available

Contact Council on 02 6036 0100 for more information.



Pic Healthy Eating on a Budget workshop at the Culcairn Library.



## Opening of New Storage Shed at the Holbrook War Memorial Swimming Pool

Recent changes to the Holbrook Amateur Swimming Club were fortunate in receiving a \$19,000 grant from Riverina Water.



General Manager Evelyn Arnold opened the shed Pic Margot Pitson, Evelyn Arnold Friday 10 November, with and Andrew Crackanthorp a cutting of the ribbon and unveiling of the plaque. Andrew Crakanthorp, CEO of Riverina Water travelled from Wagga to attend the opening. Although it has been a lengthy process it was ready for the upcoming swimming season, as Pointscore kicked off following the Opening Ceremony.

Thanks must go to Greater Hume Council, Colin Kane and James Waite, with a special mention and thanks to James Waite, Manager for Waste and Facilities for Greater Hume Council for his commitment to the project. Thank you also to Fiona Myers for her dedication to the grant process, Brad Holt for preparing the site and Ultimate Sheds for the build.

Our Holbrook Pool is a wonderful facility set in beautiful grounds, that will be well utilised over our predicted hot summer.

## Support your Local Business and Region

### Our #HASH TAG'S

When posting on social media please remember to add one or all of the following #hash tag's so we can show how great our region is to our friends and family all over Australia and the world.

#### #visitgreaterhume

#(town name or village name, eg brocklesby, burrumbuttock, culcairn, gerogery, henty, holbrook, jindera, morven, walbundrie, walla walla, woomargama)

#### #visithemurray

#### #visitriverinamurray

#### #feelnewsouthwales



### Support our Businesses

- Shop Local
- Buy gift cards or order online.
- Tell your friends and family
- Show your Love - Leave a review for a business where you enjoyed a meal/service and the staff looked after you with care and attention. It's easy to leave a review or rating on Google, Trip Advisor or Facebook.



Did you know that at Meals on Wheels Greater Hume Area we provide "More Than Just A Meal"?



If you live in the Greater Hume Council area, we can support you to stay at home with a range of services including:

- A delivered meal service.
- Meal preparation assistance in your home.
- Social Support which will support you to attend appointments, do your shopping, provide a friendly visitor or a friendly phone call.
- Small group activities such as movie trips, morning teas and gentle exercise.
- Transport service to assist you with transport locally and regionally to Albury or Wagga Wagga.
- ACT! Emergency Readiness programme – we can assist you to create an emergency plan.

You do need to be registered with My Aged Care to access services with us – don't worry, if you aren't registered, we can help you with that as well. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please give the office a call on 02 6036 3677. You can call My Aged Care direct on 1800 200 422. You can also access our services if you are on a Home Car Package. It's your choice - Speak to your provider and let them know you wish to use our meals or other services.

**Our main office is located in Holbrook at 114 Albury Street (just near the traffic lights) and we hold monthly Outreach Hubs in Culcairn and Walla Walla. We will also soon be running a monthly hub in Jindera – more information when location can be confirmed.**

**The current Outreach Hubs are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Dates for upcoming Outreach Hubs are: Wednesday, 20 September, Wednesday, 18 October and Wednesday, 15 November. We are in Culcairn between 10.30am and 12.30pm and in Walla Walla between 1.30pm and 3pm.**

You are welcome to call into our office, an Outreach Hub or phone us on 02 6036 3677 for more information on any of our services.



Pic Volunteer Phillip and Office Coordinator Tania in front of the Holbrook Meals on Wheel van.

## Greater Hume Councillors



Picture of Councillors (L to R): **Back** - Cr O'Neill, Cr Meyer, Cr Lindner, Cr Parker; **Front** - Cr Hicks, Cr Wilton, Cr Quinn, Cr Schilg, Cr Forrest.

### Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn

East Ward

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T 0429 674 933

### Deputy Mayor, Cr Annette Schilg

North Ward

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T 0429 906 401

### Cr Ian Forrest North Ward

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T 0457 522 654

### Cr Matt Hicks West Ward

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### Cr Ash Lindner West Ward

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### Cr Jenny O'Neill West Ward

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T 0438 263 417

### Cr Lea Parker East Ward

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T 0427 362 723

### Cr Heather Wilton East Ward

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T 0417 166 731

## Public Forum and Council Meetings

Council has resolved to permit members of the public to now participate in Public Forums or attend the meetings in person subject to strict conditions. Persons wishing to address Council in the forum must register by submitting a written application. The conduct of the forum is governed by the Council's Code of Meeting Practice. For more information and to apply to speak at the public form, go to Greater Hume website, #greaterhume.

**Live Streaming of Meetings** Residents can view Council meetings by tuning into our live streaming on the youtube channel. Go to Greater Hume website to obtain the link of live and previous video recordings along with minutes and agendas of each meeting.

**What's On (page 4) for Council meeting dates.**

## Community Media in Greater Hume

**Burrumbuttock Bulletin:** Monthly

E [burrumbuttockbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:burrumbuttockbulletin@gmail.com)

T 02 6029 3216

**Culcairn Oasis:** Monthly

E [culcairnoasis@outlook.com](mailto:culcairnoasis@outlook.com)

T 02 6029 8291

**Henty Headerlines:** Bi Monthly

E [hentyheaderlines@hotmail.com](mailto:hentyheaderlines@hotmail.com)

T 02 6929 3770

**Holbrook Happenings:** Fortnightly

E [holbrookhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:holbrookhappenings@gmail.com)

T 0429 362 358

**Jindera News:** Monthly

E [jinderanews@ruralcarelink.org.au](mailto:jinderanews@ruralcarelink.org.au)

T 02 6026 3001

**Walla Walla Hello Hello**

**Newsletter:** Monthly

E [wallenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallenewsletter@gmail.com)

T 02 6029 2218

## Contact Details

### Council Offices

#### Holbrook Office

General Manager / Corporate Services / Community Services

39 Young Street  
Holbrook NSW 2644  
T 02 6036 0100

#### Culcairn Office

Engineering  
Environment and Planning

40 Balfour Street  
Culcairn NSW 2660  
T 02 6036 0100

### Customer Relations Centres

#### Culcairn Library

40 Balfour Street  
Culcairn NSW 2660  
T 02 6036 0100

#### Henty Office & Library

32 Sladen Street  
Henty NSW 2658  
T 02 6036 0100

#### Holbrook Library Complex

Library Court  
Holbrook NSW 2644  
T 02 6036 0100

#### Jindera Community Hub

83 Urana Street  
Jindera NSW 2642  
T 02 6036 0100

All correspondence to:

#### General Manager

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Holbrook NSW 2644

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