



Your June 2020 Community Newsletter

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF GLORIA FEUERHERDT

22 April 1923 – 3 May 2020



Gloria May Feuerherdt (nee Wenke) was born at Meramie Private Hospital, Albury on 22nd April 1923. She was the first child of James Leslie Wenke and Isabella May (nee Moore); sister to Coral Heath and John Wenke. She was baptised on 27th May 1923 and confirmed on 31st October 1937 by Pastor G Simpfendorfer in Zion Lutheran Church, Walla Walla.

Gloria grew up on the family farm "Fernsight." She attended Burrumbuttock North Public School for one year in 1930 and then Walla Walla Public School from 1931, travelling with her neighbours, the Odewahn girls, by horse and sulky and in later years with her sister, Coral.

On 30th September 1942, Gloria married Eric Stanley Feuerherdt at Zion Lutheran Church, Walla Walla, officiated by Pastor J.T.P. Stolz. The marriage was blessed with three children: Neville, Helen, and Maxine. During this time the family lived in Market Street, Walla Walla, before moving to the family farm "Roseview," Culcairn, in 1948. During the years spent living at "Roseview" she participated with various farm chores including the running of the poultry farm. In 1980 they moved to Walla Walla where Gloria continued her involvement with various organisations in the local community.

In her earlier life, Gloria joined the Lone Girl Guides and later the Walla Girl Guides. She attended meetings in the district. She was involved with the Culcairn Central School P&C during the years her three children attended school there. In 1944 she became a member of the Walla Branch of Red Cross and remained an active member. She has received many medals during this time including one for 75 years of service.

Gloria was the last remaining original member of the Walla Women's Bowling Club. During this time, she was President from 1951-62 and 1976-79 and Treasurer for 1968-71, 1979-82 and 1985-88. She was Club Champion in 1959/60, 1981/82 and Runner-up 1962/63 and 1964/65. She was a member of the Ladies Guild, later being known as the Ladies Fellowship, where she held various positions. She was a devoted member of the Senior Citizens and a valuable member of the Historical Society providing them with much history and many photos. Many locals visited her for information about photos. She had a fantastic memory right to her end.

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PERPETUAL STREET SIGN INSTALLED!

As most of you will remember, the Walla Walla Annual Christmas Light competition was revived last year. Townview Avenue took-out the prize for the Best Street and decided to use their winnings to create a new perpetual street sign, which was recently installed.

The idea behind this new sign is to create some good natured competition in the town. Each year, the winning street gets to have the sign erected on their street-sign for the ensuing 12 months, giving that street the bragging rights until it goes up for grabs the following year.

So the challenge is underway. Even though it's still seven months till Christmas, get your thinking caps on and start working out how your street can beat Townview Avenue this year.



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WALLA NORTH WALLA TENNIS CLUB

The Hume Country Tennis Association 2019/20 season came to an abrupt end due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The first week of the finals was played but the remainder of the final series had to be abandoned. This was unfortunate but protecting the health and wellbeing of players and spectators was considered paramount.

Two teams from the club reached the finals, Section 3B and Section 6A. Section 3B (photo right) lost their semi-final to Jindera. Section 6A won their semi-final. In an exciting match, both teams ended in a draw but WNW won the tiebreaker decider. Unfortunately they could not continue their good form due to the season ending early.

The tennis season was an interesting one. The first few weeks were windy and cold, then we had hot weather, then bushfires came next with the accompanying smoke and

then Covid-19! You just wonder what will happen next.

Thanks to all the club members who supported the club during the year and also a big thanks to those that filled in when we were short. Team manager Natalie Wenke did a wonderful job in getting teams on to the court each week. Thanks Natalie for your dedication and determination. During the year we said farewell to two very keen tennis players – Madeline and Bailey Watkins who moved to Townsville. We hope they can continue to enjoy their tennis in the tropics.

With the restrictions now being lifted we can recommence tennis in a low key way. The Tuesday morning tennis group will start again on 19th May at the Walla town courts.

Hopefully, with tennis being a non-contact sport we can start to increase the activity, keeping in mind the need for adequate hygiene precautions that need to be followed. If winter football and netball does not

start this year then we may think about starting a social hit, perhaps on a Saturday afternoon. See what eventuates.

Keep safe and motivated.

*John Seidel
President
Walla North Walla Tennis Club*



COVID-19 MONTAGE

The photos on this page were taken by Herb Simpfendorfer on April 15th and 25th. All photos were taken in our town. They show how Walla reacted to the virus problems. Details on some photos may not be clear. To see them better, View and Zoom can be used for the electronic version. The large photo was taken inside the Early Childhood Centre. Staff members Lauren and Cynthia are standing by the sign inside the building.



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WALLA PHARMACY NEWS

The TerryWhite Chemmart group are running a campaign at the moment called 'A Dose of Kindness' to highlight all the wonderful ways in which pharmacies are looking after their communities, but also the way communities are looking after their pharmacies. I can say with full honesty, that during this difficult time, it has been an absolute pleasure to come to work. The kindness and sense of community on display has been wonderful. So, my heartfelt thanks to you all!

As restrictions start to ease, it is important to keep up the hard work we have been doing with social distancing and good hygiene. The hard work we have all been doing is part of the reason we are doing so well, so keep it up! We are now seeing a steadier supply of hand wash and hand sanitisers (and toilet paper!!!) arriving in store. It is also as important as ever to stay in touch with each other. Many people will still be isolating for a variety of reasons, so reach out to each other. My family and I have settled into a lovely routine of fortnightly Sunday roast dinners, helping us stay connected, but a phone call, or a socially distanced cuppa in the autumn sun might be just what the doctor ordered!

NSW Health are increasing testing efforts across the state and are encouraging anyone with symptoms to call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 831 099. They are open every day between 7am and 9pm. Symptoms include fever, dry cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or a runny or stuffy nose. You will receive a confidential over the phone assessment, and if necessary, an appointment will be made for you for testing. This is another important tool to help stop the spread by identifying cases with mild symptoms, so please make use of this service if you have any concerns.

Because of how well everyone has been washing and sanitising their hands, I am seeing quite a few people with some irritation and dermatitis. And winter is a time when the skin can become drier and more easily irritated anyway. The skin is one of the most important barriers that protects us from infections, and so maintaining it is very important. Avoiding very hot baths and showers (as lovely as they are), moisturising twice a day and avoiding scratching are good ways to protect it. If you are having problems or would like more information, call or drop in to the pharmacy.

We still have flu shots in stock for the under 65s. Let me know if you are still planning on having one, so I can make sure I have stock set aside for you. The doctor is taking appointments for flu shots, so give them a call to book in (6073 2605 Monday 9am to 5pm, and Wednesday and Friday 11am to 5pm). It is wonderful to see so many of you getting vaccinated.



I would also like to remind you all not to neglect any new or ongoing health concerns you have. It is easy in these stressful times to put things on the back burner, but maintaining your physical and mental health is more important than ever. Most health services have continued to operate under some modified conditions to keep everyone safe, so you can access the health care that you need. Make sure you are staying in touch with your regular providers, and reaching out for help if you need it.

Please don't forget that the pharmacy is here to support you in any way we can. Deliveries are available, I can meet you out the front or we can consult over the phone. You can call any time (60292496), and please leave a message with your phone number if I don't pick up, I will get back to you. Or get in touch via email (walla@rivpharm.com) or via Facebook. Stay well, and enjoy the Autumn sunshine!

*Erin, Pharmacist
Walla Walla Pharmacy*

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Coronavirus Mental Health Contacts

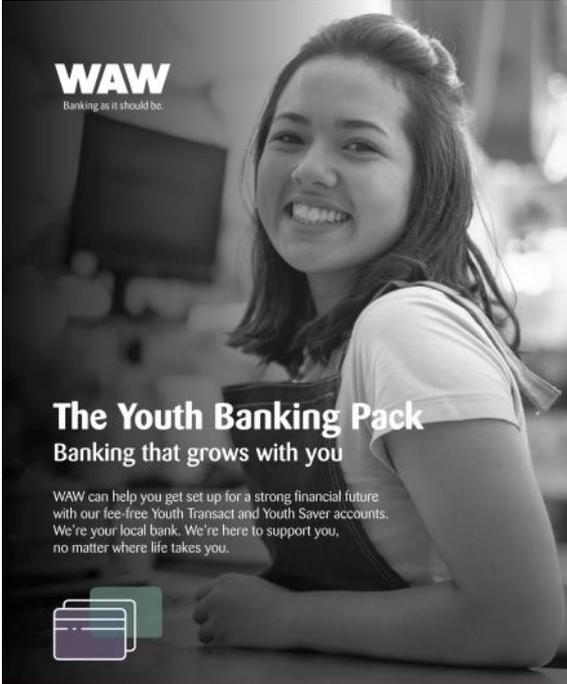
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Gloria attended church on a regular basis at Zion Lutheran Church and she kept her faith during her 97 years.

Gloria's family was very special to her. She loved spending time with them and hearing news about them all. She had 11 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren. She was very proud of each and every one. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile and joyful spirit. She had a heart for connecting with each and every one who came into her life. She was a wonderful role model to all her family.

Gloria will be remembered for her baking skills. She would bake an ice cream container full of honey jumble biscuits which was a favourite birthday present received by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren each year. Also, a favourite was the perfect jelly slice that she would make for a family gathering.

Gloria still held her driver's licence and was able to drive within a 25km radius.

After celebrating her 97th birthday on 22nd April, we would not have thought that days later she would succumb to an illness that would take her from this world. As God prepared for her, she was able to say goodbye to her loved ones who were able to be near. For the family members who could not be there, she knew how special and loved she was by them.

In the early hours of Sunday 3rd May 2020, Gloria peacefully went into the arms of God to be reunited with her husband, Eric, and those who had passed before her.

Gloria will be loved and forever missed by Neville & June, Helen & Bernie Goldsworthy, Maxine & John (dec) Kohlhagen and their families.

In the arms of the angels, I will fly high,

Weep for me, but do not cry,

I have loved my life, with all of you

Memories are forever, this is forever true.

The family of Gloria would like to personally thank the Walla Walla Community for showing your "social distancing" support as we farewelled her during this extremely difficult time. Thank you for the love you gave her during her 97 years. May her memory remain with you all forever.

Our sincere thanks,

Neville, Helen & Maxine and families

Greater Hume Council Library News

Library Closures

All Branch libraries and the Mobile Library are closed until further notice. We encourage everyone to hold onto their loans for the duration of the closures. Automatic renewals are in place and overdue fines will not be incurred. If you need help with any Library resources or have questions you can still telephone our library branches during weekdays.

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Holbrook.library@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

Participate in collecting images, posters, and flyers of life during COVID

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.

While many people will eventually discard this material, it provides invaluable information about this significant event impacting our community and nation. We appreciate your help in preserving this material. Please put this material aside for the Library and we will send a 'call out' for you to mail or drop the material into the Library when we reopen.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

1. Take a photo of your life right now – how you work, learn, eat, stay fit, keep informed and stay entertained.

2. Send information to skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or Holbrook.library@nsw.gov.au

3. Post and Tag Us by following Greater Hume Council Libraries on Facebook and Instagram

Please take care and stay in touch with us.

If you have any questions, please

contact us:

Email:

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Phone: 02 6036 0179

Electronic News

Virtual Storytime Sessions with Library Staff

Hi Storytime families

Each week Library staff members from Greater Hume Council Libraries will be posting special storytime sessions on Facebook and Instagram and staff would love for you to join us.

You might also like to do some of the following things

1 - Comment about the post

2 - Write your name on a piece of paper and draw a picture of your favourite part of the story

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

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Food Businesses			
Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
DJ's Fine fast food	Yes	Monday -Thursday 8-2pm & Friday 8-2pm, 5:30-7pm T: 6029 2033	Doors open again, only 10 people allowed inside at one time. Please book in, if you would like to dine in. Saturdays closed. Bread available upon request, place your order in advance. Milk available at the shop.
Mumma J's Food Hub	Yes	Sunday from 10am-2pm. 58 Commercial St. T: 0419 149 887	Please be reminded of practising social distancing.
Bowling Club	No	Closed until further notice	
Walla Pub	Yes	Mon - Wed, 3-6 pm, Take-away alcohol Thurs - Sat, 3-8 pm, Takeaway alcohol and food Sun, 12-2 pm, Takeaway alcohol and food T:6029 2309	Opening for lunch 12-2pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Essential Businesses			
Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
Chemist	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm T:6029 2496	Please remember social distancing, keep at least 1.5m between you and the other person waiting. Please RING before you come, they are offering deliveries and other services that you could benefit from at this time.
Hume Medical Centre	Yes	Mon: 8.30-1pm; 2pm-5.30pm; Wed: 11am-5.30pm; Fri: 11am-5.30pm T: 6073 2605 (during Walla opening hours) or 6036 2952 (Holbrook on other days)	Do not come into the centre, wait at the door until they come to open the door. All appointments have been passed to Telehealth. Just wait at home and when it is time for your appointment, the Doctor will ring you in. Please ring if you have other questions. Remember to not come into the centre without ringing first.
Lieschke's Fuel Bowser	Yes	Open 24/7	FUEL BOWSER SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS: Please bring your own gloves to use the nozzle and keypad. We are providing gloves, but they might not be available at all times.
Post Office	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-11am T: 6029 2231	No more than one customer allowed at a time in the shop, please check before you head inside. Bring your own pen. Give them a ring if you need them to deliver milk, newspapers or for other requests. All parcels will now be delivered to your house. Large parcels will be left under mail box. If the weather is doubtful, it will be delivered on the next delivery run.
Regional Buses	Yes	Weekdays from 7am-6pm T: 0448 353 281	Restrictions on who takes the bus apply, trips are only allowed for the following: ⇒ Shopping essentials ⇒ Doctors ⇒ Attend to work They are also happy to pick up things in town for you. Personal applicable fare applies. Please give them a ring to see if there is anything else they could help you with.
WAW	Yes	Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for lunch) pm: 1.30-5.00pm T: 6029 2392	Greater Hume customer services are closed but Credit Union remains open No more than 4 people are allowed inside at the same time Please stand on the yellow marks on the floor and avoid touching the counter. Keep 1.5m distance between each other. ATM USE SPECIAL CONDITIONS: please try to use gloves or sanitise your hands before and after use.

Other Businesses and Services

Business name	Is it open?	Opening times	Special notes
Blairs Produce	Yes	<i>More information to come</i>	<i>More information to come</i>
Chenovet Animal Andrology	Yes	T: 044 855 4302 45 Commercial St	We are continuing to do semen testing for all domestic animal species. Please contact the phone number if you want to have your bulls, rams etc tested. Chenovet Animal Andrology is strictly a veterinary diagnostic service, NOT a veterinary clinic.
Elders	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm T: 6029 2362	Please keep social distance of 1.5m Moving to drive through system: Don't get out of the vehicle, order what you need and items will be loaded for you. Please RING if you have any enquiries or requests.
Greater Hume Childcare	Yes	Normal operating hours	<i>More information to come</i>
Kotzur	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm T: 6029 4700	Visitors are restricted to essential business only Please wait behind the security line and leave any parcels on the designated side table.
Lieschke's	Yes	Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm; Sat 8am-12pm Fuel station open 24/7 T: 6029 2202	Please respect the social distancing rules Stand behind the security line at all times
Oz's Body and Paint	Yes	Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm T: 6029 2333	No entry to workshop All enquiries to office Phone preferred if not picking up or dropping off vehicle Please respect social distancing rules
Hume Country Milling	No		Hume Country Milling is currently operating, but closed to the public until further notice.
PJN	Yes	Mon-Fri 7am-5pm	If the matter is urgent and requires face-to-face contact, please ring the bell and wait for the door to be answered If the matter is not urgent, please call or email the offices Please respect the social distancing rules
Second Hand Rose	Yes	Thurs & Fri 1.30-4.30pm. Sat 9.30-11.30 6029 2116	
Walla Camping Ground	No	Closed until further notice	
Walla Hair Salon	Yes	Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am - 5:30 pm T: 6029 2277	
Wiesner's	Yes	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm; Sat 9am -12pm T: 6029 2151	Please respect the social distancing rules Stand behind the security line at all times

If there are other local businesses or services, or updates to any of the above information, please forward them to: wallanewsletter@gmail.com

CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Following the government Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, there is a temporary suspension of all gatherings, including public worship for all churches in the Walla Walla area until further notice.

For more information and options for worship at home please contact:

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

Visit their website: <https://wallawalla-parish.lutheran.org.au/>

YouTube channel "Walla Lutheran parish", worship at home video stream each Sunday @ 9am.

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

There are options to watch live streaming services from Baptist Churches including Wodonga, Wagga Wagga and Crossway in Melbourne.

Contact: Pastor Susan Barnes 0417 549 921

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

Participate in your local Parish Mass, live-streamed via the links provided in the Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga website: <https://www.wagga.catholic.org.au/>

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 6029 8363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

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Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

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- ⇒ Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
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RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR APRIL 2020

As recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office.

April 2 (24.6mm), 3 (8.0mm), 4 (4.4mm), 10 (4.4mm), 11 (0.2mm), 16 (0.4mm), 24 (2.0mm), 26 (8.2mm), 27 (0.8mm), 29 (24.0mm), 30 (36.4mm)

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- Articles should be received before 12 pm on the 15th of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.
- All articles should be kept concise to save space.

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June Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	3	4	5	6	7
8 Queen's Birthday Public holiday	9 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	17 Greater Hume Council meeting 6pm, Holbrook	18	19	20	21
22	23 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts					

LOCAL BUSINESSES (Please look at pages 6 & 7 for updated information)



Bookings-Phone or text 0448 353 281

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I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

Philippians 4 v 13

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WALLA WALLA HISTORY

The First King's Bridge – Introduction.

This 3-part article is not a chronological history of the King's bridge, after all it was just another bridge; a reasonably common way of crossing a waterway. However, the reasons for actually building the bridge, where that bridge was to be located, the often petty politics involved in its tendering and construction and one or two silly oversights all make interesting reading. As all this is part of our district's history too.

Part two will look at the tendering and building of the bridge. Part three will delve into the bridge's unfortunate demise, a collapse caused by almost laughable incompetence, the seriousness of which was brought out in a court of inquiry following the incident.

King's Bridge, - The Need for a Bridge.

King's Bridge as we know it is a low-level robust prefabricated concrete crossing; this is third bridge. Before this, the second bridge was slightly higher and longer wooden bridge, built to a cheap design and therefore exposed to the brunt of many floods and the ensuing debris, it was in the same location as the current crossing. The focus of this article is the first bridge, was built in 1889, which suffered major damage by floods in 1917, then collapsed during follow-up repair work in 1919. It was repaired, once again on a low budget, so a 2-ton load limit applied, making it almost useless except for light traffic, until it was replaced in the late 1920's by the second bridge.

Following the initial influx of selectors on the southern fringes of Walla Walla Station, selections began to be taken up on the north side of the Walla Walla Station. James Beasley took up a selection in the far northeast corner in 1874 on the Edgehill or Doodle Cooma (Henty) Road, and the Kotzur and Lieschke families moved to isolated selections wedged between Wallandool and Walla Walla in the northwest. In 1883, land became available at Edgehill, many families from the Walla district saw this potential to buy land as a chance to branch out on their own as land at Walla was by then hard to find. These early selections north of the Billabong, and then the increasing movement of people about the district were the reason for an effort to lobby for a bridge over the Billabong. In the 1880s there was no cleared road where the Olympic Way is now, the way to Wagga Wagga was the Cobb & Co route via Gerogery and Morven, or via Walla Walla.

Most of the time, farmers, drovers and the general public could cross the Billabong via the many creek bed crossing places, mainly within stock reserves, dotted along its length. The main Germantown (Holbrook) to Urana stock route closely followed the Billabong. However, in times of higher water and a fast flowing creek, difficulties became apparent. In times of flood it was downright dangerous, often no one crossed the creek anywhere until waters subsided.

When a bridge had to be used at times of high water, the one at Walbundrie was the only option from 1875. In most cases, this meant a detour up to 20-miles on a trip from places north of Walla Walla to Albury. Numerous news paper reports indicate people on horseback or in horse drawn vehicles attempted to cross at the many creek crossing places when water was high and flowing fast. On one or two occasions people and horses drowned, but luckily, in most cases lives were spared. However any goods carried were often lost.

At Walla Walla Station, a flimsy swinging bridge was used primarily to allow stock to cross the Billabong from the north side to access the shearing shed on the south side. Another private station bridge a little further upstream was used as an access up to medium water flow for pedestrians, people on horseback and light carts. It was by no means a safe option, as this bridge too, was washed away on occasions only to be replaced as needed. This occurred in 1889.

Some travellers and farmers alike were asked to pay a toll to the management of Walla Walla. In 1884, Mr. Lieschke had to pay Mr. Douglas 10s (\$1) to pass through the Walla run with 500 lambs bound for the Albury market; for Mr. Lieschke, to go via Walbundrie would have meant an extra 10 miles. Mr. Serong had to pay £1 (\$2) for a similar number. This toll was donated to the Albury Hospital. In July 1889, the Hospital acknowledged the receipt of £1 12s 6d, being the amount received as fees for permission to cross this private bridge.

So, in December of 1883 a petition from concerned Walla Walla residents was sent to the authorities regarding the need for a bridge over the Billabong at the end of the 5 chain wide stock reserve from Gum Swamp to the Billabong Creek. In August 1884, the local MLA, Mr. Lyne, received a reply from the Commissioner of Roads to "advise that a bridge was not urgently required due to low traffic", but he then advised that "the present crossing be made better by widening and improving the existing approaches, which work shall be done". The original stone lined creek bed crossing, and approaches mentioned here are still evident about 100 metres downstream of the current crossing.

Note: The first Walbundrie Bridge was built in 1874, and Morven Bridge also in the 1870s, Culcainr Bridge in 1907, Brooklyn Bridge in June 1911, and the Walla Park (Lookout Road) Bridge in December 1917.

If anyone has photos or information on this original bridge, please let Tony Brinkmann know 60 292296 or brinkade@bigpond.net.au

In part 2; King's Bridge - the tendering processes and building.

Anthony Brinkmann,

Walla Walla Historical Society Inc. 2020.

SOCIAL TENNIS



We are delighted to announce that we are under way with Social Tennis, following the relaxation of some restrictions.

We will be following social distancing guidelines, and use of hand sanitiser. We are happy to have visitors so long as we don't exceed 10 players. Starting time is 9.30 am, every Tuesday, at the town courts. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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ST PAUL'S IS COMING TO LIFE AGAIN!

Students have begun to trickle back to the College and it is really good to begin our transition back to normal school life - all staff are now back on deck, along with the first few groups of students. Once again we have noise around SPC!!!

ROHANA'S SUCCESS IN ART COMPETITION

With people the world over in isolation and lock down because of Covid-19, London based artist, Dave White, wanted a way to encourage young people to use their time creatively. So, he is running an online art competition. Each week he sets a specific topic such as animals, birds, under the sea etc. and people under the age of 18 are asked to send him photos of artwork they had made. Selected work is then 'exhibited' on his official Instagram page, giving them worldwide exposure.

This is a photo of Year 11 Visual Arts student, **Rohana Brinkmann's** entry to this competition. Rohana was a runner up in this competition and Dave White was very impressed with the quality of her work. Congratulations Rohana, it is indeed a great drawing.



CROSS COUNTRY

What a perfect morning it was on the 19th March to enjoy our beautiful Cross Country Course and show that our community spirit has not been cancelled! It was fantastic to see students striving to achieve their personal best, enjoying physical activity in the great outdoors, supporting each other and demonstrating so many of our school values. Congratulations to the following students who were the Age Champions:

- 12 boys - Archie Frohling
- 12 girls - Kate Lieschke
- 13 boys - Zac Klemke
- 13 girls - Scarlett Galvin
- 14 boys - Jack Phegan
- 14 girls - Ava Koschitzke
- 15 boys - Tait Klein
- 15 girls - Madison Lieschke
- 16 boys - Bailey Armstrong
- 16 girls - Tara Campbell
- 17 boys - Austin Scheetz
- 17 girls - Kelsey Lieschke
- 18 boys - Logan Carrigg
- 18 girls - Alyssa Lieschke





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DID YOU KNOW?

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We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people and the land where Walla Walla services takes place and recognise elders past, present and emerging.

Over the last term, children have faced a challenging time and remained very resilient to the changes. We have introduced new habits to reduce the spread and engage children in revisiting through numerous activities safe habits. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in keeping us healthy.

For about two months, the Centre has provided breakfast and morning and afternoon snacks, an opportunity to discover a variety of cereals, fruits and vegetable platters, and increase healthy habits. Children have been encouraged to use glass and china dishes to encourage autonomy and build self-confidence.

From May, each educator will take on a leading role in different topics such as sustainability, safety, healthy eating and exercise, community events.... Each new learning opportunity will directly emerge from children's ideas, reflections, and understanding, and give the opportunity to create

an environment that embeds children vision for their place to "become".

We encourage parents and the community to suggest any ideas, or wishes they would like to see happening. Community feedback helps us to grow stronger and closer!

We have also started to engage in discussions towards waste and its relation to sea life. We will continue our learning on ways to reduce waste at the Centre. We will develop cooperation to "nourish" our new recycling station by reusing recycled materials bought from children's homes. Long term, we will keep learning about fire safety practices and investigate our current problem being discussed: Does the sun make fire?

Greater Hume Children Services Walla Walla acknowledged the importance of ANZAC Day as a crucial part for the children to develop active participation in commemorating from the Early Years. Children have engaged in different activities and discussions to celebrate the commemoration, an opportunity for the children to understand their identity and role as Australian Citizen, as making sense of the world surrounding them.



Above: Playdoh—everyone's favourite



Above: Children have become aware of connecting with our community safely

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ANZAC DAY AT WALLA WALLA 2020

No people, no ceremony, no stage, no speeches, no music. Just a flag at half mast, wreaths, flowers and candles. A silent but beautiful tribute to the men and women from our town who went to war.

Lest We Forget.

Herb Simpfendorfer



FOXES IN WALLA WALLA

There have been recent fox sightings in hours of darkness in Walla, especially around Blairs, silos, Wenke and Douglas Streets. The Greater Hume Council ranger will set up dog traps to remove the fox/es if anyone who loses pets such as chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs etc to a fox notifies the ranger on 0427 556 659. Foxes, and poultry losses have also been reported in the towns of Holbrook and Henty recently. Lock up your chickens at night lest they become fox dinner!

