



Your May 2024 Community Newsletter

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Applications close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of May



### NSW Seniors Festival in March 2024 held in Walla Walla

Greater Hume Council celebrated NSW Seniors Festival in Walla Walla on Thursday 21 March 2024 at the Sports & Recreational Ground.

The event commenced with music trivia, followed with a presentation by Stephanie Dunstall on what you can do to prepare for your future with advance care

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planning, wills, and enduring guardianship. After a short morning tea break, Align Health provided a presentation on learning ways to improve your balance and getting up from the floor.

Lunch was a time to enjoy some lovely sandwiches and rolls, cakes/slices and the opportunity for everyone to move between different workstations painting bird houses, rolling candles and learning a little more about the resources available at the Greater Hume Council's library. In addition, participants at the event were able to have a one-on-one chat with Monica Montague (ACAC) about aged care services. Also, during the lunch break participants listened to background music played by Herb Simpfendorfer and Alan

Hunter.

Over thirty-six members of the Walla Walla and surrounding communities attended the NSW Seniors Festival in Walla Walla. Thanks to Herb, Ross, Helen, and Dawn and everyone else for all your support in planning the event, setting up the room, serving tea and coffee and cleaning up at the completion of the day. Without the support of the community in planning and running the event it would not have been such a success. This event was funded by a successful NSW Government Seniors Week 2024 grant and the Greater Hume Council.

-Susan Kane (GHC)



National **20-26 MAY 2024**  
**Volunteer**  
 Something for Everyone **Week**

Walla volunteers doing tasks for various committees/groups. Clockwise from top left:

Tony Brinkmann researching history in Adelaide with past Walla Walla resident and retired Lutheran Church Australia (LCA) Archivist Lyall Kupke; Karen Ofak volunteer at swimming pool; Dorothy Cremer and Robyn Bishop selling used goods at

Second Hand Rose op shop; Elise Knobel firefighting a paddock fire on Easter Monday (Rural Fire Brigade) and Don Scott and John Mullavey at the newly resurfaced netball courts (sportsground)



Photo credits: Geoff Dunlop, Craig Wenke, Julie Barber



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In Australia, it is National Volunteer Week from 20-26 May. The objective is to highlight the importance of volunteering, celebrate the volunteers who have an important role in communities and encourage others to take up volunteering.

Currently, in Walla Walla, there are volunteers whose names appear on multiple committee lists but there are many residents who do not volunteer at all. It is not fair on some individuals to do all the work to make this town a better place to live for everyone while the majority do nothing at all. Walla's late great Merv Wegener's philosophy was that **when you move to a small country town, you need to join some community committees to make things happen and do your part in making it a better place to live.** Changing the words of John F. Kennedy's inaugural US presidential speech, **ask not what the town can do for you but what you can do for your town!** JFK's speech inspired many Americans to take up volunteering and this is also needed for Walla.

Walla Walla is a vibrant small town with residents who care about it. Most Walla volunteers are people who have lived here a long time. More residents need to volunteer to keep committees going and give long time volunteers the opportunity to step down if they wish.

Some misconceptions are:

- the Council does everything (committees do most of the organising & fundraising with backing of the Council);
- someone else will do it so there's no need for anyone in particular to join (quite a few Walla community groups are DESPERATE for new members)
- it takes up too much time and only suits retirees (many helping hands make light work and most meetings or events are in evenings or week-ends)

You're never too old to volunteer and indeed, many of Walla's dedicated volunteers are aged in their 70's, 80's and even 90's! They have been volunteering for decades, and they still help out in whatever way they can. But some of these fabulous volunteers wish to step down due to various reasons.



Walla Walla Rural Fire Brigade members extinguishing a paddock fire just outside the town limit on Easter Monday.

Will you volunteer in their place?? Some of our most dedicated volunteers have been recognised with GHC Australia Day awards such as John Seidel, Herb Simpfendorfer, Jeff Grosse and Ross & Helen Krause with others being nominated for that and other categories.

You're not too young to volunteer, either. Madeline Watkins was a teenager when she held cake stalls to raise funds for the Walla Rural Fire Service and then she sold many raffle tickets to make the Walla Skate Park a reality for Walla's youth. High schooler Petrea Ofak is the youngest member of the Walla Red Cross, serving alongside her mum Karen and grandmother Dorothy.

Being busy should not preclude you from volunteering. We all have many other commitments taking up our time. Indeed, some are single parents, others are working long hours or are farmers or business owners. We still manage to squeeze in an AGM, participate in raffle ticket sales, umpire for sport, fight fires or prepare a Treasurer's report and much more.

Advantages of volunteering include learning new skills, meeting other like-minded people who may become new friends, feeling valued, having a sense of accomplishment and having your say in how things are run. Your fresh ideas may well become a reality to the benefit of everyone else.

Attending meetings is a good start but it's not enough. New members are needed to actually do things which could be cooking chips in the pool kiosk, cleaning the Wagon shed, taking part in a working bee at Gum Swamp, pruning shrubs at Bicentennial Park, participating in fundraising efforts and so on. Members are also needed to fill executive roles.

There is bound to be a Walla group or club that suits your interests and skills. Please consider joining one or more community groups to make it easier for the existing member volunteers and to give yourself a sense of achievement and self-worth. You won't regret it! -Françoise McPherson



### E – SIREN AND MAINTENANCE CHECKS

Please note that members will be conducting checks on trucks and facilities on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. This will include a routine sounding of the E- Siren.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday June 30th starting at 2:30PM. This would be a great opportunity for any community members who are interested in joining the brigade or would like to know more about our brigade to come down and meet the crew.

### THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

The Walla Walla Brigade would like to extend our thanks to the Walla Walla community for your continued donations and support.

This year we have been able to purchase a Semi-automatic hose washer that connects to the back of the trucks allowing members to clean hoses much more easily and quickly.

Other equipment and improvements we hope to purchase and implement in the future are hose drying racks, torches and updates to our fire station and trucks.



### DONATIONS

If you would like to support our brigade in the way of a donation, this can be done at any time at the WAW in person or via electronic funds transfer. Account details below:

Account Name: Walla Walla Volunteer Fire Brigade  
BSB: 803-070 Account Number: 805562

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

For more regular updates about the brigade like and follow our page: **Walla Walla Rural Fire Service**.

## WALLA WALLA PLAYGROUP

Storytime, Music and Fun Playing

Thursday May 9th

Thursday May 23rd

Thursday June 6th

Thursday June 20th

Thursday July 4th

at the Baptist Church, Market St.

**9.30am – 11.30am**

Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554



### WANT TO SUBMIT A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or request for electronic copies to [wallenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallenewsletter@gmail.com) or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

The deadline is 12 pm on the 15th of each month.

I have resigned from the newsletter team. Thank you to all the readers and contributors who did appreciate my editing and writing of feature articles. Thank you!

Francoise McPherson



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

To reflect the change in services, we are updating our images and rebranding our services as “Home Support Greater Hume Area” which joins existing service “Meals on Wheels Greater Hume Area”. You will see changes over the next few months as we update our signage.

We are now taking client referrals from My Aged Care for **DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE and PERSONAL CARE** services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). Services will commence as soon as we fill the worker positions. **And super news just this week, we have received funding for Group Social Support!!** Look out Walla Walla Sconversations will soon be making a comeback!

If you live in the Greater Hume Council area, we can support you to stay at home with not only a **delivered meals** service, but a range of other services including:

- Transport service to assist you with transport locally and regionally to Albury or Wagga Wagga,
- Meal preparation assistance in your home,
- Domestic Assistance, general house cleaning, clothes washing, unaccompanied shopping and bill paying,
- Personal Care,
- Social Support which will support you to attend appoint-

ments, help you do your shopping, provide a friendly visitor or a friendly phone call,

- Small group activities such as Movie trips, morning teas, gentle exercise
- ACT! Emergency Readiness programme is also available across the council area.

**You do need to be registered with My Aged Care to access CHSP 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 0260363677. You can call My Aged Care direct on 1800 200 422.

Our administration office is located in Holbrook at 114 Albury Street (just near the traffic lights) and we are always happy to have visitors. Our staff are very happy to visit you at home if you prefer. Just give us a call on 0260363677 to arrange a time.

You can also access our services if you are on a Home Care Package. It’s your choice - Speak to your provider and let them know you wish to use our meals or other services.

**Sue Winnett**

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<https://www.facebook.com/MealsonWheelsHolbrookandWallaWalla>

**WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS**



Now the weather is getting cooler, we are starting playing Croquet at **9.00am** on Saturday and Monday mornings.

You are very welcome to come along to the Walla Bowling Club on Saturday or Monday mornings to have a try and enjoy the fun game of Croquet.

Please wear flat soled shoes.

Dieter Fenz, President

Helen Krause, Secretary

Ph 0437365296

Ph 0427260737

**AGISTMENT NEEDED**

For two elderly retired horses.

Quiet and well cared for.

Close to Walla Walla please.

Ring or text Koko 0428 690 999



Congratulations Kotzur on your expansion at Toowoomba. See feature article on next month.

## WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Our AGM was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The current committee are:

**Chairperson – Karen Wenke**

**Vice Chairperson – Kim Lieschke**

**Secretary – Lorna Thistle**

**Treasurer – Anthony Lieschke**

The committee would like to express their thanks to our outgoing Chairperson Daniel Nadebaum and our outgoing Secretary Anya Williams for their service to the Walla Walla Community.

The annual open Community Meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. We welcomed a number of speakers. Principal of St. Paul's College – Anita Morton  
General Manager of Greater Hume – Evelyn Arnold  
Walla Regional on demand Buses - Tania l'Anson  
Walla Walla RFS – Captain Craig Wenke  
Walla Walla Police Officer – Daniel Jubb  
It was wonderful to see so many in attendance and raising their voices for our community. The suggestion box contents have been collated and passed onto Evelyn Arnold and other Councillors in attendance. The WWCDC will be actioning items as soon as possible, with some items already documented on the strategic plan. Karen Wenke



### Mobile service next available dates:

Walla Walla beside WAW  
Credit Union, Commercial St. on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9am to 3pm.**

## WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY YOUTH SUPPORT FUND

A brief meeting will be held at the Walla Sportsground pavilion on WEDNESDAY MAY 8th at 7pm to discuss and hopefully set up a WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY YOUTH SUPPORT FUND. Recently two groups have provided sponsorship for a local lad to attend a "Boys to the Bush" camp. We want to involve the community in providing similar opportunities for local youth to gain from such experiences. Please come to the meeting with suggestions and ideas. All welcome, especially young people. Contacts:

John Borchert 0419 291820

Marj Rayner 0459 292 233

### Red Cross Report

Eight members were welcomed. Most of our meeting was taken up with organising the Anzac Day luncheon. Members know what is needed (same as other years), so we hope to see you there at the hall at 9 am. The money raised at this event goes to Red Cross Calling, which stays in Australia.  
Next meeting May 22nd  
Dorothy Cremer - 02 6029 2120

### GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

Run by Jill Wadsworth, Murrumbidgee Health Trained.

**Thursdays at 2.30pm.**

Walla Sportsground pavillion.

Bring \$2 & water

Enquiries contact: Leeny Mason on 0419 605 566

Or [Kirsten.isbister@hotmail.com](mailto:Kirsten.isbister@hotmail.com)

We acknowledge the generous support for the community newsletter from Kotzur Pty Ltd (printing) and the Walla Walla Post Office (newsletter distribution).

May Editor: Françoise McPherson.

Team: Julie Barber, Herb Simpendorfer, Jenny Jacob, Trish Fulford, Phil Carroll, Julia Muller

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### Senior Citizens Report

Ten members were welcomed to our meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April. Much discussion was about our bus trip to Corryong. Last year it was cancelled due to wet conditions, so we are hoping this time the weather will be kind to us and stay fine. After the meeting we played Bingo.

The next meeting is on May 6th at 1.30 pm at the Bowling Club. This is our first social meeting and we are going to try our hands at playing Croquet. New members welcome. \$15 membership. Dorothy Cremer.

# Community Diary May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Stock water workshop Burrumbuttock 8.30-4 pm	2 Stock water workshop Corowa 8.30-4 pm. Exercise 2.30 pm	3 Meals @ Bowling Club	4 Croquet 9am
5	6 Croquet 9am Senior Citizens Bowling Club 1.30 pm	7 Social Tennis 9am NSW Mobile services 9-3pm	8 Probus 9.30am Culcairn Bowling Club Youth meeting 7 pm sportsground	9 Playgroup 9.30am Baptist church Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground	10 Meals @ Bowling Club	11 Croquet 9am
12 Mother's Day	13 Croquet 9am	14 Social Tennis 9am	15 GHC meeting 6pm Culcairn	16 Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground	17 Meals @ Bowling Club	18 Croquet 9am
19	20 Croquet 9am	21 Social Tennis 9am	22 Red Cross 2pm Baptist Church	23 Playgroup 9.30am Baptist church Exercise 2.30pm Pray for Walla 7.30 pm Lutheran Church	24 Meals @ Bowling Club	25 Croquet 9am
26	27 Croquet 9am	28 Social Tennis 9am	29	30 Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground	31 Meals @ Bowling Club	JUNE 10TH Walla Show and Shine

## LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146  
Closed Sunday & Monday. Open Tuesday – Saturday from 5.30pm. Meals available Friday evenings

Bank WAW 6029 2392  
Monday-Thursday 12.30-4.30pm  
Friday 11am-5pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm).

Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9-11am

Second Hand Rose 6029 2116  
Thursday-Friday 1.30-4.30pm; Saturday 9.30-11.30am

On Demand Regional Bus  
Bookings: Phone or text 044 835 3281

Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5.30pm **NEW HOURS**

Justice of the Peace  
Anthony Lieschke 02 6029 2202

Walla Police 6053 4570  
Emergency 000

Walla Food Mill 6029 2033  
Monday-Wednesday 6am-4pm  
Thursday 6am-7.30 pm  
Friday 6am-8pm  
Saturday 7am-2 pm  
Sunday 8am-2pm

Morgan's Lookout  
Non-daylight savings time 8am-5pm  
Daylight savings time 8am-7pm  
Gates are locked outside these hours

TerryWhite Chemist 60292496  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm  
Facebook: Terrywhite Chemmart Walla

Side Door Giftwares  
Thursday-Saturday 10am-2pm  
0458 602 933

Riverina Regional Mobile Library  
Every Monday 9-11am outside WW Public School

Return and Earn  
10c eligible containers  
Call 1300 849 781  
Text 0447 927 722

Vecare Health Walla Walla 02 6073 2605  
(Holbrook 02 6036 2952)  
Monday 9am-5pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm)  
Friday 9am-1pm  
[www.vecarehealth.com.au](http://www.vecarehealth.com.au)

The Glow Well-Being Centre 0493 130 539  
Tuesday and Wednesday 8am-8pm; appointments by request outside these hours.  
[www.glowwellbeing.com.au](http://www.glowwellbeing.com.au)

Walla Pub; 6029 2309  
Monday-Friday opens at 2.30pm  
Saturday opens 11am  
Sunday Opens 12 pm  
Kitchen Thursday-Saturday 6-8pm  
Sunday 12-2pm  
Meals other times for min 10 people booked

## DEFIBRILLATORS IN WALLA WALLA

At present there are 2 defibrillators available 24 hours a day:

- Veranda of Walla Walla Police Station
- Veranda of Walla Walla Bowling Club



Other defibrillators available during Office hours or when venues are open include:

- Kotzur Pty Ltd - Ph: 6029 4700
- St Paul's College - Ph: 6029 2200
- Walla Walla Fire Brigade
- Walla Walla Swimming Pool
- Walla Walla Sportsground

***Please familiarise yourself with their locations in the event of an emergency***

**Rainfall at Walla Walla** as measured at the Walla Post Office.

March 15 (0.2 mm), 20 (15.4 mm)

Total for March 15.6 mm

Total for 2024 to end of March 117.0 mm



## drumMUSTER

DrumMUSTER collection dates for 2024.

There will be a drumMUSTER collection on the following Saturdays from 9am-11am

- **15 June**
- **10 August**
- **12 October**

The collection point will be the old Walla Walla Rubbish tip site.

For enquiries, please ring Alan Odewahn on 0428 292 248.

If you cannot make it on this day, contact Alan to arrange a suitable time.

This is a fundraiser for the Walla Walla Sportsground.

# Mother's Day at The Walla Food Mill Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May!

## Come and celebrate mum with us!



All day breakfast!  
Delicious lunch specials!  
Cakes & desserts!  
Play area for the kids!  
Room for the whole family!  
Last minute gifts for mum!  
Pet friendly area!





# ALMA PARK Bed and Breakfast Accommodation

- 2 bedroom, fully equipped kitchenette, linen & towels provided.
- Cosy winter inside fire, outside firepit and, reverse cycle air-conditioning.
- Hot & Cold breakfast supplies included.

 joanne.knobel@gmail.com

 Please call Joanne 0427 280163



## CASEY'S PLUMBING & CONTRACTING

- Plumbing, drainage and gas fitting
  - Storm water and tanks
- Septic installation and upgrades
  - Excavation
- Maintenance and renovations
- Farm water supply and troughs
- Contract machine operator and truck driver

Contact Lachlan  
0438708230  
lachlan.casey@hotmail.com



If you don't need your Newsletter anymore, please leave it or any other old copies you have, at the Walla Post Office for others to read.

Deep in my heart I say, "The Lord is all I need; I can depend on Him."

Lamentations chapter 3 verse 24



### PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

**When:** Thursday May 23rd

**Where:** Lutheran Church Hall 7.30 pm

#### Prayer Requests:

Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

All Welcome!



### CHURCH TIMES

#### Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am

2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am

Contact: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

#### Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, & 3rd Sundays 10.30am

2nd & 4th Sundays 9am

Contact: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

#### Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Sundays at 10am, Kids Program

Contact: Dorothy Cremer 02 6029 2120

#### Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

1st & 3rd Sundays 9.30am

Contact: Rev Ken Dale - 0428 293 655

#### Generation Life Riverina Inc, Walla Walla Memorial Hall

4th Sunday 3:30pm

Contact: Pastor Graeme Sheppard

0422 671 149

#### Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st & 4th Sundays of the month, 6pm

Contact: Fr Jomer Calma - 0450 689 409

## SPOTLIGHT ON A WALLA RESIDENT

By Sally Jean

This month's Spotlight on a Walla Resident is Jim Godde.

Jim moved here in 1975 with his family when he was a teenager. Having moved from an isolated dairy farm in Bonegilla he found it quite different when he moved to Walla. He enjoyed being able to socialise and meet new people and engage with new sports such as Aussie Rules.

Jim is quite a dynamic person and he has studied numerous times at TAFE to learn and work in different jobs over the years. His skills range from working as a welder, maintenance person, fitter and turner to eventually becoming an electrician later in life. He recalls his most interesting job as being the time he spent working at Smorgans in Jindera.

He has served the wider community with great dedication by being involved with the Culcairn SES for 16 years. He worked in road rescue and moved his way up to becoming a Deputy Rescue leader, instructor and examiner. One of his most memorable experiences was attending a landslide in Thredbo.

Jim's life changed in 2021 when he was seriously injured in a car accident and was in a coma. After spending weeks in hospital, supported by his wife Angela, and enduring many operations Jim came home in a wheelchair. He is philosophical about the experience and has this advice to impart, "Never give up. Look to the future and strive to grab hold of it."

He has this specific advice for young people, "Get a mentor and latch on to someone, maybe a grandparent. Learn from them because they know lots of things. Go forward with your life and don't quit."

He dreams of returning to work one day and in the meantime he is an avid gardener. His garden is full of orchids, stags, fuchsias, hydrangeas and veggies. He recalls starting with one orchid and after spending a few years learning how to look after it, he has now propagated over 80 orchids which flower in August. He invites anyone in the community who would like to see them to stop by his house in Townview Avenue.

Jim also loves bowling at the Walla Bowling Club where he has bowled for just over 30 years. He has

dedicated the last 12 months learning how to bowl again from his wheelchair and is now participating at state competitions for disabled bowlers.

He has been the driving force behind getting a community shed started in Walla and his passion and determination are the reasons he was nominated by Jenny Jacob. Thank you Jenny for nominating Jim.

And now to the important information I know you all want to know ....

Does Jim wear socks in bed? He doesn't have much feeling in his feet but when it is really cold his feet do get cold so he will wear socks in bed.

If Jim could be a fruit, what would it be? He would be a peach because they are sweet and juicy plus they taste great and blend with anything, especially ice-cream!

Thanks Jim, it was great to chat with you and look forward to seeing those orchids bloom in August!



If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please email [info@glowwellbeing.com.au](mailto:info@glowwellbeing.com.au) and I will be in contact to arrange a time to do the interview and take a photo.

Thank you, Sally Jean 0493 130 539 [www.glowwellbeing.com.au](http://www.glowwellbeing.com.au)



## Probus Club Meeting report March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Walla church hall

by Helen Squires

Jeannie Kenney was our five-minute speaker and she told us about years of being a marching girl club member. It was an amazing story of moving people around the countryside in a furniture van so they could compete at towns across Victoria and march at the MCG at football grand finals, the Royal Show and Moomba parade.

The AGM election results:

President - Warren Berkery, Vice President Yvonne Booth. Secretary Beryl Meyer, Assistant secretary Helen Squires. Treasurer Fran Fifield. Program director Margaret Pumpa. Historian Julie Parker. Travel and tour guide Allison Schuster, Newsletter Kevin Fogarty, Publicity Helen Squires. Welfare Julie Parker

Thank you to Yvonne Booth who has been our President for two years.

Our main speakers were Marian Vile and Libby Clarke who in their roles as speech therapists have formed a choir called Border Sonic. The members of the choir are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders like Parkinson's disease. The choir gives people an opportunity to participate and to improve their speech. Singing is good for the brain and good for breathing and posture. The choir sang beautifully with Mary Hunt on violin and others on drum, ukelele and mandolin.

Our Herb played a new musical instrument he made, which he takes to his visits at aged care and hospitals.

We thank the Food Mill shop at Walla Walla for preparing our picnic lunches.

## Probus Club Meeting report April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Henty Public School

by Helen Squires

We were welcomed at the Primary School on April 10th by polite children at the front gate,

Our new president Warren Berkery, welcomed new members, Steven Draper, and Robyn and Paul Elliott.

There are 275 beanies knitted and more coming, and if you want to attend the Henty Art Gallery for beanie opening evening on 4th June, then please make a booking.

Our five-minute speaker was Libby Smith Draper, who told of nurse training in Canberra, and joining the RAAF as a reservist. She was deployed in East Timor and the Middle East.

Libby is also a fitness instructor at the Lifestyle Centre in Henty and specialises in chair-based exercise. She claims that the most difficult exercise is to smile.

We were treated to a lovely morning tea of scones with jam and cream, all especially made for us by the Henty school children.

Assistant Principal Ms. Erika Crevatin invited us to a performance of lovely singing by the children.

The kindergarten and grade one children sang a welcoming song about fish and sounding better in harmony. They did actions too, which were just beautiful.

We then heard children from grades three and four singing Waltzing Matilda and it was also beautiful.

Ms. Crevatin then invited us to have a tour of kitchen, library and classrooms.

Kevin Fogarty thanked Ms. Crevatin and her helpers,

We went back to Henty Club for a lovely lunch, and lots of discussion about Henty primary school being a good place to learn about being a person.

Our next meeting is to be at Culcairn Bowling Club 8th May at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. We are hoping to have Dr Penny Vine from Upper Murray Refugee support group as our speaker.

Guests are always welcome to join with us to hear speakers.





# ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

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## Students Volunteering

In a heartwarming display of service as a group of Year 8, 9, and 10 students dedicated their term to volunteering at the Culcairn Aged Care facility. These compassionate youngsters have been engaging with the residents through various activities, including storytelling, craft-making and the hosting of a beauty and spa afternoon. Their enthusiasm and willingness to give back to the community created joy for the residents and a sense of connection and understanding across generations.



## Sydney Royal Easter Show

St Paul's students had significant success at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Oscar Feuerherdt competed in two junior judging competitions, the Beef Junior Judging and the Grain Junior Judging. Both competitions include competitors up to the age of 25. Oscar was selected to speak at both competitions and was awarded 4th in the Beef Junior Judging and Reserve Champion in the Grain Junior Judging.

Layla Bahr competed in the Merino Sheep Junior Judging competition and was chosen amongst the numerous competitors, aged to 25, to progress to the speaking round, with only 8 competitors progressing to the final round. A huge congratulations to Layla on this significant achievement.

Grace Routley and George McCrohon competed in the Novice section of the Interschool Auctioneering competition. Industry experts including Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association were involved in the judging on the day and commented on how articulate, confident, and skillful the young auctioneers were. Grace was awarded 1st place and George was awarded 3rd place.

## Farm Studies

Students visited the Zweck Family Vineyard to assist in the grape harvesting and destemming process. Students learnt about the wine making process and the factors that affect wine grape production. Many thanks to Stephen and Jenny Zweck for this wonderful opportunity for students to be involved in.



Integrity



Compassion



Courage



Service



Creativity