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Accolade for Mick

Mick Broughan has been recognised for his three decades of dedication to improving the health of Henty residents. Mick was the winner of the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network award for Outstanding Contribution to Leadership in Primary Healthcare.

The award was announced at a gala dinner in Wagga in early November, attended by Mick, his wife Marilyn, representatives of the Henty Local Health Advisory Committee (of which Mick is a long-time member) and 200 primary health care providers and supporters.

Mick, a retired stock and station agent, was recognised for his work in advocating and lobbying for improved health services for Henty.

It started in 1996 when Henty Hospital's Board was disbanded by the NSW Government and Henty Hospital was to be downgraded, having missed out on government support to become a multi-purpose service offering emergency, acute care and residential aged care services.

Mick was integral in starting a Henty Community Health Care Committee to lobby State and Federal politicians to add Henty to the list of approved MPS developments. That approval, after tens of meetings with health officials and politicians and numerous studies, finally came through four years later in 2000.

It took another five years to see the project to fruition with the new MPS opened on 24 November 2005.

"This period was turbulent with many health service and shire councils expressing grave concerns about the financial management and leadership of the Greater Murray Health Service. This resulted in a NSW Legislative Council public enquiry, which the Henty Community Health Care Committee was asked to address," Mick said.

From 2000 to 2015, Mick turned his attention to ensuring quality medical services were available and led a promotional campaign which first attracted Dr Gareth Donaldson to Henty and then Dr Huy Nguyen from Junee to Henty. Underpinning this service was the provision of quality housing and a redevelopment of the Henty Medical Centre, both facilitated by the Henty Health Care Committee.

With the opening of the new hospital came the Henty Local Health Advisory Committee, which took over the role from the Henty Health Care Committee and Mick then focused on improving community health through the roll out of various programs and encouragement of professionals to offer their services in the town.

Mick continues to work on health projects and has turned his attention to Avondale Place respite and disability support services, essential worker accommodation and attracting essential health services to Henty on a regular basis, such as an optometrist.

"Henty has been good to me and my family and that's why I've always given back to Henty," Mick said when receiving his award.



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Food insecurity tackled

By the time you read this article, the Henty Community Pantry (HCP) pilot prowill have been gram launched, with one or two pantry sessions already conducted at Dale's Electrical store. Before describing the HCP initiative, the following is some recent information on food insecurity and poverty in Australia, which supports the need for such a project in Henty.

It is challenging to determine the status of food insecurity and poverty within the Henty community. However, the Poverty in Australia 2025: Overview reports that "in 2022-23, one in seven people and one in six children lived below the poverty line." Additionally, the Foodbank Hunger Report 2025 highlights that the situation for singleparent households "has intensified, with a fivepercentage point increase in severe food insecurity, now affecting 46% of this group." Additionally, "high rates of food insecurity persist among households living in rented accommodation (48%), those on low incomes (48%), and households with a person with a disability (67%),indicating these groups face ongoing pressures." Henty has many

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residents who fall these four categories: therefore, a significant number of Henty residents are living in poverty and experiencing food insecurity.

Henty Community Pantry is an initiative jointly undertaken by all of Henty's churches, the Henty Lions Club, the Henty Community Development Committee and the Henty CWA branch. It is a project designed to address the cost of living crisis and is specifically targeted to those Hentyites facing food insecurity issues. This initiative is not just a response to a problem, but a beacon of hope for our community.

The pilot project operates out of Dales Electrical store each Monday from 9am to 12 noon, until December 22.

Anyone in need of some extra food in these challenging times is welcome to access the program. Customers can choose a shopping bag of non-perishable food that will be available. A gold coin donation from customers is appreciated.

Henty residents can donate non-perishable food purchased at Dale's IGA in the donation bin near the checkout area. Alternatively, you can donate food purchased at another supermarket at Dale's Electrical. Please ensure that any food donated has an adequate expiry date.

The project's steering committee will evaluate the pilot and decide as to whether the Henty Community Pantry will continue permanently in 2026. If you are in need outside the period. Monday time please get in touch with Janet on 0475 390 341.

Social bowls starts January

This social bowls competition will be commencing Wednesday, January 21. It will be a seven-week competition, with teams of three players per

Start time will be 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start. About 10 ends will be played.

Barbecue will be available

before the game -5.30pm so no cooking that night!!

Last year, this competition was extremely popular and proved to be great fun. The word is out that next year will be even more popular.

To enter your team please contact Bruce Whitlock 0419 950 504

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To be eligible for appointment as a NSW Justice of the Peace (JP), you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be nominated by a NSW Member of Parliament (MP)
- be an Australian citizen

or a person who is entitled to vote at a general election for the Legislative Assembly

- be of good character
- not be an undischarged bankrupt.

To find out more about eligibility and character, you can read the "Guidelines on the appointment of Justices of the Peace: assessing eligibility and good character" issued by the Attorney General at the NSW Government Communities Justice website https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/legaland-justice/legalassistance-andrepresentation/justice-ofthe-peace.html

Service NSW Henty Mobile Service Centre visit

We are bringing NSW Government Services to Henty on Wednesday 10th December 2025 from 9.00am to 3.00pm outside the Henty Library at 32 Sladen Street, Henty.

You can access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications

- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Monday, 26 January 2026 at the Jindera Recreation Grounds, Jindera 8am for Breakfast, 9am Official Ceremony commences. This is a FREE event.

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, Citizenship Ceremony, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer, Individual and Group Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



Jindera community invite you to stay on for the family fun activities to be held after the Australia Day Ceremony:

- Live Music by 'Whiteline'
- Kids Entertainment
- Local RFS Display
- Free Pool Entry and Wally Wipeout
- · Free Morning Tea

Our Ambassador

Will be announced in January.

For more information please contact - Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Coordinator 0448 099 536, ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.

Christmas 2025 Church Services and Carols in the Park times

Churches	Time and Date
Anglican:	25 th December - 9:30am @ Henty
Catholic:	25 th December – 9:00am @ Henty
Lutheran:	23 rd December – Community Service — 8.00pm @ Pleasant Hills 24 th December – 7:30pm @ Henty 25th December — 9.00am @ Henty 25 December— 10.30am @ Culcairn
Presbyterian:	24 th December – 6:30pm @ Henty
Riverlife:	24 th December – 7.00pm @ Henty
Uniting:	24 th December – 7:30pm @ Culcairn

Community Carols in the Park

When: Sunday, December 21, 2025 with Carols commencing at 7.30pm.

Where: Henty Memorial Park

BBQ: 6.00pm Lions BBQ, food and family activities.

Bring your own chairs/ picnic rug and insect repellent. In the event of inclement weather, Carols will be held in the Henty Community Club Auditorium.



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Memories of Christmas in Henty

We've gathered together in Henty to-night As we head t'wards the end of the year, But before that occurs, there's a special event From the past, which we celebrate here.

But what was it that happened so long long ago That we still hold so dear to this day? It was when Jesus Christ came into the world In a stable – among sheep and hay.

We are told of a star at the time of Christ's birth Which led Wise Men to where Jesus lay. And the Magi gave gifts – frankincense, gold and myrrh Which they left, and then went on their way.

Faithful forebears in Henty have shown us how they Would sing carols and hymns with their friends. Moving many years forward we still do the same, It's a custom we hope never ends.

We have had youthful church groups walk all round the town Playing instruments, which they would strum. And they sang with great gusto to frail and to aged, Keeping time to the beat of a drum.

People then, some years later, went round on a truck, (With large organ first hoisted on board.)
It's a guess some who'd walked, later went on to ride,
As they sang words of praise for our Lord.

And we've had Christmas Fairs, where we had lots of fun, Plus the message of Christmas was shared. For all those who attended both listened and learned, It was clear our community cared.

Now our Ministers in Henty have organised to-night With musicians and choir to sing. And together we listen to the beauty of the words, Hear the glorious message they bring.

Christmas Day is now near. How the time hurried by! But just what does the day mean for us? Perhaps feasting with family, and presents galore, Oh we do rush about in a fuss!

But let's pause for a while. And just think about Christ, And remember what He did for you, For he gave his own life to save those who believe. And this promise is certainly true.

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 $Grace\ Stein$

Tennis club holds reunion

Members of the former Hickory Hill Tennis Club enjoyed a reunion during the October long weekend 2025. It is 30 years since the club's closure, but more since many had played. One of the oldest living members, Joyce Gardiner (nee Barber) attended the dinner on Saturday night.

The dinner attended by nearly 60 people, was held at the Henty Community Club. Memorabilia displayed included old tennis rackets, score books, minute books, tennis dresses, many photos and life membership cups and a plaque. Julie Parker and Marina

Stoll read out their recollec-



Above, dinner at Henty Community Club.



Above, unveiling of the plaque by Sybil Ritchie and Joyce Gardiner.

tions of the club and tennis back in their day. Noel Stein remembered members who have gone before us with a toast and Grace Stein read a poem, she had written to explain the history of the club from its beginnings in 1933, to its relocation in 1949, and finally the closure in 1995.

On the following morning a large group gathered for the unveiling of a plaque by Sybil Ritchie and Joyce Gardiner. The plaque marks the site of the tennis courts on the northern side of Hickory Hill Road.

Though time has changed the appearance of the site, those present fondly remembered the hours of fun and friendly competition that occurred on it. It is hoped that the stone and plaque will continue to remind any who pass by of the fun times had during those bygone years.



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Playgroup to return to Henty

Parents, carers and young children will soon be able to enjoy the return of Playgroup to Henty.

Henty's Local Area Health Committee (LHAC) has been working on reestablishing a playgroup to serve the community after the COVID pandemic saw the end of previous playgroups.

The group will operate under the auspices of Playgroup NSW and will be open to all parents, carers and grandparents to bring children under the age of five together in a safe space to enjoy play-based activities and connection.

According to Playgroup NSW learning through play is one of the most important ways children learn and develop. When children play it helps develop literacy and numeracy skills as they need to think, interact, use their natural curiosity and exploration skills.

Henty LHAC also hopes such a group helps young parents and carers make social connections and learn about early childhood development.

Look out for information on the time and location of the new playgroup with anticipated kick off being February 2026.

If you are interested or would like to know more contact Julia Muller on 0427 296 144

Header had the wood on the rest

Huge thank you to Lyndon Kroker who made the amazing header that won in the Henty Show 2025 woodwork competition. Lyndon donated his work to the Henty Show Society to be raffled. What a success that was so thank you to all who supported the raffle. You

have to be in it to win it!

Congratulations to the winner Lance Smith. Second prize went to Bernard Clark.

See everyone at the next Henty Show on the February 14, 2026.



Another delivery wrapped up

Another 30 wraps have been delivered by Alison Campbell to the Wrap with Love co-ordinator in Wagga Wagga.

The year's total is 85 and it is very pleasing to have some new knitters and

crotcheters contributing to the wraps.

If you need yarn for your squares contact Pam Green or Yvonne Booth (0428 293 193) for any information.

Wrap with Love works for non-profit organisations

and charities, nursing homes and women's shelters. The wraps go to those in need of warmth and are given free. About half stay in Australia.

In one day Wrap with Love received over 300 wraps

and 500 squares. Three thousand wraps are heading to Laos, 2,000 are almost packed for Syria and 1,000 for Ukraine.

Six hundred thousand people have "wrapped" since 1992 in Australia and around the world.





It's a Wipeout

The Henty Swimming Pool is now open and season tickets are available to purchase from the Henty Library office and online from the Greater Hume Council website .

Swim and Survive Swimvac

2026 will be operating at the Walla Walla, Culcairn and Jindera swimming pools from January 12 to 23. Get access to two weeks of **free** lessons for preschooler and school-aged children (conditions apply). Bookings are now open.

Wally Wipeout (pool inflat-

able) will be at Henty pool on Sunday, December 7.



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Start Date	End Date	Mon to Thurs	Friday	Sat	Sun	
Sat 08/11/2025	Sun 07/12/2025	3:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	Closed Tuesday
Mon 8/12/2025	Mon 26/1/2026	2:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	1:30 - 8:00	1:30 - 7:00	Open 7 days
Tues 27/01/2026	Sun 8/3/2026	3:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	2:30 - 7:00	Closed Tuesday

Morning swims 6:00 to 7:00 am Weekdays (excluding Tuesday in closed periods)

Long service recognised

New Doodle Cooma Craft president Helen Squires opened the craft shop meeting with a tribute to Margaret Knobel who has served the craft shop as president for 21 years. A beautiful orchid has been given to Margaret in recognition of her long service.

Delma Davidson was also acknowledged for her term as auditor for over a decade. Her orchid was as beautiful as Margaret's.

Secretary Liz McGuiness reminded members about their \$10 annual membership and the discount available to members for serving at the craft counter.

Book sales continue to grow and we thank the community for their continual generous donations of books.

New business cards will be printed and the suggestion of prize winning goods from the Henty Show be marked as such in the craft displays.

The next meeting will be held on Monday December 15, 2025 at 4pm. Bring some nibbles to share and your own drinks to enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Henty Library hours

Monday

9.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday

12:00 pm-05:00 pm

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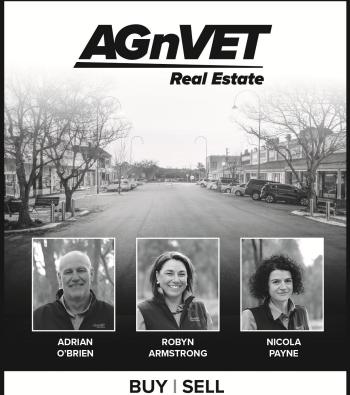
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School says thank you to volunteers

The Henty Public School recently held its Volunteers' Morning Tea, a special event dedicated to thanking the many wonderful people who generously give their time and energy to support the school.

It was a lovely turnout, with volunteers from all areas of school life coming together to enjoy some well deserved recognition. A highlight of the morning was a special presentation to the previous GA, Terry Carter, whose dedication, hard work and commitment over the years have made a lasting difference to the school community.

The school is incredibly grateful to all the volunteers, past and present, for





the countless ways they enrich the lives of the students. The contributions truly make Henty Public School a brighter, more welcoming place.

The school's Grandfriends Day was a heartwarming celebration of the special people in the students' lives. Friends, grandparents and family members were invited to share a picnic lunch with their loved ones, and the day was filled with laughter and joy.

The sun shone brightly, adding to the warm and cheerful atmosphere as generations came together to create beautiful memories. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and the school's heartfelt thanks to all who came



along to make the day so special for the students.

Meanwhile, mid-term Rewards Day was an absolute blast. Students and staff alike enjoyed a fun-filled silent disco with DJ Suzuki Skillz. The energy and excitement were infectious, and it's hard to say who had more fun, students or staff.

Many students have already said this was the best Rewards Day yet, and the laughter and smiles throughout the day certainly reflected that.

These recent events are a

wonderful reminder of how lucky the school feels to have such a supportive, engaged school community. Thank you to everyone who continue to make Henty Public School a vibrant place to learn, grow and celebrate together.

If you would like to contribute your ideas to the school, please join in the P&C Annual General Meeting on Monday, December 1 at 5:30pm in the school library. Free childcare will be provided. The school would love to see you there.





Field days kept CWA busy

Henty CWA has been busy over the past several months with our fundraising activities. As a long-time participant at the Henty Machinery Field Days (HMFD), the focus was on the CWA's food and beverage stall in the Country Lifestyle Pavilion.

The Henty branch staffs the stall on the Tuesday and serves hundreds of scones with cream and jam, sandwiches, slices and other goodies, plus cups of tea and coffee. They also operate a mobile food and beverage service to stall holders in the Country Lifestyle Pavilion.

Additionally, the Henty branch provided food to the



Above from L to R: Grace and Hannah Francis.

NSW Farmers Association's pavilion.

The second fundraising activity was a street stall held on October 25 as part of the Henty Garage Sale sponsored by the Lions Club. Using the Lifestyle Centre allowed the CWA to serve scones with cream and jam, tea and coffee, and the usual baked goodies.

Since April 2024, Henty CWA has supported Carevan Wagga with donations of non-perishable food items, fruit, and money. However, they are now proud to be a partner in the Henty Community Pantry, an initiative specifically targeted to those Hentyites facing food insecurity issues. The details of Henty Community Pantry initiative can be found in this edition of Headerlines (page

The branch AGM was held on October 17. Alison Schuster kindly conducted the election of office bearers, with the members selecting Janet Beverley as President, Connie Ross as vice-president, Therese (Terri) Taylor as secretary and treasurer, Jean Bennett as cultural officer, Mary Harvey as international officer, and Annette Hamilton as officer.

As CWA move into 2026, the country of study is Fiji, while agriculture and environment focus will be on:

- i) Fauna glossy black-cockatoo,
- ii) Flora she-oak;
- iii) Foe escaped garden plants; and
- iv) Primary Product wattle seed.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to know about the CWA branch, please contact Janet Beverley at 0475 390 341 or Terri Taylor at 0431 379 364.





Community Calendar December 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Draw strings close in on 1,000

A total of 949 draw string bags to date and still sewing! Thank you Henty-Culcairn for your overwhelming response to the Seafarers request to replace plastic bags for the 2,000 Christmas kits which will be distributed to the men and women on the oceans.

A big thank you to Louise Biti who delivered three suitcases to the Mission of Seafarers headquarters filled with colourful bags and 98 more beanies.

Chairman of the Mission to Seafarers rang Yvonne Booth to say a big thank you for what our community is doing. The beanies are worth \$30,000 to the Mission for 2025. Secretary Nadja had already messaged a grateful thank you the day the suitcases of "happiness bombs" were delivered. Henty-Culcairn is featured in the Spring 2025 newsletter.

This is an ongoing project – Bags and Beanies for Seafarers.

Did you know

- Drawstring bags from 27x36 cm to 30x40 cm for the Seafarers are recycled as shoe bags or gifts to families.
- Warm beanies are given free of charge for visiting Seafarers to the Mission of Seafarers headquarters
- at The Rocks, Sydney one only for the 20,000 Seafarers who visit (when beanies are available).
- More Flanders poppies are needed for a second mat of flowers for Anzac Day. Knitters and crocheters find some red wool and get

your fingers wriggling! Contact Alison Wellington or Yvonne Booth (0428 293 193).

- If you would like to volunteer at Henty Craft Gallery on a Friday or Saturday 10am-2pm please contact Bernard Clark, Jenny Stein, Helen Squires, Liz McGuiness or the Doodle Cooma Craft Shop.
- Several serious concerns from shipping crews (eg

unpaid wages, excessive work hours for Seafarers) were dealt with by the Seafarers Chaplains last month. Their work reflects a deep commitment to justice, compassion and holistic care for Seafarers navigating difficult conditions.

 Your unused suitcases can be used to transport goods to Peter Mac and to the Mission of Seafarers.



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Inflation measured in milk shakes

A one-dollar note was tossed onto the table at the Men's Shed the other day, accompanied with by the quip, "bet you haven't seen one of those for a while?"

An astonishing torrent of history poured out from those at the shed recounting their first experiences with the changeover to decimal currency in Australia.

One wit said, "You obviously haven't been into that box for a while".

How right they were, for many folk who don't get around to emptying that odd box of stuff that has been there for a very long time, can sometimes be pleasantly surprised. made of 100 one-cent coins".

"Good heavens" or something like that, for we had all forgotten that the tiny little one cent coin with the glider possum on it had already disappeared.

Reflections on the dramatic process of inflation then followed amongst the fellows having a cuppa.

Just for the younger readers, it should be said that a one-cent coin had real value for when it first appeared you only needed 20 of them to buy a milkshake.

Well, the recollections followed thick and fast, a reference to a two-stand milking machine led to comments about milk cans those, but it answered the question of "What is that you fellows at the shed do?"

They were startled by the realisation that they have seen a lot of history, huge changes in the world, extraordinary inflation, but best of all we still knew

what a one-dollar paper note was and its value at the time of circulation. It was worth 100 of those little ones.







Fancy finding an Australian one-dollar paper note, when the odds were so much against them surviving. The paper currency notes proved not to be very hardy, for many went through the washing machine and dissolved.

Today's legal tender notes are of hardy plastic and do survive the washing machine, in fact sometimes they even look better.

They all had to stop when one of the members said, "Remember that that paper one-dollar note was (with lots of milkshakes in them) being put on the train to the milk factory.

Then came inflation, for the one-cent coin conversation was upgraded to a two-cent coin (also consigned to history) and it wasn't long before we were back to the one-dollar note worth four or five milkshakes.

Just for the record a onedollar note in good condition and of a particular numeric sequencee could now be worth \$1,200.00. The note that appeared at the Men's Shed wasn't one of

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Probus marks 30 years

Probus met at Henty Bowling Club on October 9 and celebrated 30 years of the Henty-Culcairn Probus. They had a room of beautifully decorated tables, thanks to Jan and Harold.

Lots of members and visitors attended and Libby led them through five-minutes of chair exercises, which while seriously helping us to keep fit, were also fun. There was singing and lots of talking

The speaker after a most beautiful roast meal was Sally Bryant, from the Breakfast program at ABC Riverina. Sally told of her experiences in Australia and overseas, and Yvonne presented her with the

Probus pen and a gift pack of special biscuits made by Pam.

The birthday cake was iced by June and cut by Joan and Joyce, followed by Herb playing Happy Birthday on his trumpet. Everyone all sang Happy Birthday and Kevin led three cheers.

The day finished with cakes and slices, tea or coffee and still more talking.

Thank you from the club to committee of people who arranged the day and all the helpers who were there on the day and the day before too.



Travels through the five Stans

Probus met at the Culcairn Bowling Club on November 12, with Margaret and Yvonne as the five-minute speakers. They told of having been volunteers with Frontier Services and finding out the realities of work experience with remote ministry. They told of long hours, much travel and meeting lots of isolated people who were very glad to have company.

The main speaker was David Dunbar. He told of having visited the Five Stans - Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. To go to these places, part of the old Silk Road territory, is not easy. An invitation is

needed and people go as a group tour not as individuals.

The photographs included a city where buildings were covered in white marble, the roads wide with white cars, wide footpaths and dome tops of buildings were turquoise colours. Red indicates wealth and school uniforms are red to reflect the thought of future wealth from education. There was a fortress and talk of the Silk Road and the digging of ruins and beautifully built and painted railway stations.

The club learned about nomadic people living in

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yurts and the food which included lots of vegetables, eating horse meat, but not pig. Local people felt that good food, a warm place to sleep and people around them was an ideal situation.

David was thanked for an amazing speech and yes please, like so many of the speakers, the club would love to hear of more of his travels.

December is the Christmas meeting at Henty club and prebooking is needed. Probus will meet January 14 at Henty 9.30am for a 10am start.

The club thanks all of its helpers and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Peter Mac shop grateful

A big thank you to Alison Wellington and Lauren Coe for organising the delivery of three suitcases of beautiful crafts to Peter Mac.

Christmas novelties (beanies, puddings, angels, gift boxes and trees), Lyn Forck's amazing tote bags, babywear and knee rugs (from our friends at Moruya) teddy bear puppets and gift tags were received by the Peter Mac Auxiliary Gift Shop who say receiving Henty's cases

is the best Christmas present ever.

The last Peter Mac gettogether in November was more a "sort out and clean up" followed by Christmas lunch. The group starts again on March 26, 2026 – always the fourth Thursday of the month – 10.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Ivor Street. Everyone will be made very welcome. You don't have to be crafty. There will be a job for you!

New General Manager — Greater Hume Council

Greater Hume Council is excited to announce the

appointment of Dena Vlekkert as its new General



Manager following an extensive recruitment process.

Ms Vlekkert brings almost two decades of leadership experience across both Local Government and the private sector to her new role with Greater Hume Council. Most recently this includes the last two and a half years as Director Community and Corporate at Wodonga City Council.

Greater Hume Council Mayor Lea Parker said that following a strong and highly competitive field, Council was delighted that Ms Vlekkert was determined as their preferred candidate at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 12 November 2025.

"We're very pleased to have Ms Vlekkert joining us as General Manager," said Mayor Parker. "The depth of her knowledge, proven leader-ship skills and financial acumen will be an asset to Greater Hume Shire as we continue to grow and evolve", Mayor Parker said.

"Already residing in the region Ms Vlekkert has a strong understanding of challenges facing a rapidly growing Council in the Albury-Wodonga region", Mayor Parker said.

"I am genuinely excited about the prospect of contributing to the continued success of Greater Hume Shire and working closely with the team, the Councillors and the community to help shape a strong and sustainable future for our diverse Shire," Ms Vlekkert said.

Ms Vlekkert will commence in the role on 4 February 2026 under a fiveyear performance-based contract, with Acting General Manager Colin Kane continuing in the position until that time.

Mayor Parker expressed her sincere gratitude to Mr Kane for acting in the General Manager role since late 2024 and guiding Council through a very difficult and challenging period.





School grounds

St Paul's School approaches the end of the school year with gratitude for the improvements they are making to the school grounds and facilities. They have created new undercover walkways and full disability access throughout the school.

This highlights the inclusive approach where everyone is welcome. The undercover walkways connect a wide range of modern learning spaces.

The school is very fortunate to have an art room, creative arts room, a hall (recently refurbished with new carpet and reverse cycle heating and cooling) and large classrooms equipped with modular, contemporary furniture that can be rearranged to suit different learning activities.

The school is very excited that the new playground will be constructed over the summer holidays. The staff and students were heavily





involved in the design process and the outcome is a playground that embraces adventurous play within safety regulations.

Students can't wait to climb, swing, slide and balance on the circuit-style playground. A new handball court will be installed next to the new playground and the entire play area will be surrounded by artificial turf and softfall.

The new playground complements a wide range of outdoor play spaces. These include a large oval for sport, a multipurpose court, a covered outdoor learning/play area, a large sandpit, cubby house and nature play area. Staff have researched outdoor play this year and are excited about future ideas they are creating for the school grounds.

The school thanks everyone who has contributed to making this such a great year for St Paul's. They wish everyone has a blessed Christmas and holiday.

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Lions keep busy

On the last weekend in October the township was a hive of activity with annual Lions Town Garage Sale! There were vendors' stalls lining Sladen Street selling a wide variety of wares. The CWA had a Devonshire tea stall. Forty -six sites across the township had set up stalls selling their surplus items; bric-a-brac, furniture, shed tools, car parts, saddles and farm items. During the morning there was a constant stream of people surveying the various wares. Most vendors were pleased with their sales and the number of visitors seeking a bargain.

In late October the Lions Club also held the annual





Lions Spelling Bee. Four local primary schools participated, competing for the Max Davidson Memorial Shield. This year the trophy was won by an astounding speller, Alice, from St Joseph's Primary School, Culcairn and the runner-up, Aalivah, represented Henty Public School. The event was conducted by retired Henty Public School principal, Kevin Fogarty, ably assisted by members of the Lions Club. The Max Davidson Shield was presentby Max Davidson's daughter Lion Kathryn Fin-

Prior to Remembrance Day members of the Lions Club held a working bee at the gardens around the Henty Memorial to plant new rosemary, lay down wood chips and clean the path around the cenotaph. In the future another working bee will be held to prune and tidy up the older rosemary.



The next project for the Lions Club of Henty will be the Christmas stocking raffle. Lions members will be selling tickets outside Dales IGA on Friday, December 12 and 19, 10am till 3.30pm. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on the December 19 at 3.30pm and the winner will be notified as soon as possible.

The delicious Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are available at Dale's Electrical Store and the Henty Post Office. Pop in and buy one in preparation for the festive season. They will also be available for purchase at the Christmas stocking stalls (See opposite column for dates.) Those who have tried these items will attest to their taste and quality.

Continuing the Christmas theme, the Lions Club will be conducting a sausage sizzle before Carols in the Park. We will be serving sausage sandwiches and soft drinks from 6.00pm on. Come along and join the pre-carol activities, experience the atmosphere and share a light meal with friends.

The Lions Club of Henty is actively seeking to expand its membership so that we can better serve our community. If you would like to be part of a team that specifically sets out to help the community or if you have some ideas on projects that would enrich the Henty community, you could visit the club secretary, Ken Dale at Dale's Electrical in Sladen Street or call our membership secretary, Stephen Colley on 0427931280. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Christmas at the club ... and more

The Henty Community Club is excited to announce its annual Christmas Party, taking place on Saturday, December 6. This much-anticipated community event promises a festive atmosphere for attendees of all ages. Enjoy an evening of live musical entertainment provided by Smithers, whose performance will set the perfect mood for the celebrations.

Tickets to the Christmas Party include a delicious dinner and are priced at \$50 per adult, while children under 12 years can attend for just \$15. For families, there is a special package available at \$125

for a family of five. These tickets are now available for purchase at the club.

Adding to the excitement, Santa will make a special appearance to delight the children with a present, and a monster raffle will be held, featuring over \$3,000 worth of prizes. This is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and celebrate the holiday season in style. Please phone the club to make a booking on 02 6929 3250.

After Christmas, welcome the New Year at the club's vibrant New Year's Eve celebration on December 31. The evening will feature a dynamic live performance by The Rivereens from 8pm, ensuring an energetic and memorable night for all guests.

The Club's Bistro will be open throughout the evening, serving a range of meals and refreshments to keep everyone satisfied as they ring in 2026. Tickets for the evening's entertainment are available at \$30 per adult, \$10 per child, or \$75 for families. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to celebrate with friends and loved ones.

Platters to enjoy throughout the evening will be available for purchase with a variety to choose from. Please note that platters will require ordering prior to the event.

Meanwhile, the club extends its sincere gratitude to Inland Rail for their generous grant, which has supported the installation of an automatic door between the pool room and Diff's Domain. This important upgrade greatly enhances accessibility within the club, benefiting all members and improving the overall experience for everyone.

Every Wednesday, the club hosts a free community bingo evening, providing a fun and welcoming environment for locals to come together. Eyes down at 7pm sharp. There are club cash prizes and a variety of other rewards up for grabs each week, making it an event not to be missed. Each week we

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have a bingo meal available for just \$16.

Every Saturday and Sunday night, the club hosts a members draw. To win, members need to be present—and in early November, Olga Campbell was there and won \$475! Congratulations to Olga! Hint: The prize for the Sunday draw is climbing,

The Club Bistro welcomes guests from Wednesday to Sunday nights every week, offering fresh weekend specials created by Chef Ronnie.

• Wednesday: Enjoy the bingo meal for \$16, fea-

turing a new dish each week.

- Thursday: Indulge in schnitzel and schooner night for just \$22.
- Friday: Get two pizzas, garlic bread, and a 1.25L Coke for \$55.
- Sunday: Treat yourself to

a delicious roast dinner for only \$20.

Pizzas are served in the evenings from Thursday through Saturday.

Both dine-in and takeaway options are available. To reserve a table, call 02 6929 3250.

Bush Fire Danger Period

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) declared the beginning of the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) in the Southern Border District (includes Greater Hume) on 1 November 2025. The RFS is urging residents to prepare now.

RFS Acting District Manager Jesse White is urging residents in Southern Border District to make and discuss their bush fire survival plan. "Having a bush

fire survival plan will ensure all members of the household know what to do on days of increased fire danger and what to do if their home is threatened by fire.

She said while the RFS is doing everything it can to mitigate the risk of fire, preparation is a shared responsibility and property owners need to do their part too.

"Worryingly, recent research tells us only half of residents living in bush fire prone areas have undertaken any preparatory work on their properties," Acting District Manager White said.

"Residents should prepare their property by removing flammable materials from their yards, clearing leaves from gutters, checking hoses can reach all around the house and where appropriate, conducting hazard reduction activities," Acting District Manager White said. "You can ask your local Fire Control Centre for assistance in carrying out safe hazard reductions and for advice about whether they need a

Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate."

During the BFDP, landowners and managers are required to obtain a Fire Permit from their local Fire Control Centre before lighting any fires, including hazard reduction burns.

On days of Total Fire Ban all Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificates are automatically revoked. Information about hazard reduction burning and required notifications is available on the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP.

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