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Henty Community News



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60th anniversary of Henty Machinery Field Days

Retired farmers with a combined 240 years of volunteering cut the 60th anniversary cake at the official opening of the Henty Machinery Field Days (HMFD) on September 19.

Bryson Terlich, Table Top, Barry Scholz, Henty, Neil Bahr, Henty, and Kerry Piestch, Pleasant Hills, have all served as HMFD Cooperative members, directors and volunteers since the first field days in 1963, helping shape the field days into the globally renowned event it is today.

All continue to give their time during the field days with Bryson manning the forklift/crane hire office, Barry helping out with fuelling up the generators and Kerry overseeing the vintage machinery display while generations of the Bahr family take a hands-

on role.

Kotzur Managing Director Andrew Kotzur, of Walla Walla, officially opened the 60th anniversary field days, also marking 60 years since his family company first exhibited at the event in 1963 at the Henty showground.

“Sixty years ago, a group of farmers were keen to improve their harvest quality and gathered at the Henty showgrounds to learn more about the operations of their headers,” Mr Kotzur said.

“When I travel across Australia that same passion is still driving our farmers to improve and make innovations.

“Aussie farmers are truly as good if not better at their craft as any of their global contemporaries.

“Farmers still come in droves to the Henty field days – why is it that has not changed? There is nothing like talking face to face, seeing and touching in real life, having a day out to do some serious business, to enjoy the excitement in person and to take time out to look at machinery and other systems while dreaming about the future of farming.

“This is one of the lessons of COVID – commercial or augmented reality cannot replicate the real country atmosphere we immerse ourselves in at Henty. Virtual reality doesn’t come close to the experience as having a cold beer with a mate at the bar at Henty.

“That’s why I’m confident the Henty field days has such a bright future. This is why this event will continue to play such an important role in our region.

“On behalf of everyone I

thank all those involved in staging the field days, and the service you provide to our rural and regional communities.”

HMFD Chairman Nigel Scheetz paid tribute to the members, volunteers, exhibitors and visitors across six decades of the event.

“The Henty Machinery Field Days as we know it today began as a header school for farmers at the Henty showground in 1961 to show them the finer details about operating their machines to improve their grain samples and general operation tips,” Mr Scheetz said.

“The success of that day fed the dreams of our founding members, and the first field days were held 60 years ago this year in 1963.

“Members from the early days through until the early 1970s had a vision to provide an event for farmers to learn about advancements in agriculture, to showcase and demonstrate

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Barry Scholz, Neil Bahr, Bryson Terlich and Kerry Piestch, all attended the first Henty Machinery Field Days in 1963 and cut the 60th anniversary cake at the official opening.

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agricultural machinery in the one space at the one event.”

HMFD Chief Executive Officer Belinda Anderson launched an 84-page coffee table style book on the his-

tory of the field days.

Written by HMFD Media Manager Kim Woods, the book was compiled to showcase the dedication and positive vision of a small group of farmers from the southern Riverina.

Toni born to care

Toni Shutt had an important goal when she took on the role of recreation officer at the Henty Multi Purpose Health Service four years ago. To make the aged care section of the hospital, now known as Gawal Gardens, a place people go “to live”, rather than the

alternative.

Walk into that area of the hospital nowadays and it is definitely alive, with residents undertaking all types of activities. It’s rare to find a resident sitting and staring at a television screen (and if they are, it is often with one of Toni’s two dogs

“The true authors are our founding members, the directors still with us now, all our members working very hard and the staff who have been involved over 60 years, also part of that story is the exhibitors as well,” Mrs Anderson said.

– Sweetie, the long-haired Jack Russell or Lucy the Blue Heeler, who are both regular visitors to Gawal Gardens.

Toni was born to care for people. The first half of her career was as a childcare worker, but now she shines her light on older people.

She works 16 hours a week at Gawal Gardens and fills the residents’ days with activities to turn what could be a cold, sterile hospital environment into their home.

“We have a great group of people living here and they just love to do things like they did at home – cook, garden, do some craft, have visitors, go for a drive,” Toni said.

“It’s really simple things but it keeps them engaged with the community and living life.”

A highlight of the week at Gawal Gardens is Friday’s home cooked lunch. Residents help with peeling the vegetables and make suggestions for the menu (they love old-fashioned, simple meals like rissoles and three veg).

“Gawal Gardens is an extension of the amazing community that Henty is. Everyone is made to feel welcome and we have so many people who love to help out.”

Volunteers are always welcome at the hospital. “It can be as simple as reading the paper to someone or paint-



Toni with residents Ruth and Margaret.

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ing their nails or coming for a drive with us in our marvelous new bus which the Henty LHAC organised to buy for us."

Originally from Victoria, Toni moved to Pleasant

Hills for love and she and her partner, Phil Salzke, more recently moved to Henty where Toni dishes out even more care for their blended family of her two adult sons and Phil's two adult daughters. In her spare time Toni knits items

she then donates to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research for fundraising into brain cancer research.

Toni's father was diagnosed with brain cancer three and a half years ago and she travels to Melbourne most

weekends to help with his care.

Would you like to volunteer your time to improve the lives of the residents at Gawal Gardens? Give the hospital a call today on 02 6929 4999.

Social club meets weekly

Henty Social Club meets every Wednesday in the hall behind the doctor's surgery from 10am to 2pm and is open to all senior residents

It is run by The Rock Meals on Wheels who provide the staff. When you arrive you are welcomed by Tania and Sally who will then serve you with a cuppa and tasty treat. Each week a different activity is offered including bingo, board games, checkers, carpet bowls or just a friendly conversation.

The midday meal is home cooked from The Rock Meals on Wheels kitchen and is sometimes added to in the Henty kitchen by Tania and Sally. Sweets are then served. The hall has been completely renovated by Murrumbidgee Health with new floor coverings and window shades

The cost for all that is provided is \$15 a day. If you need further information call The Rock Meals on Wheels on 6920 2500.

Kotzur family reunion

A family reunion of the Kotzur family will be held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October. An invitation is extended to family members and friends.

Saturday 14 October at the Culcairn Bowling Club – arrival at 6.00pm/dinner at 6.30pm.

Sunday 15 October a welcome to all who would like to join in a thanksgiving service at the Salem Alma Park Lutheran Church at

10.30am.

For further details please contact:

Reply on Facebook: Kotzur Family Reunion.

Graeme Wenke: graywenks@hotmail.com or 0427 327 215.

Vanessa Withers: vanessa.kotzur@hotmail.com or 0403 142 186.

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Storytime at Greater Hume Council Libraries

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

What can you borrow from Greater Hume Council?

Item Type	Maximum items	Loan Period	Maximum Number of Renewals
General Library Item	30	In Total 28 days	2 X 14 day renewals
eResources	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific

games, craft, writing, movement and learning to be part of the Story Time group.

Henty Library

Storytime is held each month on a Thursday

Dates and Themes for 2023:

22 September — Dads

20 October — Little Monsters

24 November — Buzzy Bees

22 December – Christmas

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

Lego Club with Lucas

Please join Lucas at Henty Library for Lego Club every Tuesday from 4pm – 4.45pm.

From bridges to elevators, robots to drones, LEGO Club is a must for all aspiring LEGO masters aged 7-12! Starting week 2 of Term 2 2023, join us each Tuesday after school to learn STEM skills, take part in epic engineering design challenges, make new friends and have lots of fun.

FREE Event – Ages 5-12 years

Don't forget to BYO something to eat and drink in case you get hungry!

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Calling for Nominations of Greater Hume's Top Citizens

Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year
Sports Person/Team of the Year Sports Volunteer of the Year

Applications close Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Online nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website (www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) or a hardcopy can be picked up at one of Councils Customer Relation Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla.

Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held at Wymah Recreation Reserve, Wymah on Friday, 26 January 2024.



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Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Officer
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AUSTRALIA DAY
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disability or an older person who experiences challenges getting to and from your local Culcairn or Henty Library, then the home library service is here to help you borrow books or other items.

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

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Your library membership card will also provide you with online access to a range of online resources and information including eBooks, eAudios, Freegal Music, and Zinio Magazines.

Little Book Nook: Libraries and Businesses in the Greater Hume Council Communities increasing literacy

In today's society libraries play a key role in creating literate environments and promoting literacy by offering relevant and attractive reading material for all ages. They embrace the social responsibility to offer services that bridge social and economic barriers, and traditionally make a special effort to extend their services to everyone in the communi-

ty.

Greater Hume Council libraries aim to encourage literacy in young children and of course encourage more residents to become members of our libraries.

A big thank you to businesses and organisations that are currently taking part in this wonderful initiative to increase literacy in our community.

If you are interested in participating and have a small space where around 10-20 picture books, magazines or colourful coffee table books and a small 'Book Nook' sign can be placed please contact Henty Library P: 0206360100

FREE - October school holiday program Mr. Snotbottom

Presenter-Mark Trenwith
Henty Library on 4 October 2023 from 2.00pm-3.00pm.

Mr Snotbottom is a totally gross show our kids will absolutely go bonkers over!!!!

The show 'Mr Snotbottom Comedian For Kids' is a high paced, energetic 45 minute musical stand up comedy show centered around all the ooey, gooey, slimy, smelly things kids love which is perfect for weird kids ages 4 and up and their even weirder parents.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VF1_4JYFME

<http://www.mrsnotbottom.com>

Bookings Essential. Contact P: 02 60360100

Cyber Safety and Security

Presenter - Michael Palmer
Henty Library — Tuesday 17 October 2023 — 12:30-1:30pm

The aim is to raise the awareness of scams and how best to protect against them. This is a free service

offered throughout regional Australia from NBN. Optimal numbers are around 10, although up to 20 can be accommodated depending on the suitability of the venue.

For bookings contact P: 02 60360100

Get Online Week at Henty Library

Henty – Wednesday 18 October, 11am – 12pm

Free Event

Get Online Week 2023 dates announced! Join our annual digital inclusion campaign this 16 - 22 October.

Get Online Week is a campaign organised by Good Things Foundation aiming to close the digital divide. For one week in October, our network of community partners host hundreds of free digital skills events to help people to get online

safely, confidently and affordably.

Together we can close the digital divide for all, for good.

Celebrate Get Online Week at Henty Library with Cupcake Decorating – Search online for decorating ideas, then decorate and take home your cupcakes!

For bookings contact P: 02 60360100

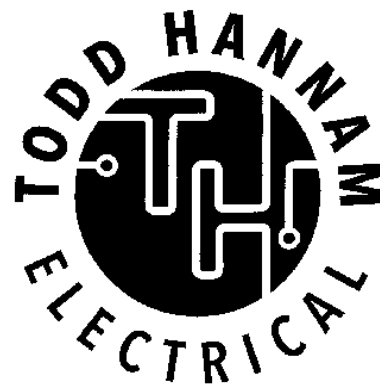
Author Noel Braun to visit Greater Hume Council Libraries

Presenter-Noel Braun
Henty – Wednesday 8 November, 1pm – 3pm

Free Event

In Noel's talks he spoke mainly about "his journeys, the people he met and the life-long friends he made

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along the way.”

During his visit he had recently published “No Way to Behave at a Funeral”, a story about losing his beloved wife Maris to suicide following years struggling with depression.

He is now the author of seven books. The most recent “No Comfort on a Chilly Night” a story of love, unchecked ambition, regret and recovery. Noel Braun shows us how corporate demands can corrupt the balance between worldly ambition and personal fulfillment. A timely reminder for those of us suffering from the stress and anxiety of modern life.

In many of Noel’s books the subject of dealing with grief is a recurring theme where the search for meaning underlies the physical journey. Visit Noel’s website for more information on each.

Henty Library closing for exciting renovations in January 2024

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

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

This is an exciting project which will commence on Monday 15 January 2024 and be completed on Tuesday

30 January 2024. During this period the Henty Library will be closed to the public, however, library staff will be available to contact for delivery of library items directly to your home, any Council enquires or payments can be made on 0260360100 or by visiting on the offices in the nearest town.

Further information regarding the closing of the library for this time and alternate ways to access Council information will be provided on social media platforms, Council newsletters, notices and the next edition of Henty Headerlines. If you have any questions please not hesitate in contacting Council P: 0260360100.

More beanies shipped out

Our 11th huge parcel of beanies have left Henty for the seafarers visiting Sydney. There is such a need for all shapes and sizes to fit all the different heads visiting the Mission for support and care.

Last week one of the chaplains received an urgent call from a Sydney hospital that a seafarer was in

emergency anxious and having communication problems. He’d been working on chemical carrying ships for four years trying to save enough money to get married. So the chaplain had been visiting regularly providing support, snack, translation services and prayer as requested. Just one job of the Mission.



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Life memberships awarded

The Henty Show Society was proud to present another two members with a life membership badge for their long-term commitment to the show. The badges were presented by vice president Anthony Male (photo below, right).

Stephen Dale (below left) has been a member for years and joined the committee in 2010. He has been helping out in every section and in 2017 he took on the chief steward role for the Barbecue Shed.



The show society says Stephen and John have been great assets. The society thanked the outgoing president Warren Dale for all his hard work and commitment for staying on the committee to share his expertise.

The Henty Show Society is proud to present our 2023/24 office bearers: President Graham Lieschke, vice president Terry Carter, secretary Monica Schrader, treasurer John Ebsworth and public officer, Anthony Male. Warren Dale is safety officer and Bert Stevens and Ken Male are patrons.

The society would like to thank everyone for their commitment and is looking



John Ebsworth (next column, right) volunteered on behalf of the Rotary at the show and was the auditor for its books. In 2017 John became a committee member and was voted in as treasurer. He has been in that position ever since.



L to R: President Graham Lieschke, Vice President Terry Carter, Secretary Monica Schrader, Treasurer John Ebsworth and Vice President and Public Officer Anthony Male.

forward to a great Show in 2024.

If you have any questions about becoming a steward or helper for the show or would like to become a member please see Monica at 5 Sladen Street Henty.

Thank you

We would like to thank all our valued family and friends for your many prayers, flowers and cards following the sad loss of Harold recently.

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Pet accessories requested

Requests from Peter Mac Auxiliary are tea cosies, hot water bottle covers, fingerless gloves, any toys and items for dogs and cats, either knitted or sewn.

The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month now. Lunch is provided and with work around tables with a lot of chatting. All are very welcome to join.

Keeping cold humanity warm around the world is an ongoing task and we thank the individuals (of Henty and district) who continually knit 25cm squares or even whole rugs. Henty district's total so far is 178, the best ever effort.

The Knitwits at the hostel are doing a sterling job under the leadership of Pam Green, with many town residents contributing to the numbers.

Thank you to Toni from the hospital for delivering the crafts to Peter McCallum Institute in Melbourne and to Alison Campbell for taking the Wraps with Love to the Wagga Wagga coordinator.

The Auxiliary's latest project was purchasing a bronchoscopic simulator for the Department of Anaesthesia, Pain and Perioperative Medicine resulting in the medical staff delivering exceptional care to cancer patients.

Busy time for Probus

Probus met at Culcairn on August 9 and have been quite busy in the past month. There was knitting in the Henty Library at the end of July, where they joined with those making rugs for Wrap with Love. Lovely rugs made by Henty's Knitwits were shown by Pam Green, and a lovely lunch was arranged by Susan at the Library. Thank you for a happy day.

On August 3 the local Probus were invited to join Albury's Hume Probus at the Culcairn Hotel. The Hume Probus members travelled by train and had a lovely lunch with lots of conversation. Thank you to Kevin for his skills in notifying all.

At the July meeting of Henty Culcairn Probus, President Yvonne spoke about making a book of memories for the grandchildren, and had Tom White, Senior Land Services Officer and farmer, talk about the Reconnecting River Country program, part of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

For August the five-minute speaker was Gary Kenney. He told a story of 50 years ago, when as a member of the military, before he became a pastor, he was studying a degree in England. As it was an honours degree, he had a

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Casserole luncheon

Henty Lutheran Ladies Fellowship sincerely thank the Henty community and surrounding area for your support by attending or helping in anyway, to make the luncheon a big success and enjoyable day. \$1,000 each will be donated to the Albury Wodonga

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tutor, who owned a yacht and needed four people to help him sail around the Channel Islands. Gary's story of sailing, and being able to project his voice over a storm, to get help, was enthralling. Yvonne, presented Gary with a Probus pen as a token of thanks for sharing his story. Herb playing his violin at Probus

learned to sing five verses of 12 days of Christmas.

Our main speaker was Graham Pearson, introduced by his cousin, Margaret Pumpa.

Graham is from Belmont Probus Club and he told of having been an executive member of industrial relations. Graham had known at age 16 years that he wanted to be involved in industrial relations. He wrote 100 letters to potential employers and had

three answers.

Graham was looking for a pathway to industrial relations, and he went to work through CSR which produced sugar and building materials, and put young people through schooling involving University degrees. He told us of working 50 per cent of his time between Perth and Brisbane, as a job. Graham is now retired after working in various industries, and

has a lovely collection of "war stories".

Diane Allit presented Graham with a Probus pen as thanks for being the speaker.

Herb, and Gary and Jeanie have been visiting Henty hospital, and invite volunteers to join them.

Musical story told

Probus met at Henty Community Club September 13. The five-minute speaker was Joyce Gardiner who is also the pianist for a little community style singing. She (along with Herb on violin) is patiently helping Probus to learn the Carol, Twelve Days of Christmas.

Joyce was born at Crows Nest near Toowoomba. Her mother was the eldest of 11 children growing up on a dairy farm. Her father was a photographer and his studio at Crows Nest is now the Nazarene Op Shop.

Joyce learned piano from seven years of age, and as a young woman in Brisbane, learned that St Paul's College Walla Walla needed a music teacher. She successfully applied. Joyce met her Ron at Walla Walla and they married and settled to farming at Walla Walla.

Joyce told of overseas trips to England, Europe, China and travelling Australia and then moving to Culcairn.

Yvonne, as president, presented Joyce with our Probus pen as a token of thanks for sharing such a happy story.

The general business was to talk about the Probus month, in October, to be held at Henty with clubs from Wagga Wagga, Albury and Holbrook invited to share lunch at Henty Community Club.

Bernard Clarke has been invited to be the speaker, with his photography. Please advise Kevin or Yvonne if you are going to attend, for catering, by the week before October 11.

Our main speaker was Bradley Booth. He was proudly introduced to us by Kevin Fogarty, who has known

Bradley since childhood. After finishing school, Bradley worked for his parents Graham and Yvonne, in their family shops. He had learned to wash windows and sweep floors and meet people.

In 2001 at 27 years of age, Bradley bought the first Bilabong store in Australia, at Wagga Wagga. In 2011, he opened his first workwear store at Leeton. Bradley's business is IWS Australia, (Independent Workwear Specialists).

Independent traders are important to Bradley. He had seen his father's business ignored as too small for sales people to visit, and decided that here was an opportunity. He had the idea to have a group of independently owned businesses to sell workwear. There are 193 members, some with 100 staff.

To Bradley, little people matter, and he has an ability to get people together.

We saw a most successful

young man, who has included his family in his business.

Bradley's company supports charities:-

- Tradies support Ladies, where pink is worn on Fridays.
- And Boys to the Bush.

Neil Parker presented Bradley with the Probus Pen as a token of thanks for his most inspiring speech.

Yvonne concluded our day with two wise sayings. They were:

We like somebody because.....

We love somebody although.....

Look forward to the next happy Probus day on October 11, 2023.



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Sent cards to the frontline

Postcards will be written to Ukrainians on the front until Russia ends the terrible war. The project has been extremely successful for the defenders of Ukraine to receive greetings from a stranger in Australia telling them we care and to hope that the war will end soon.

Men and women on the battlefield are receiving these cards of hope and often swap and share the cards with one another.

In August, 514 cards have been posted. Christmas cards are also being prepared to send to the front for December (1,288 so far received).

Since March when pensioner Peter Ramedge came up

with the idea 4,441 cards have been sent to the frontline defenders giving them hope and encouragement as they struggle for freedom against the Russians.

If you would like to be part of the project contact Yvonne Booth (0428 293 193). You can write on used greeting cards that are cut from the back of the folded card. A good project for using old Christmas cards. Donations are also welcome to cover postage costs from Australia to Ukraine.

There can never be too much joy shared in a kind and caring message of support. Write from the heart.

Eddie in his element

At the recent Australian National School Swimming Championships held in August, Henty Public School student Eddie achieved the following:

- 200m freestyle Australian Champion
- 100m freestyle
- 50m freestyle
- Relay

Eddie also swims with the Ovens and Murray Special Olympics Team and has also had success at the Victorian State Games. He learnt to swim last year at the Henty Swimming Club and has gone ahead in leaps and bounds

Eddie was excited to be included in the recent competitions and his main aim in

attending was for the experience. He has improved his personal best times at each of the competitions.



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Autonomous sprayer wins Henty Machine of the Year

A ground-breaking machine not only enhancing productivity, precision, and efficiency but also reducing operational costs, overhead expenses, and ensuring the safety of workers has won the coveted 2023 Henty Machine of the Year Award.

The autonomous orchard sprayer is the result of a joint venture between John Deere and GUSS, a California-based technology company, impressing judges with its innovation, design and engineering.

Highly commended was The Shepherd Feedlot Auto Drafter entered by Justin Dunn, of Temora.

A total of 23 machines and equipment at the cutting edge of agricultural technology were showcased in the Henty Machine of the Year.

Announced on the opening day, this award is presented to the most outstanding new piece of agricultural machinery exhibited at the field days.

It was judged by an independent panel of five regional primary producers on Monday (September 18) and presented at the field days opening today (September 19).

Judging criteria included the machine's purpose and suitability, scope of application, construction (durability and

design), ease of maintenance and service, ease of operation and adjustment, availability of parts and overall value for money.

Judge Warren Scheetz said GUSS marked a significant milestone in the journey towards sustainable and intelligent farming practices.

"We selected GUSS for its advancement in autonomous spraying technology with a strong commitment to precision chemical application, increased labour efficiency and employee safety," Mr Scheetz said.

"The technology of this machine allows for the horticultural industry to apply foliar applications safely and accurately. With reduced labour requirements it can remotely monitor and control.

"The machine was well built and designed while the technology behind it has taken years of research and development.

"All industries in agriculture are struggling for labour and from what we heard today, this is a world-wide trend.

"It is exciting to be able to have the first look at GUSS here at Henty."

Hamish Ross, Integrated Solutions Manager, Hutcheon & Pearce, said there are about 250 GUSS autonomous sprayers working globally

with the machine at Henty one of a few in Australia.

GUSS uses a combination of GPS, LiDAR sensors, and software to guide safely and efficiently through orchards unmanned. Its intentionally low-profile design, measuring 7 metres in length, 1.9 metres in height and 2.29 metres in width, seamlessly allows tree branches to flow over the top.

Equipped with a 2,727-litre tank, a 32-nozzle spray manifold with individual shutoffs, 4-wheel drive and 4-wheel steering, and a 14-hour run time powered by a 400-litre fuel cell and 3.8 litre Cummins diesel engine, GUSS keeps moving row after row, field after field, day or night.

Using the innovative Select Spray™ technology, GUSS identifies the target tree and applies the precise amount of spray required for optimal coverage, irrespective of height or canopy size.

This approach minimises material usage and reduces drift during application. Updates on sprayer information, including position, spray rate, and speed, are available in real time to GUSS operators.



HMFJ Chairman Nigel Scheetz, Machine of the Year judge Warren Scheetz, congratulate Hamish Ross and Andrew Watt, Hutcheon and Pearce, for their win with the GUSS autonomous sprayer.

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Program happenings at Greater Hume Children's Services

Welcome to spring and the beautiful sunshine which we have certainly been enjoying in our outdoor space.

Our programming and planning has seen the children enjoying many different learning experiences with some of the highlights listed below.

Playing outdoors in the mud kitchen and sandpit using natural materials with water to create and make lots of different things with each other. In the mud kitchen and sandpit children are exploring the properties of sand, mud and added materials. The children explore these properties as they experiment, adding new materials. Using their creativity and imagination as they create and play. The mud kitchen is a great area for



children to participate in group play or play alongside other children.

Red Nose Disco was a fabulous way to combine with Greater Hume's Centres – Walla, Holbrook, Culcairn and Family Day Care to all recognise and celebrate with dance and movement Red Nose Day together. We celebrated by all wearing red and dancing, moving and grooving the days away

Dress ups have been enjoyed after recently celebrating book week. The children have spent lots of time in the dress up area. Dressing up and sharing their outfits with each other as they play around the room and outside. Dress ups are practicing how to dress/undress themselves developing their self-help

abilities as they put the dress ups on and off again.



Arts/Crafts help the children develop their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination when participating in craft experiences. Gluing and pasting requires strong fine motor skills. Cutting requires good coordination and strong hand-eye coordination. The children are able



to express themselves and be creative as they paint/draw.

Bush walks to the Henty Stock Route see the children enjoy, observe and discuss their surrounding environment. Giving them the opportunity to collect natural materials they find, jump in puddles after rain and observe and learn about surrounding wildlife (birds, kangaroos, insects and bugs). The children enjoy being in and playing in nature and have learnt how to respect the bush walk environment that we love to visit.



Learning Group Learning group is a more intentional group time for the older children (3

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years+) to interact and learn about age targeted topics.

At learning group the children sit down as a group (similar to class room setting) and complete- Acknowledgment of Country/ Wiradjuri song, Daily felt chart on day/date/weather/season.

We have recently also added name recognition and

name tracing activities to each learning group session. Assisting the children to learn, recognise and write their own names.

What is play based learning?

A play based program centres around the child's own discovery. For it to be successful, educators need to create a safe and supported environment for children to explore and be themselves.

Children learn to express themselves through play with themselves, educators, other children or adults. Play can improve and build their language skills so that they can communicate and listen effectively.

Educators support, motivate and instruct children in play-based indoor and outdoor learning environments to capture the interests, strengths, ideas, cul-

ture, abilities, curiosities and questions that motivates their learning.

Children learn best by playing. Play stimulates a child's natural curiosity and teaches them essential skills. Through the trial and error of play, children learn to explore, take risks and use their imagination.

Benefits of play based learning-

- Develops Social and Emotional Skills
- Improves Language and Literacy Skills
- Fosters Imagination and Creativity
- Expands Fine and Gross Motor Skills
- Reinforces Confidence and Positive Attitudes Towards Learning

Expressions of Interest for Care

If you are interested in joining us at our Henty Centre we would love to hear from you.

We are currently reviewing our waitlist and encourage any families to contact us ASAP to register your interest in care.

*The GHCS Henty Team
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Council Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election results

At the Greater Hume Council Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections held on 19 September 2023, Cr Tony Quinn was returned as Mayor and Cr Annette Schilg as Deputy Mayor.



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Toy Story 2 success

St Paul's Lutheran School Henty was thrilled to put on a production of Toy Story 2 at the Henty Community Club on Friday August 25. Well over 200 people attended the matinee or the evening show. The students did a wonderful job with their performance and practised, with commitment and enthusiasm, tirelessly.

community put in hours of creative work to make props and costumes come to life. The dedicated staff at St Paul's put in extra effort to ensure the success of the performance. In particular, Felicity Habermann, the creative arts teacher, had the drive and vision to get the show up and running. Important skills have been



when you fear that you may be abandoned, old and ruined. However, no journey is too hard when the friendship is strong. Buzz and his friends attempt the impossible making a rescue attempt of their good mate,

Woody. The story proves that some things are worth the battle and that friendships really can be for 'infinity and beyond!'



Albury Sound and Lighting did a great job creating atmosphere with the lights and sound. The school was grateful to the Henty Community Club for their patience and willingness to host the event. Parents and extended school com-

learnt and wonderful, precious memories created. Toy Story 2 is a wonderful story of friendship and overcoming challenges. Sometimes it's easy to lose your way and get sidetracked by the things around you, particularly




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Celebrating 60 years at Henty

More than 100 guests gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Henty Machinery Field Days at the Henty Community Club recently.

An anniversary cake was cut by the oldest member, Len Schilg, 92, a former Brocklesby farmer who joined the newly formed Henty Machinery Field Days committee in 1963 as a representative of the Brocklesby branch of the Farmers and Settlers Association. Helping Mr Schilg was the co-operative's youngest and fourth generation member Austin Scheetz, 19, of Culcairn.

During the evening, recollections and memories were given by former HMFDF Chairman and Yerong Creek farmer, Ross Edwards, who started as a young volunteer in the car park in 1966, and Claude Lieschke, Narrandera, who also started as a young volunteer making hundreds of garbage bins.

CWA member and former Pleasant Hills farmer Lyn Jacobsen can trace her involvement back to the 1970s when she demonstrated bread, scone and cake making to promote electricity for the local County Council before being appointed as coordinator of the Country Lifestyle pavilion. She recalled the early days of the

pavilion layering the bare earth with carpet and using a watering can all day to dampen the dust in the aisles.

Kerryn Scheetz, Culcairn, also spoke of her connections with the field days modelling in Country Lifestyle and later as support crew for current chairman Nigel Scheetz.

Special guests included ANZ Head of Agribusiness Australia Mark Bennett, Greater Hume Council Mayor Tony Quinn, and Member for Albury Justin Clancy.

"For six decades you have drawn your leadership from farming communities who understand local needs. You have survived the business threat from the pandemic and have come back stronger than ever," Mr Clancy said.

"One side of Henty is the business of farming intelligently – science-based, cutting-edge technologies and the other is how important HMFDF is for mental health across our rural and regional communities. Henty has been expanding social opportunities in its program and deserves recognition for this."

HMFDF Chairman Nigel Scheetz said members from the early days through until the early 1970s, such as the late Milton Taylor CBE and Ernie Howard, had a vision to provide an event for farmers to learn about advance-

ments in agriculture, to showcase and demonstrate agricultural machinery in the one space, at the one event.

"There were many tireless hours over many years developing the site to what we have today. Clearing trees, forming roads, laying of electricity lines and plumbing underground and laying out the sites were some of the tasks carried out during countless Saturday working bees," Mr Scheetz said.

"Then during the event, these tireless volunteers made sure exhibitors were well looked after and left having learned or seen something new. This trait alone has earned us the special tag of being the friendly field days amongst our exhibitors."

HMFDF chief executive officer Belinda Anderson said the event now involves 29 community groups benefiting from over \$400,000 returning to their communities last year by either operating a food shed, collecting garbage, cleaning amenities, parking cars, operating the gates and other services.

"With 2022 being our most successful year on record we are looking forward to following this up in 2023. This year will see us sell out of our exhibition sites making it the largest exhibition space in our 60-year history with over 1,040 sites occupied," Mrs Anderson said.

"Our older members can rest assured the field days are in

good hands. Our current members show great dedication in continuing what they began 60 years ago. There is great respect for what was started 60 years ago and great pride in what they now contribute to the broader agricultural sector through their involvement with the production of these field days."



Austin Scheetz cuts the 60-year anniversary cake with the co-operatives oldest living member, Len Schilg, 92.

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