

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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HOLBROOK SPORTSGROUND PLAYING SURFACE UPGRADE

Council is aware that there has been significant discussion in the community regarding the unsatisfactory performance of the Holbrook Sportsground playing surface following the upgrade to the surface last summer.

Upgrading the playing surfaces of the four most used grounds; Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera over one summer period was very ambitious, however with the funding available through the Drought Communities Fund it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to achieve lasting improvements to these grounds. The Holbrook ground was only sprigged in January and then over sowed in April and the first year was always going to be challenging, particularly if a wet winter ensued.

Council had to heavily roll the surface and remove sprig lines which has no doubt impacted on the efficiency of the drainage system. This, combined with over 100mm of rain in Holbrook in the second half of July and rain on 25 of the 31 days and two home games in consecutive weekends during this period led to the poor state of the surface.

It has always been the intention to undertake further improvements works after year 1 and to a lesser extent year 2 to ensure the playing surface will stand up to the rigors of winter sport.

Works planned post football and netball season include: additional surface inlet pits installed around the perimeter of the ground to assist with the removal of surface water, reshape perimeter

swale drains to direct surface water to the additional pits, new underground storm water discharge/outfall drain is to be installed connecting both the ground and the new building and some other areas to the main open drain on the western side of the Reserve. The additional capacity will greatly improve the drainage of the oval and surrounds.

The first priority will be to grow the kikuyu by fertilizing and verti-draining. Low areas on the ground will be filled. Verti-draining (aerating) will help alleviate water logging, improve drainage and also decompact the soil promoting healthy growth of kikuyu. Further top dressing of the oval may be required but this will only be undertaken once the kikuyu is fully established.

Council is confident that over the next two years the playing surface will improve significantly.

Steven Pinnuck, General Manager – Greater Hume Council



SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THE GREATER HUME COUNCIL BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM - ROUND 1.

The Greater Hume Council Bushfire Recovery Small grants program helps to add to the ongoing work being undertaken by Greater Hume Council to support communities and individuals impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires. The program is to support projects that contribute to community improvement, wellbeing, resilience and recovery and assist communities and individuals to overcome the social impacts of the bushfires. Greater Hume Council received three applications for Round 1, with a total of approximately \$26,000 being issued between the successful applicants. The successful applicants were Wantagong Fire Brigade, Bowna Wymah Fire Brigade and the Holbrook Meals on Wheels Service Inc. Congratulations to you all. Round 2 of the Greater Hume Council Bushfire Recovery Small Grants program opens on Monday 31 August 2021 and closes on Friday 1 October 2021.

To download a copy of the program's guidelines or to apply for the grant, go to the Greater Hume Council website. For more information please contact Council's Bushfire Grants Administration Office, Tania Saunders on 02 60360150.

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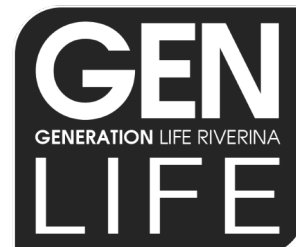
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Not forgetting younger folk.....there are some great fantasy and adventure series in our Junior Fiction collection. We can drop something to you with your soap kit! Do come and see us when we open up. Soap kits will still be available.



Meals on Wheels needs more wheels!

This National Meals on Wheels Day, Meals on Wheels is making an urgent call for more wheels.

The annual celebration held last Wednesday 25th August acknowledges and celebrates the dedication and commitment of over 45,000 Meals on Wheels volunteers. This year Meals on Wheels is flagging the need for more volunteer delivery drivers to keep the wheels of the over 590 services turning.

Meals on Wheels Australia President, Sharyn Broer says volunteers play an integral role within the iconic organisation and with more older Australians needing the support of Meals on Wheels than ever, new volunteers are urgently required to ensure continual delivery of the service now and into the future.

"Meals on Wheels volunteer delivery drivers are required right across Australia, so this Meals on Wheels Day we are encouraging anyone who has a few hours to spare each week to reach out to their local service and offer their support by way of volunteering," she says.

"We have noticed a particular shortage in delivery drivers, who often use their own vehicles, so Meals on Wheels needs more wheels."

Holbrook-Walla Walla service manager, Sue Winnett says it's not just the customers who benefit from Meals on Wheels. "At Meals on Wheels we recognise the sense of pride and purpose volunteering at our service offers, as well as opportunities to make new friends while making a real and positive difference within the local community,"

"There are a number of volunteer opportunities

PROBUS

Members recently enjoyed a really lovely morning tea and get-together at J&B's. It was so good to catch up with everyone before shut down!! Many thanks to Jan & her staff for a delicious selection of cakes & slices. Yum!!

This morning tea replaced our August meeting. Unfortunately due to the uncertainty caused by COVID restrictions we won't be holding our September meeting and lunch at J&B's as was previously discussed. Hopefully we will be able to have the meeting at the RS Club on Tuesday 28th September at 11:00am but lunch will not be available. This all depends on what COVID has in store for us. Fingers crossed!

available right now and we would welcome anyone who would like to come onboard and support our essential service."

Meals on Wheels and Social Support in Holbrook - Walla Walla is truly indebted to its volunteers and wishes to thank them for their commitment and resilience over the last 18 months.

"Without their help, we would not be able to support the health, independence and connection of over 100 people within our communities".

Unfortunately, this year we were unable to host a celebration but instead Meals on Wheels Holbrook - Walla sent out specially decorated cupcakes and also "Stay At Home Activity Packs" to help keep everyone busy during lockdown. The packs contained word puzzles, maze puzzles, mindfulness activities and colouring pages and colouring pencils, as well as lots of ideas on keeping your mind busy.

As part of this year's campaign, Meals on Wheels is also looking to inspire 'the next generation' of volunteers by collaborating with Australian primary schools and encouraging students to create 'thank you' cards, for volunteers at their local Meals on Wheels service.

Mrs Broer says it provides an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the benefits of volunteering, social responsibility and the importance of caring for vulnerable members of our community, to the 'next generation' of volunteers.

Meals on Wheels, across Australia, supports the health and wellbeing of over 200,000 older and vulnerable people within the community, across over 590 service locations, every year, and has been doing so for more than 60 years. In Holbrook we have been supporting people for 51 years and still have 2 volunteers from the commencement year! If you can help us out please give the office a call on 0260363677 for more information.

MEN'S SHED

The men's shed is currently in lockdown as is everyone else in the region until at least the 10th of September. Tonkin plumbing visited the new shed yesterday 25th to work out the plan for the plumbing for the toilet and kitchen area. Luckily we completed building wall frames for the toilet and kitchen before we went into lockdown. So nothing happening until the plumbers start possibly next week. Rod Peters

ST PATRICK'S

Greetings to the Holbrook Community. As our second week of lockdown ends I hope you have been able to draw strength from your loved ones. The transition to learning from home for our students was seamless. This is helped by the fact that our students, K-Yr6, **are provided their own Chromebook** to use at school and subsequently take home with them for learning from home. I was thrilled to be able to Zoom with each class last week and engage with their learning. Thank you to the families who shared their learning from home experiences. Please enjoy some of their stories.

Our students of essential workers have been engaging with their online learning at school. When they have finished assigned work they have lots of outside time and free play.

May God's blessings be with you all, Melanie Dusterhoft Mavrick Principal

Harriet 24.8.21

Time Spent Outside

Whoosh!! The football sailed straight past me into the garden. George and I were playing touch football.



Raphael 25.8.21
Raphael and siblings doing volcanic science experiment. Vinegar, red food dye and bi carb soda. Dishwashing liquid makes the bubbles even bigger!



Isaac- I have been riding my blue motorbike around the farm and checking the sheep and new lambs. I have been riding around my house lots of times on my new track. Over the weekend I helped my dad to catch the lambs and put a ring on their tails. We also had to trim the mums bottoms to keep them clean. We cooked a roast in the camp oven and made campfire popcorn with butter and salt; it was super delicious and good for us.

I enjoyed catching the lambs the most. Dad said that I am such a good helper on the farm.



HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

It probably looks a little different if you have driven past Holbrook Public School over the past fortnight. The absence of children certainly changes the way teaching and learning is happening across our state.

It is such a shift, an uncertainty, a juggle amongst our daily lives. Not much can be said about the current situation that you haven't already heard through various forms of media. Home learning is happening, and we will take it week by week until we learn otherwise.



Teachers have thoroughly enjoyed seeing their students on Zoom meetings throughout the week. For many of you, Zoom will be familiar; however, for those who have not yet experienced a Zoom meeting, it is where you can video call numerous people at one time on the computer. You can hear and see everyone at the same time. It is a great communication tool. Students can see their friends, practice speaking in front of a group, follow protocols, read social cues, and set themselves up to participate. Students have soldiered on, and the resilience and positivity demonstrated by them all is astounding.

Students are learning in multiple ways — learning packs consisting of worksheets and concrete materials, online modelled learning through teacher videos and Zoom classes. We are all in this together! We want to thank the parents and carers in our school community for engaging and supporting their children in the learning that has been set.

It goes without saying that this is an incredibly tricky time for a lot of us. The poem on adjacent page looks at the silver lining of home-schooling (parents, stay with me!) — the little things that will make the biggest difference, and the way we might look back on it for the moments we gained, rather than the moments we lost. Reading and reflecting, we hope that this helps all parents in the community take a positive view on the days of home-schooling and remind them that they now have the ability to change the days and find the fun when children need a little breather too. Take care, parents, friends and families of Holbrook!

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HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTINUED

We remember the day when we waved our
goodbye, and stood at the school gate and tried
not to cry...when we wished for just one more
moment alone...of playtimes and snuggles
and laughter at home...

So now here we are, with our surprise second
chance

To make memories together where we laugh and
we dance.

It's not always just work, we can fit in the play —
and those are the moments we'll remember each
day.

When it all gets too hard when the schoolwork's
too much,

Remember you're not just their teacher, you have
a magic touch...you can wave round your wand and
grant wishes of fun, when those moments are
needed — not just when work is done.

And yes, they may cry, stamp their feet, scream
and moan

As you wish for one second, just one moment
alone

But those frustrations aren't a failure in this
parenting race

It's because you're not just a 'school', you're their
safest space.

And whilst at school, they'd sit and hold in their
fears — with you, they don't have to, they can
show you those tears...

So, try to rekindle that bond that has drifted, now
you're back home together and normality's shifted
It may not be exactly as you'd planned

But know that you're winning as life deals you this
hand

You've been here before, raising children at home,
and the only thing different is how much they have
grown.

So, keep going, keep trying, keep on and stay sane,
With your many hats as you drift through the
lanes...

Of parenting, teaching, employee and chef
(And no, we won't judge you if you never get
dressed)

They may not have our playground, a desk or a
school

But they have something better...your children
have you!

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LEST WE FORGET – WILLIAM W. COOK

Leading Aircraftman William "Bill" Cook, was born
in Holbrook in 1925, the son of Norman and Amelia
Cook. He left his job at Woomargama Station in
1944 to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force.

After his service during World War Two, William
volunteered to join the British Commonwealth
Occupation Force (BCOF); a taskforce created in
1945 for the purpose of enforcing the terms of
Japan's unconditional surrender which had ended
the war the previous September. Whilst United
States forces were responsible for the military
government, the BCOF was responsible for
supervising demilitarisation and the disposal of
Japan's war industries. It was dismantled in 1952,
when the Japanese Peace Treaty came into effect.

William, as a plant operator, was posted to the No.
5 Airfield Construction Squadron, nicknamed "The
Flying Shovels." Its primary objective during the
Occupation of Japan was to provide engineering
support. Along with employed Japanese labourers
and tradesmen the Squadron conducted the
important role of repairing and maintaining
airfields.

Stationed about 40kms from Hiroshima at Iwakuni,
William stayed in what used to be a Japanese naval
and air force college. During his time there he was
able to visit Hiroshima — or what was left of it.
Writing home, he explained that little remained of
the city. All around where the atomic bomb
exploded was complete havoc and devastation.

In late January 1947 while at Iwakuni, William was
diagnosed seriously ill with a cerebral tumour. He
was repatriated to Australia and admitted to a
RAAF Hospital but was later transferred to the
Alfred Hospital in Melbourne where he died on the
18th February 1947.

Aged twenty-
one, William
Cook was buried
in Springvale
War Cemetery in
Melbourne with
the headstone
inscription: "Not
Just Today But
Every Day In
Silence We
Remember."
J.R.M.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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GREATER HUME COUNCIL NEWS

Business dealt with at the meeting included:

Council resolved to strongly support the establishment of a four bay RFS Brigade station at the Gerogery Recreation Reserve.

Council resolved to approve a 2 lot subdivision at 60 Wallace Street Holbrook subject to 11 conditions.

With the postponement of the Local Government elections, Cr Heather Wilton will continue in the position of Mayor until the 4 December elections, however an election for the position of Deputy Mayor will be required at the September meeting. Week commencing 10 January 2022 Community grants from the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF) have been approved to the value of \$26,190.36 have been approved for the Wantagong and Wymah/Bowna RFS Brigades along with Holbrook Meals on Wheels.

Council will contribute \$600 to the Southern Sports Academy for the 2021/2022 year to support three local athletes that are attending the Academy.

The Community Engagement Strategy for the Community Strategic Plan Review was approved. The strategy outlines various ways the community can engage with Council to assist in the review and development of the Community Strategic Plan. Council will be seeking feedback from a variety of stakeholders to understand the key priorities for the shire.

Council approved the relocation of the Holbrook Community Garden from St Patricks School to public land adjacent to the Holbrook Library complex. A management committee will be established to oversee the management and operation of the garden.

Council noted the report on the 2017-2022 Delivery Plan / 2020-2021 Operational Plan. The report highlighted various achievements of Council for the period 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021.

Greater Hume Council are an active member of the Murray Taskforce for the NSW Growing Regions of Welcome Pilot program. The taskforce will guide the strategic approach to newcomer attraction and retention, community welcome, employment and support service coordination.

Council has appointed Fulton-Hogan to the Spray Sealing Works for Greater Hume and Lockhart at a cost of \$1,747,867.08 exc. GST.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available for

viewing at any time on Council's website.

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LADIES BOWLS

Roll Up , Roll Up , Roll Up

Hello to everyone once again.

It has been a very quiet time for us Lawn Bowlers , as it is with most other sporting activities at the moment, with events being put on hold, postponed or even cancelled, because of restrictions put in place from (you know what).

On my last entry into the Happenings, our Holbrook Ladies Bowls were holding a fund raising cake stall and wood raffle for our team of Fours players to go to South Tamworth to compete in the State Finals.

On a "good note" we would like to thank the Holbrook community for their support in buying lots of yummy treats, and tickets in our raffles, we appreciate your support very much. The winner in the Wood Raffle was, Rick Murphy and he was very pleased, as he was in short supply at the time. Thank you again to Murray Jones for donating the wood. On a "sad note" due to all restrictions put in place at the moment, ALL State Championships in Lawn Bowls have been cancelled, so we don't get to go to South Tamworth to represent our Club after all. I suppose we can look at it from a different perspective being that: Even though we aren't able to go away to compete, we finished in the top 16 in the State, which is a wonderful honour coming from such a small group of bowlers.

I don't have much more news to report on at the moment, but hopefully we will be returning back to our greens and we can create some more Happenings to share with you all.

LADY GAIL'S TALES The human touch

I've just heard we have another two weeks of lockdown. I am a people person. That's why I work seven days per week. I love interacting with people that come to my shop. I'm not a TV, phone or internet person, I am a person's person. This story happened between Covid restrictions.

A lady who had been to my shop maybe six or seven times over a couple of years, pulled up, hesitated, then got out of her car. I was still putting out the rustic animals. I could see she had been crying. I walked towards her, asking, "Are you OK? Is everything alright?" (Silly question really). "No," she said, as she burst into tears. 'I've just had to have my cat put down'. "I don't know your name but can I give you a hug?" I asked. "That's what I've come for," she said. Having cried and sobbed, she told me her name is Marcia, her cat was 18 years old. She has no family other than her two cats (now one) and her dog and she needed a hug. That human connection.

GOLF

Dads Army Golf. 19/8/2021 9 hole event. Winner Jim Maskus. 2nd Alan Buchanan. 3rd Mick Smith. ntp 14th Jim Corrigan. Dads Army 26/8/2021 9 hole event. Winner Gordon Webb. 2nd Mark Lowry naga Jim Maskus.

Veterans 18 hole event 26/8/2021 Winner Gordon Webb. 2nd Mick Smith. ntp 3rd Lawrie Ryan. 5th Gordon Webb. 10th Alan Atherton. 14th Gordon Webb

Results of Saturday 21/8/2021 18 hole Stableford Winner

Justin Mohr. 2nd Ian Wettenhall. Ball Comp Winners. Mark Lowry on a c/b ntp 3rd Alan Buchanan 9th Mark Lowry. 14th Justin Mohr. Naga, [or the politically correct term} the encouragement award, goes to Alan Buchanan.

Results of Sunday 22/8/2021 18 hole Stableford. Winner, Brooke Mathewson. 2nd Chris Spokes on c/b. Ball comp. winners. Gordon Webb. Greg Gibbs. Alan Atherton. Phil Spokes. ntp 3rd Gordon Webb. 9th Jade Rangi. 16th Brooke Mathewson. Naga. Simon Mohr.

False news last edition. the last round of the Championships has still not been played at the time of writing this. Covid has a lot to answer for. Hopefully soon.

COOKARDINIA MEMORIAL HALL

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2020-2021

Our Hall is located midway between Henty, Culcairn and Holbrook and sits in a tranquil rural setting. Originally constructed as a memorial to soldiers from the Cookardina region who served in WW1. The War Memorial board was revamped and a Memorial Stone laid on 11/11/2018 during the Celebration of Peace, commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1.

The brick complex has a hall with seating capacity for 100 people, kitchen {fully equipped}, supper room, meeting room, tables and chairs, parking and toilet facilities. Tennis Courts are located close by.

The committee has over the past twelve months made the following improvements, installation of electric heaters and an insulated ceiling in the supper room. All rooms are cooled by electric fans. In addition the meeting room has reverse cycle air conditioning. These improvements were partly funded through a very successful Trivia and auction night held in August 2019. We are very grateful for the generosity of regional donors who supplied goods and services for auction or cash donations.

The committee has recently applied unsuccessfully for a Crown Lands grant to upgrade toilet, kitchen and hygiene facilities to meet the standards required during the COVID pandemic. The grant was considerably oversubscribed thus we were not successful this time.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our Cookardina AGM which includes all our local management committees due to the present lockdown. However, we do not sit idle.

Plans to upgrade the toilet suites, provide dispensers for soap and sanitiser throughout the complex, provide easy to clean stainless steel benches and handwashing facilities in the kitchen are still being formulated. Also, planned as a future improvement is the levelling and replacement of original flooring in the meeting room.

The Hall has been used for weekly exercise classes run by Bounce Physiotherapy, a family reunion, Mulga bike tours stop over, tennis weekend and Holbrook Landcare community meeting during the year. We are able to book small events at present. We look forward to hosting larger events once COVID restrictions have eased.

Consider your next event or celebration might be held at Cookardina Hall for bookings phone Kym 0427366170 or contact Greater Hume Council.

Chairperson Kym Hulme

HOLBROOK ADULT RIDING CLUB SHADE GRANT COMPLETE

Holbrook Adult Riding Club recently completed their shade structure, with the most part of it funded from Greater Hume Shire Community Development Grant, and funds raised from the Trivia Night in February. It has completed the previous shipping container clubhouse project (funded with a grant from Riverina Water), and given a safe shade area for riders and families to congregate.



Covid restrictions caused a few headaches, having started in 2019. Working Bees scheduled then postponed. It was finally installed in May. We hope to host horse events, now, with much improved infrastructure. Thank you to Greater Hume for the grant, we are incredibly grateful.

HOLBROOK LANDCARE

Nick's been busy soiling his undies!

Nick recently completed the first stage of soil testing for our 'soil quality and health in pasture systems' project. A total of 16 pasture paddocks across the region (from Gerogery to Tumbarumba) were analysed and sampled. One of the field measurements used was the infamous 'Soil Your Undies' test that involves burying a pair of 100% cotton underpants in the topsoil and leaving for 2 months. After 60 days the undies will be dug up and assessed for how well they have decomposed.



This is an indicator for how abundant and active the soil microbes are. Other field measurements conducted included earthworm counts, organism counts, sub-clover nodulation scoring, infiltration rate, slaking and dispersion, and groundcover percentage. A sample of the topsoil was also collected and sent to a laboratory for a range of biology tests. Results can be expected towards the end of the year.

New Soil Health Videos: We have developed a series of short videos on soil health in pasture systems. The content is relevant to pasture systems here in the Holbrook region and provides some useful information and techniques for landholders to assess and improve soil health on farm. You can view the videos on our YouTube channel and find the links on the 'Resources' page of the Holbrook Landcare website.

Burrumbuttock Field Day Postponed: The field day scheduled for this week at the Future SOILS Acid Soil Trial Site has become a victim of lockdown. A new date will be advised when we are in a better position to make a decision.

Holbrook Landcare Office closed: At present the majority of the Holbrook Landcare staff are working from home. We are all still able to be contacted by email or phone, so please feel free to either leave a message on the office line or contact one of the Project Officers directly, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

HISTORY QUIZ

Who am I? I was a Councillor appointed in the first Germanton [Holbrook] Shire Council. There is a lane named after me in Albury, but nothing in Holbrook.

Answer: Charles Albert Smithwick and Smithwick Lane in Albury.

FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

We are in testing times due to the Covid with lock downs, wearing masks, slow or no trade for some businesses, and even coping with being isolated from friends, family and neighbours, etc. We are all affected by what is happening and it is difficult.

I recently spoke with a man that had to isolate himself within his own home because as he had accidentally come into contact with a Covid19 positive person. He was in isolation in his own home with his wife and children only meters away from him. He said he endured his isolation cheerfully because, he knew that contacting his family could bring them illness and maybe death. His isolation was an act of love, and when we apply love to difficult things, we can endure them.

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 12 verse 29, Jesus said; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul and mind and strength, and love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus called these two commandments the greatest of all, because they require love.

I was recently told that the Anti Covid19 protesters should be shot! However, we have to remember that someone loves these people, they have family etc, who love them. I am not condoning what they do, but I do ask, "Do we have the right to choose who lives or dies according to what they do or have done?" If this was the law, I would have been shot many years ago, what about you?

We can mistakenly measure love by, the gifts we give and receive, or how much time we spend with each other, or what reward should I get in return for loving others, even if I only pretend to love them! How is true love measured? It is measured by asking yourself, "how much do I love God, how much do I love myself, and, how much do I love others?" There is only one answer for all these which is; love all the same. This brings us back to what Jesus called the Great Commandment which is all about love.

Many people are isolated, but we can still communicate be it at a distance with a wave, a telephone call, or we can even do something old fashioned like write a letter, let people know you love them. I read recently, "When forgiveness and sacrifice are applied to life, true love begins. Stay safe and let your love shine in these difficult times.

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Holbrook Pony Club Rally @ HEC
- Mon 6 **Billabong High School Science Fair**
- Tue 7 Billabong High P&C meeting
- Fri 10 **OMNI Group 10.30am @ RS Club**
- Sun 12 Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
Anglican Church 11am @ Woomargama
- Tue 14 Parables for Living 11am @ Knox Church Hall
Holbrook Amateur Swimming Club AGM 7pm @ RS Club
- Sat 18 **Working Dog Auction @ Equine Centre**
- Sun 19 Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
- Tue 21 **Little Billabong CWA 12 noon**
- Fri 24 OMNI Group 10.30am @ RS Club
Snr Football/Netball Presentation Night
- Sun 26 Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
- Tue 28 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**
- Thu 30 Show Society meeting

October 2021

- Sun 3 **Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook**
- Tue 5 Holb Sporting Complex AGM 7pm @ "Middle" Pub
- Fri 8 **OMNI Group 10.30am @ RS Club**
- Sat 9 Cadet Championships @ Equine Centre
- Sun 10 **RFSA Cadet Championships @ Equine Centre**
Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
Anglican Church 11am @ Woomargama
Football/Netball Club 200 Club
- Tue 12 **Parables for Living 11am @ Knox Church**
- Fri 15 Free Tax Help @ Library Complex
- Sun 17 **Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook**
- Fri 22 OMNI Group 10.30am @ RS Club
- Sun 24 Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
- Sun 31 Holbrook Pony Club Competition Day

November 2021

- Fri 5 100th Anglican Flower Show
- Sun 7 Woolpack Museum Celebrates 50 years
Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
- Tue 9 Parables for Living 11am @ Knox Church
- Fri 12 OMNI Group 10.30am @ RS Club
- Sun 14 Anglican Church 9.30am @ Holbrook
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