

# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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## HOLBROOK BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

As the AGM for the Holbrook Business & Community Group approaches, it is timely to reflect on some of the activities undertaken over the past year.

First up was the Holbrook Twilight Christmas Markets. These were a huge success and, no doubt, many people will have already seen the colourful posters promoting the **2023 Twilight Christmas Markets - to be held on Friday 8 December**. Thanks to the small but enthusiastic group who have been working behind the scenes to get these organised. Thanks also to Holbrook Rotary for their assistance and contribution, and to Sara King for supplying all of those wonderful posters.

Possibly the most prominent of the group's activities has been the **Festival By The Sub**. In 2023 this inaugural event was made possible through funding from the NSW Government under the Regional Events program, and as the result of the positive feedback received it was decided to organise another Festival By The Sub for 2 March 2024. While the next event program will look slightly different, the organising sub-committee have been busily securing musicians, etc so that it is a fantastic family outing.

The Holbrook Business & Community Group now also manages the "**Holbrook Happenings**", and has done since June 2023, so that this newsletter is able to continue to be produced on a fortnightly basis for the enjoyment and information of our local community.

Please remember that the Holbrook Happenings is primarily produced by volunteers and can only be as good as the information received by contributors. So all our local community groups, sporting clubs, etc. are strongly encouraged to send through their news and we will help you to promote your events and achievements.

The Holbrook Business & Community Group is a Council 355 committee and is committed to promoting Holbrook and, where possible, being a voice to Council. If you have ideas for this group, then please come along to the AGM (Monday 21 November) and consider getting involved.

## HOLBROOK UPA HOSTEL

The staff and residents of UPA Holbrook Village Hostel had an amazing morning attending the Outback Stockman's Show at the Holbrook Hotel on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and would like to thank Lachie Cossor for his continued support and kindness to our residents.

We would also like to thank our amazing volunteers, Kay Dean and Heather Lees. Without our volunteers these opportunities would not be such a success.

If you would like to make a difference to the lives of our consumers and have some free time we invite you to please come and join our amazing team of volunteers at UPA Holbrook.

Visit us at 55 Bowler Street, Holbrook to apply or call 6036 2817.



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**'HE RALLIED NEARLY EVERY DAY'** Albury celebration of life will honour Tom Northam after cancer battle

## Tom was an 'inspiration'

**VALE** Janet Howie  
A BORDERER father who faced his cancer battle openly and honestly is being remembered with love by his family, colleagues and friends.  
Tom Northam, 39, died on September 25, about 14 months after being diagnosed with two aggressive forms of cancer.  
An Albury service on Wednesday, October 4, will celebrate his life, with his wife Erin noting "that's what he would have wanted".  
The drowning prognosis hit the family only weeks after the birth of their second son, Gus, who turned one in June, with older son Alby now aged three and a half.  
At the time Mr Northam told the Border Mail he was setting "small goals and small targets".  
"You can think 'great me!', but at the end of the day it's not about me, it's about my family and making sure they're set for the next part of their lives," he said.  
A Goldservice page launched by Mr Northam's twin sister Pghar now raised more than \$65,000 from hundreds of donors.  
Among the contributors have been former patients of Mr Northam, a nurse for many years.  
Mrs Northam said major surgery in March "gave him an extra six months we never thought possible".  
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## PROBUS

At our October meeting President Cathy welcomed Ian Harpley to our club. Lots to report this month! Cathy gave us a report on a meeting she, Tyson and Marion attended in Henty with Probus members from Henty, Wagga and Albury. Twelve members are travelling to Wagga on 14<sup>th</sup> November to attend the Senior's Christmas Concert. This should be great fun. Thank you to the RS Club for the use of their bus.

Our guest speaker, Malcolm Ross, gave us a very interesting account of the Swiss people and the vast differences between our two cultures: total use of cash for just about everything, regimented schooling, no casual encounters, everything to a strict timetable and many more.

Our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the RS Club. Please let Cathy (0484 561 638) know if you are planning to attend and have not put your name down. This will be our last get-together for the year.

## HOT RODS VISIT

On Friday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> a gathering of Hot Rods and Classic cars will come to Holbrook for a morning street cruise and Show 'n 'Shine. Hosted by the Canberra based "Poor Boyz" Rod



club. The Saturday morning street cruise is between 11.00am - 1.00pm with other invited clubs from Melb and Sydney plus local clubs. BYO chairs to watch the street cruise or join in with your classic car or hot rod.

A band will be playing on Saturday arvo 2.30pm - 5.00pm. The "Scotty Baker Band", rock- a- billy & classic 50's music at the Holbrook Hotel.

Club cars will be on display at the rear of the Holbrook Hotel car park for the afternoon.

Local car enthusiasts are encouraged to come and have a look and join in watching the band and view the Hot Rods and Classics on display.

The successful "Thommo's Pub Run" hosted by the Poor Boyz was on last year in November and hopefully will become a yearly event.

*Article by Miche.*



## SAVE THE DATES

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Toy Raffle 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - Ham Raffle 7pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Seafood Raffle 7pm



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### Great Southern BioBlitz 2023 - Love Your Creek!

We are teaming with Refreshing Rivers to participate in the Great Southern Bioblitz 2023, with a focus on our creeks and waterways. This aims to get as many records up to the iNaturalist online platform as possible over the weekend. We want you to get down to your local creek and take photos to upload to iNaturalist – a global app for recording nature. If you join our projects ('Great Southern BioBlitz 2023 – Greater Hume' and 'Refreshing Rivers Upper Billabong' anything you upload will be able to be seen by everyone else in those projects

We get a great catalogue of plants, animals, birds, fish, insects and any other living things that are living in and using our waterway systems. It doesn't matter if you don't know what it is - iNaturalist has an identify feature and the iNat community (which includes many experts) can help to identify it after you have uploaded it.

#### HOW DO I JOIN IN?

1. Download the app and get an iNaturalist account
2. Join the 'Refreshing Rivers' and the "Great Southern Bioblitz – Greater Hume" projects

Get out and start photographing and uploading!

Catch a Carp while you are there and win a prize!

You can also text through photos to the Blitz team Kylie Durant and Peter Rowland.

#### SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Kylie will be at the library 3-5pm to help people get set up

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 8.00 - 9.30pm** – Night walk and moth survey at the Ian Geddes Bush Reserve

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Tag along surveys at Kylie's

favourite Upper Billabong spots – join for one, some or all!

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 1pm** - Farm-scale Natural Capital Field Day at Woomargama Station (optional 8.30 am bird blitz in the morning for anyone coming along)

– **3-4pm** Tag-along survey at Woomargama Common

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Holbrook Public School Yr 5/6 – Biodiversity hotspots around Holbrook

**5pm** – Wrap up and stats – how many records did we get and what did we see

Keep up to date as things evolve via the website <https://holbrooklandcare.org.au/hln-events/great-southern-bioblitz-2023-nov-24-27-love-your-creek/>

For more info - Contact Kylie 0418 198 522

### Strategic Feed Budgeting for Sheep Containment Thursday 23 November 8.00am—12noon

Come along and join Holbrook Landcare Network and Jim Meckiff from JM Livestock for our upcoming workshop.

Focusing on enhancing feed budgeting proficiency for ewes and lambs in confinement, this workshop will effectively demonstrate how you can best harness livestock feed requirements to manage animal productivity and timing decisions in containment. This workshop will also include a site walk through the stock containment area used by Old Cobran Poll Merino Stud.

Don't miss this opportunity to get ahead of the season and be feed-ready for the summer Morning Tea and lunch provided. RSVP necessary. Bookings via Humanitix:

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We are already halfway through the term, and as we move towards the second half, we still have plenty to fit in, like public speaking competitions, the Year 5/6 excursion to Ballarat, the colour run, leadership speeches, intensive swimming, Christmas performances and our annual Presentation Night. The remaining weeks are going to be big ones.

**Kindergarten Transition Program:** Our Kindergarten transition program got off to a great start. We eagerly anticipate hosting our incoming Kindergarten students for 2024 over the next few weeks. We aim to provide them with an enjoyable experience and a taste of what "big school" has in store. We want to ensure a smooth and positive transition for our youngest learners and their families. **It's not too late to enrol**, so if you know of families with kindergarten-aged children, we ask you to direct them to the front office for a tour!

**K-2 Excursion to Possum Magic:** On Thursday, 2 November, the K-2 students and staff headed off for their end-of-year excursion and celebration. The first stop was to see Possum

Magic, where a favourite Australian book came to life! Then, it was off to the Wagga Botanic Gardens and Zoo, which was a hit for all!



Both students and staff returned to school tired but happy, with memories of a fantastic day we'll never forget.

**Sport:** Well done to our Tenpin Bowling team for representing our school with pride and determination



at the state finals in Sydney on 1 November. Our team bowled two games in the final round of the competition and finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams from across NSW. We are proud of their efforts and achievements. Congratulations to all the teams who participated in the finals and the winning team for their outstanding performance.



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## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Greetings to the Holbrook Community,

**Pray:** On Monday staff participated in a Formation Day. We began our day with mass offered by Father Jomer who joined us in sharing our personal Faith journeys. We then welcomed Carmel Darlow and Margaret Shaw who took us on a journey of the history of our Parish and shared with fondness their memories of the church. We concluded the day with a session facilitated by Michael Goss on the Catholic Education Charter launched this year by CEDWW. It was a rich and rewarding day which tied us to the story of our church and provided a future focus as we strive for excellence in all that we do.

**Live:** Last week our students lived the 4Rs of St Patrick's School as they joined Mater Dei Primary School in Wagga Wagga to watch Musica Viva live. Our students demonstrated respect, reverence, resilience and responsibility showing that they are amazing ambassadors for our school. We would like to extend our gratitude to Mater Dei Primary School, Musica Viva and Future Music for hosting and funding this excursion for us!



musica viva  
IN SCHOOLS



**Learn:** With the formal introduction of the new syllabus by the NSW Education and Standards Authority our staff are working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a deep and thorough implementation of the curriculum content in Mathematics and English. Led by Mrs Rhiannon Elwin (English) and Mrs Jessica Gaynor (Mathematics) we are in good hands. As a staff we have consolidated our agreed practice in English, are finalising our agreed practice in Mathematics and are consolidating a cohesive approach aligned to the CEDWW System Priorities and the school Annual Improvement Plan for 2024. These are certainly exciting times for education and we cannot wait to share our journey with you!

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



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## WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM

It is pleasing to report that the museum has been successful with one of its recent grant applications for the upgrading of signage. This grant was available to volunteer museums for project development through Museums and Galleries NSW and although a relatively small amount will be put to good use.

The signage will involve the installation of a digitally printed wall graphic in our foyer/bar area, some internal and external directional signage and some internal interpretative signage. Our project is expected to be finalised by the end of February 2024 and we can't wait to see it completed, especially the wall graphic.

Thanks to Sharon McCarthy for her professional advice and our Museum Advisor, Vanessa Keenan, for supporting our project.

## BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD COMMENCED ON 1 NOVEMBER

"During the Bush Fire Danger Period, landowners and land managers are required to obtain a Fire Permit from their local RFS Brigade or Fire Control Centre before lighting any fires, including hazard reduction burns," Inspector John Russell said.

"With the Fire Danger Period commencing, Fire Permit holders are required to let fire authorities and their neighbours know at least 24 hours before lighting up. You must notify your intention to burn by visiting [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify) or calling your local Fire Control Centre.

Inspector John Russell said fuel loads remain high across the Southern Border and it is important that land managers and residents are prepared and remember that bush and grass fires can start any time. "While our firefighters are doing what they can, preparation is a shared responsibility and home and landowners need to prepare their properties too," he said. "This means doing simple things like creating firebreaks on your property, cleaning your gutters, removing combustibles from your yard, ensuring hoses can reach all corners of your property and updating and discussing your bush fire survival plan, so you know what you will do if fire threatens.

"The RFS website provides Bush Fire Survival Plan and Farm Fire Plan guides that contain helpful information about preparing and what to do in the event of a fire.

Information about hazard reduction burning, obtaining permits and required notification is available on the RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP)



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### 5PM DRAW

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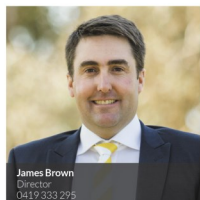
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### HOLBROOK SPORTING COMPLEX

### Kids Activities



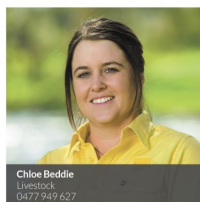
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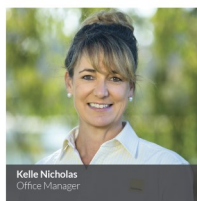
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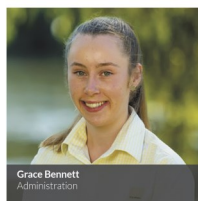
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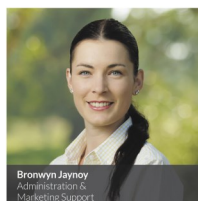


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## PLANT PICK PLATE

As we continue our journey through life, our food tastes will inevitably change, possibly due to cultural influences, awareness of health benefits or our willingness to try new flavours. This is an opportunity to experience new foods and all that they offer for our mind, body and senses.

Many years ago my son-in-law introduced me to the spices of India, curry, turmeric and chilli. These definitely activate your taste buds but when eaten in moderation and infused with your food, can be rather refreshing and also great for your health. Every year since, I have grown my own chilli plant choosing a variety with a mild heat index. Chilli is an essential ingredient in my passata and the excess I dry and use throughout the year in warming hot pots and stir fries.

My daughter-in-law gave me several stems of her lemongrass which has thrived since I put it in the ground. She introduced me to herbal tea, an infusion of lemongrass and fresh ginger which I make weekly and enjoy as a cup of tea. Ginger is excellent for digestion and the lemongrass provides a subtle lemon flavour which can be used to flavour sauces and chicken.

Long ago, when I realised I needed an immune system boost, I went straight to the health food store for a garlic supplement. Now I eat fresh garlic in my food regularly, with increased amounts through winter. Home grown garlic is undoubtedly better. My crop will not be harvested until summer but I have peeked below the surface to find plump pink bulbs so a great crop looks promising.

There are many other new foods I have introduced to my diet all with bold flavours - fresh herbs, rhubarb, radish and limes. It is important to grow what you like and try new flavours which can be revitalising to the whole body.

**Passionate Gardener, June.**



## HOLBROOK COMMUNITY GYM

New equipment installed at the Holbrook Community Gym Club has made our old & new members very happy. It was like Christmas had come early when the commercial Crossover Cable Machine was completed & members were able to use this amazing machine. It had been on our wish list for some time.

The Cable crossover machine is a multifunctional piece of equipment, with the following attachments: Cable crossover, seated row, lat pull down, tricep pushdown with wide & narrow grip pull up bars. In addition, we have purchased a Hip Thrust machine & a Leg Extension machine to go along with our treadmills, numerous bikes, ski & rowing machines & leg press machines.

The Gym also has a boxing area plus a large selection of weights ranging from light to very heavy in dumbbells & weight plates.

There are also two ambulant bathrooms which have toilets & showers for all our members to use.

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- Katie Wills (2Fit2Quit) [kwills2014@icloud.com](mailto:kwills2014@icloud.com)
- Ross Wettenhall (Bounce Physiotherapy) [bouncephysiotherapy@bigpond.com](mailto:bouncephysiotherapy@bigpond.com)

Our Memberships are very affordable:

**Joining fee:** Students 14 & above \$20, Adults \$30

**Memberships:** Students: \$60 annually, Adults: Quarterly \$60, half yearly \$90 or annually \$130

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The Gym is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week & is located at the Holbrook Sporting Complex. Contact: [holbrookgym@gmail.com](mailto:holbrookgym@gmail.com)



## FREE GARDEN MULCH

Bedding straw left from livestock shows is still available to collect from the Holbrook Sporting Complex (near the south-east gate and in the large nearby shed).

Take as much as you would like but you will need to load it yourself.



## RS CLUB BOWLS

Hi All, the season is in full swing and a very busy time is coming up.

Update on events:

**Club Pairs** are coming up, get a partner and have a crack, names in by the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. First round is on **3<sup>rd</sup> December**, don't miss out.

**Handicap Singles:** Gavin Duckworth Jones to play Peter Bull Wornes, Esmee Rob Philpot up against Wantagong warrior Stead, Hibbo to play Atherton tablelands.

**Consistency:** Lucozade T Lucas to play Phil sheep prices have dropped Gledhill, Hibbo Neil Hibberson to play John golden oldie Goldsmith, and Heather feather Chris Heather to play the Wantagong warrior Peter Stead.

**Triples:** Team Micklemayhem to play Team Esmee in the TBA Final. Good luck to both teams.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Twilight Bowls:** Thanks to the new players having a go, and again Ian Papa Guiseppe for the pizzas. Some new sides and interesting games.

The ladder so far: Black Balls 36¾, Sweet 16 36¼, 4B's 35¼, Wantabess 23¼, The Provincials !!! (can't understand Duckworth's writing) 22½, Dags 22¼, Ducks 22, Milkos 21¼, Old Hags 21, Lambpro 10, New Locals 8¼, Odd Bods 8.

Two more rounds to go, let's go, not over yet!!!!

Teams are doing well in the Odewahn Shield.

*Good bowling, Kui*



## TENNIS

**Sect 2** in the Saturday pennant comp are going along nicely, sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot behind the Walla Nth Walla team. The team has a healthy percentage and just needs to keep up the practice.

**Sect 3A** recorded it's first with Brocklesby a week or so ago and this makes their finals aspirations better, with just a gap of 6 pts to the 4th placed team.

The Wednesday hit-up is in full swing with the longer days and few cold ones available after the exercise.

If anyone has empty recyclable bottles/cans, please bring them in to the clubhouse as this helps our finances.

The Christmas break sees tennis played on December 16 and games resume on January 20 2024.



## RS CLUB GOLF

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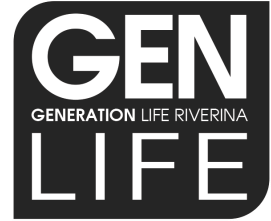


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### November 2023

- Fri 17 **Nominations close for Rotary's "Pride of Workmanship" Awards**
- Sat 18 "winakenworth" Raffle Draw from 4pm @ Holbrook Sporting Complex
- Sun 19 **St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am**
- Mon 20 9am Community Garden helpers meet **Holbrook Business & Community Dev. Group AGM 6.30pm @ Holbrook Hotel**
- Tue 21 Holbrook Netball Club AGM 7pm
- Wed 22 **Holb. Equine Centre AGM 7.00pm**
- Thu 23 Service NSW Mobile Service 9.00am-3.00pm @ Submarine Car Park
- Fri 24 **OMNI Group meet 10am @ RS Club**  
Holbrook Public School's Colour Fun Run
- Sat 25 **Trevor Craig Triples Bowls**  
Hot Rods Street Cruise 11am—1pm
- Sun 26 **Trevor Craig Triples Bowls**  
St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am  
**Anglican Woomargama Service 11am**
- Mon 27 9am Community Garden helpers meet
- Tues 28 **Probus 11am & Xmas Lunch @ RS Club**
- Thu 30 Nominations close for Holbrook Sporting Complex Sports Achievement Awards

### December 2023

- Fri 1 **"Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving competition—Mullengandra**
- Sat 2 "Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving competition—Mullengandra
- Sun 3 **"Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving competition—Mullengandra**  
St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am
- Mon 4 **9am Community Garden helpers meet**
- Wed 6 GHSC Citizen of Year nominations close
- Thu 7 **Meals on Wheels Christmas Party**  
Holbrook Landcare's Beef Dinner @ The Ten Mile
- Fri 8 **OMNI Group meet 10am @ RS Club**  
Holbrook Christmas Twilight Markets
- Sun 10 **St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am**  
Anglican Woomargama Service 11am  
**RS Club Golf Presentations 2.00pm**  
RS Club Golf AGM 3.00pm
- Mon 11 **9am Community Garden helpers meet**
- Tue 12 Christmas Party for "Happenings" volunteers 2pm @ Library Complex
- Fri 15 **Little Billabong Hall Christmas Party**
- Sat 16 Tennis Christmas/Harvest Break begins
- Fri 22 **OMNI Group meet 10am @ RS Club**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLBROOK EQUINE CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00pm WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023  
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