

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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DES LUM AWARDED AN OAM

Desmond James Lum was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) "For service to the communities of Holbrook and Thurgoona".

A pharmacist at the Holbrook Pharmacy from 1980-2008, Des was also a board member of the Holbrook District hospital for 5 years. Among his other health and community roles, Des was a charter board member of Thurgoona Men's Shed, serving as its treasurer from 2012-2019, and remains an active member.

He has also had long involvement and administrative roles with both the Thurgoona and Holbrook Lions Clubs, and with the Holbrook Apex Club, and is active in local aged care, school and church organisations. Des is a Life Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.



ROTARY'S PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

At the Holbrook Australia Day ceremony, The Rotary Club of Holbrook presented Pride of Workmanship awards, recognising participants who have excelled in the workplace.

Rhiana Richardson was nominated by the Holbrook Hotel for her dedication to delivering exceptional customer service. Management said, "Her contribution to our organisation and her commitment to self-improvement through ongoing training, makes her a true asset to the Holbrook Hotel and the community we serve.

"Rhiana is presently pursuing a traineeship which will lead to her earning a Certificate IV in leadership and management. Her strong work ethic and commitment to a high standard of service, make her a role model for her colleagues." Rotary's second recipient is Taylah Schirmer who is the second in command at the Greater Hume Children's Services. Taylah is local to Holbrook and it's great we retain the younger generation in our town.

Nominated by Kimberley Jeffries, "Taylah demonstrates a high level of commitment to both the children and the team by implementing strategies to assist with the day-to-day operations of the child-care centre."

Our third nominee, Gavin Dusterhoft has been caring for the grounds of St Patrick's School, the convent, and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish land for the past four years. The impact of Gavin's commitment to improvement and maintenance of the grounds across these properties is evident not only to the invested communities but

to the community of Holbrook as a whole. This land makes up a large proportion of the central business district and thoroughfare for passing highway traffic. It is with pride Gavin gives freely of his time and presents these grounds to a high standard.

For the first time, a team was nominated for the 2023-24 awards. School principal Melissa Dusterhoft Mavrack said, "the staff of St Patrick's Primary School are committed to the provision of high-quality education for their students and all who reside in Holbrook and surrounding areas.

"Staff are highly skilled in all aspects of education and are particularly sensitive to diverse needs of students and their families. As a Catholic School, St Patrick's school staff provide a developmentally appropriate holistic education in-line with the NSW Education and Standards Authority while being sensitive and respectful of the spiritual growth and faith development of each child regardless of religious orientation.

Rotary President Scott Beattie, Rick Bull and Jenny Kane presented the recipients with certificates and a recognition plaque.

Rick Bull, Melanie Dusterhoft Mavrack, Jessica Gaynor, Jenny Kane, Scott Beattie, Rhiana Richardson & Taylah Schirmer.



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GREATER HUME COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY

Australia Day 2024 in Greater Hume was held at the fantastic Wymah Recreation Reserve. It was a fabulous ceremony, with over 400 people attending. Some of the highlights were the wonderful addresses given by our Australia Day Ambassador, Allan Sparkes CV OAM VA FRSN, Billabong High School captains Harry Doig and Callie Metcalf, Sussan Ley, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Justin Clancy MP, Member for Albury and Cr Tony Quinn, Mayor, Greater Hume Council. The Australian flag was unfurled by representatives of the Wymah Community. Anne Haywood led Advance Australia Fair accompanied by Peter Cominos and Stephen O'Connell. Congratulations to all the award nominees and winners who were recognised for their hard work on behalf of the Greater Hume community, and the winners were:

- Citizen of the Year – *Alison Scott, Henty*
- Young Citizen of the Year – *Tahlie Weston, Henty*
- Sports Person/Team of the Year – *Lucy Grills, Holbrook*
- Sports Volunteer/s of the Year – *Jada Murphy, Henty*
- Community Event of the Year – joint winners *Festival by the Sub, Holbrook and Henty Streetscape 2023*
- School Citizenship Awards:

Holbrook Public School - *Jasmine Purcell*

St Patrick's Primary School - *Willow Hulme*

A big thank you to: Wymah Community - For their outstanding job of working through the logistics of



Joint 2024 Community Event of the Year winners: Festival by the Sub Committee representatives, Rita Bowler and Jenni Papworth and Henty Streetscape 2023 representative Graham Klemke.

holding Australia Day in such a lovely setting and for providing a delicious breakfast and morning tea. Morgan Country Car Club and the Vintage Car Club, St John's Ambulance, Australia Day Council of NSW and National Australia Day Council.



Greater Hume's School Citizenship Award winners with Australia Day Ambassador Allan Sparkes CV, OAM, VA, FRSN and Mayor Tony Quinn.



Ollie Cardile proudly displays his award for Holbrook Sporting Complex Junior Sportsperson from the Australia Day ceremony at Holbrook .

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Holbrook Community Gardens warmly welcomed residents from Holbrook Health Service on Monday morning last week.

Under the trees in the shade, a 'high tea' was enjoyed by all, with camaraderie and friendship as a bonus. This morning tea was made possible by a grant from FRRR.

The Community Gardens is especially grateful for this grant. The Gardens is happy to announce the grant will also fund more events in the coming

year. Please watch the Gardens FB page and the Holbrook Happenings for these events.

The Community Gardens meets every Monday morning at 9am. Everyone is welcome



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HOLBROOK ROTARY AUSTRALIA DAY POKER RUN

It was a perfect day for the Holbrook Rotary Club's annual Australia Day Poker Run, which attracted nearly 40 bikes, seven cars, and families.

Across the street from the Holbrook pool was the sign-on point where Ben Jones led out the bikes towards Jingellic and smoko at The Hub, consisting of lamingtons, tea, and coffee. As soon as the cards were picked, it was on to Tumberumba and Batlow RSL for a Chinese feast.

The Tesla got lost on the next leg, but arrived at the Rosewood Sports Club for Saos, vegemite, cheese and tomatoes after regaining its bearings.

Kim's day was ended by a flat tyre, but luckily, Craig and Darcy were on hand to load her bike up behind the sweep vehicle.

After the final cards were drawn at the Holbrook RSL, it was time to announce the winners. Melita Hill won the best hand, Jane Quick won the runner-up spot, and Kerry Morton won the worst hand. Super Cheap car care draw was picked up by John Pyers and 8 bottles of award winning Holbrook Rotary wine headed off to Wagga, Albury and surrounding areas.

We would like to extend a big thank you for Ben Jones leading his first Poker Run, and for Darcy and Craig sweeping the day.

We cannot wait before next year's run.

Holbrook Rotary's annual 4WD Day will take place shortly on Saturday 16th March, so look out for more details soon.



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RIVERINA MOTORCYCLE CLUB'S AWARD

A wonderful surprise was in store at the Holbrook Motorcycle Club's AGM was held on the weekend. Jon Morgan, the 2024 Riverina Motorcycle Club's Secretary was in attendance.

Due to harvest commitments Murray Jones had not attended the interclub presentation at the end of 2023. So, the mountain came to Mohammed.

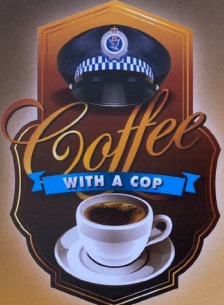
The plaque read as follows: "In recognition of your long and dedicated service to motorcycling and motorcycle racing in the Riverina.

Your efforts have led to large numbers of young people becoming passionate motorcyclists.

Congratulations and best wishes from Riverina Motorcycle Clubs."




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Can you believe it's already February! All services continued, as usual, over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Our very grateful thanks to our wonderful volunteers and staff for working through Christmas and New Year.

The **Christmas Raffle** was a great success, raising funds to support a two-course Christmas Meal and "Christmas Jolly Bags" for our Meals on Wheels clients. Thanks, to Gail and the Lions Club for the donation of Christmas Cakes for every Meals on Wheels client, which went into the Jolly Bags and were so well received! Thank you to the many individuals, and businesses who donated towards the hampers, your generosity allowed for 3 hampers to be put together! 1st prize winner was Joyce, 2nd prize winner Bertie and 3rd prize winner Steve. Congratulations!



We have also received some wonderful, and unexpected, donations over the past month. Our sincere thanks to visitors to Holbrook, Pradheep and family, for a donation of over \$200, Alan for the wonderful donation of sunglasses for our clients and Holbrook IGA for a \$400 donation from their Community Chest funds. Thank You! All donations go straight to client support and help us to keep services affordable for all.

Social Support and Transport has been very busy already,. We urge anyone needing transport, especially for appointments, to book as soon as possible to ensure there is a vehicle and driver available to assist you.

Our **Social Support** outings have re-commenced with outings to the Chinese Restaurant for lunch and to the Pottery Museum and Woomargama Hotel for a meal. Thanks to the team at Woomargama for providing transport and lovely meals for everyone. Upcoming activities include a lunch group at the RS Club, barbeque and games day at the Ten Mile Creek Park, and a visit and morning tea at the Community Gardens.

Gentle Exercises have now resumed every

Thursday morning at 9.30am with Tania at the Knox Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy some gentle exercise and a lot of chat.

"Don't forget to have plenty of fluids over these hot summer days. DON'T WAIT – HYDRATE!" You may not always feel thirsty, so it is a good idea to get into the habit of having something to drink when you get up in the morning as well as at every meal and snack time. Try to have about 6-8 cups (1 cup = 250ml) of fluid a day and remember, fluid is more than just water. You can count milk, juice, soup, custard, jelly, tea, coffee etc.

Note: alcohol is not counted. It does not help to hydrate the body. Sorry.

Our new menu has commenced from 1st February. We will also soon have some fantastic news to share, which will be a great benefit to the wider Greater Hume community. Please stay tuned for an announcement soon!

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Summer Weeds Update: The Summer rains have led to the emergence a range of weeds in the area, some of them harmful; posing risks like liver damage, photosensitisation and copper toxicity in livestock, potentially resulting in death. Key weeds to monitor include Panicum grasses, common heliotrope and cathead. While unappealing, these weeds may be consumed by animals, particularly in the absence of alternative greenery, causing cumulative damage over time. Here at the HLN office we have also had ID requests from people who are noticing some new weeds

appearing on their properties, likely due to roadworks and stock feed deliveries.



These weeds have included African Lovegrass and Prairie Ground Cherry (pictured).

If you are not sure about the identification of a plant contact HLN, or download the DPI NSW WeedWise app

Gliders Galore! Our trail camera in Tumberumba has now detected four of the glider species that are known to occur in the area. And all on the same tree!

In October last year, the camera detected Yellow-bellied Glider, which is the latest addition to the list. Around the same time, it also detected Kreff's Glider and Greater Glider, which have been recorded previously but it was great to see them again, and in May 2023 it recorded glimpses of the diminutive Feathertail Glider. It's just so incredible to think that a single tree is such an important part of the glider highway!

HOCKEY IN HOLBROOK

Hockey Albury Wodonga is bringing a 4-week introduction to hockey roadshow to Holbrook from 14 February.

The 45 minute sessions will be held at the Holbrook Sporting Complex tennis courts from 5.45pm on Wednesdays and are designed to teach participants the basic skills with a heap of fun thrown in. Cost is \$35 for the program. All ages. For enquiries ph Maddy 0475 450. 406.

HOLBROOK FESTIVAL BY THE SUB

Our musical entertainment has been locked in for the 2024 Festival By the Sub, on Saturday 2 March. Local entertainers, The Red Empire, JJ Acoustic Trio, Lachie Cossor & Lilysh Retallick, will offer a range of musical styles through until late evening and there is sure to be something to suit "nearly" everyone.

Once again, the event will kick off late in the afternoon with market stalls and a car show, alongside the Otway submarine, after the worst of the day's heat. As this is a family-friendly activity, the music will continue through until late evening with food and drink vendors available.

The market stalls cover everything from clothing & artwork to honey and giftware. Hwy31 are organising a car show & shine, and interest continues to grow. A fantastic range of food and drink vendors are also organised to solve your dinner problems for the evening.

The support from our local businesses and others has been amazing and we cannot thank them enough for helping us to bring this event back to Holbrook for the second year.



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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Pray: St. Patrick's School, Holbrook is one of 24 Primary Schools, 5 Secondary Schools and 2 Boarding Facilities which make up the Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW). As a system of schools we work together to set system priorities. The theme for CEDWW this year is "Sowing Seeds" which follows on from our 2023 theme of "Preparing the Good Soil".

"As we commence this new year, we acknowledge the opportunity we have to serve in the ministry of Catholic Education within our Diocese. We give thanks to all who have prepared the soil for the past year and ask for the strength to continue to sow the seeds of the Good News of Jesus Christ'. (Dr Andrew Watson, Director of Schools) This year, our prayer is:

Sowing Seeds

Lord, may we sow the seeds of your Word.

May we be messengers of your love and peace in our places of work, our communities and our homes.

Open our eyes that we may see the abundance of your love in all that surrounds and sustains us.

Enable us to become people of hope and life, who plant the seeds of welcome, faith, service and learning.

Endow us with the wisdom to see clearly the way in which you are leading us so that we may continue to be signs of your loving presence today.

Make your Holy Spirit guide our deliberations, challenge our thinking, and renew our vision.

Continue to lead us, so that our lives may come to be defined by your Word of hope.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Live: Our students were abuzz with excitement as they entered our lovingly tended grounds this morning. They were in awe of the improvements and transformation of our grounds and classrooms which have taken place over the holidays.

Learn:

This year our major focus is on the deep



implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabus. Whilst we have spent the last couple of years utilising these documents we have invested much time into ensuring that our teaching and learning programs are delivered to the highest standard possible. With state of the art resourcing, one to one devices for each child (no device more than 2 years old) and highly skilled professionals our students are well on their way to success.

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

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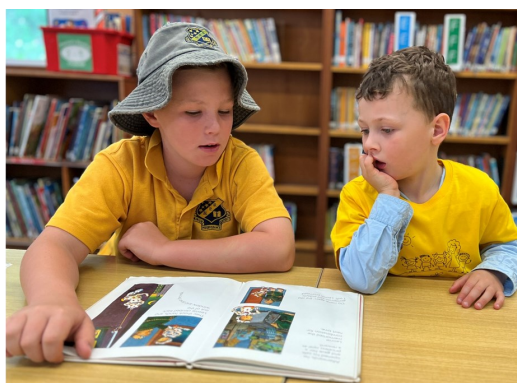
It's with great excitement and anticipation that we usher in another promising school year full of growth, learning, and shared experiences. After six weeks of summer holidays, we welcome both familiar faces and new friends.

Holbrook Public School is abuzz with anticipation and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. The promise of a new academic year brings with it the opportunity for fresh perspectives, new friendships, and countless possibilities. Our dedicated team of educators is ready to inspire and guide our students on their educational voyage.

This school year promises to be filled with exciting initiatives, engaging activities, and collaborative endeavours. From innovative education programs to community events that bring us all together, there's something for everyone to look forward to.

We encourage parents, carers, and community members to participate actively in the various school activities and events. Your involvement strengthens the bonds that make Holbrook a unique and supportive community.

Welcome back to Holbrook Public School, where every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, and make a positive impact.

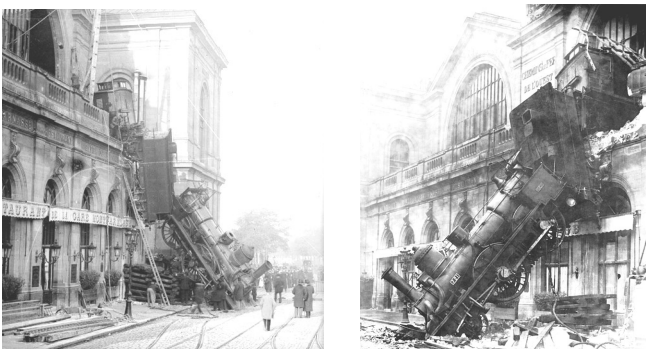


RIVERINA HOTEL TRAIN WRECK

Above the bar at the Riverina Hotel hangs a Vintage Art reprint poster of a train wreck which can't but help catch your eye. It looks unreal and possibly staged, but it isn't. The scene, immortalised by an early photograph from the historic studio Levy & Sons, of the most famous railway accident in history.

At 4.00pm Montparnasse Station, Paris October 22nd 1895 the Granville-Paris Express Locomotive Series 120 No:721, running late, fails to brake at the wooden buffer stop and ploughs through the station's 30mtr wide concourse at 40kms/hour, shooting through the wall and lands on its nose in the restaurant-cafe area 10m below in the Place de Rennes where it stayed for four days. The train destroyed the balcony and restaurant and one victim, a newspaper seller, was killed on the street. All passengers and loco engineers survived. Within minutes of the crash thousands of onlookers arrived at Montparnasse station to view the 50 tonne loco hanging dangerously from above and photographers had a field day. The loco was eventually repaired and returned to service. Next time you stand at the bar of the Riverina Hotel ordering a beer or a roast of the day, look up and see the Montparnasse train wreck poster - you will know what it was all about.

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GOLF

Well! 2024 already. Maybe this year we can keep everyone more informed with what is going on, on the golf course.

Dad's Army

11/01/24 As with the start of the year every year, all the golfers start off on their G.A. Handicap. Already after one game in and Mick Smith has broken by two strokes with a resounding win on the first week out, with a very good 21 pts. Second place had been taken by a part time Dad's Army player in Mark Winnett with 17 pts. Third place has been taken out by another of those bushrangers from down on the lake, Mark Lowry, on a count back from Mark. NTP 10th Tony Castles. No naga this week.

20/01/24 Winners and Runners-up for week two of the new year. Winner was the bandit from Albury, Ian Wettenhall with 13 pts, 2nd Lawrie Ryan on a count back, 3rd Phil Spokes on 12 pts. NTP 5th Phil Spokes. No naga this week either.

25/1/24 Winner Jim Maskus 23 pts. 2nd Mick Smith 20 pts, 3rd Ian Wettenhall 18 pts. NTP Lawrie Ryan. naga Alan Buchanan.

1/2/24 Winner Phil Spokes 20 pts, 2nd on a c/b Tony Castles 20 pts 3rd Alan Buchanan 17 pts. No NTPs. naga Jimmy Maskus.

Many people might not be aware that the golf club now has **two electric golf carts for hire** from the rear of the RS Club. These can be hired out at any time during the day, by registering their details through the information on the front of the carts. Electronic green fee payment is also available.

Twilight golf is also still on through to the end of daylight saving. Hours are from 4-00pm until 8-30 pm on Friday night only. Book and cards at the bar.

Saturday Spray is still on for those wanting to play in a competition on a Saturday. Chose a partner or two or three. Register your name in the book inside the golf room, grab your score cards and set off. Players must be paid up members and the player scoring your card must also be a member. The committee hope to have the 2024 program out soon.

The Holbrook Men's Pennant Team have been holding their own in the Hills Pennant. I hope to be able to supply an update on this in the next issue.

To finish on a high note, the **junior golf clinic** that we have been running through the second half of 2023 went off better than expected. With up to 20 young enthusiastic participants taking part. We will be continuing with this clinic once school goes back. A **seniors' clinic** might also be arranged if there is any interest shown. By the time that this issue of the Happenings comes out ,the first round of the February mini-pennant will have been played. If you missed the first round and would like to have entered a team , you can still enter for the remainder of the competition. There are weekly prizes.



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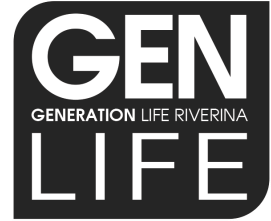


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COMMUNITY DIARY

February 2024

- Wed 7 Twilight Bowls 6.00pm
Fri 8 **Holb Public School Swimming Carnival**
Mon 12 Woolpack Inn Museum AGM 5.30pm @
the Museum
Tue 13 **Holbrook Public School Photos**
Wed 14 Holb Public School Parent Info Sessions
**Hockey Roadshow 5.45pm @ Tennis
Courts**
Twilight Bowls 6.00pm
Sat 17 **Combined Clubs (Cricket/Adult Riding &
Tennis) Trivia Night & Auction**
Tue 20 Bus & Community Development Grp
meeting 6.30pm
Wed 21 **Hockey Roadshow 5.45pm @ Tennis
Courts**
Twilight Bowls 6.00pm
Thu 22 **Holb. & District Race Club AGM 6pm @
Holbrook Hotel**
Mon 26 Show Society meeting 6.30pm @ RS Club
Tue 27 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**
Wed 28 Hockey Roadshow 5.45pm @ Tennis
Courts
Twilight Bowls 6.00pm

March 2024

- Fri 1 World Day of Prayer - Anglican Church
Sat 2 **Festival By The Sub 3.00pm-10.00pm**
Wed 6 Hockey Roadshow 5.45pm @ Tennis
Courts
Sun 10 **Holbrook Triathlon**
Mon 11 Show Society meeting 6.30pm @ RS Club
Sat 16 **Holbrook Rotary's 4WD Day**
Mon 18 Show Society meeting 6.30pm @ RS Club
Sat 23 **Holbrook Show Pavilion entries judged**
Sun 24 Holbrook Annual Show
Tue 26 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**
Fri 29 Good Friday

April 2024

- Sat 13 **Commander Holbrook Cup Race Meeting**
Hume League - Round 1
Thu 18 **Limousin National Show & Sale @
Sporting Complex**
Fri 19 Limousin National Show & Sale @
Sporting Complex
Thu 25 **ANZAC Day**
Fri 26 Holbrook Campdraft
Sat 27 **Holbrook Campdraft**
Sun 28 Holbrook Campdraft

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holbrook & District Race Club AGM

Thursday 22nd February 2024

6pm Holbrook Hotel Meeting Room

*Holbrook Anglican Church
Young Street,
Holbrook Services
9.30am Sundays
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7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February

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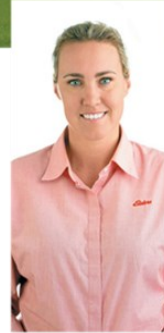
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