HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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HOLBROOK HOSPITAL

Today Holbrook Hospital received a generous donation of Trauma Teddies donated by the Australian Red Cross.

Thank you to all our local teddy knitter volunteers who support with this amazing cause.

Please see images below of Pat who volunteers as a Teddy knitter for the Australian Red Cross who stopped by to bring joy and comfort to children accessing our HealthServices.

Over 1 million children have cuddled a colourful, comforting Trauma Teddy since we first started hand-knitting them back in 1990.

Trauma Teddies provide care in so many ways:

- comfort to children fleeing bushfires, floods and other emergencies
- a warm welcome to refugee children
- company in a speeding ambulance
- friendly security in hospital
- a happy face in a lonely time.

At last count, more than **600 volunteer knitters** and knitting groups hand knit Teddies in Australia. They lovingly craft around

50,000 Trauma Teddies a year. That's a huge number of children who each year receive the care of a teddy bear.

It takes about 5 hours to knit and finish each Teddy. By our calculations, that's a whopping **250,000 volunteer knitting hours** each year – or a mind-blowing **7.5 million volunteer hours over the past 30 years**.

Every Trauma Teddy is lovingly put together. They must also pass a quality control test to guarantee comfort and safety. Thanks for Trauma Teddies and the knitters who make them.

To locate your local Trauma Teddy coordinator https://www.redcross.org.au/teddy/#contact

A DAY OUT AT THE MUSEUM

Join us on Saturday, April 26th, for our Open Day! We'll be welcoming visitors starting at 10:30 AM, with entry through the front door. For those requiring disabled access, the side gate will be available. The official program will begin at 11:00 AM with the grand opening of our newly refurbished Military Room. Thanks to generous grants from the NSW Government Office for Veterans Affairs and the Commonwealth Government, we've been able to bring this project to life.

Light refreshments will be available for the official party, and visitors can enjoy a light lunch or morning tea for a small fee.

Take the opportunity to explore the museum and experience "Stepping into the Past." Don't miss our newly refurbished bar and entry room, where you'll find three stunning historic photos of the Criterion Hotel on display, adding a unique charm to the area. Throughout the day, enjoy activities such as soap making, spinning, and weaving. Kids will have a blast with the "Find the Object" hunt, the "Try Me" table, and large wooden outdoor games. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pictured above is a Wallaby Bike.
Designed for children with polio who couldn't use their legs, this bike allowed them to use their arms.

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DEMENTIA MORNING TEA AND GUEST SPEAKER IN MAY



The Holbrook Dementia Alliance group is excited to

announce a guest speaker from Dementia Australia, Lance Dale who is the Consumer Engagement Coordinator. He advocates and helps people engage community and raise awareness understanding of Dementia and will give us an insight of his role, resources and how we can help our communities be Dementia friendly. With his guidance we aim that Holbrook and the Greater Hume can be Dementia friendly communities where people feel supported and valued and have a social network to help them with their challenges.

Did you know around two thirds of people living with dementia live in the Community, learning more about dementia can help you support them.

Our morning tea is on the Monday 5th May at the Holbrook Sporting Complex at 10 – 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

We hope everyone in our community can be involved especially businesses and other community groups to meet with John Cox and Lance later in the afternoon, (approximately 2pm) at the Meals on Wheels Community room.

Any queries please contact John Cox ph 0437263062 INCLUDE,

ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER



HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fig Jam Sales - To celebrate our 150th Anniversary, Miss Lavis has made some delicious fig jam made from the figs on our school fig tree. The jam is available from the front office for \$10 per jar. Feel free to pop in and buy a jar or two!

Mortimer Shield - A big congratulations to our Year 5/6 Mortimer Shield Teams who competed in Albury on the 3rd April. Our girls competed in the League Tag and boys in Rugby League (tackle). Both teams played very well and worked as a team! 'Players of the day' were awarded to Clare C and Logan M. A big thanks to Mr Liddell, who assisted in coaching the girls team.

A big thanks to **Greater Hume Council** who provided the opportunity for 'The King & Queen of Greens Realm of Rubbish' show to visit Holbrook Public School. This show taught students from Kindergarten to Year 6 about recycling and using the new 3 bin waste collection system.

Riverina Rugby League Trials - Last week Zayne, Zye & Henry B travelled to Wagga to trial for the Riverina Rugby League team. All boys gave it their all scoring tries & showing a high level of skill. Congratulations to Henry B who was selected in the team to travel to Sydney next term to play at the State Championships!

School Cricket Team - HPS Knockout Cricket team played Lavington Public School almost a fortnight ago and came away with a great win. Our team bowled out Lavington PS for 44 runs with a consistent effort by all of our bowlers. Our opening batters ran some quick runs and we were able to get the runs with the loss of only 1 wicket. Thanks to all the parents for transporting our students into Albury and to Mr Liddell for scoring our game.

Cross Country - Last Friday all students from K -6 participated in our school cross country. A big thankyou to Miss Lavis and Mrs Trethowen for organising the day and to our amazing parent helpers who we couldn't run the day without. All students participated positively with the overall winning house being Patterson.



PROBUS NEWS

A small number of members attended tour last meeting, illness is still keeping numbers down. This meeting was our AGM. The executive has remained the same and we welcome Cynthia Whitehead as our Vice President for 2025. Any outstanding memberships are to be paid at our April meeting.

Guest Speaker: Gary Van Merrick was born in Holland and witnessed many atrocities during the war. Gary is a talented singer and has sung in many choirs all over Europe. Gary and his family migrated to Australia when he was 18 years of age where he married and raised his family. Gary has been a successful businessman and is now retired and is living in Holbrook. Thank you Gary. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29th April at 11am at the RS club.



PLANT PICK PLATE

Many years ago there was a major infestation of borers in the parks' English elm trees. Most were saved with use of insecticides but others could not and required removal. These destructive pests will also attack garden ornamentals, some shrubs and fruit trees by eating out the bark and soft tissue beneath eventually ring barking the trunk resulting in killing the tree. The borer is the larvae (caterpillar) of a moth which chews the bark and tunnels into the stem or trunk then eventually emerges as a beetle.

I have just discovered these destructive borers in my ornamental weeping apricot tree. They have been there for sometime as the bark has been eaten three quarter of the way around the trunk and up onto lateral branches. The fabric (frass or sawdust) which coats the borers hole is evident along the trunk and limb joints with sap bleeding and pustules protruding on the branches, all indicators that the tree is under attack.

I have had this tree ear marked for removal as its foliage is not dense enough to shield the house from the western sun so I didn't show a lot of concern for the poor thing. That was until after checking my other fruit trees, I found another family of borers in my Moorpark Apricot tree. Now this tree has a full canopy and produces juicy apricots each year. Something must be done.

I scraped away the frass to locate the borer holes which at each evident location. Armed with a small syringe full of Malathion insecticide I attempted to fill each hole. Much dribbled onto the eaten bark and down the body of the tree but hopefully I applied enough to eradicate the borers. In sympathy, I also treated the weeping apricot although its days are still numbered.

Passionate Gardener, June.





WHAT'S ON AT HOLBROOK RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

Easter Trading hours as normal -Seafood Raffle Thursday 17th April 7.00pm draw. Friday Raffle 7.00pm draw. Easter Sunday Raffle 1.00pm draw. Restaurant open lunch and dinner. Anzac Day - Gunfire Breakfast 6.00am. Open Lunch and Dinner.

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POLOCROSSE ACTION A PLENTY

Albury-Holbrook Polocrosse Club has started a new season with great success at Club carnivals all while organising for a big week of action in Albury over Easter.

Two teams plus 3 juniors travelled to Lake George Club carnival in March coming away as winners of A Grade Open and Runner Up in A Grade Women's. One of our juniors, Maddie Hyde was awarded Best & Fairest Junior Player.

Tumbarumba Carnival on April 5 & 6 saw 3 teams entered plus 2 junior players. A Grade came away winners over Mendooran, B Grade were runners up to Lake George and B Reserve were winners over Harden. Chloe Koch was awarded B reserve Best & Fairest while Percy Cardile won Best & Fairest SubJunior.

There were presentations of the 2024 South West Slopes Zone Awards that featured our talented players across different categories.

Our attention now focusses on a week full of junior coaching starting on Tue 15th then competitions starting Friday 18th (Good Friday) at the Albury-Wodonga Equestrian Centre.

The Albury Autumn Classic will feature junior teams, U16 and U12, from every State and the Northern Territory plus a travelling team from New Zealand riding borrowed horses. Alongside that is a Men's and Women's Competition of made up teams that must include an U18 'Rising Star'. Teams for this competition are travelling from Qld, WA, Vic and NSW.

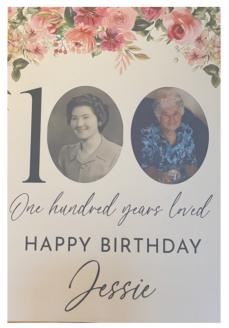
To round out the program is a Club Competition in grades from juniors to A grade.

It really is a spectacle of talent of all ages and spectators are most welcome. Trade sites, Food vans, Canteen and Bar facilities will keep you refreshed with games starting at 8am Friday 18th - Sunday 20th. Follow the signs off the freeway to **AWEC Corry's Road Thurgoona**.









On Sunday 6 April Jessie Power, of the Harry Jarvis Wing hosted a party at the local sporting complex for more than 120 people to celebrate her 100th birthday the following day. There was also a morning tea celebration at HJW on her birthday. Jessie was born on 7 April 1925 and grew up on a dairy farm in Hazelwood North Vic with two brothers and two sisters. Given that she was raised in country Gippsland Jessie showed a remarkable sense of adventure and resilience. Jessie went to Melbourne aged 16 to obtain her nursing qualifications. With WW11 moving people around it was not long before she was attracted to Alex in his Airforce uniform and sporting a large handlebar moustache. Eighty years ago they married in Morwell Vic in 1945. Jessie then took the big step of moving to Perth WA where she spent the next 9 years until 1954 when they returned to Melbourne with three children. Here the

family grew to a total of seven children, two boys and five girls and as a result Jessie's time was fully occupied running the household. It wasn't long before Jessie and Alex together with the three youngest (all girls) left for a most adventurous four year sojourn to Bangkok Thailand. While Alex worked for the Universal Postal Union - Jessie adopted the role of a United Nations Expat's wife with ease and thrived in this new and exciting environment. Jessie took on considerable volunteer work with the Australian-New Zealand Women's Group, Jim Thompson Foundation and Red Cross. That four years turned into eight years before the family returned again to Australia. Jessie's circle of friends were now spread across the globe Jessie continued her passion of exploring new countries and cultures, visiting friends and touring through much of Asia, Europe, Canada, America and Africa. Jessie and Alex were regulars at the Keilor Golf club where they played well into their eighties.In 2004 Jessie and Alex moved into Bridgewater Estate a retirement village where they made lots of friends and enjoyed an active social life for many years. Alex passed away in June 2010 followed by Susan, their third child in September of the same year. Fortunately, Jessie made the move to Holbrook to be with two of her daughters at the very beginning of Covid and by 2020 had settled

easily into life at the Harry Jarvis Wing. Jessie is now the matriarch of a very large extended family.



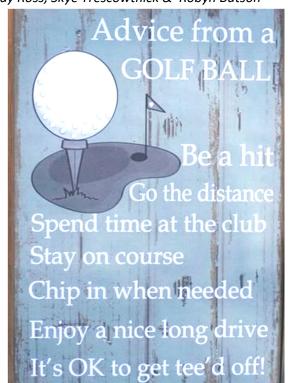


HOLBROOK RS GOLF CLUB

Holbrook Women's Golf kicked off the season on the 2nd of April. Robyn Lister won the 18 holes comp, r/up Chris Spokes. Liz Keogh won the 9 hole comp, r/up Jenni Papworth. Helen Morton and Robyn Batson were presented with hat clips from the VWGA recognising their long history playing golf. The Holbrook Men played their second Monthly Medal of the year and it was hotly contested with 15 players. M. Smith won on a countback from J. Rang



Judy Ross, Skye Trescowthick & Robyn Batson



Pink Charity Day is a fundraiser for breast cancer trials. To be held Wednesday May 14th 9am for 9:30 shotgun start. 14 Holes \$20 entry. Open to anyone and everyone. No handicap required. Novelty prizes, raffles, lucky dips. Wear pink, with prizes for best dressed. Lunch available for purchase at RS Club afterwards.

Dads Army 3/4 Winner J. Maskus, 2nd V. Derbridge, 3rd S. Cooper. 10/4 Winner V. Derbridge, 2nd P. Spokes, 3rd M. Smith

HOLBROOK CAMPDRAFT 2025

The Holbrook Campdraft Committee is excited to share with our local community that the annual Holbrook Campdraft will take place at the Holbrook Equine Centre from April 25th to 27th, 2025. This much-anticipated event showcases the thrilling sport of campdrafting and promises an action-packed weekend.

We warmly invite spectators to join us for the event and support our canteen, which will be open throughout the three days. As a small but dedicated committee, we take great pride in bringing this event to life and look forward to welcoming everyone.

Expect to hear familiar local names over the speakers, alongside competitors who have travelled from afar to be part of the competition. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support from our local farms and businesses, whose sponsorship and cattle contributions make this event possible.

Saturday night will feature live entertainment by the talented Lisa Wilson, along with an exciting Feature Cut Out event under the lights. With preparations well underway, we are looking forward to a great weekend.

For event inquiries, please contact our committee secretary, Bec Sim, at 0437 330 220.



GREATER HUME LOCAL IILYSH RETALLICK 2ND IN AUSTRALIAN IDOL

lilysh Retaliick, a Year 12 student from Billabong High School and a proud Greater Hume local, was runner-up in the Grand Final of Australian Idol! What an amazing achievement.

Born and bred in Culcairn and a self-proclaimed 'checkout chick' at the local Foodworks, Iilysh's journey to stardom is an inspiring testament to her hard work, dedication, and passion for music. Right from the beginning of her Australian Idol journey, Iilysh has wowed the nation with her powerful voice and undeniable

The Greater Hume community has rallied behind lilysh, and the immense support has been crucial in propelling her to this remarkable achievement. From community watch parties and video messages to special 'lilysh' sausages, Greater Hume has shown community spirit and indicated just what level of support regional communities are capable of for each other. The outpouring of votes has been a true reflection of the love and pride felt by the whole of Greater Hume.





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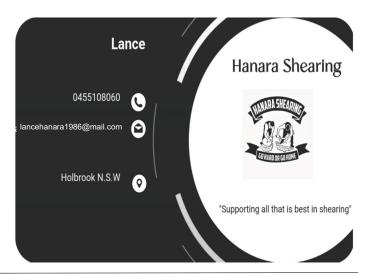
HOLBROOK RS BOWLS CLUB

We are getting close to finalising the club championships. A Grade Singles: Ian Meiklejohn defeated Peter McKenna (Smurf) to qualify to play in the final. B Grade Singles: Graham Merkel to play Smurf,

winner to advance to final. Pairs: Team Jones and Team Meiklejohn to play off. Winner to play team Scanlan in the final.

Pam Kaletta and Jo Merkel travelled to Ballina to play in the NSW Championships. They won their first game in the rain against Nyngan 35—11. Their second game was against Forester going down by two shots. Game three saw them play Byron Bay going down by six shots.

Pam & Jo would like to thank the Holbrook Bowls Club, Glenn who donated the wood for a raffle and everyone who purchased tickets. The winner of the raffle was Sue Butcher.



SPORT AT ST PATRICK'S

Like any school, sport plays a significant role in the lives of all the students at St Patrick's. Every day, students are involved in formal and informal sporting activities. St Patrick's has a vibrant and active sporting culture.

Students begin their day with morning fitness. These 10-minute sessions may be playing games, completing an obstacle course, doing yoga or gymnastics or preparing for athletics or cross country carnivals.

Formal PE lessons occur on Fridays, where students are exposed to various sports and activities. Drills and games take place which involve students developing skills and importantly, having fun often playing sports of which they are unfamiliar. We have a very well-equipped sports shed with equipment for many sports and fitness activities.

Sports Carnivals Each year we join with our friends from St Joseph's Culcairn for combined swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals. Swimming takes place at the Culcairn Pool, athletics at Alexandra Park in Albury and cross country at the magnificent Holbrook RSL Golf Club.

Our school often joins with St Joseph's to compete in events such as the Paul Kelly AFL competition and the Jackie Murphy netball carnival.

Sporting Pathways Following these respective carnivals the top place getters then compete against schools from Albury and Corowa. From this they progress to competing against students from schools across Wagga Diocese. From this carnival it is onto the MacKillop carnivals in Sydney with students from Catholic schools from Sydney and southern NSW. Top place getters then compete in the NSW PSSA carnival against all schools, including those from the Riverina.

The opportunity to represent the Wagga Diocese and then onto MacKillop at NSW PSSA carnivals exist in all sports. Our students have often attended trials for netball, AFL, cricket and other sports.

Being a small school, our students have many



opportunities to participate in sports at a school and inter-school level be it representing St Patrick's, the Wagga Diocese or MacKillop.

Paul Spain Principal.



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April 2025

Fri 18 Good Friday

Fri 25 ANZAC Day

Holbrook Campdraft

Sat 26 Holbrook Campdraft

Woolpack Inn Museum Open Day

Mon 28 Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am

Tue 29 Probus 11am @ RS Club

Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library

Meeting Room

May 2025

Thu 1 DrumMuster 8am-2.30pm @ Holbrook Tip

Sat 3 Federal Election

Sun 4 Jindera Community Garage Sale 8.00am

Thu 8 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

Fri 9 OMNI

Tue 13 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

Wed 21 Holb Sheep & Wool Fair Schools' Day

Thu 22 Holb Sheep & Wool Fair Open Judging Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

Fri 23 OMNI

Holb Sheep & Wool Fair - Grp Final Judging

Tue 27 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library
Meeting Room
Probus 11am @ RS Club

June 2025

Tue 2 Men's Health Education Rural Van—Free health checks (sponsored by Rotary)

Thu 12 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

Fri 13 OMNI

Tue 17 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

Tue 24 Probus 11am @ RS Club

Thu 26 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

Fri 27 OMNI

July 2025

Tue 1 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

Fri 11 OMNI

Tue 15 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

Thu 24 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

Fri 25 OMNI

Tue 29 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

August 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOLBROOK RSL SUB BRANCH

ANZAC DAY

DAWN & MAIN SERVICE PROGRAM FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

THE DAWN SERVICE WILL COMMENCE AT 6.10am

MAIN SERVICE

10:30am All marchers assemble at the corner of Hume St

and Albury St, Holbrook.

10:45am March commences.

10:55am March arrives at the Cenotaph, and all take up

their positions around the Cenotaph.

11:00am Ceremony commences.

11:50am Ceremony concludes. (approximately)

Any person wishing to lay a wreath or tribute is most welcome to do so.

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Voting before polling day

Hundreds of early voting centres will be open progressively across the country from Tuesday 22 April 2025 and will run up to and including Friday 2 May. Check the opening dates as not all early voting centres are open for the entire two-week early voting period.

All early voting centres will be closed on Easter Monday, 21 April, and Anzac Day, Friday 25 April. Interstate voting

If on polling day you are outside the state or territory where you are enrolled, you will need to vote at an interstate voting centre.

If you are unable to get to a polling place to vote in the federal election, you may be eligible to apply for a postal vote. This means your ballot papers will be sent to you in the mail for the election. Carefully consider your options as voting early in person may be an easier option than voting by post.

Information provided in this article is from the AEC Australin Electoral Commission Website.

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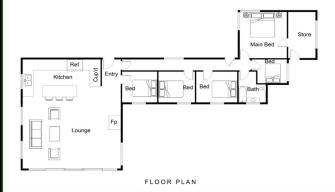
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