

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS



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2GHR SUCCESSFUL WITH FUNDING

When you hear 'Community Radio in the Greater Hume' give a thought to all the hands and voices which work 'Off Air'. A Team of presenters, Board members, the Greater Hume Shire and some great listeners are behind that voice, making sure we have a local radio station and gaining nothing more than the enjoyment of contributing.

Community radio is a great service to keep members of the community up-to-date with local information, entertained with music and company with a familiar sound.

The team behind 2GHR have continued to present programs throughout the peak of the COVID-19 restrictions, giving the community information and entertainment at a time where there is much uncertainty about where things are and going. We have also experienced the same challenges of bricks and mortar businesses in the area with a lack of new sales.

The month of July marks tax time and a new financial year, but it also means it's a new year for 2GHR memberships. All membership renewals and new memberships contribute to our day to day operating expenses to keep the station alive and it's a small way you can help. If you use the internet you can sign up and renew online securely at www.2ghr.org.au, otherwise do give us a call on 6036 3428 and we can arrange a form for you.

In some other fantastic news, those of you who have been listening and contributing to our social media would be aware that we entered Essential Energy's Community Choices program for 2020, which we asked for your votes over a 2 week period to have a share of a combined zone tally of \$7000. After final votes were counted, we managed to find our organization in third place, which has allowed us to gain \$1500 to improve our studio facilities for the comfort of our presenters. Thanks to everyone who took time to get people involved in logging in and voting every day throughout the voting period.



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ROTARY HELPS FIRE IMPACTED FARMING COMMUNITIES

Holbrook Rotary Club's new presidents Marg Geddes, Jen Parer and Jenny Kane recently delivered protective clothing and work-gear to the BlazeAid Camp at Tooma. Items including work boots, gloves and wet weather gear were purchased locally at Tumbarumba and hot water-bottles from the Holbrook Pharmacy. The BlazeAid volunteers consisting mostly of international backpackers have assisted fire affected farmers remove and rebuild hundreds of kilometres of fencing.

The Holbrook Club has joined forces with Rotary Club of Albury North to help rebuild local communities in the Upper Murray ravaged by fires and flood during December and January. North Albury has provided warm clothing and has been on the lookout for a generator and a caravan. The Uniting Church fencing team in Cudgewa has been active, a fencing team was provided by Tallangatta Rotary Club during the long weekend and the Blaze teams in Corryong and Jingellic have now resumed after the COVID 19 break.

In fact, Rotarians from Districts 9790 and 9800 have thrown their weight behind supporting the farming communities damaged and destroyed by fire. Rotarian Bill Bott is chair of District 9790 Bushfire Recovery Fund and local Rotary clubs have been in contact with community leaders and farmers to investigate their needs and set up support.

Fodder and pellet feed: RC of Kinglake Ranges provided a semi load of dairy fodder to farmers in the Upper Murray. (continued on page 6)



At the Tooma BlazeAid camp Marg Geddes (right) and Jen Parer (left) and BlazeAid co-ordinators Jack Hooper and Erika Bayyard

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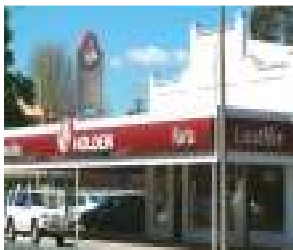
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NEW COOK

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Holbrook Library Complex has changed opening hours

We no longer close for lunch between 1pm and 2pm

We are now open Tuesday to Friday from 11am - 5.30pm

and

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Book Review *The End of the Line* By Gilliam Galbraith I kind of went off crime novels for a while, perhaps because I needed a bit of sunshine in my life during this dreary time. But then I'm always a sucker for a Scottish writer and along came Gilliam Galbraith. Anthony Sparrow describes himself as a bookworm and a burrower. He is an undertaker who also clears deceased estates and when he uncovers rare publications in old Scottish mansions it satisfies his love of books. Retired Professor of Haematology, Alexander Anstruther is a bit of a cranky old hermit who is stressed and jumbled due to his age and the pressure of a public enquiry into the deaths of patients during the aids pandemic in the 1980s. His carers may or may not be abusing him and he employs a new assistant to help him in sort his papers. This new carer becomes a favourite and things progress well until Anstruther is found dead. Anthony Sparrow's burrowing uncovers some family facts and information that keep you reading. Just when you've figured it out, there's a twist in the tail. There are odd Scottish/ British references so I hope that doesn't put people off. For instance, do Australians call psychiatrists, Trick cyclists and do you know what a sexton beetle is? This book was more psychological than blood and guts which suited me quite well in the end!



First Aid course

Thursday 30th July
4pm at the library
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CPR \$70

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Craft-To-Go Pick up a Free Tangrams Booklet or for \$3 learn to make a cheeky Yarn monster. Each kit is accompanied by a youtube video posted on the Holbrook Library facebook page. Tangrams from 7th July at 10am Pom Pom Monsters from 14th July at 10am

Tangrams: FREE

Originally, the Chinese played tangrams with the obligatory seven figures made out of wood and coloured with natural dyes.

Nowadays, we can create the tangram puzzles from anything.



Pom Pom monsters: \$3

Make a cheeky little yarn monster with a kits which includes wool, pipe cleaners and self-sticking googly eyes.



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HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

HOLBROOK LANDCARE

In conjunction with Birdlife Australia's Nectar Lovers project we are offering free nectar-lover native plants to gardeners and landholders in Holbrook. We have shrubs and trees available – grab a few for the garden or if you have revegetation areas that need a boost we can organise some mixed trays.

These are available from the office (the planned bird walk is currently on hold until we understand the current COVID-19 restrictions). Express your interest by contacting the Holbrook office, phone us on 6036 3181 or email office@holbrooklandcare.org.au, and we will supply a list of the species available.

We will allocate plants and book you a time to come and pick up during the week starting 20th July. The initial limit is– 5 plants for gardens, mixed trays of 40 for farm planting.

We need to get some of these nectar producing plants back in the landscape. At the moment, the White Box and Yellow Box are flowering sporadically across the district and the Ironbarks in town are the hotspot for many of the honeyeaters and other migratory species. Regent Honeyeaters have been spotted in Albury using flowering Spotted Gums!

Join the effort to get more of these back in our urban and farm landscapes and plant this Winter! And if you see any of the target species – let us know!



This project has been supported by the New South Wales Government's Saving our Species program through its Department of Primary Industries and Environment.



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PLANT PICK PLATE

I had been away from my garden for two weeks. Upon my return I glanced quickly over my vegetable plots noticing the delicate white flowers of the peas and of course more weeds in and around the mulch blanketing the vegies. Other than that not a lot had changed. So I thought. Upon a more thorough inspection of the whole garden I felt it necessary to create a "jobs to do" list and as this list began to grow I needed to prioritise the most urgent tasks.

The fruit trees were first. I lightly pruned them at the end of Autumn so a spray to prevent curly leaf was urgently needed to be applied just before bud burst. The Apricot, Pear and two Apples were at the right stage for spraying, however the ornamental weeping Apricot had already produced delicate soft pink flowers. The first deciduous to loose its leaves and the first to bloom. Removal of the invasive ground covers surrounding all the fruit trees was back breaking. I had planted these covers to smother the weeds unaware they would take over. The application of blood and bone, compost, manure and specific granular fertiliser followed by mulch has set the trees up for hopefully healthy productive crops this summer.

Next task was to control the aphids I discovered hiding undisturbed in the heart of the red cabbage plants. Tiny white eggs and hatched green multi legged bugs happily living under the protection of the butterfly netting I had placed over the brassicas. Although the netting kept the caterpillars out it also kept the good predatory bugs out, hence the aphid infestation. The Bok Choy, Broccolini and the Red Cabbage all received a through spray of Pyrethrum.

Have you noticed the reoccurring theme? In my effort to control particular garden issues, I have inadvertently created other garden problems and more work. Ahh, the joys of gardening.

Passionate Gardener, June

HOLBROOK TOILETS TO CLOSE

Are you aware that the toilets in the corner of Holbrook Stores Carpark and Commander Holbrook Park are still closed and proposed to be demolished?

These toilets are very convenient and very well used. A considerable number of people will be inconvenienced by their closure. Some of the people affected by this closure are residents and travellers shopping at the local shops including the elderly and those with small children. Visitors use the Commander Holbrook Park for their stop overs, often with children and pets and people attending the monthly markets use them to name a few.

Contributor: Name withheld

Email mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au if you have any concerns

ANGLICAN NEWS

In spite of the many hardships we have had, and are still having this year, God has been good to us. After the Bush Fires, "Anglicare Aid" gave us \$3,000.00 to distribute to those in need. This was a daunting task as there are so many who are in need. After much prayer the Parish Council decided to distribute the money to those who unselfishly protected us and others, the money was distributed to; Megan McPaul who's husband Sam died in the fires, the Back Creek RFS, the Woomargama RFS, and the Holbrook RFS. A big thank you to those who serve and protect us.

A few weeks ago, we had a special thankyou morning tea for Mrs Bev Cottrell. Bev has retired from playing the church organ after a lifetime commitment. We are not sure how long Bev played music for the churches as she followed in her mother's and grandmother's footsteps. There is now a vacancy at the organ, any takers?

The Parish Annual General Meeting which was to happen at the end of March was cancelled, but we will now have it on Sunday July 26th at 10:30am at St Paul's Church Holbrook.

We are having worship services at 9:30am Sundays in Holbrook with Covid-19 restriction in place. One restriction is, "no singing" except for a choir. The Bible says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord," therefore we are humming, clapping, tapping toes, and hand held instruments are used. We are adapting to different things during these difficult times and we are making joyful things happen, come and join in, and joy-in, with us. Best wishes from the crew at the Anglican Church & Rev Stephen. 0429 845 525.

MEN'S SHED

Hello from the Men's Shed. Not much to talk about in this edition, however we have been cleaning up around the shed and have a heap of pine pallets that have been out in the weather while we were in lock down the timber has warped and is only good for firewood and kindling. We want them gone. Price is negotiable. We also have ready cut kindling for \$8.00 a box or bag.

Work has started on the site for the new shed. A driveway has been put in by the council to give us proper access and we thank them for that. We are open at the moment from 8-12 noon on Wed and Thurs each week. Do come and join us. There is no obligation to join.

Home Maintenance

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Contact Pete Hicks on 0438 675 026

Rotary helps fire impacted farming communities (cont.)

The Walwa Bush Nursing Centre project: this centre provides health and well being services to the Walwa and Jingellic areas. It suffered fire damage the kitchen and cool room and Rotary Clubs of Heidelberg and Ivanhoe and the Bushfire Recovery Fund are working on this project.

Cudgewa Fire project: At the height of bushfires in January, the town of Cudgewa suffered greatly through lack of water and loss of power supply which impacted on their ability to extinguish fires surrounding the town. Rotary clubs of Rosanna and Mooroopna are assisting the community with a 130,000 L water tank and diesel generator to ensure permanent water and power.

A total of 15 shipping containers have been delivered to the Upper Murray organised by District 9800 Rotary Clubs with another 21 organised by the Dept of land, Water and Planning and expected by July 12.

A total of 45 Air Purifiers were distributed to Myrtleford for distribution to hospitals and aged care facilities in the Alpine Health region.

Corryong FoodShare: The District Bushfire Fund has financially supported the FoodShare service which has been stretched as a result of an increasing number of clients from the Upper Murray requiring assistance for food parcels, clothing, linen, blankets, furniture, white goods and water pods.

Join us at the Rotary Club of Holbrook, we actively assist our local communities, Australia and the World. We are currently attending weekly dinner meetings with guest speakers at the Holbrook RS Club, Thursday 6.30pm.



HOSTEL NEWS

The craft group at the Holbrook Hostel have been very busy painting and creating beautiful bird baths and bird feeders. They are now enjoying seeing their art work brighten up the garden and especially when they see birds using them. We would like to thank the Friends of The Hostel for kindly donating all the pots.



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HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hello Holbrook! We had a fantastic final two weeks of learning and fun at Holbrook Public School to complete what was an extremely challenging term for us all. I commend our outstanding staff for their continued dedication and effort in supporting the students, community and one another. I'd also like to congratulate the students for their resilience and agility as learners, and thank our parents and carers, who supported us diligently throughout the remote learning period.

Over the past term, we've learnt that positive education, adding joy to each day, and ensuring the students have something to look forward to, is vital for their learning, wellbeing and relationships. On the second last Friday of term, students demonstrating kindness, listening and trying their best, were invited to a class movie, with popcorn being provided for all students by the school. On the final day of term, we held a Wild Wigs for Wellbeing Student Representative Council fundraiser, which was the perfect way to end the term. All staff and students participated and over \$250 was raised. The students were able to buy ice cream in a cone at lunch time, participate in a lolly guessing competition and play a variety of team building games and activities during sport. We also held our end of term virtual assembly, run by the school leaders, and 30 students who had displayed positive behaviour and learning throughout the term received prizes in a raffle draw. Miss Freeman was also farewelled on the final day, as she is moving to Newcastle to teach at Kurri Kurri PS. We look forward to welcoming back Emma Burton next term, and we are excited to have Kimberly Ross joining our team as well.

Our 2021 Kindergarten transition program will begin early next term, with our Year 5 students (next year's Kindergarten buddies) attending the Greater Hume Children Services, Holbrook centre, in Week 2. School tours can be booked directly with the school at any time, and all parents of children beginning school in 2021 are invited to attend an orientation meeting in the school library on Wednesday 5 August at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Stay safe and well. *Nathan Fisher, Principal*



4-WHEEL DRIVING IN NATIONAL PARK

Adventure seeking 4-wheel drivers navigated the rugged slopes of the Eucalyptus forests and surrounding pine plantations of Woomargama National Park on Sunday. A line-up of 13 four-wheel drives, the oldest vehicle - a '70s series cruiser wagon, and 26 people participated in the event.

The forest is home to 25 endangered animals or vulnerable animal species including the Eastern Pygmy-possum, Squirrel Gliders, the Greater Long-eared Bats, Southern Bell Frog, Regent Honeyeaters, Superb Parrot and the Gang-gang Cockatoo. Once common, Koalas have not been seen in the area for thirty years. On the day, some wallabies were spotted and amongst the birdlife, the call of a yellow-breasted robin was heard.

The outing for Holbrook Rotarians and visitors was organised by their Community Service Director Murray Jones who stressed social distancing, hand hygiene and self-catering was a must due to the Covid-19 pandemic. That aside, the water was flowing, new pathways had been ploughed and drainage channels shaped, resulting in some challenging moments as the vehicles made their way separately up steeper slopes. A fair bit of grinding and shaking went on and we lost Ian T for a short period despite having the cornerman system in place and red and yellow flags and flashing light on lead vehicle and sweep vehicle.

At Home Plain, MasterChef lunch honours were won by Rob and Ange Peterson for best barbeque; best family picnic went to Bill and Joy Wearn; best looking salad – Trish and Beetle Bailey; and best picnic basket to Belinda and Rod Izzard. "The day was a great success and for the middle of winter we luckily had great weather – valley views at Hanel's Lookout and Home Plain were enjoyed by all and I'm looking forward to organising next year's event in March 2021," Murray said.

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July 2020

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Mon 20 Crafty Hands 7 Fleet St

Sun 26 Anglican Church Service Holb 9.30am

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WOMEN'S BOWLS

It is nice to be back playing bowls once again; the weather was beautiful last Wednesday. I would like to welcome any new bowlers to come along and join us for a roll-up on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Just come as you are, and we have bowls for you to try out.

It would be nice to see some new faces around the Bowling Club.

Also, a reminder to members, please pay your annual fees before 31 July. Treasurer Pam needs to finalise the books by that date.

There were two matches in the Club Championships played last week. Pam Seymour defeated Judy Smith, and Jo Merkel defeated Pam Kaletta. The final will be played today, between Pam Seymour and Jo Merkel. Good luck, ladies!

ENDURO RIDE PARK DAY

We are back with a bang! On June 28th 2020, we had our first ever Ride Park Day at The Pines!. 116 riders attended our day! Many of whom had never been to our club before. Of course, social distancing and COVID precautions were observed. Riders enjoyed three tracks - beginner, intermediate and expert.

The Pines is known for its beautiful scenery on top of the hill, and of course MUD! The day finished safely with not even so much as a bandaid needed.

Holbrook Motorcycle Sports Club would like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in our ride park day! Thank you for the courtesy and thanks shown to all officials and riders. Our goal is for our riders, young and old, to enjoy a safe, controlled riding experience and have FUN! We have received amazing feedback about the day.

Our next ride park day will be at the Wangoola MX track on Sunday July 26th. Sign on from 9am and ride time from 10am to 4pm.

All enquires Murray Jones: 0429 992 636, Mark Jones: 0490 950 701 or Facebook Inbox also available



MEN'S BOWLS

Well, how good is it to be back on the green, bowling. There was one championship match outstanding, that being the B Grade held over due to the coronavirus situation. This has now been decided and the two finalists were Bob "Kui" Elwood and Ross "Tiger" Smith (long-term Balmain Tigers supporter). The winner was "Tiger" Smith who on the day hadn't bowled any better. Try as he may Bob couldn't make up the leeway and Tiger prevailed on the day. Let's hope he can continue to produce the level of bowling displayed when pennant season resumes.

Congratulations to all championship winners, commiserations to the runners up.

A good turnout of bowlers was evident on Sunday with a couple of new (old) faces having a roll. However I'm told that one of our "good" bowlers has been emphatically telling everybody over drinks on Friday night's that he will be there Sunday!! To his credit he didn't say which Sunday, yet we are still to see him pulling the bowls out. Now we won't embarrass him by naming him however, I'm told he has a new name, "Mr Clayton".

As usual Social Bowls each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 1.30, and Sundays at 10.00.

Hope to see you all on the green, and until next time stay safe and keep smiling. *Wayno*

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