

# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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## ROTARY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Christmas decorations in Holbrook's main street were a bit of a community effort. Rotary organised the purchase of the wreaths last year but needed them to stand out more. Sharon McCarthy worked on the design, Peter Schuur did all the hard welding work, Sharon, Vicki Schuur, and Cr Lea Parker decorated them and Rotarians – Scott Beattie, Milt Golenberg and Craig Rowe put them up on the light poles. The Christmas Tree outside the Anglican Op Shop was decorated by Rotarians Rick Bull, Kerry Morton & Royce Terlich. Thanks to the Anglicans who added some extra Christmas baubles.

Good support came from Rotary in the staging of the Holbrook Community Twilight Market on Friday 8 December. Vicki Schuur said The Business & Community Development Group would not have been able to hold the market without the cost of closing Holbrook's main street being defrayed. Rotary received a grant from Riverina Water to pay for the street closure. Many thanks to Riverina Water.

Greater Hume Shire helped with signage warning passing traffic that the main road would be closed from 5pm on Friday, saving the Community Development Group \$900.

Rotary's giant outdoor games such as chess were out and about, and the Riverina Hotel jumping castle added to the fun. Children from Holbrook Public and St Patrick's Primary School performed as well as a local choir group. Fooderies were open and 27 stalls enhanced the retail experience and entertainment.



*Admiring the decorative Christmas street-wreaths: Rotary President Scott Beattie and Vicki Schuur, president of the Holbrook Community & District Development Group.*



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Next deadline 9.00am

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Christmas



# Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Friday, 26 January 2024  
at Wymah Recreation Reserve, Wymah  
8 am for Breakfast, 9 am Official Ceremony commences.  
This is a FREE event.

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, Citizenship Ceremony, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
IN GREATER HUME

Shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent.

**Wymah community invite you to stay on for the family fun activities to be held after the Australia Day Ceremony:**

- Live Music
- Kids Entertainment
- Wymah Museum historical display
- Food and drinks available to purchase

***Our Ambassador***

**Will be announced in  
December.**

For more information please contact - Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Officer  
0448 099 536, [ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au).



Pic Geoff Coombes OAM, Ross and Helen Krause, Katie Fifield, Alison and Peter Campbell, Cr Tony Quinn, Aimee Riley, Maddison Wilson

## **2023 Greater Hume Australia Day**

**Joint Citizen's of the Year**  
Francis Fifield, Henty and Alison and  
Peter Campbell, Henty

**Young Citizen of the Year**  
Aimee Riley, Jindera

**Sports Person/Team of the Year**  
Henty Pennant Golf Team

**Sports Volunteer/s of the Year**  
Henty Cricket Club Grants Committee  
(Henry Kilo, Lochlan O'Brien, Charles  
Wilson and Saul O'Reilly)

**Community Event of the Year**  
Culcairn Street Party

## PLANT PICK PLATE

Christmas is quickly creeping up with many of us running around like headless chooks. For those who will be greeting family and friends I have 5 quick gardening tasks to present your garden at its best to welcome your visitors.

1. Mow the grass. If nothing else is done, a low, green lush lawn is extremely welcoming and refreshing.
2. Tip prune spent flowers on annuals and perennials leaving a healthy mass of green growth.
3. Move flowering and ornamental pots close to outdoor entertaining areas, within eye view for an added softening impact.
4. Mulch if you have time. This hides and disguises dry, bare soil and non-weeded areas of the garden thus creating a vision of order.
5. Display fruit on vines, trees and tomatoes by providing support for the branches as the fruit enlarges giving the plant a vigorous, healthy appearance and creating a conversation piece.

Christmas and the holiday season can be challenging at times. My yoga tutor's mantra is **Breathe.....and smile.**

May everyone have a safe and joyous holiday season and enjoy time in your garden no matter how big or small it is.



**What did one  
Christmas tree say  
to another?**  
Lighten up!

woman's day

### CHRISTMAS SEAFOOD RAFFLE

(Courtesy bus available)  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 7pm

### RESTAURANT

Restaurant bookings essential.  
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### PIZZA BAR

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### END OF MONTH RAFFLE

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

Christmas Eve - 10am - 5pm  
Christmas Day & Boxing Day - Closed  
December 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - Open from 10am  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10am - 5pm

We wish all our members  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
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## HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM

Guests visiting over Christmas? Why not show them how Holbrook got its name and check out for yourself some of the new displays such as a four week rotating menu to show what the submariners ate!

Also find out more about Crossing the Line Ceremonies and when the submarine qualification badge came into being.

Remember the museum is now open seven days a week.



## PROBUS

Holbrook Probus finished 2023 with a fantastic Christmas Party at the RS Club on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Children from St Patrick's School entertained us with a medley of Christmas songs sung and played on ukuleles. A special item was performed by Year 1 students. Lachie Cossor then sang some great evergreen country songs. Jill Winnett recited some of her excellent poems also. Thank you to the teachers, Lachie and Jill. We thoroughly enjoyed it all.

A delicious roast lunch with all the trimmings followed. It was a lovely way to end our year.

**Our first meeting for 2024 is at 11:00am at the RS Club on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>.**



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Newsletter

**This is the final issue of Holbrook Happenings for 2023.  
The first edition in 2024 will be distributed on 24/01/2024.**

Do you have any news about family celebrations or achievements that you would like to share?

The Holbrook Happenings could be the place to do this. Just send us a photo and some information about your news or special day and we will aim to include your news.

A reminder that all articles and advertising are due by 9am on the **FRIDAY prior to distribution**, for inclusion in the Holbrook Happenings.

If you would like to place an advertisement then please take note of the advertising rates and sizes (shown on page 2). **Advertising will not proceed unless a booking form has been returned.**

To obtain a booking form, either download it from your reminder email or contact holbrookhappenings@gmail.com. Contact us to add your email address to our reminder emails list.

Newsletter

## HOLBROOK LANDCARE

### Great Southern Bioblitz 2023 - Love your Creek!

What an enormous weekend! The HLN Bioblitz team (Peter, Kylie and Jo) spent Friday to Monday blitzing the Upper Billabong.

We had 13 people join the Greater Hume project and 9 in the Upper Murray. The theme of the Greater Hume bioblitz was "Love your Creek" and we also asked people to join the longer term 'Refreshing Rivers Upper Billabong' iNaturalist project so we can share our observations in the catchment and build a great database of the plants, animals and other organisms that live here.

We blitzed the Ten Mile Creek at the Ian Geddes Bush Reserve with the local schools – we even found a squirrel glider in one of the nest boxes!



The St Pats kids pulled a carp gudgeon out of the creek – great to see this small native fish still surviving.

**Farm-Scale Natural Capital Accounting Field Day:** Woomargama Station hosted the LaTrobe

University group who are working on a Farm Scale Natural Capital Account framework to allow farm businesses to document their environmental performance and track it over time.

As we all know supply chains are beginning to ask the questions as environmental benchmarking, especially emissions profiles, are becoming reportable up the chain. Getting a good way of collecting and tracking information is becoming more and more important.

An account on its own is interesting, but the real value will be in being able to show either maintenance of values or improvement over time. Another standout for me was the statistic that across the whole project (50 farms Vic/NSW), they consistently found 70% of the expected bird species for the area in the surveys – this shows just how valuable farm landscapes are. Conservation cannot just be about national parks.

LaTrobe University is having a results **webinar to go through the project learnings on December 15<sup>th</sup> (1.00-4.00pm)** and anyone is welcome to join. [https://latrobe.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4ILrVOSSSReaQ-EO-HHskw#/registration](https://latrobe.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ILrVOSSSReaQ-EO-HHskw#/registration)



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## ANGLICAN NEWS

We held a thank you lunch for all our dedicated Opp Shop volunteers on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Without these wonderful people the shop could never look so good. There have been many comments heard from both locals and travellers to the effect that this would be one of the best they have seen. We would also like to thank those people who so generously donate their goods. You are a true blessing to our Church.

The **inter church Council Carols on the Green** will be held **behind the Anglican Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. We have Rotary doing the BBQ at 6pm with the **carols starting at about 7pm**. Holbrook Public School will be doing a couple of songs, and carols to sing. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of wet weather, we will be using the Anglican Church Hall.

The new year will see some new programmes starting. The main one is that we are starting a Mainly Music program for preschool aged children and their carers, starting in the first term of 2024. Mainly Music is a weekly session during school terms, that is full of songs and rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage both children

and their carers. Each week has a structured 30 minute music session, followed by 30-60 minutes of eat/play/chat. Snacks and refreshments will be served, followed by a time of unstructured play. It's a great opportunity for parents and carers to connect with others.

**Keep an eye on our Facebook page and look up our website.**

Don't forget our Christmas services:

**St. Paul's Holbrook:**

**24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9.30am Communion Service**

**24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 7.00pm Casual Family Service**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am Communion Service**

**St. Mark's Woomargama:**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am Communion Service**

**Chalmer's Church Cookardinia:**

**24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 5.00pm Communion Service**

We wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas.

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**Saturday 23rd December 8am - 6pm**

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## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

**Pray:** Wishing you all Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this Advent season.



**Live:** This time of the year is always so special for the staff and students of St Patrick's School as we spread joy throughout our community for Christmas by singing and performing. Once again this year we have had the honour to perform at the Probus Christmas Lunch, Meals on Wheels Christmas Lunch, the Holbrook Twilight Markets, and the UPA. This year we also put together a Christmas Concert for our families to showcase our learning throughout the semester, share the Nativity story and of course sing Christmas Carols. We were so lucky to welcome 25 children from Greater Hume Children's Services and their educators.

**Learn:** The momentum for learning continues right through to the last day of the school year for St Patrick's students. Keeping the routine of the school day sprinkled with some festive fun maintains strong engagement for our students. This year we will once again celebrate the school year with our Thanksgiving Mass, Presentation Assembly and a pool party which may just be crashed by a special visitor!

Thank you to the community for your ongoing support and well wishes. We trust you enjoy a safe

and Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing the new and exciting happenings with you next year.

May God's blessings be with you during the holy season of Advent.

*Melanie Dusterhoft Mavrick, Principal*

## WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM

On 28<sup>th</sup> November we were pleased to host a group of coach travellers for a luncheon at the museum. This group was from Sydney and enjoyed the lovely setting on our front verandah. One of the travellers remarked on the number of delightful birds that we have in our museum's grounds, something we take for granted.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December with the winners being 1<sup>st</sup> John Goldsmith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graeme Joyce and 3<sup>rd</sup> Barb Hamilton. Thank you to the community for supporting our museum.

We will be open over the Christmas/New Year period and would love for you to bring your visiting family and friends to visit our museum. We will be closed for the usual public holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and as usual every Monday and Tuesday.



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## HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

As we enter the last week of the academic year, we are pleased to bring you updates on the happenings within our school community.

**Colour Run Fundraiser:** HPS was full of colour and excitement for our K-6 Colour. Students and families came together for lively activity, fun, and fundraising. This joyful event was a tremendous end-of-year celebration for our students and contributed substantially to our school. The funds raised during the Colour Run will be directed towards acquiring a portable PA system. This system will significantly enhance our ability to conduct outdoor events, ensuring that the entire school community can actively participate in and enjoy these occasions.

Our **Presentation Night** was a great success, allowing us to come together and celebrate our students' achievements and the dedication of our exceptional staff. It was a time to reflect on the year's accomplishments, acknowledge the hard work and commitment that have defined our school community, farewell our Year 6 students and introduce our new school leaders. Captain: Will Finlay, Vice-Captain: Lachlan Saunders, Prefects: Asher Kenney & Jonty Ingle.

**Planning for 2024:** Looking ahead to the 2024 school year, we are excited to announce that we will accommodate seven classes. This strategic decision reflects our commitment to maintaining an optimal student-to-teacher ratio, facilitating personalised learning experiences for all our students. We look forward to the positive impact this will have on our students' educational journey.

**Holiday Works:** Over the holiday break, several important infrastructure projects will be undertaken. These include the installation of a car park fence, carpeting for the remaining classrooms and library spaces, new computer desks, and adding a security light for the car park gate.

This week, we will celebrate the **Year 6 Graduation**. This momentous occasion marks the transition of our graduating students, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements and wishing them well on their continued educational journey. The staff at Holbrook Public School wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



*What did  
the salt say to  
the pepper on  
Christmas?*

*Seasonings  
greetings.*





## HOLBROOK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Last week at the centre we had our Christmas party at the Ten Mile Creek Gardens. A Big THANK YOU to all our families that came to our Christmas party. It was a great turn out and we received lots of positive feedback. Big shout out and thank you to the IGA for the donations and to the amazing Santa (Matt Toll) and his driver (Dan Melbourne). It is great to have this community support. Big thank you to Nick for cooking the sausages. And thank you to the families that made share platters - they were delicious.



On behalf of myself and the team we would like to thank all the families for your support throughout this year and wish everyone a safe and very merry Christmas. See you all in 2024.

*Kimberly Jeffries, Centre Director,  
Greater Hume Children Services, Holbrook*



## CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKETS

It was fantastic to see how many people and stallholders had turned out for Holbrook's Christmas Twilight Markets. Unfortunately a sudden, and rather intense, storm created a bit of a scramble to pack up goods and marquees.

In spite of the downpour a number of people still stayed on into the evening, shopping, socialising and catching up over a coffee or dinner.

The support of the Holbrook Community & Business Group, Holbrook Rotary and Greater Hume Council enabled the event to take place and the support of local businesses, stallholders and members of the public will ensure that it continues. So "thank you" to everyone who was involved.





## RS CLUB BOWLS

**Twilight Bowls:** The 4-week comp. has concluded and extracted some promising bowlers. A few established sides need to practice over summer to be competitive in February 2024. No names will be mentioned!!!!

Thank you to all teams that participated. We hope you had a laugh, enjoyed bowling and the event. With Gavin Duckworth Jones system in place a few sides were found out and the results are as follows:

**Div 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Dags 61¾, R/up Black Balls 58½.

**Div 2:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Lampro 45½, R/up Odd Bods 43¾.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: Holbrook Butchery, Motor Village, Australia Post & Holbrook Pharmacy.** The sponsors make these events a success. Please support local business.

Thanks also go to Gavin Jones & Gail Geddes for getting the teams on the green. Thanks, also, to Ian Papa Guiseppe for his pizzas after the games. Brilliant as usual, Also thanks to Rowan, Scott for the greens and the RS Club and Staff for keeping us refreshed. Pencil in February and we will do it all again.

**Trevor Craig Tournament:** Our annual tournament was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of November with teams travelling from far and wide. Unfortunately, we were a few teams short, and the Bowls Club would like to thank the local sides that made up numbers which made the tournament a success. Thanks must go to Gavin and his team for conducting the event, which was outstanding considering the weather conditions. We also would like to thank the RS Club for the catering and refreshments, Rowan, and Scott for the greens in trying conditions, the raffle sellers, the chefs and assistants for the egg and bacon rolls and of course Wolfy and Pam for the scoreboard updates and morning teas.

A high standard of bowling was played over the 2 days, and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

Of course, a huge thank you to all our very generous SPONSORS: Tom Last Elders Insurance, Darryl Casey Enterprises, J R Lieschke, Jolly Swagman Motel, GR Mulloy Fencing, Gammage Transport, Bounce Physiotherapy, Hibberson's Buses, Holbrook Motor Village, Holbrook Bakery, Churchill Transport P/L, Riverina Hotel, Rollers Australia, RS Club, Lloyd Refrigeration & Air Con, BCIB Insurance, Ross Morton, Holbrook IGA,

**Holbrook Butchery, Holbrook Paddock Eggs, and Holbrook Hotel.** The contribution from these businesses enables the Club to conduct events successfully. Thank you again.

**Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> N. O'Brien, B. Hart, R. McGuire Wagga  
2<sup>nd</sup> D. Lawson, B. Barber, T. Hensel Culcairn,  
3<sup>rd</sup> N. Hibberson, B. Ellwood, C. Heather Holbrook,  
4<sup>th</sup> P. Wornes, J. Lee, P. Forck Composite  
5<sup>th</sup> K. Maher, G. Walsh, G Harrison, Henty  
6<sup>th</sup> M. Tait, G. Wake, B. Mahlo Composite.

Congratulations to all the winners.

**The Club held the Ladies regional playoffs with some outstanding results. Singles winner Jo. Merkel. Pairs winners Pam Kaletta & Judy Smith. Triples winners Marlene Thurling, Judy Smith & Jo Merkel.**

Congratulation girls, that is a magnificent effort. The ladies now go to Dubbo to play in the State events. Good luck.

Don't forget, men, to enter the A grade singles.

**Ham Day on 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am start. Open to all bowlers**

This is last edition for 2023 so on behalf of the President and committee we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a safe New Year Happy bowling, watch your bias over Xmas... *Kui*

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## FISCHER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Fischer Community Leadership Program (FCLP) will be running in Greater Hume Council in 2024, with the program to be delivered twice over the year. The first delivery of the program will run as a new, two-day immersive workshop on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Culcairn.

The program aims to enable and empower leadership within the community from the grassroots up. The focus is to develop leadership skills and create a group of community leaders that are equipped to take action and make a difference. Participation is open to all residents within Greater Hume, and the program is a wonderful opportunity to grow relationships across townships.

The immersive format will be hands-on, experiential, and focus on practical learning. Participants will be introduced to the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed for community leadership, as well as the requirements of a community project.

It is best suited to those who are:

- Interested in making a difference in their community.
- Current or emerging community leaders, including: captains, coaches and other sporting leaders, Local committee leaders, Emergency services volunteers, People wanting to make a difference in their community.

In addition to the two full day workshop, a further 4-hour session will be delivered in person, and 2 x 1 hour sessions will be delivered by Zoom, providing mentoring and guidance. Participants are also encouraged to come together for a local dinner after the first program day, to build relationships and strengthen their networks.

The program is delivered by Alpine Valleys Community Leadership in partnership with Federation and Greater Hume Councils, auspiced by the Border Trust, and made possible by the grant funding from the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5. Through this funding, the participation cost is \$60.

Further information and applications can be made via:

<https://avclp.org.au/fischer-community-leadership-program/>

For more information contact **Mary Hoodless**, Program Coordinator, 0428 104 482 [fischercommunityleadership@gmail.com/](mailto:fischercommunityleadership@gmail.com/)



The Rotary Club of Holbrook is inviting residents to try out their hand at poker and enjoy a day out on the road during a fundraiser this Australia Day. The Holbrook Rotary will host its annual summer Poker Run from 8 a.m. Both motorcycles and cars are welcome. The first stop and second card draw will be at The Hub at the lovely Jingellic showground with morning tea put on by The Hub committee and lamingtons. We continue back along the Jingellic-Tumbarumba Rd, past Lake Mannus, Tumbarumba, Laurel Hill and an Aussie BBQ lunch at the Batlow Hotel.

Onwards to Wondalga & Broadleaf Park Rd through the hills, 4<sup>th</sup> card draw, “Sao” bickies at Rosewood Sports Club then on to the Holbrook RS Club for the final card draw with the winners losers and raffle/prize draw for the day.

For the Poker Run, participants will visit each venue, draw a card, and record it. At the end of the event, the participant with the best, second best and worst “poker hand” will win a prize. Tickets are \$25 a rider or \$50 per family, if pre booked through Trybooking, and \$35 per person or \$65 per family if entering on the day. This price includes light appetizers. To add an extra card to a hand, at the last stop only, is \$20.

All proceeds will go toward funding Holbrook Rotary programs and projects. “It is just a really enjoyable event that gets people outside, supporting local restaurants and supporting the community,” said Debbie, a local and one of the event organizers. “It’s really entertaining to visit all of those spots.” “The poker run brings out a whole different dynamic for the Holbrook Rotary and touches a different group of people. Anyone can participate in the poker run; it will be a great day out that will also support a good cause. The poker run is a family friendly event, with cars more than welcome.

Tickets are available before the event at Trybooking. You can also enter on the day.

For all enquiries, please contact Murray on 0429 992 636.



## LITTLE BILLABONG-HOLBROOK CWA BRANCH NEWS

Our branch has had a very busy time during springtime. Our AGM was held in early October and we thank our members for filling all the positions. Karin Seamon and Cynthia Maher joined us on the day and, Jo Gammage has become a member since. Welcome ladies- we hope you enjoy your time with us at CWA.

Six members attended the Murray Group AGM where Elaine Strong was re-elected as Group President, and Susan Williams, our branch secretary is now Assistant Group Secretary, to take over the position next October. Congratulations to both- we are well represented at Group. Murray Group has gained three new branches. Sturt Group to the west of us has disbanded, and we have gained over 50 more members from the Finley, Berrigan and Jerilderie branches and we now have 11 branches- with some very friendly ladies.

We joined other Murray Group members in early November for a lovely Cultural day in Corryong. Morning tea was enjoyed at the Community Bakery, we then visited Tom (he grew up in Holbrook) and Thea Newton at their Tandara Gardens, lunched with Wendy Prior (a Holbrook girl!) at the 'Bottom Pub' and some visited the shops and museum before going home. Our cultural days are a great time to get to know each other – outside of our meetings!

We held our final 2023 meeting last week at the home of Gail Geddes. It was followed by a scrumptious High Tea which we all enjoyed- we do have some talented cooks amongst us!!! A couple of members were quite displeased that the extra special items they tried to make- ended up in the bin! No names will be mentioned!!

The next morning we catered morning tea for about 170 staff of the GHSC at



*Gail Geddes, Susan Williams and Kate Locke preparing our High Tea.*

the Sporting Complex. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the individual plates to the staff.

Looking forward to 2024: Our next Group meeting is the Group Council in Rosewood in early March, which will be followed the next week by the Handicraft/Cookery day in Gerogery. We are now making **4 special spectacle cases** for this day. A lot of other handicrafts are also being prepared- and we are encouraging all our cooks to enter as well. Our CWA branch wishes everyone **Happy and Holy Christmas**, and we hope that 2024 is wonderful for you and your family and friends. We will continue to serve our community whenever we are needed.

*Elaine Strong, Publicity Officer.*



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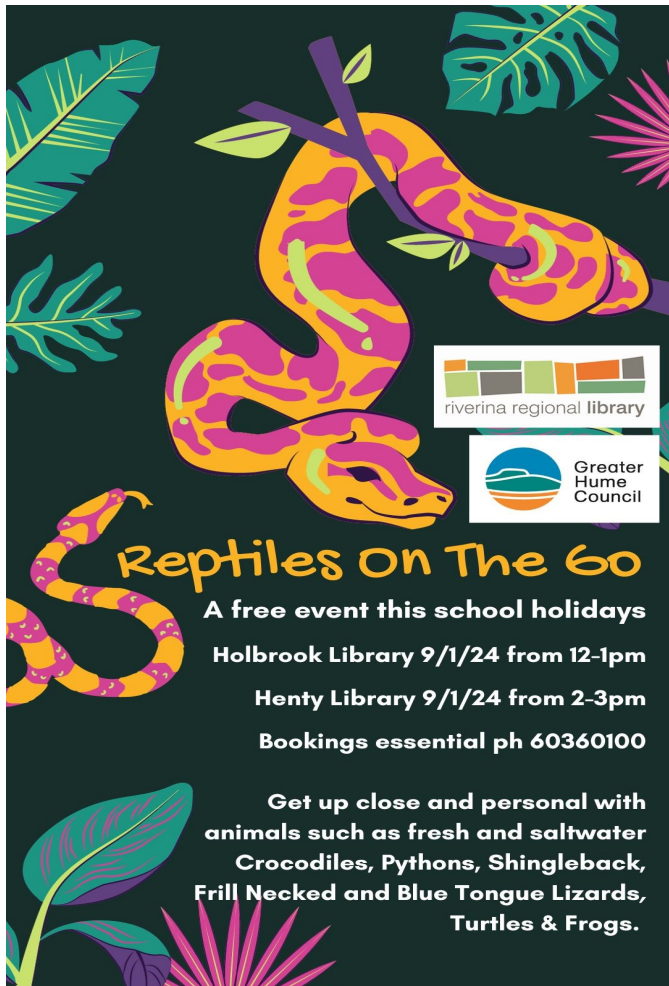
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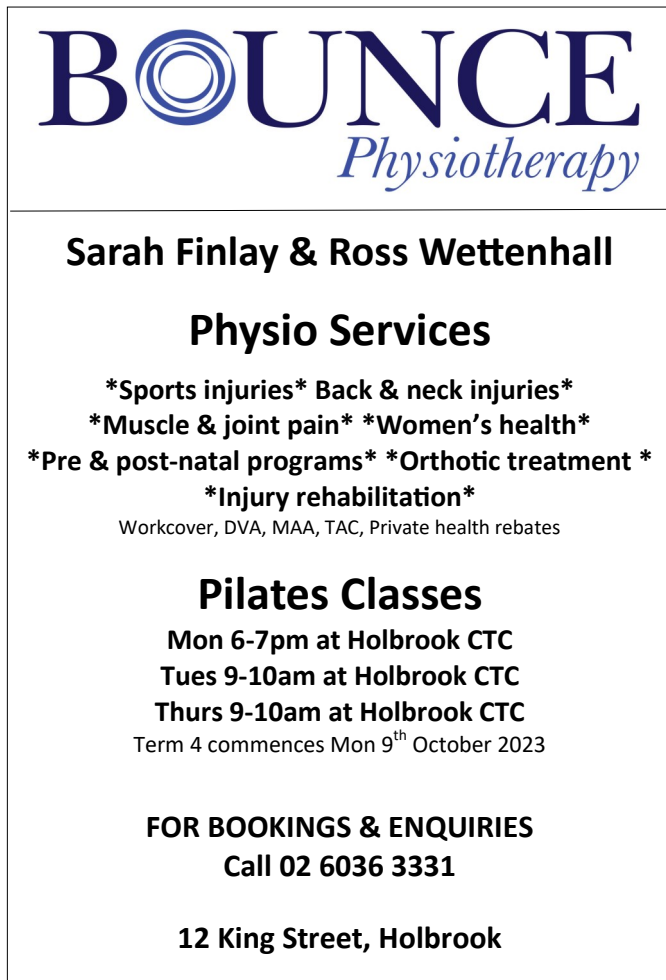
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## HOLBROOK ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2023

In September, The Holbrook Rotary Club presented an information evening to promote Rotary Youth Enrichment and Leadership opportunities.



Guest Speaker, District 9790 Youth Chair Nathan Stuart, talked about his journey engaging in Rotary Youth programs and his participation in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) which led him to become a member of Rotary and his ongoing interest in Enrichment of Youth to reach their full potential. Before moving to Albury last year, he was an active Rotaract member. Now member of The Rotary Club of Albury Hume – he is the facilitator of the local RYPEN – Rotary Youth Enrichment Program. He also leads 18 – 30 y/o recipients of RYPEN Rotary Youth Leadership awards at their yearly 1 week camp held in November – this program literally changes a young person's life – encouraging self-awareness, motivation and team building.

We were joined on the evening by locals, Maddie and Audrey Lieschke – who this year participated in the short term Rotary Youth exchange program, as well as Phillipe from Milan Italy, currently hosted for a 1 year exchange by RC Albury North. All spoke about their experiences, and how it has enriched them, and created opportunities.

If you are interested in the opportunities Rotary presents for youth, please contact our Youth Chair Belinda Izzard. You can find us on Facebook: **The Rotary Club of Holbrook Australia**

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Young people are invited to take up the challenge of living and working on a sailing ship for a few days scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Students, apprentices, youths between the ages of 15 and 18 are invited to apply on-line to the Rotary District 9790 Youth Sailing Challenge at the cost of \$1,300. Successful applicants will leave Docklands Melbourne and return to Docklands on The Endeavour tall ship. Rotarian Milt Golenberg said Holbrook Rotary Club had organized three young people from Holbrook and Walla Walla to attend the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge during the past year. There will be limited space on board the tall ships in 2024 – only enough room for nine students, he said.

Speaking at last September's Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar were Oscar Preston and Tadj Scholz, who in May, were lucky enough to be a part of the Crew on a Rotary Tall Ship Challenge.



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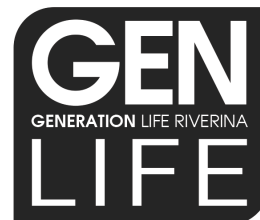


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### December 2023

- Fri 15 **Little Billabong Hall Christmas Party**  
 Sat 16 Tennis Christmas/Harvest Break begins  
**Woomargama Christmas Party 4.00pm**  
 Sun 17 St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am  
**Carols by Candlelight from 6.00pm -**  
**behind the Anglican Hall**  
 Mon 18 9am Community Garden helpers meet  
 Fri 22 **OMNI Group meet 10am @ RS Club**  
 Sun 24 Christmas Eve  
 Mon 25 **Christmas Day**  
 Sun 31 Closing date for Holbrook Citizen of the  
 Year nominations

### January 2024

- Sun 7 **Men's Singles Bowls commences**  
 Tue 9 "Reptiles on the Go" 12-1pm @ Holbrook  
 Library  
 Thu 11 **Berragoon ASH Stud Incentives Comp**  
 Fri 12 Berragoon ASH Stud Incentives Comp  
 Sat 13 **Berragoon ASH Stud Comp. & Sale**  
 Sun 14 Berragoon ASH Stud Sale  
**St Paul's Anglican Church service 9.30am**  
 Fri 19 Setup day for "Holbrook Happenings"  
 Sat 20 **Tennis competition resumes**  
 Fri 26 Australia Day  
**Rotary Club Poker Run**  
 Tue 30 Probus 11am @ RS Club

### February 2024

- Sat 17 **Combined Clubs (Cricket/Adult Riding &  
 Tennis) Trivia Night**  
 Tue 20 Bus & Community Development Grp  
 meeting 6.30pm

### March 2024

- Fri 1 **World Day of Prayer - Anglican Church**  
 Sat 2 Festival By The Sub  
 Sun 10 **Holbrook Triathlon**  
 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 @**  
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 Thu 25 **ANZAC Day**

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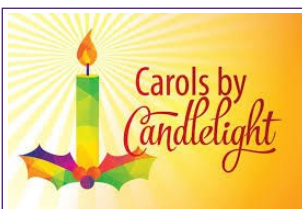
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