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PROBUS NEWS

Nineteen members and friends enjoyed a delicious roast lunch at the RS Club on Tuesday.

We read silly jokes, exchanged little gifts and had some lucky door prizes. Great fun! Children from St Patrick's entertained us with a delightful version of "Wind in the Willows", complete with catchy songs and narrative. This was really special and we loved it! Sadly, we didn't have Jill Winnett & her wonderful poems this year. Jill was unwell. Speedy recovery Jill!

Many thanks to the staff for the great service, delightful decorations and fabulous meal. Thank you to the Club for allowing us to use it as a venue for our 2024 meetings. Much appreciated.

We will return in 2025. Our first meeting will be Tuesday 28th January, 11:00am at the RS Club. See you then. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and a happy, healthy New Year.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT AT THE HOLBROOK LIBRARY

Every Monday through to Friday for the month of December, you will be able to create a beautiful Christmas craft item at the Holbrook Library. Come in and see the helpful staff 8.30am -5.00pm.



Advent marks the start of the Christian year. The first day of Advent is known as Advent Sunday. Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas, beginning on the Sunday nearest to November 30.

Each week of Advent emphasizes themes such as **hope, peace, joy, and love**, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival."



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The residents at Holbrook Village have been very busy this month with an Aussie show full of singing and bush poetry by Dinkum Oz Entertainment's Geoffrey Graham. They also enjoyed exploring their creative side with a paint and sip session with a Christmas twist run by the talented Mikayla Heir, a unique Remembrance Day service run by Herb Simpfendorfer, not to mention a bit of retail therapy with a pop-up shop kindly supplied by our local newsagency, "Holbrook News and Gifts"

The staff and residents would like to take this opportunity to thank all the amazing community members and dedicated volunteers that make these opportunities possible.

If you have spare time, and feel like you would like to make a difference in someone's day, we would love to hear from you. Contact our friendly staff at Holbrook UPA on 6036 2817.

HOLBROOK MEN'S SHED

Hello readers,

The Men's Shed has been quite busy this year with Christmas just around the corner - building rustic reindeer & Christmas trees. We still have a few if anyone would like one (ph: 0419 012 743).

We have a couple of new members and are also doing a range of jobs. We're still selling kindling, are making chook boxes, have repaired a bench seat, are planning on making Easter a blast with rabbits, just to mention a few things.

If you have a small job, just drop in or ring to see if we can help out.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support this year. We will be closed from 19 December through until 15 January.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Wherever life takes us all, be safe. From your local Men's Shed in Millswood Rd (the cream coloured shed). Drop in for a catch-up on a Wednesday or Thursday 8am until 12 noon.

The men's shed movement **originated in Australia**. One of the precursors of the movement began in the 1980s in Broken Hill, New South Wales, involving former miners. Another was the Albury Manual Activities Centre, also known as "Albury Men's Shed" which opened in 1978.



WHAT'S ON AT HOLBROOK RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

RESTAURANT OPEN 7 DAYS

Lunch - 12.00pm

Dinner - 5.30pm

Daily specials

SAVE THE DATES Christmas Raffles:

Ham Raffle

Saturday 14th December at 7.00pm

Seafood Raffle

Monday 23rd December at 7.00pm



Thinking about Christmas
functions??

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early to avoid disappointment.

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HOLBROOK LANDCARE

Farm Water Audit Recordings and Resources:

Over the last few weeks Jess has been busy delivering our Farm Water Audit Lunch Litre series and this week we wrapped up the last of our webinars capping it off with estimating losses in farm dams and calculating how long water will last.

This final webinar demonstrates how we bring together our understanding of our farm's water requirements during dry periods and what our most reliable water sources and storages are to ultimately how long water will last in our system under those conditions. We've said it before and we will say it again... Conducting your farm water audit can take as much, or less of your time as you want it to but it is an incredibly valuable resource to give you a whole farm perspective of your farm water situation. In this week's session Jess introduced a Farm Water Management Plan. A document which allows you to incorporate your drought strategy with your farm water audit and efficiently analyse the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for your farm's water situation.

Folks who have been following along with our

example scenario during our webinar series would know that through this process we were able to recognise that 1 of our 3

most reliable dams during the summer period was lost in the system due to evaporation and seepage losses alone, and ultimately we would only have 14 days of water for summer. While that's a hard pill to swallow, it can be a harsh reality in many practical circumstances.

The positive is that knowing your drought strategy, whether you will sell, feed or agist, what your farm's water requirements are for summer, knowing your available water storage, actual volume and conducting an audit is a proactive step you can take and then utilise to prioritise your investment for increasing water security on-farm.

The other good news is that recordings of all of our Lunch Litres can be found on the Holbrook Landcare Network YouTube and supporting resources on our website!



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PLANT PICK PLATE

Gardeners are increasingly seeking a low cost, low maintenance garden



which can be achieved by planting easy care plants and a great deal of patience as the garden grows and develops. There is no room for a "must have now" thinking in this gardening project. To start with define the planting areas then the grassed, paved or gravel regions of the garden can be established later.

One of the must have plants are annual self-seeders that provide flowering colour then drop their seeds for next years growth. These include the magnificent displays of the orange Nasturtium, the Poppy in vibrant red, orange, pink, white or mauve cupped flowers, the delicate blooms of the Japanese Windflower and the smaller, but equally brilliant blue or white Cornflower.

Another, are plants with strappy leaves and clumping perennials which multiply in no time at all giving structure to the garden. Dietes with its tall Iris like flowers, the New Zealand Flax and the burgundy coloured leaves of the Cordyline together with Agapanthus are great backdrops. When paired with African Daisies, Gazanias, Brachycome, Marygolds or any of the daisy family in the foreground, that garden bed is complete.

Then there are always the ground covers to consider that meander through the garden. Succulents are a great choice due to their low water requirements and an array of coloured foliage. Chalksticks, Pigface, Lambs ear and Mesembryanthemum will creep gently to fill spaces and complement the fragrant Lavender and Rosemary Jew or Bugle as ground covers which are best suited to large gardens.

If you look around, you will be able to beg, steal or borrow seeds, clumps and cuttings from fellow gardeners for an immediate and low cost start to your garden. **Passionate Gardener, June.**

The modern words "garden" and "yard" are **descendants of the Old English "geard", which denotes a fence or enclosure.** After the emergence of the first civilizations, wealthy citizens began creating gardens for purely aesthetic purposes.

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Monday:
5:30pm (all levels)

Wednesday:
6am (all levels)
5:30pm (Beginner/Intermediate)
6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced)

Friday:
7:30am (all levels)
9am Mums and Bubs

FREE GARDEN MULCH

Help conserve your soil moisture and protect your plants during the summer months.

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With 82 entries, competitors and their horses are making the journey from WA, SA, Tasmania, VIC, NSW, QLD to compete along with an international carriage driver from the Netherlands. At the higher levels they will be battling it out for the prestigious "Prince Philip, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh Perpetual Memorial Trophy", for other competitors there are the Dominiak & Carbery Carriages Trophy and the top Teams Trophy.

The event was designed to be the carriage driving equivalent of ridden eventing except that the horses are pulling a carriage and being driven by a competitor. It involves 3 phases, the first phase, the Dressage, is performed in an enclosed arena of 100m x 40m. The drivers complete a set of movements in that arena and are judged on their accuracy, the horse's obedience and willingness and their presentation.

Phase 2, Cones, follows the dressage. This is where the horses are driven through multiple of pairs of cones which have a ball placed top of each cone. The cones are set only cms wider than the carriage wheels so that drivers must drive accurately but also must drive quick enough not to incur time penalties.

Penalties are also given if balls are knocked from the cones.

The third phase, Marathon, is held on Sunday. This is driven over several kilometres whilst drivers have to manoeuvre and negotiate obstacles on course, with their horses or ponies. These obstacles are placed in a row and all spectators will see the whole event from just one location whilst sitting under the shade of some beautiful big old Elm trees.

In addition, do your Christmas shopping at the same time by visiting the Battle Of The Border Marketplace, open over the three days. Feeling hungry, we offer food vendors selling delicious comfort food. Bring the whole family, sit under the huge trees and enjoy the spectacular, non-stop action, something everyone will enjoy. Bring a chair, your hat and sunscreen. See you here!!!



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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Greetings to the Holbrook Community

Pray: Advent



In the coming week we move into the Season of Advent. Advent is a profound season that invites us to enter a time of preparation and joyful expectation. It marks the beginning of the liturgical year, serving as a reminder of both the First Coming of Christ at Christmas and the anticipation of His Second Coming. This period encourages a spirit of waiting, conversion, and hope as believers reflect on the humble birth of Jesus.

During Advent, the Church emphasises the importance of recognising God's presence in our daily lives, urging us to cultivate a sense of watchfulness and readiness. May the season of Advent inspire us to renew our commitment to faith, love, and community.

Live: It was a delight to accompany our students as they were hosted by the Holbrook Probus Club. The children performed a "review" of our recent production "The Wind in the Willows". This brought back many fond memories to those present with "The Wind in the Willows" being a childhood favourite for many of those present. A big thank you to our students who loved the opportunity to visit these songs and to our staff, particularly Mr Carey, for all his preparatory work with the children. The Probus Club was the first of five engagements with community groups over the next few weeks.

Going forward our theme for these visits will be a combination of "The Wind in the Willows" favourites as well as some familiar Christmas Carols. We love this opportunity in bringing some Christmas joy to the wider Holbrook community.

Learn: Learning by doing is a most powerful strategy to enhance learning. In so many ways the

students of St Patrick's, Holbrook are certainly engaged in many ways in their learning.

Throughout their Canberra Excursion last week our senior students got to experience some great interactive learning. At Parliament House, the students participated in passing a bill in their own House of Representatives and at the Electoral Commission conducted their own election to help understand how our democracy works. The War Memorial experience where students were immersed in artefacts and from wars, allowed them to gain a greater understanding of the significance of the personal stories of our veterans and their families.

As our Christmas season quickly approaches, students are immersed in the meaning of Advent, even writing their own poems about its meaning. Technology provides a wonderful learning tool in our schools but also requires students to use such devices in a safe and appropriate manner. To enhance this, our Yr 4-6 students will next week participate in a cyber-safety workshop with other students from our region.

Outside of the classroom, water safety and confidence are a huge priority for our students who attend our local pool each week this term to enhance their skills in the water and become more confident themselves but also understand ways they can support others who might experience difficulty in the water.

Daniel Malone, Principal



HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Years 3-4 Howmans Gap excursion: On Thursday, 14 November, Years 3 and 4 students went to Howmans Gap on school camp. At Howmans Gap, we participated in archery, a high ropes course, a giant swing, and a challenge trail. At night, we participated in mini-Olympics and many other fun games. We challenged ourselves out of our comfort zone in all



activities, especially on the giant swing and the high ropes! We used great teamwork and encouragement at Howmans Gap during our activities. The food there was also great! We were so busy and always having fun at camp. The staff members there were very supportive and kind. Howmans Gap was a lovely place. Thank you, Mrs Purss-Semple, Mrs Liddell, Miss Minall and Miss McGown, for taking us and having fun with us! We all had the best time!

Annabelle, Bonnie & Claudia

Years 5-6 Canberra excursion: After much excitement and anticipation, Years 5 and 6 students attended their excursion to Canberra. The students had a fabulous time experiencing all Canberra had to offer. Below are some of our students' highlights:

Jonty—Questacon was my favourite place to visit! It had lots of science experiments and optical illusions. I also built a Lego bridge! My second favourite place was The Mint. I made my own coin

and saw the factory in operation! It was really fun! *Ben*—I really liked going to Parliament House. It was good because we saw what we learned in class in person. The Parliamentary role-play was the best!



Jimmy—I think the War Memorial was the best part of our trip! I think learning about all the stories that went along with the paintings, artefacts, and sculptures was really interesting.

Lach—My favourite place to visit was the Reptile Zoo! We learnt about snakes, lizards, and skinks. It was great because we got to touch them—even Miss Hemphill patted a crocodile! Our trip was especially fantastic because we had the best bus driver—Gav!



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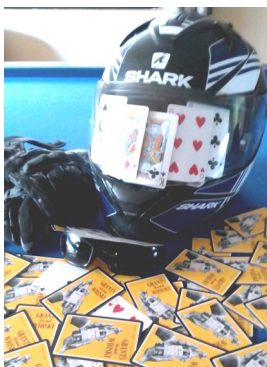
Save the date! The Holbrook Rotary Club Annual Australia Day Poker Run will be held on **Sunday 26th January 2025**, so make sure to mark your calendars and join us.

We will muster and depart from the Holbrook Swimming Pool, Jingellic Road.

Registration and the first card draw will begin at 8 a.m. Briefing for riders will begin at 9 a.m., and stands up at 9.10

The Hub, Jingellic Showgrounds, will be our first stop for morning tea. There is an opportunity to stop at a lookout during a scenic ride/drive up the Murray River. A lunch stop at Koetong Pub follows, after passing through the rebuilt village of Cudgewa. The afternoon will see us enjoy the twisties of Granya Gap, a ferry ride, and afternoon tea at Wymah Community Hall.

The final card draw will take place at the



Woomargama Hotel, with prizes awarded for the best and worst poker hands.

The Holbrook Rotary Club Poker Run is open to both cars and bikes, and families are encouraged to make a day of it. Holbrook's Highway 31 car club will make this part of their annual calendar.

The day is about enjoying a relaxing ride and drive with friends and family. Poker hands are entirely based on chance as you draw cards from a face down pack at each stop. As part of our celebration of Australia Day, we are serving lamb burgers, lamingtons, and Sao's.

For catering purposes, pre-entries on Trybooking are preferred. You can search for Holbrook Rotary Poker Run by typing the name into the search box. If purchased on Trybooking, the cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 17.

Alternatively, tickets can be purchased on the day for \$45 Adult and \$25 Under 17.

In addition to morning and afternoon smoko, card draws and raffle tickets at the end of the day are included in the price.

2025 FISCHER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – HOWLONG

Community members of Greater Hume & Federation Councils are again able to participate in the Fischer Community Leadership Program. The 2025 program will take place in Howlong, commencing in late February.

The program focuses on leadership fundamentals, building confidence, and strengthening core skills. Participants will connect with local leaders and guest speakers, and will be supported to develop, scope, and pitch their community-led project concepts.

The program is ideal for people aged 18 and over who are aspiring, emerging or current leaders, including sporting leaders, local committee members, and emergency services volunteers. All people are welcome, and we deeply value diversity of thought and experience.

Through funding, the cost to participate is only \$60. For more information, including session dates and to apply, visit <https://avclp.org.au/fischer-community-leadership-program/>

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HOLBROOK RS GOLF CLUB

The 2024 Golf season formally wrapped up last Sunday with our presentation day and AGM. Brooke and Simon won the 9 hole two person ambrose to start the day. We then had award presentations for those who had won major events throughout the season.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all golfers in general for your attendance throughout the year. The last presentation of the day was made to Phil Spokes who received Life Membership for his outstanding contributions to the club over many years. Thank you and congratulations Phil.

The presentations were then followed by our AGM where the committee members for the 2025 season were voted in and positions decided. Even though the formal season has concluded, our summer program of Mini-Pennant starts on the weekend of the 30th November. We will also have a team competing in the Hills Zone Pennant Competition

Dad's Army: 7 November Winner J. Maskus, 2nd A. Buchanan 3rd V. Derbridge. 14 November Winner V. Derbridge, 2nd M. Lowry, 3rd P. Spokes. 21 November Winner I. Wettenhall, 2nd J. Maskus, 3rd A. Buchanan. 28 November Winner I. Wettenhall, 2nd J. Maskus, 3rd P. Spokes.



TENNIS

The local tennis club Saturday Pennant is well underway with Sect 2 winning a few games but they need to keep winning to have a chance of late season finals. The team received a forfeit last Saturday against one of the top teams which helps its cause

Sect 3 made the trip to Pleasant Hills and summer weather was at its best. The P Hills ladies proved to be the difference on the court but the Brooker men did have some good sets before the home team ended up winning comfortably. It was good to see Steve Smith and Jess Winnett out on court.

The club will be having a BBQ after Saturday tennis on Saturday 7 December. Bring a salad for a nice social evening

Annual subs should be all paid up by now - if not - hurry up.

The first tennis balls were made of wool.

Tennis balls are now made of a combination of rubber and felt, but the first ones were made entirely of wool. They were heavy and didn't bounce as well as modern balls, making the game quite different from what we know today. It wasn't until the 1870s that the first rubber tennis balls were invented.

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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- Wed 4 **GHSC Aust. Day award nominations close**
Thu 5 Dementia Café Morning Tea 10am @
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Fri 6 **"Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving
Event @ Mullengandra**
Meals on Wheels Christmas Party
Lankey's Creek Happy Hour 6.30pm
Sat 7 **"Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving
Event @ Mullengandra**
**Grimwood's Morning Tea 10.30am @
Knox Church Hall**
Sun 8 **"Battle of the Border" Carriage Driving
Event @ Mullengandra**
Thu 12 **Holbrook Public School Presentation
Night 6.00pm**
Fri 13 OMNI
Sun 15 Woomargama Christmas Party
Mon 16 **Holbrook Hospital's Christmas Lights
Display 6.30-8pm**
Tue 17 Playgroup 10.00am @ Library Complex
Wed 18 **GHSC meeting—Holbrook**
Fri 20 Little Billabong Hall Christmas Party
Tue 31 **Nominations close for Holbrook Lions
Club Citizen of the Year**

January 2025

- Thu 9 Berragoon ASH Sale—Holb Equine Centre
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Sat 11 **Berragoon ASH Sale—Holb Equine Centre**
Sun 12 Berragoon ASH Sale—Holb Equine Centre
Mon 20 **Show Society meeting 6.30pm @ RS Club**
Fri 24 OMNI
Sun 26 **Australia Day**
Holbrook Rotary Club's Poker Run
Tue 28 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**

February 2025

- Sat 15 Commander Holbrook Cup Race meeting
Wed 19 **GHSC meeting—Culcairn**
Sat 22 Looong Lunch Fundraiser 11am—5pm
**Cricket, Tennis & Adult Riding Trivia/
Auction Night 7pm @ RS Club**

March 2025

- Sat 1 Festival by The Sub
Sun 16 **Holbrook Show**

April 2025

- Sat 12 Holbrook Working Cattle Dog Trials

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selling now:

Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings

Cakes: 1kg - \$16.00 / 1.5kg - \$20.00

Puddings: \$16.00



Available at
The Holbrook Pharmacy
or Lady Gail's Bookshop & Curios.



Nominations are invited for the 2025 Lions Club of Holbrook Citizen of the Year Award

Please send nominations to
P.O. Box 108 Holbrook 2644
by 31 December 2024



Quick - Joan Gladys

9/12/1938-24/10/2024

The family of the late Joan Quick would like to extend their thanks for the many kind messages and support we have received at this difficult time. Thank you to the Holbrook Hospital staff and particular thanks to the ICU doctors and staff at the Albury Base for their excellent care, compassion and kindness shown to Mum.

Holbrook Vet Centre are currently on the lookout for an afterschool Kennel hand.

The ideal candidate will be available 5 days a week from 4-5pm. The successful applicant will possess a strong work ethic and a can-do attitude.

The job involves but is not limited to;

General cleaning of the clinic/reception

Assisting to unpack orders/restocking shelves

Animal husbandry and kennel cleaning

Experience is advantageous but all applications will be considered.

Please call HVC on 02 6036 2374 for any enquiries, or email your resume through to reception@holbrookvetcentre.com.au



**Holbrook & District
Community Noticeboard**

**Community Radio Station
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**Holbrook Community Website
www.holbrook.nsw.au**



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Vecare Health – Caring for Our Community

**Welcome to Genlife Holbrook
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New to the area or looking for a church home?
We are pretty down to earth, love Jesus and we
care deeply for those who are doing it tough.

Our services are Bible based and Spirit filled
The kid's space is open and the
coffee is always on!

**81a Albury St Holbrook
Contact Ps Joe: 0412 174 709
generationliferiverina.com.au**

HOLBROOK HOSPITAL'S

Christmas

LIGHT DISPLAY

16TH DEC 2024

SANTA, FREE LOLLY BAGS, CANDY CANES, HOLIDAY
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