

# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS



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## WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM NEWS

**In Honour of Holbrook Volunteers:** Mr Justin Clancy (Albury) - "I would like to acknowledge the community of Holbrook and the wonderful volunteers whose efforts were instrumental in the refurbishment of the War Service Room at the Woolpack Inn Museum in Holbrook. It was an honour to attend the opening of the restored space – and an important tribute to our region's proud military heritage. The event provided an opportunity to recognise several Life Members, whose longstanding service and commitment have greatly enriched the Museum and our community. As William J. Murtagh said, "At its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation, with the present over a mutual concern for the future." I extend my thanks to the Museum members, Mayor Lea Parker, the Holbrook RSL Sub-Branch, its Life Members, and all the local volunteers. Thank you for making Holbrook a place where history is honoured, and the future is built with pride."

**NSW Government Community Partnership Grant:** The Museum received a grant of \$18,000 in August last year for roof repairs. The repairs have now been completed. We will be seeking additional funding to replace further sections of the roof and verandas.

After submitting an application to **Museum & Galleries NSW**, we are delighted to announce that we've been awarded a grant for the conservation

and display of one of our most unique items: **Peanut Dolls.**

These charming figures are not only a fascinating part of our collection, but they're also over **100 years old!** This grant will help ensure they are preserved and properly showcased for future

generations to admire.

We've been delighted to welcome the local preschool, introducing the pre-schoolers to the wonders of history. And we're excited to have another group who will be visiting in July! In May, the Museum was proud to host a **Rotary meeting**, where attendees had the opportunity to explore our newly refurbished **Military Room**. Guests were treated to a fascinating talk by our volunteers, followed by a delicious meal catered by the Museum—making for an enjoyable experience for all. Looking ahead, we will welcome the **Probus Club** for their June meeting, where they'll enjoy lunch catered for by the Museum.

**Sponsorship Appeal: Your Support Makes a Difference:** You may have recently received a letter from us asking for donations, and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who have already responded. Your generosity plays a crucial role in helping us preserve and enhance the Museum for future generations. If you're in a position to contribute, we would greatly appreciate your continued financial support. Over the past few years, the committee has made significant improvements to the Museum, but there is still much work to be done. With your help, we can continue these updates and ensure the Museum remains a vibrant and valuable resource for the community.



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## HOLBROOK LANDCARE

The major works for the weed control in the **Ian Geddes Bush Reserve** recently by Soil Conservation Service and their subcontractors. The few instream willows, box elder and privets were removed with the cut-and-paint method. The stems are cut and the stump poisoned (with frog-friendly Glyphosate). This leaves the root systems in place – very important on waterways because all vegetation has a role in bank stabilisation. The root ball will slowly die and give time for other things to take its place.

The trees that had fallen in over the past couple of years were assessed for risk. Large woody debris in a stream is a GOOD thing, but in this situation it was thought that realigning the timber along the bank would reduce the risk of future flood debris catching and causing erosion and damage to the downstream bridge. Large woody debris in the stream bed can actually aid stability over time and create habitat for fish and other aquatic animals, so the fact it is now in the bed is a good thing, even if it moves a little bit. We look forward to some flow returning to the creek and some more planting of the banks and aquatic species.

The next jobs are to tackle the ivy & blackberries, and keep on top of the seedling weed trees. We hope to organise another Working Bee soon.

A couple of Squirrel Gliders were spotted in the reserve during works and there are more nest boxes on the way for them to be put up this week. The bat boxes in the reserve are favoured by the Squirrel Gliders as the others put up by Transport NSW back in 2017 have larger holes and are all occupied by Brush Tailed Possums. The only trees removed were exotic trees, but we think the removal of the privets in one section might have scared them out of a hole.

The Refreshing Rivers initiative is a 10-year project of Local Land Services, in collaboration with Holbrook Landcare, and is focused on improving the health of waterways and surrounding habitats for some of our iconic species like the Southern Pygmy Perch.

**Hume Freeway Soil Testing:** A couple of weeks ago, Steph and Nick were back soil testing along the edge of the Hume Freeway in Albury.

This time last year they tested the soil in several failed revegetation sites along the freeway and provided recommendations to remediate.

Late last year a 'trial area' was treated and ripped and we were engaged this time around to see how things are progressing in the treated area. A penetrometer was used to measure compaction down to a depth of 1.5m, and they collected soil samples for chemical analysis down to a depth of 60cm.



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## HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Star Card Reward Day at Holbrook Public School (HPS):** As part of our rewards system students wore their PJ's to school to celebrate reaching our first goal on the star card bucket. It was a very fun day for students and teachers!

**HPS                      Athletics                      Carnival:**  
Congratulations to our HPS students for their sportsmanship and efforts at our annual 2025 Athletics Carnival! We held this carnival at the Les O'Brien Precinct on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. With many hands the day ran extremely smoothly. Along with spirits, participation across all events was high which was pleasing to see. Patterson was the overall winning house.

**Netball Knockout:** Our school netball team travelled to Burrumbuttock to compete against the Walbundrie Small Schools team. The girls worked well as a team but Walbundrie SS proved too strong on the day. Congratulations to the team for making it to the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the knockout.

**HPS Parents & Citizens Association:** Many thanks to the hard working P&C and its outgoing members. We welcome the following parents into the positions below:

**President:** Bec Cardile

**Vice Presidents:** Helen Geddes & Kate Hicks

**Secretary:** Erin Finlay

**Treasurer:** Mikaela Galvin

**HPS Debating:** This year Holbrook has two debate teams: Holbrook Golden and Holbrook Navy. Our team's first debate was against themselves which made it a great way to ease into the debating process which was new to some members of our team. The topic was 'That Yr5 and Yr6 kids should study a new language each term'. The adjudicator complimented our students on their excellent ideas and strong rebuttal statements, which made her job extremely difficult! In the end, there could be only one winner- [which was Holbrook Golden!](#)

**Chess Tournament:** Our school chess team played at Thurgoona Public School earlier in the term. It was a whole day of playing chess against many other schools from our area. This year we had one experienced team and two rookie teams. All team members showed great sportsmanship throughout the day and enjoyed the experience. A big shout out and thank you to Mr Tony Geddes who trained our teams and coached our students on the day. Thank you to the parents and carers for transporting the teams and being our mini cheer squad.





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Do you need to be Catholic to attend St Patrick's?

Not at all! The majority of students currently enrolled at St Patrick's are not Catholic. We welcome families from all faith backgrounds and those with no religious affiliation. Our focus is on providing a values-based education in a caring environment.

### What is the vision and mission of St Patrick's?

Our school was founded in 1877 by the Sisters of St Joseph, whose mission was to include all people and help others in need. This mission continues today with our students, who are always encouraged to act with kindness, compassion, and responsibility toward others. We are a welcoming community where we are respectful and inclusive of all, where we truly live our school motto: Pray, Live, and Learn.

### What are the school fees at St Patrick's?

We believe a quality education should be accessible. When school fees are spread over the year, it costs approximately **\$30 a week for one child**. Furthermore, discounts are applied for families with multiple children enrolled at our school.

### What is the class structure at St Patrick's?

Our Kindergarten students are in a class by themselves for English and Mathematics. This is the same for Year 1 and 2 who share the same curriculum and learning outcomes. Years 3 and 4 are the same as are Years 5 and 6. It is vital that during the key subjects of English and Maths, students are working with their cohort on the same curriculum. For all other subject areas, our Infants students come together as one class and Primary the other.

### Student-to-Teacher Ratio

St Patrick's has a generous staffing allocation that allows us to keep our student-to-teacher ratio low. This in turn leads to effective teaching and learning occurring in all of our classrooms.

### Ready to learn more about how your child can thrive at St Patrick's Primary School?

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## HOLBROOK WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM LIFE MEMBERSHIP CITATIONS (cont.)

**Hugh & Jeanette Reid:** Hugh and Jeanette joined the Woolpack Inn Museum in 2009 which was about the time they moved from Sydney to Holbrook.

Jeanette's passion for history and memorabilia was the main reason for their becoming members of the museum.

They both took on roles on the museum's management committee with Hugh elected to the position of President in 2013 following Arthur Larcombe's decline in health.

Jeanette loved her days on the roster when she could inspect and clean the many items on display. She is famous for the cakes she provided for catering events.

Hugh continued in the President's role until this year when he stood down due to Jeanette's health concerns.

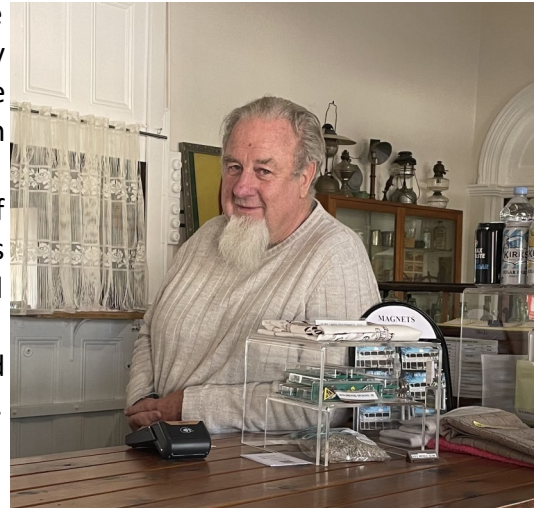
We thank them most sincerely for their contribution to our museum.

**John Lynch:** John was an attendee at the early meetings of the Holbrook Promotions Committee, the Research & Advisory Committee and the Woolpack Inn Management Committee that later merged to become the Holbrook Woolpack Inn Museum Company Ltd 1976.

After the launching of the company, John held the position of Treasurer for a period of 17 years from 1976 to 1993 and has continued on the museum's Management Committee until recently.

John has written several books on the history of Holbrook and has been the museum's historian/researcher for some years. His knowledge of Holbrook's history is amazing.

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## EXPERIENCE SOMETHING GREAT IN GREATER HUME THIS WINTER!

Winter has made a graceful entrance to Greater Hume. Fortunately, as the chilly weather invites us to rug up and stay indoors, the region offers a range of incredible indoor activities and adventures just waiting to be explored.

Greater Hume Mayor, Lea Parker is encouraging locals and visitors to explore the Greater Hume region this Winter by experiencing our history and heritage and warmth of our local hospitality.

Embrace the warmth and history waiting for you inside our captivating Museums. Take a journey through time as you dive into our past stories. Visit museums, which range from agricultural innovations and submarines to early Scottish and German pioneering history.

- The Station House Museum in Culcairn, is a tangible reminder of the great railway expansion of the last century with early railway memorabilia on display inside the original two-story brick building.

- A stop in Henty will take you to quite a few Museums. The Headlie Taylor Header Museum and Ed's Old Farm Machinery Museum will give you a great insight into the agricultural history of the area. Also in Henty, the Observer Printery Museum will take you back in time with a collection of printing memorabilia and so much more.

- **In Holbrook you can step back in time and experience the pioneering past in the Woolpack Inn Museum, as well as the stunning collection of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Australian Pottery at the National Museum of Australian Pottery. Don't forget to find out why there is a Submarine in the middle of a town 400kms away from the nearest ocean as you dive into the Submarine Museum.**

- The Jindera Pioneer Museum will give you a window into our German heritage and life on the land over 150 years ago. Spread over two acres of lovely grounds, with over 25 rooms and galleries, see the impressive collection of shop articles, furniture and household goods.

Beyond our history and heritage, Greater Hume's hospitality is also unmatched. It's the genuine warmth of the locals, the sense of community, and the pride in their service that make this region special. Whether you're a visitor or a

longtime resident, Greater Hume invites you to savour the comforts of home in every bite and every experience.

Find all our incredible bakeries, cafes and pubs scattered around our region. Each boast their own unique charm, from challenge meals to balcony views – however, all promise amazing food, cold drinks and a good time.

So come and indulge in the culinary delights and rural charm that Greater Hume has to offer. Whether you're warming up by fires in bakeries or enjoying the bustling warmth of cafes, your journey through this region promises to be delicious, memorable, and distinctly heartwarming.



*Holbrook R.S. Club*

*- photo courtesy of Lea Bic Photography*

Whether you are planning a day trip or overnighter, Greater Hume has something for all the family.

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## PLANT PICK PLATE

Winter has finally arrived, with vengeance. Cold wind and sleety rain has kept daytime temperatures in single digits forcing me inside. As cosy as I was enjoying the warmth and comfort of our wood heating system, after several days I had become restless. The lure to be outside, to breath in the fresh crisp air whilst pottering in my garden was just to great. On went my oversized thick coat, warm gloves and an oversized beanie which covers from the nape of the neck to the eyes, two pair of socks on my feet which then slipped into waterproof boots and I was out.

There are always garden tasks regardless of the weather. Firstly I headed to my garden shed which I shamefully admit has been a little neglected. There was an accumulation of gardening bits and pieces I collected over the previous year that might come in handy, however were never used, clogging shelves and collecting dust. In the bin, I needed to be ruthless.

Gardening tools dumped in a bucket required washing, the secateurs and pruners were sharpened, stakes arranged in an orderly fashion and items hung back on the walls where they belong, finally creating space for me to potter.

Sowing of seeds and seedlings need to wait and the garden bed soil is to cold to work over but there are other tasks awaiting. My summer perennials, salvias, sage and catmint were well past their best and have been cut back close to the ground. Some of my deciduous fruit trees still have leaves but those that are naked, including the crepe myrtle, I have pruned heavily to keep the next crop within reach. There is nothing like active gardening to get the blood pumping and the body warm.

**Passionate Gardener, June.**



## HOLBROOK RSL SUB-BRANCH

ANZAC Day 2025 saw another large turnout at both the Dawn service and Main Service. This year's march was impressive with participation by so many students from our local schools and other participants travelling many kilometres to join the commemoration activities. The address was given by SGT Natasha Wilson (RAAF) and ceremonial guard provided by the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

This important community event would not be possible without assistance of other community groups, from the Holbrook R.S. Club, who provided a filling Gunfire Breakfast, Holbrook Rotary, providing ushers, and particularly the members of the Holbrook Basketball and Tennis Clubs for dealing with all the chairs.

The Sub Branch has now 'adopted' the Military Room, opened on 26 April at the Woolpack Inn Museum. We will be assisting with the upkeep of the displays and hopefully get the opportunity to contribute further items. In the room, there are Honor Rolls recording all locals who served in conflicts up to World War 2. We would like to expand on that and prepare rolls for all locals who served in the Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Gulf War 1990-91, Iraq 2003-13 and UN Peacekeeping Missions since 1947. If you have information you would like recorded, please contact us at [holbrooksb@rslnsw.org.au](mailto:holbrooksb@rslnsw.org.au)

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## PROBUS

It looks like Winter is here with some freezing temperatures the last few days. Let's hope for some good rain!

At our last meeting Mayor of Greater Hume, Lea Parker, informed us of the many projects & problems the Council is experiencing while trying to move forward.

These include:

- Housing shortages. Holbrook seems to be land locked and the Council has no land available to develop.
- The flood wall was erected after three separate studies by Council but the cost billowed.
- Under-utilisation of our hospital and trying to attract doctors with hospital rights.
- Trying to get a drought declaration for the area, and so much more!

Thank you Lea!

When next we have Lea as our guest speaker, members will be encouraged to have some written questions for her

A reminder, our June meeting will not be formal. We will meet at the Woolpack Inn Museum at 11:00am where, after a short talk, members will be free to tour the exhibits both old & new. Lunch will be provided - soups, sandwiches, cakes & slices, plus tea & coffee. **The cost is \$15.00.** A great day. Many thanks to Leonie Hibberson who is organising this fabulous outing. **Don't forget! Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11:00 am at the Museum!**

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## WHAT'S ON AT HOLBROOK RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



**REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIPS  
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## COUNTRY MAYORS WELCOMES REPORT ON RFS ASSETS

Mayor Rick Firman OAM, Chairman of the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA) has welcomed the release of the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry into the Assets, Premises and Funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Inquiry, undertaken to examine whether the current frameworks governing assets, premises and funding for the RFS remained appropriate, effective and sustainable, released its much-anticipated report this week.

"Local Government has long complained that the way that fire fighting assets are managed in NSW no longer reflects on-ground reality. Most residents are not aware that virtually all RFS assets and equipment from fire trucks to sheds, are actually owned by their local council and not the RFS. Further they are not aware that even though councils own the assets, carry them on their books and are responsible for their maintenance, we have absolutely no control over them. In most cases councils do not even have a key to the RFS sheds they own and maintain" Mayor Firman said.

The matter has come to a head in recent years, when the depreciation of the RFS equipment has hit council finances hard. The CMA, LGNSW, Joint Organisations, Regional Organisations of Councils and councils across the State have lobbied hard for what has become known as the "Red Fleet" to be removed from council asset registers and transferred to where they belong, the RFS.

The Public Accounts Committee found that the current arrangements where the RFS exercise operational control over the Red Fleet but ownership rests with councils has created substantial inefficiencies, administrative duplication, legal ambiguity and audit complications. The Committee's Report states that it received no evidence supporting the continuation of councils' ownership of the Red Fleet.

"The CMA Board and Members strongly supports the Committee's assessment of the current arrangements and we warmly welcome its recommendation that the *Rural Fires Act* be amended to recognise that the RFS owns and operates the Red Fleet" Mayor Firman said.

The recommendation is one of 14 made by the

Committee which will result in updating the 1997 Rural Fires Act to better reflect the way that the RFS operates and bushfires are managed in 2025.

"The CMA Board and Members extend our appreciation to the Inquiry Chairman, Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li MP, Member for Strathfield and the Committee members for their genuine commitment to engage with local government on this matter and find a sustainable pathway forward." Mayor Firman said.

The CMA has written to the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Jihad Dib MP to strongly encourage the Government to adopt and implement the Committee's recommendations ahead of the 25/26 Bushfire season. We

"The situation with the Red Fleet has festered for far too long, The Committee has put clear recommendations forward to resolve the situation and Local Government is looking forward to seeing all stakeholders moving together to support the implementation of the recommendations as swiftly as possible. We welcome the support we have received for the Inquiry from the Minister for Local Government, Hon Ron Hoenig MP and the NSW Treasurer, Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC" Mayor Firman said.

"The CMA Board and Members strongly support the work of the RFS and its thousands of volunteers who constantly put their lives on the line to make our communities safer. Our CMA members will continue to work constructively with the RFS particularly in the areas of mitigation, vegetation management and providing resources like earthmoving equipment and road closures when emergencies occur" Mayor Firman said.

**Caption:** Chairman of the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA) and Temora Shire Mayor Rick Firman OAM, NSW Treasurer, Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC and CMA Secretary and Temora Shire GM Melissa Boxall.

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## HOLBROOK BASKETBALL

**Results** for Rounds 5, 6 and 7.  
There were some close games in Round 5 and some high scoring games in Round 6.

**Round 5 - Ladies:** Cull cows 60 d. Hoppers 22

**Men:** HVC 50 d. Simco 49  
Goodies 36 d. Sonics 34

**Round 6 - Ladies:** Hoppers 38 d. BJs 35

**Men:** Goodies 83 d. HVC 46  
Sonics 46 d. Simco 27

**Round 7 - Ladies:** Hopper 35 d. Cull Cows 34.

**Men:** HVC 60 d. Sonics 52  
Goodies 98 d. Simco 45



## HOLBROOK RS GOLF CLUB

The month of June is the Women's Club Championships month with all four rounds being played this month. Best of luck to all those involved.

The Men's Club Championships will kick off in July.

The draw for this year's Kane Cup (generously sponsored by Andrew Kane) Match Play series, was drawn last month. Players have until the 6<sup>th</sup> of July to play their first round matches.

### Dads Army:

5 June Winner N. Hibberson, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Cooper, 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Lowry.

12 June Winner S. Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Derbridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Lowry.



## BOWLS REPORT

The final events of the 2024-2025 season have now been completed.



In the A-grade singles final, Max Scanlan triumphed over Ian Meiklejohn with a score of 25 shots to 15.

The pairs final saw Ian Meiklejohn and Peter Stead take on John Goldsmith and Max Scanlan.

Ian and Peter came out on top, winning 20

shots to 18. With these results, all club events for the 2024-2025 season have now concluded.

A total of \$200 in green fees collected during social bowls on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> were donated to Legacy in support of their work.

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, three Holbrook teams participated in a qualifying BPL Cup event at Henty. Two of the teams secured victories and will advance to the next round in the Riverina/Murray region on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The winning teams were:

**Sect 1:** Max Scanlan, Ian Meiklejohn & Peter Stead

**Sect 2:** Gavin Jones, Neil Hibberson & Rob Philpot  
The wood raffle held last weekend was a great success, raising funds to support the fourteen Grade 7 bowlers who will travel to North Haven at the end of June for the State Finals. The bowls club extends its gratitude to everyone who purchased tickets. The raffle was won by Neil Hibberson.

Finally, **Social Bowls** continues to be held on Wednesdays at 10am AM. Please remember to put your name down 15 minutes before the start time. New bowlers are always welcome!



*A Grade Finalists Max Scanlan & Ian Meiklejohn*

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 Mon 23 **Central Rural Fire Brigade AGM 7.00pm**  
 Tue 24 Probus 11am @ Woolpack Inn Museum  
 Thu 26 **Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library**  
 Fri 27 OMNI

### July 2025

- Tue 1 **Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room**  
 Fri 11 OMNI  
 Mon 14 **Woolpack Inn Museum working Bee 9.30am - 12noon**  
 Tue 15 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room  
 Thu 24 **Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library**  
 Fri 25 OMNI  
**Special screening of "Just a Farmer" - Holbrook Sporting Complex**  
 Tue 29 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

### August 2025

- Fri 1 **St Paul's College Discovery Day**  
 Fri 8 OMNI  
 Mon 11 **Woolpack Inn Museum working Bee 9.30am - 12noon**  
 Thu 14 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library  
 Tue 19 **Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room**  
 Fri 22 OMNI  
 Sun 24 **Junior Football/Netball Presentations**  
 Thu 28 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library

### September 2025

- Tue 2 **Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room**  
 Mon 8 Woolpack Inn Museum working Bee 9.30am - 12noon  
 Thu 11 **Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library**  
 Fri 12 OMNI  
 Tue 16 **Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room**  
 Thu 15 Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library  
 Fri 26 **OMNI**  
 Tue 30 Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room

### October 2025

- Thu 2 **DrumMuster 8am-2pm @ Holbrook Tip**  
 Fri 10 OMNI

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