HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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REAL LIFE RESILIENCE ROADSHOW – TALKIN' TOUGH

Ladies' night out Tuesday August 27th - Men's night Wednesday August 28th

Mike Rolls and Ben Pettingill (affectionally known as 'Legless and Blind') want to redefine what it means to be tough, smash the stigma that exists around mental health and build open and supportive communities.

Both Mike and Ben know firsthand what it's like to face extreme adversity and battle their own mental health challenges. In September 2001, Mike contracted one of the deadliest diseases on the planet, Meningococcal Septicaemia, resulting in the loss of his legs below his knees, amongst other injuries. At age 16, Ben had a headache one day and woke up the next having lost 98% of his eyesight overnight due to a rare genetic syndrome. Through this, they have learned the importance of a positive mindset, prioritising mental health and the power of having a strong support network. They are dedicated to addressing the challenges attached to mental health through their real and relatable approach. Harnessing their lived experiences of facing adversity, they deliver entertaining, practical and powerful sessions that cut through to audiences like no other.

Historically when faced with a mental health challenge being 'tough' meant putting on a brave face, suppressing emotions and avoiding difficult conversations. This version of 'tough' can contribute to poor mental health,



as well as negatively affecting relationships and overall community connection. 1 in 5 people experience a mental health challenge each year in Australia. Despite these numbers continually increasing, there is still a strong stigma that exists around mental health within society.

'Talkin Tough' sessions are aimed at to redefining what it means to be tough and connecting with audiences in a practical and relatable way. Instilling a new version of 'tough' within rural and regional Australian communities has the ability to positively impact the mental health, wellbeing and connection of its community.

The Talkin' Tough Roadshow is being brought to Holbrook through a partnership between Holbrook Landcare and the Holbrook Local Health Advisory Committee. This project is supported by FRRR, through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, together with funding from Rabobank Community Fund, Hume Bank, Greater Hume Council, Holbrook Rotary and Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

This fully funded program will give community members of all ages an opportunity to hear Mike and Ben speak at either the Ladies night or the Men's night or through combined School sessions to be held for local students attending local upper primary school and the local secondary schools.

The Ladies night will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday August 27th at the Holbrook Hotel and the Men's night will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday August 28th at the Holbrook Sporting Complex.

Registration for catering purposes is through a QR code on the posters around town, or by leaving your name with the Holbrook Landcare office ph: 6036 3181.

Drinks will be available for purchase on the evening.

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VALE BRYAN GABRIEL

The following is written by Roger Cooper, a previous Volunteer Curator at the Holbrook Submarine Museum.

When I joined the Holbrook Submarine Museum Committee in 2003, Bryan was already a member, we had many parts of Otway's control room out in an open shed. Having received some quotes to rebuild the control room inside the museum, they were way too high for our meagre budget. So Bryan volunteered to build it for us, as most people know who have been through this compartment it's an engineering masterpiece. He completed it single handed in 18months.

Bryan's love was building and flying planes, and built a museum at the Holbrook Aerodrome to house early models he had acquired. Having an engineering background, all he did was always articulate and true to the original designs he finished over many years.

He always had a good sense of humour, loved driving his Beamer, was a pleasure to work with and a fine man. His work will be seen for many years

to come, and we will always have fond memories of Bryan's legacy in Holbrook. Roger Cooper OAM



Are you interested in Urban Landcare? We have had a few conversations lately about how people in town can get more involved with Landcare. As part of Refreshing Rivers, we are doing some work on the Ten Mile Creek in the Ian Geddes Bush Reserve and we thought that could be a good place to start. Help us to celebrate Landcare Week during a **Community Working Bee on Sunday 11**th **August 10am**-

12noon. Meet at the Wilson St entrance to the reserve. It will be just a low key morning with a little bit of planting on the creek bank and some bush regeneration-style weed control to start tackling the ivy and some of the more insidious garden escapes.

Bring along your gloves, sturdy clothing and footwear to suit the weather. You are also welcome to bring tools - digging implements & secateurs, although we will also have some on hand.

Even if you can't do much, moral support is most welcome and it can be a time for conversation about what an urban group might look like and where people's interest lies. So come along! BBQ lunch provided so RSVP is necessary.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Kylie on 0418 198 522 or register via Humanitix https://events.humanitix.com/working-bee-iangeddes-reserve





HOLBROOK RSL SUB-BRANCH NEWS

Korean Veterans' Day is commemorated on 27 July each year. This is the anniversary of the day in 1953 when an armistice was signed to end the fighting in Korea. This day is a time for us to remember the almost 18,000 Australians who served in the war, including some 340 who lost their lives. Often called the 'forgotten war', Australia's involvement began just days after the North Korean Army launched an invasion of South Korea in 1950.

Are there Service Medals you never received, or would you like to be issued with the medals of a deceased immediate relative? Follow this link: https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-membersfamilies/honours-awards/defence-medalsapplication-form

Holbrook RSL Sub Branch held its AGM on Wednesday 17 July at the Returned and Services Club. New members are always welcome and membership is free. For those Veterans who still have not joined, please put past feelings aside, we are all about assisting local Veterans and the community they are part of, but cannot do so if you don't make the move.

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WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM

Work is progressing on the upgrading of our 'War Service' room with the funds we received from two grants; one from the NSW Office of Veterans' Affairs and the other from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Painting has been completed and our members have been busy preparing the text for the Honour Rolls that will be printed and framed. A book of stories about local service men and women who served in all theatres of war since WW1 is also on our list of items for display.

We are seeking stories about your family member that we can use, together with photographs. It is envisaged that the booklet will be in loose-leaf format so that it can be added to as stories become available. See story below as an example of what would be suitable to include in your family member's story, plus a photo if available.

We are also seeking uniforms and items of memorabilia for display. If you have anything that you consider may be of interest please email us at info@woolpackinnmuseum.com.au with details and we will get back to you. Items should be in reasonable condition.

Our other grant project that is underway is the upgrading of signage throughout the museum. Room descriptions will be provided as well as directional signs both outside and within the museum. Some of our more significant items will have individual detail provided.

LEST WE FORGET - CLAUDE C. LIERSCH

The 31st of March marks the centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force. Originally the Australian Flying Corps founded in 1912 converting to the RAAF in 1921. Through war and peace, the members of the RAAF have and continue to contribute with courage and determination their skill, talent, and dedication to protect and defend our beloved country.

Flight Sergeant Claude Liersch was born in Holbrook in 1920, the son of Bernard and Rebecca Liersch. Liersch left school at age fifteen undertaking a traineeship as an electrical mechanic, followed by an apprenticeship as a rotary machinist, working in the machine room of "The Daily Advertiser", which he did until he enlisted in Australian Imperial Force in April 1941, transferring to the Royal Australian Air Force the next year.

Liersch trained as an air gunner and was then posted to the 460 Squadron. This squadron is regarded as having been the most efficient of the Australian bomber squadrons. They set numerous operational records within Bomber Command such as flying the most bombing raids of any Australian squadron and dropping the greatest tonnage of hombs

On the 21st January 1944, during a sortie over Germany, Liersch's bomber was hit by flak, setting it on fire, causing it to disintegrate midair. All crew members perished and were buried by the Germans in the village of Ranies. Flight Sergeant Claude Liersch was eventually exhumed and laid to rest in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery with the Headstone inscription "Shadowed By God's Wing. Duty Nobly Done. Lovingly Remembered."

HOLBROOK DEMENTIA ALLIANCE GROUP MORNING TEA

The Holbrook Dementia Alliance Group is having a morning tea this **Thursday 1**st **August, at the Holbrook Sporting Complex Community room, starting at 10am.**

Our aim is to have a social group to come together to engage and support each other in an inclusive environment.

We are trying to raise awareness in Holbrook with Cognitive impairment or Dementia and to become a 'Dementia Friendly Community', where we can help and support people, when we are out and about in the community.



SOME USELESS FACTS

Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.

A cloud weighs around a million tonnes.

The opposite sides of a die will always add up to seven.

PLANT PICK PLATE

I am sure we can all agree that we are experiencing a colder than average winter this year, enduring horrid chilly, wet and windy days which have us hovering inside. Now that the shortest day has passed and the daylight hours grow longer, I can see signs of the emergence of Spring growth in my garden.

The deciduous ornamental weeping Apricot is always the first to announce spring is coming, displaying small soft pink blooms but as for the remainder of my plants, it requires a closer look. And I mean close. In your face, spectacles perched on the nose with eyes squinting type of close. The onion chive spikes have just emerged following a frost battering and the Bay tree is dotted with tiny pearl flower buds waiting to open. A lime tree has sent out long delicate leaves to replace those frost burnt while peeking up from the crown of the Hydrangea are small green shoots. Much to my delight, a very close inspection reveals a small protrusion of leaf buds on the Jonathan Apple and on the trailing Raspberry canes.

My excitement may be premature, but Spring is just around the corner. With enthusiasm, I emerged from my warm cocoon to sow punnets of flower seeds, Cosmos for potted colour and Calendula as companion plants. These have now sprouted in the warmth of inside which is where I will be hibernating for a little while longer.

Passionate Gardener, June.



HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

We are excited to kick off Term 3 at Holbrook Public School with a plethora of enriching opportunities and events ahead. This term marks a significant milestone for our Year 6 students transitioning to high school and the local preschoolers transitioning to Kindergarten. We are committed to supporting them every step of the way as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. Additionally, we have a thrilling lineup, including our annual Book Fair, where students can explore a world of literature and ignite their passion for reading. Furthermore. our whole-school performance promises to showcase the talents and creativity of our students, bringing our community together in celebration.

Now taking enrolments for 2025: If you or someone you know has a child due to start Kindergarten next year, it's a great time to enrol them now. Don't wait until the last minute to secure a spot in your preferred school. Starting the enrolment process early will give you time to complete the necessary paperwork and get your child's name on our Kindergarten transition list. Don't delay; enrol today!

https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/? schoolCode=2170

Save the Dates:

Town Garage Sale - Sunday 1 Sept 8am -2pm Whole School Performance - Wed 11 Sept 1pm & 6.30pm; Thurs 12 Sept 6.30pm

FREE GARDEN MULCH

Bedding straw left from livestock shows is available to collect from the Holbrook Sporting Complex (near the south-east gate).

Take as much as you would like but you will need to load it yourself.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Greetings to the Holbrook Community,

Pray: On return to school the teachers engaged in Professional Learning on the first day. In light of the introduction of the Catholic Education Charter



we revisited our vision and mission statement to align our vision with that of the diocese (system). Staff brought in items that represented the pillars of Welcome, Learning, Faith and Service. We reflected on those items to create statements that authentically represent us as a school community. We will now seek parent and student feedback to refine the draft into our Vision and Mission moving forward.

Live: It was exciting to welcome everyone back to another term of learning and teaching at St. Patrick's School. Next week we welcome the Greater Hume Children's Service Pre-School children to celebrate NAIDOC. This culturally immersive celebration allows us to join together

STAND AS A CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS A GREATER HUME COUNCILLOR

If you have a strong sense of community and are keen to make a difference. Consider nominating for the 14 September 2024 Greater Hume local government elections.

Local councils are the level of government closest to the community. Providing key infrastructure, facilities and services to local residents and are integral to improving the lifestyle and amenity of local communities.

Nominations open Monday, 5 August 2024 and close 12pm Wednesday, 14 August 2024.

For more information on becoming a Councillor and how to nominate visit the Greater Hume Council Website/Local Government Elections.

with our community to celebrate the deep history of the lands of the Wiradjuri people who long before us lived, loved and learned on this land.

Learn: We are excited to announce that we will be presenting, 'Wind in the Willows' for our production this year. Students are excitedly learning their lines and the songs which accompany this classic musical. More information will come as we get closer to our Production dates early in Term 4.

We are currently accepting enrolments for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 and still have limited enrolment opportunities for Kindergarten in 2025. Do not miss out on providing your child an opportunity to experience teaching and learning excellence. Call 6036 2288 or email sph-info@ww.catholic.edu.au

May God's blessings be with you all, Melanie Dusterhoft Mavrick, Principal

SOME MORE USELESS FACTS

The eye of an ostrich is bigger than its brain. Its eyes are around the size of a billiard ball.

One eye is also smaller than the other.

Perhaps this is why they tend to run in circles.



UPA HOLBROOK VILLAGE

Residents at the Holbrook village had a joyful July celebrating Christmas in July, a paint and sip session with the talented local artist Mikayla Heir they also enjoyed visits to the Bald Archies and Devonshire Tea to celebrate the King's Birthday.





Above: Bert & Di with their Christmas in July bon bons.

Right: The "Christmas in July" tree is up.

Left: Sylvia celebrates the King's Birthday in true British style.



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CONGRATULATONS CATH!

The staff at Holbrook UPA Village are proud to share

the news that our very own Cath Watson received the award for HSU Aged Care Delegate of the Year.

What a huge accomplishment. For years Cath has supported staff fighting for their rights and recently has taken the time to go to parliament house to fight for fair pay.



HOLBROOK RS GOLF CLUB

July 14 Monthly Medal P. Spokes (claimed victory with a nett 75, with J. McCarthy runner-up on 78 nett.

Ball comp winners were C. McCarthy, S. Mohr and B. Walsh. NTP 3rd G. Webb, 10th P. Spokes. NAGA G. Webb.

July 17 First round of Foursomes Kaye Semmler and Liz Plunkett won the 1st Round with 76.5 Nett from Chris Spokes and Robyn Lister on 78.5 Nett. The front 9 Hole Comp was won by Marg Geddes, on count back from Judy Ross

July 18 **Dad's Army** Winner M. Lowry, 2nd P. Spokes, 3rd M. Winnett. NTP 9th M. Lowry. NAGA I. Wettenhall.

July 21 **Bowler Cup** Winner on the day was Kieren McCarthy with a Par score of +4 and Simon Mohr was runner up with -3. Simon also claimed a NTP on the 16th finishing 8m from the flag. NAGA winner for the day was Michael Preston from England who is in town visiting family.

July 25 **Dad's Army** Winner T. Castles, 2nd M. Winnett, 3rd I. Wettenhall. NAGA J. Maskus



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NETBALL

6 July: Round 12 v Jindera

NetSetGO: Made for Myla award Ava Smith

11's lost 3-47

We had a very tough game on the weekend but we made the most of it by playing the girls in some positions they haven't played before, it was a really fun day all around and the girls had a ball!

Winnett Equipment & Earthmoving BOC Tilly Wailes Sports power Grace MacFarlane

13's lost 9-59

The U13s girls had a tough match against ladder leaders Jindera. Even though they had a loss for this game, they can be extremely proud of the progress they've made from round 1.

Churchill Transport BOC Alexus Feltrin Holbrook News and Gifts Larny Dodds

15's lost 22-35

The girls had a tough game for this round, chasing all game to close the margin, unfortunately the girls come home with a loss but did all they could for the day, multiple rotations were had around the court with smiles and good encouragement from all! Lieschke Motors, Holbrook BOC Alexus Lavea Holbrook Bakery Gwen Durdin-Paul Sports power Abby Pincott

17's won 54-20

Each and everyone of the girls went out and played amazingly and have all improved so much this season

Hume Bank BOC Daija Lavea Holbrook Bakery Molly Barr Smith Holbrook News and Gifts Ava Wolter

C Reserve lost 45-48

The girls started strong and hard, putting up a strong two quarters keeping the lead until unfortunately losing it in the third quarter. The whole team played so well, we are so proud of how they are playing and really connecting together on the court.

HNC BOC and Players Player Tahlia Francis Bella Lou the Store Ruby Wettenhall

C Grade lost 36-45

The defensive pressure throughout the court was strong and tight and was able to show off their team efforts as well as their working ring defence. With Jindera being a top of ladder team, the girls were really able to push them and put it them.

HNC BOC Kirsty Nichol; Players Player Libby Hucker The Riverina Hotel Holbrook Jaime Nichol

B Grade lost 27-46

Jindera came out strong and didn't allow Holbrook in front for the whole game. There were multiple changes made throughout the game, although none

allowed the margin to narrow. HNC BOC Georgia Papworth SportsPower Albury Hettie Day Players Player Georgia Booth

A Grade lost 31-56

Our goalers took time to settle into the game, giving Jindera a big lead at quarter time. For the remainder of the game Brookers tried different rotations in the mid and defence to try and close the margin, although Jindera reacted to each one and continued the lead.

HNC BOC Georgia Keogh; Players Player Tayla Byrne Holbrook Hotel Holbrook Chloe Hamblin

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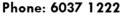
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COMMUNITY DIARY

August 2024

Thu 1 Holbrook Dementia Alliance Group

Morning Tea 10am @ Sporting Complex

Fri 2 Lankey's Creek Happy Hour 6.30pm

Sun 4 Rand Football/Netball Carnival
Nominations open for Local Council
elections

Tue 6 Holb. Bus. & Community Grp meeting 6.30pm @ Middle Pub
Billabong High School P&C 7pm via
Teams

Wed 7 Holbrook Sporting Complex meeting 7pm

Fri 9 OMNI

Sun 11 Holb. Landcare's Community Working Bee @ Ian Geddes Bush Reserve

Wed 14 Nominations close for Local Council elections

Fri 23 OMNI

Sat 24 Working Dog School

Sun 25 Junior Football/Netball Presentations

Tue 27 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**"Legless & Blind" Ladies night 6.30pm @
Holbrook Hotel

Wed 28 "Legless & Blind" Blokes night 6.30pm @ Sporting Complex

September 2024

Sun 1 Fathers' Day

Town Garage Sale 8am—2pm

Wed 4 Dorothy Gilmore @ St Patrick's School — evening

Thu 5 St Paul's College Yr 5 Discovery Day & Open Morning
Lunch with Dorothy Gilmore for seniors
Youth session with Dorothy 5.30pm @
Sporting Complex

Dinner with Dorothy 6.30pm @ RS Club

Fri 6 Morning tea with Dorothy TBA Lankey's Creek Happy Hour 6.30pm

Sun 8 Holbrook Pony Club Gymkhana @ Equine Centre

Wed 11 Holbrook Public Schools' Whole School Performance 1pm & 6.30pm

Thu 12 Holbrook Public Schools' Whole School Performance 6.30pm

Fri 13 OMNI

Sat 14 NSW Local Government Elections

Tue 17 Henty Machinery Field Day

Wed 18 Henty Machinery Field Day

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- Large laundry with outside access
- New Carpet & BIR's
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- Kitchen / dining area
- Dual street access
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- Inspections by Appointment

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