

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS



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AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR FOR GREATER HUME

Greater Hume Council is thrilled to welcome, Mr James Pittar as Greater Hume's Australia Day Ambassador. James suffers from a genetic disorder called Retinitis Pigmentosa which causes a degeneration of the retina. This disease was diagnosed when James was 16 years old after he suffered from rapidly decreasing vision. He was legally blind at 21 years of age and completely blind by his early 30's.



As a direct result of his declining vision, James focussed his sporting efforts on the fields of swimming and rowing and during the 1990's represented Australia in both these sports as a disabled athlete.

In the mid 1990's James decided to attempt the English Channel after meeting the inspirational Australian swimmer Des Renford and was successful on his first attempt in 1998. He then went on to successfully complete some of the most difficult marathon swims in the world over the next ten years including the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, The Strait of Gibraltar, New Zealand's Cook Strait and the Catalina Channel. James became the first Australian to complete the Triple Crown of Open water swimming (by completing the English Channel, Manhattan Island marathon swim and the Catalina Channel). In the process had completed an open water swim in every continent excluding Antarctica in 925 days. In 2010, his accomplishments were recognised when he was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

In 2011, James completed a 12km swim from Malabar to Bondi Beach and in 2012 he completed a swim from Collaroy to North Steyne Beach. In 2013 He completed a swim from Long Reef Beach to North Steyne Beach via Shelley Beach Each of these swims was to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation & he received The Fred Hollows Foundation Helping Hand Award for his fundraising through his swimming. In August 2013 he was a member of the first ever staged relay swim across the full length of the Bering Strait, roughly 100kms, without wetsuits. There were 66 members from 16 countries. As a member of the Bering Strait swim, James and the other members received the World Open Water Swimming Association Performance of the Year Award.

In 2014 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Nelson Mandela becoming President of South Africa, James swam from Robben Island to Blouberg in Cape Town South Africa, without a wetsuit. This was a 7.5km swim in 13° water. He also completed the annual swim for The Fred Hollows Foundation, this time from Dee Why Beach to North Steyne Beach via Shelley Beach.

In addition to his swimming accomplishments, James is the Ambassador for the Rainbow Club; a not for profit organisation which offers swimming lessons for children with disabilities, he is a fundraiser for the Fred Hollows Foundation; which focuses on blindness prevention and indigenous health. His autobiography "Blind Vision" was published in December 2019, and released in 2024 as an Audio Book.

In February of 2020 James as one of 65 swimmers involved in the Relay swim across the length of the Bering Straits. The event and all 65 swimmers were included into the Guinness Book of World Records. A few months later James was inducted into the Australian Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS FOR GREATER HUME

Nominations have been announced for Greater Hume's 2025 Australia Day Awards to be presented at the Australia Day celebrations being held at Henty Recreation Ground, on Sunday, 26 January 2025.

Citizen of the Year: Dr Glen Mobila, Jindera & Alison Schuster, Henty

Sports Volunteer of the Year: John Mullavey, Walla Walla & Debbie Mills, Holbrook

Sports Person/Team of the Year: Ashley-James Bender, Holbrook & Lucy Grills, Holbrook

Volunteer/Group of the Year: Anthony Phillis, Holbrook, Holbrook Meals on Wheels Volunteers, Kerry Small, Henty, Rural Care Link Op Shop Volunteers, Jindera, Colin Barrett, Henty, Walla Walla Newsletter Team, Walla Walla, Andrew Kotzur, Walla Walla

Community Event of the Year: The Bald Archy Exhibition, Holbrook Festival by the Sub, Walla Walla Lutheran Church Centenary, Talkin' Tough, Henty Creative Gallery Beanie Festival, Brock Burrum Big Freeze

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HOLBROOK LANDCARE

The Holbrook Beef Dinner: Hosted by Holbrook Landcare Network we are excited to announce this that this year's Beef Dinner will be returning to The Ten Mile Café here in Holbrook on the evening of Wednesday 12th February. Our theme is celebrating and exploring the innovation and adoption, while pushing the potential of our incredible beef industry. The Holbrook Beef Dinner is a brilliant entree to the main that is our Ag-Tech Expo which will be held the following day. This year we welcome Darren Price, Chief Operating Officer at AgScent as a guest speaker to share insights from his 36-year career working across digital technology and precision systems agriculture and his role at AgScent, an Australian business which has worked to develop commercial products which help farmers, businesses and vets track and monitor pregnancy, disease, and methane production in livestock. For further information on the HLN Beef Dinner, or to book in, either contact the office (02 6036 3181) or keep an eye on facebook.

AgTech Expo: The Holbrook Landcare Network is excited to announce that it will be hosting an

Agtech Expo on Thursday 13th February, 2025. This event will be a hands-on exhibition of current and future agricultural technologies. Some of the featured technologies will include Water Solutions, Agricultural Drones, Agricultural Data Analytics, and Animal Management. Companies have the opportunity to demonstrate or "pitch" their technology to farmers in the field, with this event being a precursor to on-farm trailing of a range of technologies in the region.

The event will be held at the Little Billabong Hall (to be confirmed). Tickets are free and can be booked via Humanitix.

For more information, please contact Steph Cowley on 0467 025 777 or at stephcowley@holbrooklandcare.org.au or Nick McGrath on 0488 155 101 or at nickmcgrath@holbrooklandcare.org.au.



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HOLBROOK SHOW - SUNDAY 16 MARCH

With 2025 well and truly underway, it's time to bring your calendar up-to-date, particularly with some many local events taking place in the next few months.

February and March are particularly busy, with the annual Holbrook Show on Sunday 16 March, the day after the Tumbarumba Show. As usual, the pavilion judging will take place the day before the main show and fleece judging is on Friday 14 March.

While we are still working on the schedule, we have been through all of the different classes to freshen things up a bit and to open up more opportunities for children to participate.

We always welcome anyone who is able to help out with setting-up, packing-up, or with general assistance in the pavilion or in one of the livestock areas. So if you are new to town and would like to become involved, or now find that you have a few hours (or more) of time free to help out, please get in touch. Ph: 0427 832 803.

PROBUS

Welcome to 2025! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. Here's hoping this year brings good health and happiness to all. **Our first meeting for this year is on Tuesday 28th January 11:00am at the RS Club followed by lunch.**

Our numbers seem to be getting fewer! I'm sure there are many members of our community who would benefit from the Probus motto of: "FUN, FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP" Everyone is welcome and anyone unable to get there, transport can be provided. Please join us!

ANGLICAN OP SHOP

The OP SHOP is very grateful for all the donations given to provide affordable clothing and goods for the Community.

However, we do ask that donations be sorted before taking them to the shop.

Items need to be in good condition, clean and suitable to sell. This would also ease the ongoing problem of disposing of non saleable goods.

Our dedicated volunteers work very hard to maintain high standards at the OP SHOP, and this would help greatly. Thanking you



WHAT'S ON AT HOLBROOK RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

RESTAURANT OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday	Mad Monday \$10 Meals
Tuesday	Takeaway night
Wednesday	Off the menu
Thursday	Burger Night & Pizza Meal Deal
Friday	Raffles drawn at 7.00pm
Saturday	Kids Eat Free
Sunday	Sunday Roast Kids Eat Free Raffles drawn at 1.00pm

Happy Hours every day
Monday to Friday 4pm -6pm
Saturday & Sunday 2pm - 4pm

BUSINESS HOUSE BAREFOOT BOWLS

Commences Wednesday 5th February
for 4 weeks at 6pm.

Get your teams of 4 in by Sunday 2nd Feb by
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or call in to the Club (at the bottom of Ad.)



**Holbrook
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38 Swift St
Ph: (02) 6036 2199
Open 7 Days**



MEALS ON WHEELS

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well and that you've had a joyful and relaxing holiday season. As we step into the new year, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and loyalty.

REMINDERS: Office Opening Times: Our office hours are from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Meal Ordering and Delivery Updates: To ensure a smooth and timely service, we kindly request you place your orders no later than 1:00 pm the day **prior** to your delivery day, which is Thursday in Walla Walla.

Frozen Meals: Orders must be placed **no later than 10:45 am** for same day of delivery.

New Premises and Delivery Scheduling: We are excited to announce that **The Social Room** is now open and our meal distribution is now operating from this space. This expansion allows us to serve you better, but it has also required some adjustments in our day to day procedures.

Important Note: Due to our staff needing to cover both locations, we are unable to pack any in person orders at the office between 11:00 am and

12:30 pm. You can still drop your order in during this time and we will pack for collection after 1pm. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make this transition. For Volunteers, this means that meal pickups are now at the side loading area in the carpark. If you arrive for your rostered delivery and the door isn't open, there is a buzzer at the door, please buzz and we will be there as soon as we can.

Our first activities in The Social Room are due to commence on Tuesday 4th February with Gentle Exercises at 9.30am, following by Sconversations at 10.15am. The Out & About Bus will be heading to Albury on Friday 7th February to see a movie in the air-conditioned comfort of the Regent Cinema. More information to follow. Social Support clients will receive more information on the trip closer to the date.

If you need any more information on our services; Meals, In Home Cooking, Transport, Social Support, Gentle Exercises, Personal Care or Domestic Assistance, please call the office on 02 6036 3677 or drop in at 114 Albury Street.

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HOLBROOK COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Holbrook Community Gardens had a busy and rewarding 2024, welcoming new members and visitors while hosting a variety of workshops and activities. Regular gardening tasks like watering, weeding, mulching, and harvesting kept the space productive, and the community enjoyed sharing the abundance of fresh, homegrown produce.

We're currently working on expanding production by repurposing leftover corrugated sheeting from the shed construction. Additionally, plans are underway to secure a grant for shade sails to make the gardens more comfortable during the warmer months.

Workshop Highlights: Two standout events this year were the wreath-making workshop in November and the introductory weaving workshop. Both were creative, hands-on days where participants left with beautiful crafts and enjoyed lunch provided by the gardens. These workshops were free to



attendees, thanks to funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

Another memorable event was a presentation on Chinese medicine by one of our members, adding variety and fresh insights to our community activities.

Looking Ahead to 2025: The gardens are excited to host Seed Savers from Wodonga in early February for a workshop on cultivating seeds from produce. This event promises to be both educational and inspiring. We're also working on a grant application for shade sails to improve the gardens further.

Stay updated on our activities through our Facebook page. Whether you're an experienced gardener or simply looking to connect with others, we'd love to see you.

Join us every Monday morning at 9:30am to garden, socialise, or just visit.

PLANT PICK PLATE

Over the Christmas and New Year break I was messaged a chicken fun fact. As I am such a "Super Cool Chicken Lady", my sister thought this fact would amuse me.

The chicken is the closest living relative to the **T-REX**. I believe it. Observing my chickens, I can see similar characteristics. They strut around on their two strong legs, scratching with the long clawed toes and extending their long neck high. Wow, I have 3 mini T-REX's in my garden! This revelation led me to seek out other garden related fun facts.

Did you know that the **Potato** was the first vegetable to be grown in space in 1995 and remains the most popular vegetable worldwide? **Strawberries** are technically not a berry. By definition, berries have seeds on the inside whilst strawberries hold their 200 seeds on the outside and **Tomatoes** are defined as a fruit and also the most popular fruit world wide.

A **Fig** is higher in calcium than a glass of milk and apples, pears, cherries and plums are cousins of **Roses**. The **Pomegranate** fruit can hold up to 1000 seeds and **Rhubarb** is a laxative, having unique properties that can also help with digestive complaints. The fact that surprised me is that cooked **Carrots** are apparently better for you than raw as the beneficial beta carotene is released by cooking. The longest carrot ever recorded was grown in the UK in 2011 measuring 6 mt long and weighing (20 lbs) 9.07 kg. Finally, here is a fun fact for my sister who is a "Super Cool Duck Lady". **Ducklings** coordinate hatching by communicating with each other while they are still in their eggs. She probably knew this. **Passionate Gardener, June.**



HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

We are thrilled to welcome returning students and new faces to our school community. Each new year offers the chance to set fresh goals, explore new interests, and build lasting friendships. Whether stepping into a familiar classroom or a brand-new environment, remember that each day brings opportunities to learn and grow.



During the holidays, our dedicated teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing engaging lessons and activities that will inspire and challenge. We encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of curiosity, ask questions, and seek help when needed because learning is a journey best taken together.

As we prepare to kick off this academic year, we remind families to ensure students are ready for a successful return. Check that all supplies are prepared (you can buy book packs from the school), ensure uniforms are organised, and discuss goals or aspirations for the year ahead. A positive mindset can set the tone for a productive year!

Let's make this school year one filled with achievements, kindness, and memorable moments. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces as we embark on this exciting journey together. Here's to a fantastic start to the school year!

Important dates – The first few weeks

Staff development days (no students attend):

Friday, 31 January 2025 to Wednesday, 5 February 2025

Students in Years K-6 return:

Thursday, 6 February 2025

School Photographs:

Tuesday, 11 February 2025

School Swimming Carnival:

Friday, 14 February 2025

Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival:

Friday, 28 February 2025

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AUSTRALIA DAY RISSOLES

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- ½ teaspoon dried herbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 egg, beaten
- Flour

Instructions:

Mix all the ingredients together with the exception of the flour.

Shape into balls and flatten slightly. Rissoles should be about 2 inches (5cm) in diameter for a main course, smaller if they are served as appetizers.

Put the flour in a bag, then add 2 rissoles at a time. Stir gently until rissoles are covered with flour. Shake off excess flour before cooking.

Cook on a grill or barbecue for about 8 to 10 minutes on each side.



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

We wanted to thank Generation Life Church, who generously donated 60 care packages for all our amazing staff at Holbrook MPS. How lucky are we to have such amazing community support! Generation Life Church were wanting to bless the Holbrook Hospital staff for their hard work and ongoing commitment to care and support our local community members.



Generation Life Church chaplains, Margaret & Michael T with Holbrook MPS staff

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKETS WRAPUP

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 Twilight Markets along the main street of Holbrook.

The feedback from stallholders has been most encouraging and it was fantastic to see so many people out and about, enjoying the evening with friends and family.

Thank you to The Rotary Club of Holbrook for taking care of the road closure expenses and the funds raised through stallholder bookings has been donated to Rotary to assist them with this.

In order to improve the event the Holbrook Business & Community Development Group are inviting feedback from the community.

If you would like to comment please email: holbrookbusinessgroup@gmail.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I cannot speak highly enough about the efforts of the nursing team at Holbrook MPS, after visiting the facility this month.

It was wonderful to witness the care Facility Manager Kayla and her team provide to their patients, aged-care residents, and towards each other. Their connection to the community and all the different innovations have helped to foster a beautiful hospital.

During my trip to town, I also visited Holbrook Police Station, after Greater Hume Mayor Lea Parker let me know the front verandah has been propped by scaffolding over recent months.

I've reached out to the NSW Police Minister, requesting urgent repair work to be carried out. Additionally, I have extended an invitation for the Minister to visit the station and see the complex's current condition.

This heritage-listed building is not only a significant part of Holbrook's history but also a vital facility for our hardworking police officers. It's essential that the necessary repairs are undertaken to ensure their safety, the building's preservation, and the pride of our community.

Kind regards,

TENNIS

The tennis season is back on the weekend of the 18 January, with a General Bye on Saturday 25 January to celebrate Australia Day, with play resuming Saturday 1 February.



Both the Holbrook teams will need to string together multiple wins to be in contention for finals.

The mid-week hit-up is back on with regular players from about 5.30pm on Wednesday.

On the social scene we have the Trivia Night at the RS Club on Saturday 22 February, in conjunction with the adult riding and cricket clubs. This is a great family oriented evening with questions evolved from Billy's work truck and the auction, which always brings plenty of bargains.

Thanks to those who helped at the Equine Centre event earlier this month.

FUN FACT: *In the Tanzanian Savannah in the Serengeti National Park, there is an unfenced tennis court where zebras, antelopes, and lions are your free-roaming spectators.*

Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Sunday, 26 January 2025
at Henty Recreation Grounds, Henty
8am for Breakfast, 9am 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, 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.

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

- Live Music by 'The Rivereens'
- Kids Entertainment
- Local RFS Display
- Morgan Country Car Club Display

Our Ambassador

Mr James Pittar

For more information please contact - Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Coordinator
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Pic Tahlie Weston, Allison Scott and Francis Fifield, Henty

2024 Greater Hume Australia Day

Citizen of the Year
Allison Scott, Henty

Young Citizen of the Year
Tahlie Weston, Henty

Sports Person/Team of the Year
Lucy Grills, Holbrook

Sports Volunteer/s of the Year
Jada Murphy, Henty

Joint Community Events of the Year
Festival by the Sub, Holbrook and Henty
Streetscape 2023

HOLBROOK RS BOWLS CLUB

Welcome to 2025, we hope you had a great Xmas and the New Year is here.

The pennant season is under way, and we have had 2 good wins, the 4's over Walla and the 7's over Henty. Well done to all. We would like to welcome Max 'Hollywood' Scanlen to his 750th Club with a welcoming hat presentation, we may have to call you the flare flamingo Max. Also, there was a late change to the 4's, with Waratah playing his first grade 4 game. Yes, another hat presentation. Well done Waratah and a little help from Smurf, a picture paints a thousand words!!!!

CLUB EVENTS:

B Grade: 1st round commences 2nd Feb. Names in by 23rd JAN. Don't miss out.

Club Pairs: Team Merkel to play Team Scanlen, Team Jones to play the winner of Team Meiklejohn and Team Lodge.

A Grade: 2nd & 3rd round P. (Scrote) Gledhill to play P. (Smurf) McKenna, I. (Mayham) Meiklejohn to play S. (Rod Stewart) Cooper, C. (the Other Feather) Heather to play P. (Seeds) Stead, W. (Wolfy) Kaletta to play M. (86 Smart) Scanlen. J. (the turtle) Merkel to play the winner of C. (Wally) Wallace and C. (Feather) Heather.

Club Triples: Team Merkel to play the winner of Team Chris Heather and Team Meiklejohn.

Consistency: Qtr finals R. (Esmae) Philpot to play R. (Hamo) Hamilton, G. (Waratah) Mulloy to play C. (the Other Feather) Heather. Good luck to all.

TOURNAMENTS: Marj Winnett Invitational Pairs.

Results: 1st L. Saunders/M. Traghard, 2nd P. Kaletta/J. Merkel, 3rd S. Thurley/C. Hoffman 4th T. Fair/C. Fair. Clubs were represented in and around the local district and over the river. We would like to thank all the sponsors (names following), bar, green keepers, caterers, the RS Club staff and the organizing committee for the event. It is a well supported event and thanks to all the players.

Trevor Craig Invitational Triples. Our entry numbers were down slightly on previous years, and the tournament committee would like to thank the local players who participated, it was very much appreciated. The result will be in the next issue.

The Bowls Club would like to send a massive thank you for the sponsors of both tournaments and are as follows: *Casey Enterprises, JR Lieschke, Jolly Swagman Motel, GR Mulloy Fencing, Gammage Transport, Holbrook Motor Village, Lieschke*

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*****DON'T FORGET NIGHT BOWLS COMMENCES on Wednesday 5th February*****

See the flyer in the Club for details

Watch your bias, Kui

BERRAGOON INCENTIVE WEEKEND

The 2025 Berragoon Incentive Weekend, hosted at the Holbrook Equine Centre, was a spectacular celebration of equine talent, camaraderie, and fierce competition. This year's event featured thrilling performances across a range of disciplines, including Campdraft, Challenges, Polocrosse, and a bustling Sale. A key highlight is that all Challenge horses, Incentive competitors, and Polocrosse teams were made up of horses either purchased or sold through the Berragoon Sale or bearing the prestigious PMB Brand, ensuring exceptional quality and consistency across the board.

Stallion Shootout: Sponsored by the Holbrook Vet Centre, the Stallion Shootout brought together some of the finest sires in Campdraft and Polocrosse, each vying for the top spot. The competition was intense, with one stallion rising above the rest. **Top Cut-Out:** Lachie Sim and Metallic Reyn sponsored by Neverleak Raincoats and Double up Panels

Special thanks to K Renae Leather for the custom saddle cloth, Yarrowa Park Stock Horses for the Trinity Acres Oligo Service Fee, Best Leather Care for their amazing products, and the Holbrook Vet Centre for their sponsorship.

6 & Over Challenge: Sponsored by Holbrook Hotel, the 6 and Over Challenge returned for its second year, with increased entries and horses fine-tuned. The event was under the expert guidance of Michael Hiscock who we were very lucky to have at our event. This event has quickly become a standout, and it's sure to continue growing in stature year after year. **Special Awards:** Highest Scoring ASH: Morgan Webb & Berragoon Heartbreaker, Best Presented Horse and Rider: Milly Triggs. A big thank you to K Renae Leather, Best Leather Care, and Darren and Kathy De Jong for their generous sponsorship of this event.

5 & Under Challenge: Also sponsored by Holbrook Hotel, the 5 & Under Challenge spotlighted young,

up-and-coming horses purchased through the Berragoon Sale or bearing the PMB Brand. **Special Awards:** Highest Scoring ASH: Hayden Turnbull & Berragoon Noozy, Highest Scoring HSH: Brendan Hart & Berragoon Rolex. Once again, thanks to K Renae Leather, Best Leather Care, and Lachie and Bec Sim for their incredible support of this event.

Incentive Campdraft: The Incentive Campdraft competition saw a thrilling mix of Polocrosse players and full-time drafters going head to head. The cattle were outstanding, with an 86 needed to make the final, and the energy was electric as the final round unfolded. The Elders team ran an exciting Calcutta event prior to the Final, with the lucky purchaser taking home a remarkable \$5,000!

Top Cut-Out: Jesse Walsh and Billabillacoolah Tangle sponsored by Carroll Truck Sales. One of the most thrilling moments of the weekend was the Battle of the Black Hats, where Will Durkin and Trav Bandy went head-to-head on six of Berragoon's finest mares. The competition was intense, with both riders posting impressive 90s on multiple occasions, thanks to the incredible cattle. It was a neck-and-neck battle throughout, with the tension building as the final run approached. In the end, it was Will Durkin who claimed the win, narrowly edging out Trav Bandy in what was an unforgettable showdown.

Open Campdraft: The Open Campdraft competition was a true test of skill and precision, featuring some of the top riders in the sport. The judge for the event was none other than Will Durkin, and the competition was proudly sponsored by Lime and Soda Collective. The PMB team was dressed by Lime and Soda throughout the weekend, adding extra style to the proceedings. The winner of the event took home a K Renae Saddle Cloth, a Service Fee to Smith Family Conjessman, and a 140g Best Leather Care kit, making for an exceptional prize pack. **Top Cut-Out:** Trav Bandy and Condover Contessa, sponsored by Mitavite/Hygain

The **Polocrosse** matches held the crowd's attention with intense competition, showcasing top-notch teamwork, speed, and skill. The action was non-stop, with each match delivering electrifying moments that highlighted the agility and precision of both riders and horses. Once again, all Polocrosse teams consisted of horses

purchased through the Berragoon Sale or bearing the PMB Brand, ensuring high quality and consistency in this dynamic sport.

The 25-pt grade saw 10 teams battle it out across the 3-day competition, with a thrilling mix of campdrafters, first-timers, and seasoned players.

In the grand final, a gripping contest unfolded between the AUSMOORE and CAMPBELLS WINES teams. Despite the enthusiastic support for Campbells Wines, Ausmoore proved too strong, securing a back-to-back win.

The Open competition was just as captivating, with a few surprising upsets along the way and some of the best Polocrosse action seen in years. The final saw BCS face off against BILLABILLACOO LAH in a game that had spectators on the edge of their seats. Racquets were flying, tempers flared, and the occasional whistle added to the intensity. Ultimately, BILLABILLACOO LAH emerged victorious, and the celebrations that followed were long and well-deserved.

The Sale – High-Quality Horses on Display: Lot 113, Berragoon Splash (Berragoon Waves x Stonebrook Finno), was a standout moment. This stunning black mare fetched \$75,000, reflecting her exceptional pedigree and competitive potential. While it was an emotional farewell for the Grills family, they were incredibly proud of her new home.



Averages from the sale: Ridden Mare: \$20,391, Ridden Gelding: \$12,667, Ridden Filly: \$16,900, Ridden Colt: \$11,000, Led Filly: \$13,928, Led Colt/Gelding: \$6,166, Filly Foal: \$13,500, Colt Foal: \$5,818, Broodmare: \$7,250

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January 2025

- Fri 24 **OMNI**
Sat 25 General Bye - Tennis competition
Sun 26 **Australia Day**
Holbrook Rotary Club's Poker Run
Mon 27 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
Tue 28 Probus 11am @ RS Club

February 2025

- Sat 1 **Tennis competition resumes**
Mon 3 Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am
Wed 5 **Night Bowls commences**
Mon 10 Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am
Wed 12 **Holbrook Landcare's Beef Dinner**
Thu 13 Holbrook Landcare's AgTech Expo
Fri 14 **OMNI**
Sat 15 Commander Holbrook Cup Race meeting
Mon 17 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
Wed 19 GHSC meeting—Culcairn
Sat 22 **Looong Lunch Fundraiser 11am—5pm**
Cricket, Tennis & Adult Riding Trivia/
Auction Night 7pm @ RS Club
Mon 24 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
Tue 25 Probus 11am @ RS Club
Fri 28 **OMNI**

March 2025

- Sat 1 Festival by The Sub
Mon 3 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
Mon 10 Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am
Fri 14 **OMNI**
Sun 16 Holbrook Triathlon
Holbrook Show
Mon 17 Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am
Tue 25 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**
Fri 28 **OMNI**
Mon 31 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are invited to
the
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Starting at 8am
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In the Function Building
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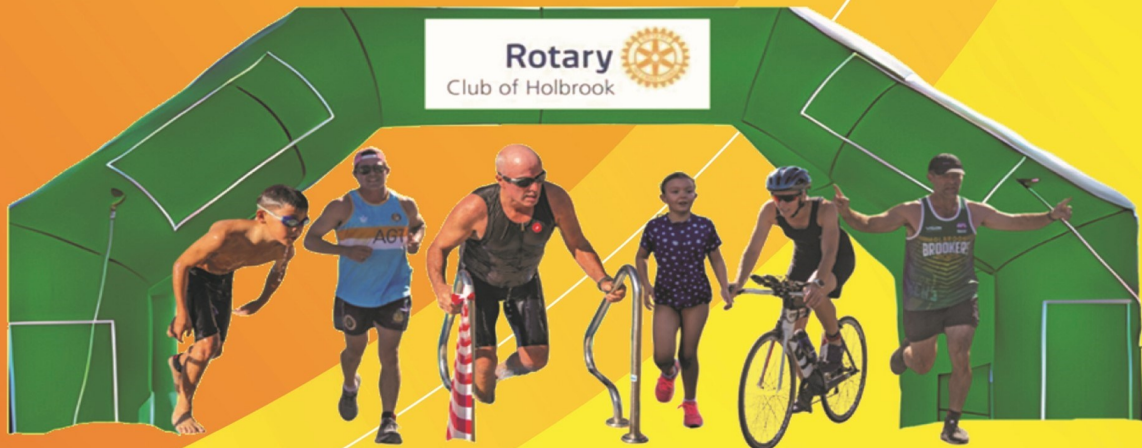
8:00am - MINI (11 and under)
Ride 2km, Swim 66m, Run 800m

8:30am - JUNIOR (12 -14) & ENTICER
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