

HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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HOLBROOK FESTIVAL BY THE SUB 2025

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many people gathered to enjoy a late afternoon & evening of live music, with Riff, The Mighty Yak & Baker Boys, and use the opportunity to catch up with friends. Thank you to the wonderful sponsors, stallholders, helpers and to everyone who came along to help make the event such a success.

Planning for the next one is already beginning, so make sure that you mark Saturday 7 March 2026 in your diaries, ready for next year.



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Even if you are only available to help out while one of our regular volunteers is away, we'd love to hear from you. Our regular people are always happy to show you what they do and assist with any questions.

We have a fantastic group of dedicated volunteers who carry out a wide range of tasks to ensure that the Holbrook community continues to enjoy this newsletter, but we always welcome new faces.



If you are interested in becoming involved in any way, call in & ask at the library or send us an email (holbrookhappenings@gmail.com).



FESTIVAL BY THE SUB SHOW & SHINE

(Top & right) Col Bickley - Shannon's Choice Trophy.
 (Below & below right) Luke Townsend - Best Paint & Panel Trophy.



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It's almost time to get your pavilion entries together for judging on Saturday 15 March, before Show Day on Sunday 16 March. Don't forget to check whether the closing date is different for the section you are interested in. For example, fleeces are judged on the morning of Friday 14 March. Poultry entries also need to be with the stewards early enough for them to allocate the pens.

This year there will be a special prize on offer for the junior competitor (16 years & under) with the greatest number of entries across the pavilion classes.

Schedules are available at the newsagency, Post Office, Holbrook Stores, Landcare and the bakery. The schedules for the pavilion, poultry, cattle & horses are also available through the Greater Hume Council website.

Support through sponsorship has once again been excellent and the annual show is an opportunity to spend some relaxing time with family and friends.

WOOLPACK INN MUSEUM

Military Room Refurbishment Nears Completion

This week has been an eventful one at the Woolpack Inn Museum, with progress made on some refurbishment projects. The museum's Military Room, which has been undergoing a makeover, is taking shape beautifully. With the painting and picture rails now finished, the room is beginning to look ready to showcase our military display.

The museum will host an Open Day on **Saturday, April 26th**, which will also mark the official opening of the newly refurbished Military Room. This event will include various activities and food available. The Woolpack Inn Museum invites everyone to come and join in the celebration of this milestone.

Not only is the Military Room undergoing improvements, but the museum has also been refreshing an upstairs area. One room has been painted and will become a new sewing room.

The museum has more plans in the pipeline for future improvements. As time and funding allow, other areas of the museum will receive attention, including Grimwood's Store, the School House and some shedding.

The museum looks forward to welcoming the community to the **Open Day on April 26th**.



WHAT'S ON AT HOLBROOK RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

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On Saturday 22nd February, Holbrook Long Lunch committee members, Helen Geddes, Trish Shea, Daisie Julian, Kate Hicks, Janey Wailes, along with Alison Southwell, Georgia McDougall and Rachael Daniel from Holbrook Landcare Network, held a spectacular and extremely successful day..... and if you attended this event, you know that they really know how to throw a party!



A beautiful day out with gorgeous flowers, food and entertainment held at The Ten Mile. The speaker, Kellie Finlayson, spoke openly about bowel cancer, particularly in young adults, emphasizing the importance of early detection. She openly discussed the challenges of living with terminal cancer and her daily routines and struggles. Kellie showed grace and amazing positivity in her presentation and touched guests with her luminosity.

Entertainment was by Paris Zachariou who wowed the guests with his professionalism to his craft, singing a rousing rendition of “Delila” and providing a great platform for the upcoming auction proceedings, and throughout the day. The auction was performed by Matt Pitzen from Nutrien, Holbrook and he was relentless in his pursuit to raise money for the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre Trust Fund. Auction items were generously donated by local people and businesses, all in good faith, a simple yet impactful way to contribute to this worthy cause. A late entry to the auction list was a luncheon date with Kevin Sheedy, which caused great excitement and sparked bidding wars amongst the guests. A silent auction was held during the day, which was also a great entertainment to the guests, adding to the current grand total of \$52,000 with a few more donations to be tallied! This event was a collaboration with the Long Lunch Committee and supported by the FRRR – (Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal) under the Community Impact Program, through funding from the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund.



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HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Swimming Carnival: Our school term has seen the summer sports in full swing with our school swimming carnival being held on February 14th. The pending weather did not look in our favour however Miss Lavis and her band of helpers - both staff and parents - ran the carnival very efficiently, even finishing early! All ribbons were presented at last week's school assembly and a group of HPS students will now represent our school at the Southern Riverina Carnival on February 28th. Congratulations to all students on their participation and sportsmanship displayed at the carnival and a massive thank you to the parents who helped out on the day..

State Cricket Carnival: Last week Sophie Burey represented our school as part of the Riverina Girls Cricket Team that competed at the NSW State Cricket Carnival in Tuggerah, NSW. Sophie had a great 4 days of cricket playing a total of 6 games. The Riverina side she was a part of finished 5th in the state which is their best result to date. Sophie enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends by being part of this team. She also managed to hit a 4 off a State Representative and took 4 wickets during the competition!

Pulse Alive: Pulse Alive is fast approaching for Mrs Henderson and a group of students who have chosen to participate in this large-scale, performing arts opportunity. This is a big event that is providing high-quality opportunities for students and teachers in NSW public schools. Our group of students are participating in the massed dance along with many other schools from across the state. They have been arriving at school early on select days to practice their routines online before performing at the Sydney Olympic Park on Friday, March 21st. What an exciting opportunity for our students who are interested in the performing arts! Thanks to the Dancing Queen herself, Mrs. Henderson, for making this happen.

Hockey Clinic: We were fortunate to have two members from the Norths Hockey Club, based in Albury, come and facilitate a hockey clinic for our students in years 1-6. It was a wonderful

opportunity for students to engage in a sport that is a little different to the sports played locally. This clinic was an enticer for Hockey Albury-Wodonga's 'Come and Try Day' on Sunday 2nd March.

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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

We would like to introduce the staff of St Patrick's for 2025.

Sharon McCarthy: Sharon is our office administrator who has been working at St Pat's since Jan 2021 and has spent 15 yrs working in Catholic Schools in NSW.

Jess Gaynor: Jess is our Kinder and Maths Focus teacher. She commenced her teaching career in 2012 at St Anne's North Albury, where she taught for 10 years. During this time Jess experienced teaching all year levels from K-6 and gained leadership experience as Acting Assistant Principal, Religious Education and Curriculum Coordinator and mentored early career teachers as the school's NESA contact. At St Patrick's Jess currently teaches Kindergarten, Personal Development & Health K-6, and is the Instructional Mathematic Teacher. She is training as an intervention specialist Mathematics teacher (EMU). Jess is passionate about seeing students, staff and schools reach their full potential and feels lucky to be able to work collaboratively on this with our St Patrick's community.

Rhiannon Elwin: Rhiannon started teaching at St Patricks in 2021 after working in both Leeton and Corryong. She is teaching 1/2 English and Mathematics this year as well as facilitating Reading Intervention groups and undergoing Literacy Intervention Professional Learning. Rhi sees it as such a joy being in the classroom with our students and working in this beautiful community.

John Carey: John is the Year 5/6 teacher and Religious Education Coordinator and is a highly experienced educator. He has worked in the Wagga Wagga Diocese for over 30 years having undertaken many roles including that of principal in both Culcairn and Jerilderie. Among John's many talents is a love of the arts where he teaches both visual and creative arts at St Pat's to all students.

Jane Wailes: Jane has been a qualified teacher since 2016, working in both the public education system, and the Catholic education system. She has been associated with St Patrick's since 2020 when the oldest of her 5 daughters started primary school there. Following that, she has worked as a teacher at St. Patrick's in varying capacities since 2023, mainly in the K/1/2 classroom. Jane enjoys working at a small school and especially loves that it enables her to know each student personally and have a good relationship with them, so she can ensure that she teaches them in ways that she knows they can learn.

Geraldine Hocking: Geraldine believes being a

teacher is an excellent pathway for creativity. Every year brings a rewarding journey of discovering students; understandings to develop their future capabilities. Geraldine's teaching experiences began in communities in Sydney in the public system and continued in Holbrook, followed by schools in the Victorian State System at Leongatha in South East Gippsland, Colac South West, and Camperdown in the Western District. Upon returning to the Southern Riverina, Geraldine taught again the Public System at Culcairn, joining the Catholic System and teaching at St. Patrick's Holbrook and St. Joseph's Culcairn.

Annie Gould: Annie is our Inclusion and Diverse Learning teacher which specialises in providing support for those students for whom it is required. Annie works with both internal and external support services to provide our students with all they need to assist them with their learning. She fulfils this role in the Catholic schools in both Tumbarumba and Culcairn and has worked at St Patrick's since 2022.

Hope MacKinlay: Hope has lived in Holbrook for 30yrs and was lucky enough to be accepted into an Education Support role at St Patricks 6 yrs ago in 2019. In 2022 she completed her Certificate 4 in Education Support to complement her Certificate 3 in Childcare. She sees it as a privilege to be able to work in a school that holds a special place in her heart as both she and her husband attended this school and 4 of their children have been nurtured in this environment. Hope's role is assisting students in the classroom as well as facilitating our Royal Far West Occupational Therapy and Speech sessions. She sees everyday as rewarding as she watches the young people growing, learning and thriving with her help and support.

Flynn Scholes: Flynn is an ex-student of St Patrick's and works as a Teachers' Assistant at St Pat's, providing essential support to both teachers and students to ensure that all students receive the best opportunity to learn. He commenced this role in 2024.



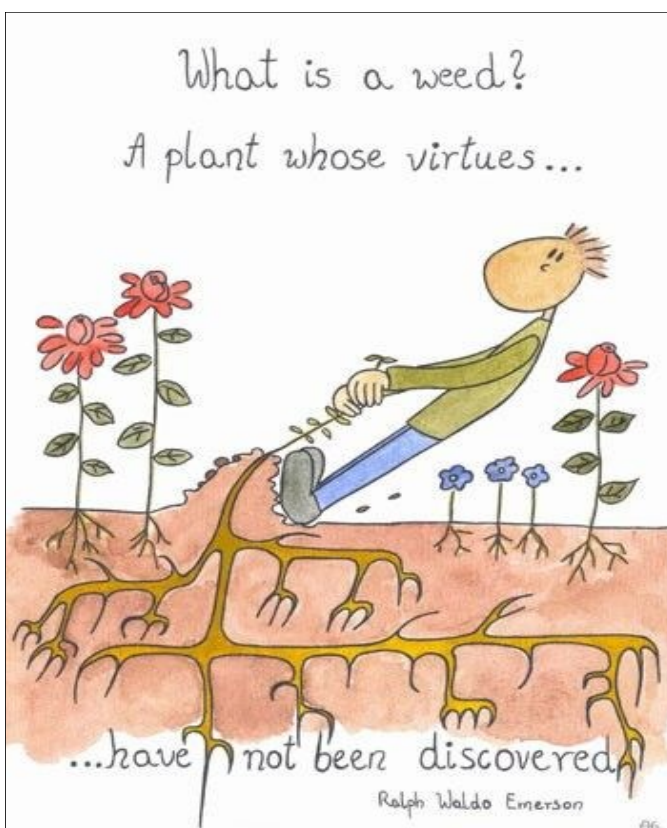
PROBUS

What a hot end to Summer we are having! 15 members enjoyed a short meeting and a very nice lunch together.

Our guest speakers were Judy & Ian Wettenhall who, with the help of some amazing photos, took us through their fabulous trip in Africa. Beginning in Johannesburg and travelling through many countries, where they had many experiences with the great friendly people and of course the vast wildlife! Travelling in a convoy of 6 fairly 'worse for wear' Landrovers some funny events took place! Although there was a lot of poverty the Wettenhalls always felt safe. What a trip! Thank you Ian & Judy.

Our first outing for 2025 will be a trip to Jindera where we will have a tour of the museum and all the added attractions. We will enjoy lunch at the Jindera Hotel and return to Holbrook by 3/3:30. Travel will be by bus which Alan Buchanan has kindly offered to drive. We will be leaving from the RS Club on Tuesday 11th March at 10:00am. Places are limited to 12 so if you didn't put your name down & wish to go please ring Cathy on 0484 561 638 or Robyn on 0427 372 751

Our next Probus meeting is the ATM on Tuesday 25th March at the RS Club. Members are asked to pay their fees of \$20 in a named envelope at this meeting. All welcome!

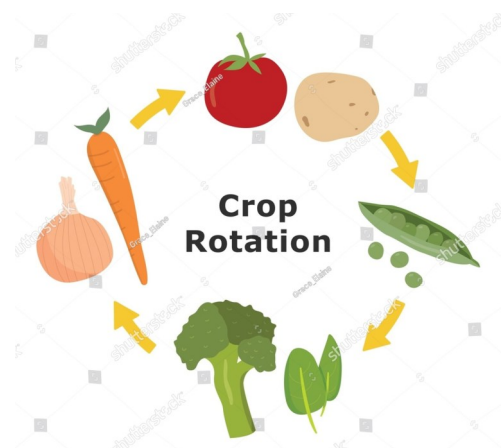


PLANT PICK PLATE

Now that the hot weather has left us and the summer vegetable crops are past their best, some even coming to an end, it is time for gardeners to prepare for the Autumn plantings in their productive gardens. A plant that is no longer providing quality produce may require removal in order to prepare the soil for the Autumn crop. Gardeners with the luxury of space do not have this concern and can monitor their garden for pests infestations as the season cools while enjoying the last of their produce.

However, all gardeners should practice crop rotation which assists in the prevention of pests and disease. Most would have planted Tomatoes this past season which are gross feeders. To replenish nitrogen in the soil, the next crop would be legumes followed by root vegetables, onions and lettuce all which are light feeders. Garden beds then require a nitrogen dressing to sustain fruiting vegetables and a further dressing for the heavy feeders, brassica's (leafy greens). The crop rotation starts all over again.

My tomatoes and cucumbers have provided me with abundant produce but now have slowed in their production, however I have vacant vegetable beds for the next crops so I can enjoy the last of the fruits while keeping an eye out for pests as the nights become cooler. Unfortunately, I have not been forward planning in growing my own autumn seedlings. Thank goodness we have garden nurseries to perform that task. My winter staples are broad beans, broccolini and spinach which have a much quicker growing season than the onions and garlic that I will be planting which require patience, waiting until the end of Spring to harvest these bulbs. With seedlings waiting, I can no longer stall my soil preparation. I'm off to my garden shed.





COMMANDER HOLBROOK CUP RACE MEETING

Thank you to our generous sponsors, all the punters who came and everyone that helped out to make this day such a success and a good time! And a special shout out to our secretary and the hard working committee for putting in the big yards to pull everything together!

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TWILIGHT BOWLS

The final round was played on the 26th Feb. in warmish conditions.

With Colonel Gavin Duckworth Klink back in the chair he sharpened his handicap pencil, and he bombed some sides out of placings contention, which was no mean feat!!!! It appears no team escaped from Stalig 13....

The results are as follows in 2 divisions:

Div 1: 1st Mighty Ducks 69½, 2nd Smurf & Turf 60½, NABA The Chumps 43. **Div 2:** 1st Milkos 54½, 2nd 4B's 45, NABA Odd Bods 30½.

All other scores HVC 17½, The Byngers 35½, Black Balls 42, Green Thumbs 53, DJ's 45½, and Wannabees 44½.

On behalf of the Bowls Club, we would like to thank you all for your participation, we hoped you enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to seeing you again in November. Also, thank you to Gavin, Gail for conducting the competition, the bar, green staff and of course Ian Papa Giuseppe for the pizzas after the game. Thanks also to the RS Club and Freedom Styles Hairdressers for their sponsorship. We hope the new bowlers continue to play in the next comp. and come and bowl socially as well. Darryl milko has finally been presented with a new hat. Your terry towelling hat went out in 1985!!!!

B Grade: Semi-Finals Smurf P. McKenna, def. D.

TENNIS

The last round of the regular tennis season was played last weekend with only the Sect 3 team playing at Burrumbuttock. They are looking to keep the Burrum side from playing finals as they are equal on points with 2 other teams for the last positions in the play-offs this coming weekend. Unfortunately both sides were about 2-3 wins shy of a finals spot and anyone looking for a regular Saturday game is welcome to make enquires for next season starting early October.

On the social scene, we had our annual Trivia Night at the R S Club and a good night was had by all. Thanks to Chris and staff at the Club, Matt Pitzen for the auction job, Wendy and Bushy Murdoch for the raffle donation and everyone who came along for a good family night out.

The Wednesday night hit up will still be on for the next few weeks.

Spoke I now 80, G. Mertel to play J Lieschke in the other semi.

H/Cap Singles Grand

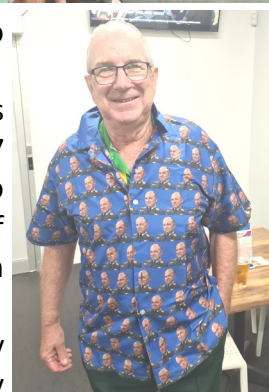
Final: R. Philpot to play C Heather TBA. Good luck to both players

Triples: In a fantastic final the team P. McKenna, G. Jones and C Heather, just defeated the team G. Merkel, R. Morton and J. Merkel. What a great match.

Congratulations must go to both teams.

Pennant: After 6 rounds Grade 4 are 2nd and Grade 7 are 1st with 4 rounds to go both sides have a chance of making the finals come on Brookers.

Social Bowls: Wednesday 9.30am and 1.30pm, Friday 1.30pm and Sunday 10am. All new bowlers are very welcome to come and have a roll.



HOLBROOK RS GOLF CLUB

The new golf season is just around the corner. Final work is being done to the yearly program and we hope to have it at the printers soon.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered some time to help with catering at the recent Holbrook races.

Nine members made the trip to Corryong for their tournament. It was great to see a strong showing from Holbrook. Hopefully this continues and is reciprocated at other events.

Dad's Army: 20 February Winner V. Derbridge, 2nd P. Spokes, 3rd M. Lowry. 27 February Winner P. Spokes, 2nd A. Buchanan, 3rd A. Atherton.

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Dementia Café 10.00am—11.30am @ Holbrook Sporting Complex
- Mon 10 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
- Wed 12 **Hockey @ Holbrook Tennis Courts**
5.45pm—6.30pm
- Thu 13 **Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library**
- Fri 14 **OMNI**
- Sat 15 **RS Club Boating & Angling Club's Cod Fishing competition @ Walwa**
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Holbrook Show
Holbrook Triathlon
- Mon 17 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**
- Tue 18 **Holbrook Playgroup @Holbrook Library Meeting Room**
- Wed 19 **Hockey @ Holbrook Tennis Courts**
5.45pm—6.30pm
- Tue 25 **Probus 11am @ RS Club**
- Wed 26 **Hockey @ Holbrook Tennis Courts**
5.45pm—6.30pm
- Thu 27 **Storytime 11.00am @ Holbrook Library**
- Fri 28 **OMNI**
- Sat 29 **Holbrook Rotary's 4WD Day**
- Mon 31 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**

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- Fri 18 **Good Friday**
- Fri 25 **ANZAC Day**
Holbrook Campdraft
- Sat 26 **Holbrook Campdraft**
Woolpack Inn Museum Open Day
- Mon 28 **Holb Community Gardens Grp 9.30am**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holbrook Adult Riding, Cricket and Tennis Clubs' Annual Trivia and Auction Night

We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors who donated to our yearly event, without them we wouldn't have had such a successful night.

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When you are planning an event, we would like to ask that these dates be sent through to "Holbrook Happenings" for inclusion in our calendar. This will help to spread the word about your event and may help to reduce/avoid problems created by a potential clash. We'd also love to receive news from your group and this may also help to let others know what's going on. Remember, not everyone relies on social media!

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Holbrook Pharmacy

Big changes in happening in Holbrook.

The Holbrook Pharmacy has some big changes happening. On Monday 17th March we will open at a new premises in the old NAB Bank building (135 Albury Street).

We will be closed Friday 14th March and Saturday 15th March for the move. Our phone numbers, fax and email remains the same.

The reason for this move?

Our pharmacy and house out the back has Mr. Fluffy in its roof (yes Mr. Fluffy strikes again). So the building has to be demolished. This is planned for around June this year.

But what does this mean?

It means something exciting will happen. We are re-building a whole new pharmacy back on the original site. The pharmacy will be bigger and better and will offer more services. With the same friendly staff just in a new premises.

We envision the process taking approximately 18 months.

We look forward to seeing you in the old NAB bank in the short term. Then welcoming you back to 119 Albury Street.

We are very excited about our new Holbrook Pharmacy and the services we can offer the town.

Regards, Stephen & Therese Lum.

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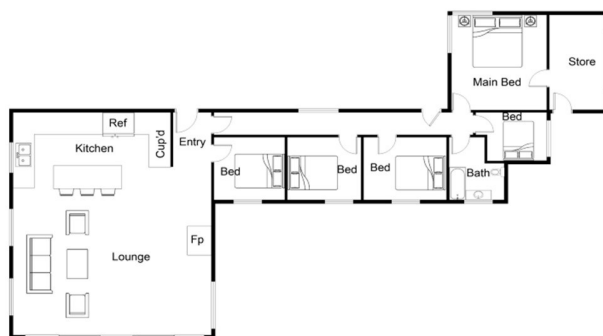
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