



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

August 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

ANDREW HOY

CULCAIRN'S OWN

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SILVER AND BRONZE TOKYO 2020

SAINT JOSEPH'S

St. Joseph's have had a very busy term 3. We have celebrated NAIDOC Day, 100 Days of Kinder, Story Time with Darren & Florence, First Communion and The Official School Opening.



Our Sensory and Vegetable Gardens are starting to take shape, a big thank you to the Culcairn Landcare for their contribution towards this project.



The year is going very fast with our Transition Program due to start in 3 weeks. Our existing Kindergarten is very excited to welcome prospective 2022 kinders to the school.

THANK YOU—CULCAIRN LHAC

Culcairn LHAC have kindly purchased the Culcairn Hospital a bus. This will be fantastic to get the residents out and about.

A hoist for wheelchair access is currently being installed in the rear of the bus and could be delivered ready to use in approx. mid August. The residents are super excited and trying to decide where to go for their first trip.

We are very appreciative of this very generous gift. Hopefully soon you will see the bus zipping around with happy smiley faces on-board.



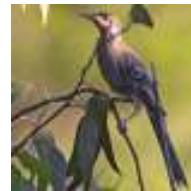
Kathryn and Katrina

ABOUT THE BUSH

Nectar-feeding birds are having a feeding frenzy

If you've been out and about in bush areas recently you will have noticed the white and yellow box trees heavy with flowers and a cacophony of bird calls around these flowering trees. If you can overlook the strident calls of pied currawongs which are ubiquitous over the winter months, what you will mostly be hearing are the calls of various nectar-feeding birds.

One of the bigger and more aggressive honeyeaters dominating the airwaves right now is



Red Wattlebird

the red wattlebird. With their distinctive squawking call, these brown-streaked birds with a yellow belly and red wattles vigorously patrol their favourite feeding trees chasing smaller birds away. Another similarly pugnacious

honeyeater is the noisy miner. These grey birds with a black mask and yellow bill are highly gregarious and work together to keep smaller birds away from their food trees. Their call can be quite melodic or at times very raucous and complaining. Often



Noisy Miner

the dominant bird when there is no shrub layer, noisy miners are much less common in plantings or bush with a mix of shrubs and trees.



Noisy Friarbirds

Our milder winter has meant there are also small groups of noisy friarbirds visiting flowering box trees locally. These large greyish-brown birds have vulture-like black-skinned heads and a very stout black bill. Over the summer months their distinctive harsh cackling call is a dead giveaway, and is the source of another of their common names – the four-o'clock bird.

One of the smaller nectar-feeding species you are likely to hear around town is the white-plumed honeyeater. These small yellowish-brown birds with a white Nike-like swoosh on their necks hang about in cheery groups chasing each other through the foliage of shrubs and trees. Their call sounds like "witch-a-wee" and like other honeyeaters, these birds have a brush-tipped tongue and a thin curved beak to help them access nectar from flowers.

I hope you get inspired to go out into your backyard or local bush to listen and look out for our local birdlife – happy birding! Colleen O'Malley

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DEADLINE

Next deadline - 12pm Tues 31st August 2021

Folding Date– Fri 3rd September 2021 at 1pm

Delivery Date - Wed 8th September 2021

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Oasis Contributions

We are seeking articles from community groups and residents that would be of interest to the Culcairn community.

Articles are free to submit and will be included in the next edition.

We encourage sporting groups, clubs, schools, associations to use the Oasis to keep your community informed of coming dates, events and news. If you would like to receive a reminder email before the due date please send us your email address. Email articles to culcairnoasis@outlook.com or phone 0260298291

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CULCAIRN OASIS NEWS

We would love to receive more articles from all our Culcairn community groups in order to make our newsletter varied, interesting and enjoyable for our readers. So if your group has news you'd like to share with our wider community we'd love to hear from you.

We would also love to hear from more individuals who have a particular interest and who would like to contribute to the Culcairn Oasis. Please e-mail details to culcairnoasis@outlook.com or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

CULCAIRN SHOW – SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Meetings of the Show Society have taken place and will continue monthly up until the 2021 Show. The Show will be held on Saturday 2nd October, the October Long Weekend. All the usual activities are planned including dog & horse events, shearing & wool competitions, fleeces, flowers, plants, sewing, craft, Show Girl and Show Boy, 'Rural Achiever', skateboarding, sheaf tossing, as well as increased activities for the kids. Details of all show day activities will be available as time goes on, through 'Oasis' articles, posters and letter box drops around town, social media and newspaper articles. The society elected Max Scheetz as president and Stephen Trickett as secretary for 2021.

An invitation is given to all residents of the district and all who are new in the community to come along on show day as well as participate in organising for the show. The show email address is culcairnshowsociety@gmail.com if you wish to make contact, find out more and volunteer to assist with the show.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the cold we didn't hold a meeting in July. Our next meeting should be August 17th at 7pm. We are waiting for some information from the Regional Designers about our Town Masterplan, which might be ready by then.

A big thanks to the Men's Shed, who have made 2 of the recycle bins we have asked them to do. These will be installed soon, behind the Railway Museum House. Thanks to all those who have been holding onto their recycling to support this project.

And CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Hoy, Dorothy (Andrew's mum) and his family! What a fantastic time he is having at the Olympic Games, and they always mention that he is from Culcairn! Time to update the signs and think about other ways we can honour his achievements!

Suggestions and comments to Ken at the Newsagents or via our Facebook page or Kirsty at kirsty@wilkschestate.com.au

COMMUNITY DIARY

This calendar is for all community organisations to use free of charge for the events, functions, meetings etc. You can send us your dates monthly, or provide them for the whole year. Please e-mail details to culcainoasis@outlook.com or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

August

- Wed 11** Basic Computer Training at Culcairn Library, 12pm-1pm (bookings essential)
- Thurs 12** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Tues 17** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Thurs 19** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Tues 24** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Thurs 26** Movie Afternoon "June Again" at Culcairn Library—2pm to 4pm
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Tues 31** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

September

- Thurs 2** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Sat 4** Sit and Stitch
- Tues 7** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Thurs 9** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am
- Tues 14** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Thurs 16** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
- Tues 21** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

October

- Fri 22** Free Tax Help—Culcairn Library (bookings essential)

CULCAIRN COINS FOR CANCER

The big C (COVID-19) has dominated our lives for the past 2 years causing disruptions and inconvenience at times but thankfully no loss of life in our community.

Another big C however (Cancer) continues to impact our community often resulting in loss of life along with much pain and heartache. What a blessing at such a time to have the support of our wonderful Albury/Wodonga Cancer Centre and our little community is now doing its bit to support the Centre with bits of spare change dropped into the donation boxes spread throughout the town.

Those few coins here and there through the month of June amounted to a total of \$126.80. Well done Culcairn, keep up the good work. Many thanks for your care and compassion, especially in these trying times.



Culcairn Library
Thursday 2nd September at 11am
"Dads"

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the kind, caring people who came to my assistance when I suffered a blackout at the front of the gift shop on Friday, 9 July. People we did not know, just did what was needed. Helped me up, rang for the ambulance. My sincerest, heartfelt thanks to everyone.
Laurie Landers



Meals on Wheels
Holbrook - Wodonga

"More Than Just A Meal!" - What Does that mean?

Although delivery of prepared meals is the basis of our service, Meals on Wheels is so much more. It is "more than just a meal". It is a regular wellbeing check for people who may be living alone and isolated from family and other supports. It is also about ensuring people who may not be able to get out and about, enjoy regular social interaction and the comfort of knowing someone will drop by regularly to say hello and see how they are going. We also provide assistance for people to be taken to appointments, shopping, outings and to share a meal with others.

As the COVID position continues we will continue to provide our essential meals and social support services to clients across most of the Greater Hume Shire. To help us all remain safe and well, all non-essential activities have been put on hold until safe to return. Unfortunately, that means our Gentle Exercise sessions are on hold as well as group outings and non-essential shopping. They will recommence along with our new activities of "Cooking For 1 or 2" and "Sconeversations" as soon as we get the go ahead from health authorities.

We also provide friendly phone calls for people who may live alone and feel isolated or just want a regular chat with a friendly voice. The service makes a regular phone call, based on client's request, to ensure all is well. Give us a call if you think you might like to have a regular phone call from us or one of our friendly volunteers. Shopping and shopping delivery is another service we are currently offering for those unable to make it to the shops.

If you are in urgent need of support, the My Aged Care contact centre can refer you directly to services in your local area. If you are already registered with My Aged Care, services can be set up quickly for up to 6 weeks without the need for an additional assessment. You can also arrange this directly with Holbrook Meals on Wheels if you prefer.

If you would like to receive meals or social support or would just like more information, please call us on 02 60363677. You can also contact My Aged Care directly on 1800 200 122 for more information if you prefer or to have them send us a referral.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Masks

It is now mandatory for all staff and visitors to wear a mask while in the hospital. Masks can be provided for visitors if required.

Luxury Lunches



Residents chose and enjoyed a luxury lunch of Oysters. Feedback has been amazing, the oysters certainly looked delicious. The luxury lunch is the highlight of the week for all the residents as they get to choose what to cook then eat

it. The table is always beautifully set to make it a restaurant feel.

Montessori items

The LHAC Committee donated \$200 for Toni (Activity Officer) to purchase Montessori items for our residents to use. The residents enjoy using the puzzles.



NSW Dinner vouchers used by resident

Residents enjoyed a fabulous bakery lunch from Henty Bakery using their second dine out vouchers. Residents chose a variety of meals including burgers, chips, steak sandwiches, wedges, fish and chips.



Libby



Liz

LIBRARY REPORT

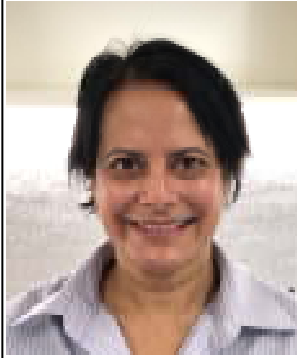
Your local library is the place to be. Our library knitters have been busy knitting squares and the number of completed rugs are increasing.

The ladies meet every second Tuesday morning enjoying one another's company while using their skills for a good cause. A cuppa and a chat is always good for the soul. All are most welcome to join the group.

In June, Library Knitters joined with students from St Joseph's school sharing skills knitting, making pom poms and plating friendship bands. This was the first session of the new intergenerational program which is being held fortnightly in the library. The children's skills with knitting varied however a very enjoyable morning was had by all.

A huge thank you to the ladies who gave up their time to share with the children. It's great to see seniors and children working together.

CULCAIRN HEALTH MATTERS



Cynthia Davoren is our friendly and efficient Administration staff member at the front desk of the hospital. She has been working at the Culcairn Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) for five years, after previously being a radiation therapist. Cynthia is a mother of three boys, travels from

Wagga Wagga daily, and thoroughly enjoys her time in Culcairn meeting and interacting with the local people. She and her family have recently joined the caravanning set, and are enjoying exploring more of NSW. We are very pleased to have Cynthia as the person you meet as you enter our MPS.

Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Update

Presently two visitors only are permitted per resident/patient. Flu vaccinations and evidence are required for anybody who is visiting a resident/patient. Flu vaccination evidence will **not** be asked for if presenting to the hospital as a patient for the Emergency Department or Outpatients Clinics.

A reminder that NSW pathology is onsite every Wednesday from 8am -12pm.



Movie Afternoon

THURSDAY 26 AUGUST

2.00pm-4.00pm

Tea/coffee + snacks

This month's movie:

June again

Bookings essential

Culcairn Library

02 6036 0100



IN YOUR GARDEN

After some lovely rain and now longer days things are starting to move in the garden. I know that in my garden the weeds are slowly advancing and crowding out some of my plants.

Early bulbs are flowering and new ones in pots are looking good, some new mini ones are showing a mix of colour and style.



Pruning of roses, some salvias, crepe myrtles, buddleias etc should have mostly been done by now while the bushes are dormant. Warm weather

coming will promote new growth and formation of flower buds.

Vegetables have been moving along, despite the cold weather. Cauliflower, brussels sprouts, broccoli, are yielding well and peas, broad beans, and onions are progressing. There is still time to put in another crop of peas.

However wait a little while for carrots, beetroot and potato. Prepare garden beds for Spring by digging over and adding compost. Some liquid fertilizer will be well received by veggies now.

Still some beautiful Camellias about and next to make a show at the end of winter will be Magnolias.

Pots of Pansies, Primula and Polyanthus will be making a colourful Winter display. My wheelbarrows of pansies are brightening up an otherwise dull area.

A few thoughts on indoor plants. They are very rewarding if cared for well. The right light is essential for a healthy plant. Never put pots near heaters or air conditioners outlets or against a window. Wipe leaves often to keep them clean and don't overwater. Sometimes better to grow in a plastic pot and place in a decorative pot when indoors. Suggestions:

1. Mother-in law's Tongue (Sansevieria trifasciata)

Tall, dramatic foliage. Needs to dry out between watering, medium to strong light.



2. Peperomia only grow to about



20cm so good for small pots. A great range of foliage styles and colours available. They like free draining soil and drying out between watering. Medium-bright light suits best.

3. Devil's Ivy-great variegated foliage gives the plant character. Keep moist in warm weather, but let dry out in Winter. Tolerates most light levels.



Looking forward to longer days. Enjoy your garden, Margaret Pumpa

WIRES – Wildlife Information and Education Service

WIRES (and indeed, our precious Native Wildlife) desperately needs new members who are willing to volunteer their services to provide first aid and care to sick and injured native wildlife.

Murray River Branch of WIRES covers from Little Billabong, to the north, along the Murray River as far south as Barham then north to Moulamein, Jerilderie, Urana and back to Henty. A very large area with very few to no members in remote towns. This obviously delays getting urgent care to desperate, animals who are scared and quite possibly in intense pain.

Culcairn has 1 trained, active WIRES member, yet we have a great variety of native wildlife in our area who often require our assistance.

Our Native wildlife is unique to Australia enriching our life and is an essential resource for the ecological health of our country.

To join us in WIRES you are required to undergo initial training which comprises of 2 parts. First part being online and must be completed prior to attending a one-day face-to-face workshop. On completion of both parts you will receive your licence to care for our native wildlife.

To undertake this training contact: wires.org .au and go to training

We have one face to face training day in October and the online component needs to be completed before then.

Advanced training required for each species, so it is possible to specialise in your favourite animal. WIRES has many and varied roles including taking phone calls, shooters, carers, transportation of animals and people who can climb trees and attach nest boxes.

In case of emergency native wildlife care:

Murray River Area call: 0427 493 716

Anywhere else in NSW : 1300 094 737

BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

We had special events normally held at the club, one being the Country Music afternoon cancelled in July due to COVID-19 restrictions of mandatory mask wearing and social distancing. We look forward to a return of these events soon.

We have been able to continue the Friday Night Raffles, thank you to members and guests braving the cold nights to support the Club.

The kitchen renovation has been completed and Kenny's Chinese will reopen on 13th August 2021.

In the main lounge, there is a "Games Bar" where you can play eight ball or just relax in armchair comfort watching the Keno. A selection of Buller Wines are in stock and light snacks available on Friday nights from 6pm to 7.30pm.

For opening hours, contact the club on 6029 8421 or Kenny's Restaurant on 6029 8738 (13th Aug).

Reminder due to COVID-19 you must sign in using the QR code. Members renewals and new enrolments for 21/22 now due. Management and Staff. Stay Safe Stay COVID Free and SEE YOU AT THE CLUB.



Greater Hume Council
Mandatory changes to lodging a Development Application

The NSW Government passed amendments to the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which will require planning applications to be lodged with Council through the NSW Planning Portal.

As of 1 July 2021, these State Government changes will require customers to submit all planning applications with Council online utilising the NSW Government Planning Portal. Council will not be able to accept planning applications over the counter, post or via email. These changes provide a new era for planning across NSW with the Planning Portal providing an easily accessible, user-friendly and transparent system for lodging planning applications.

From July 1 2021 customers are required to use the Portal to lodge the full range of planning applications, including:

- Development Applications (DAs) including modifications;
- Complying Development Certificates (CDCs);
- Construction Certificates (CCs); - Occupation Certificates;
- Subdivision Certificates; and
- Section 68 Applications including plumbing, solid fuel heaters, transportable buildings etc.

It is recognised that some customers may find the required changes challenging and if you require assistance using the Planning Portal and were unable to find the answer within the help and support section please contact Service NSW on 1300 305 695 or email: info@service.nsw.gov.au Council Environment & Planning staff will be available to help with some enquiries, however please note that this is a NSW Government initiative and therefore we may not have all the answers.

More information can be found on Council's website www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

FREE Tax Help – 2021 @the Culcairn Library

Friday, 22nd October

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL call into the Library or phone 02 60360100

Get your tax return completed with the assistance of an accredited Tax Agent at any council office.

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Local Government Election 2021

Councillor Doug Meyer OAM, current Deputy Mayor Greater Hume Council, speaks on your behalf across the Shire and State.

Doug gets things done.

FUN FACT

He has not missed a Council Meeting, or Riverina Water County Council Meeting in nine years. Vote wisely in the upcoming election. There's more good things to come!



- **Vote 1 Doug Meyer in North Ward Greater Hume Council.**
- **Vote NO to the removal of Wards in Greater Hume.**

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