



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 2022

CULCAIRN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKING BEE



It is **AMAZING** to see what a difference a group of enthusiastic people can achieve in a couple of hours. On Sunday, 1st May, 25 people gathered at the community garden on the Olympic Way

between the storage sheds and the motel. The garden had become so overgrown in recent years that many expressed surprise that there was even a garden there!

In no time though masses of weeds were removed and the original plants were once again



exposed. The feeling of accomplishment amongst the group was evident as all stood back and admired what had been achieved in a single afternoon. The friendly banter and new connections made between members of the community was an added bonus. It is wonderful to see people working together to better the community they live in.



Participants were treated to a barbeque at the end of the working bee in appreciation of their efforts.

Special thanks goes to Boral for donating the food and drinks, and to Hannah for cooking.

A massive thank you again to the members of our community who stepped up to improve our town. Together we can make great things happen.



CULCAIRN MASTERPLAN

The Culcairn Community Development Committee has been working with the Regional Design Service from Corowa in recent months to devise a masterplan for our town. After community consultation, and many meetings with the committee, they have recently provided us with documents that give as an overview of how the town could progress in future.

Having a plan has encouraged us to think about what we want in our town, and has brought together many ideas in a structured manner, so that new developments can happen in a more organised way. A coordinated approach to changes and improvements in Culcairn will certainly produce a better overall result in the future.

For anyone interested in the plan a display has been put up in the Library/Council offices for the public to view .



Old signs are history!

Community bids open during June 2022.

Greater Hume Council has a number of superseded entrance and town signs. Community organisations or local residents can make an offer to purchase a sign from the superseded list. Go to <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/Current-News>, or call into any Council Office to view the list.



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IN YOUR GARDEN

As we continue to have warm days, some showers and no frosts (as yet) plants are still growing well as the ground is still a good temperature. The first week in May is International Composting Awareness Week. Great gardens begin with great soil.

Compost and Humus improve soil structure and it's ability to hold moisture and take up nutrients. An ideal time now to collect Autumn leaves from your deciduous trees. Pile them in a heap, sprinkle a few cups of blood and bone, water and leave to break down.

Above ground gardens meet a need for people who move house often, or for those who can't bend easily to garden. These waist high gardens come in different sizes and are good for growing almost any vegetable. Good for potatoes and tomatoes but also herbs and lettuce.

Mothers Day—Instead of a bunch of flowers, give Mum a pot of flowers, which can last for months. Potted Chrysanthemums and Cyclamen are in full bloom now. Time now to pick olives if you are growing them. Camellias of all shapes are in bloom now.

Kangaroo Paws—These plants need lots of sun and perfect drainage. Feed in Autumn and Spring for multiple flowers per stem. Cut back to the ground after flowering. They can be divided now. Be aware snails and slugs love them!! Prepare for Winter colour with pots of annuals. Right for planting now are—Pansies, Primulas, Polyanthus and Lobelia. Continue to plant Spring flowering Bulbs. Plant Azaleas and Camellias—check nurseries for availability of varieties. Prepare beds for planting bare rooted roses. It's still a little early to prune roses yet.

Vegetables to plant now include—Broad beans, Spinach, Broccoli, Kale, Peas, and Lettuce. Pumpkins are still maturing so leave till after frosts. Enjoy this last month of Autumn in your Garden. Margaret Pumpa

STORYTIME

Storytime will be on Thursday 9th June 2022 at the Culcairn Library from 10am – 11am. Activities include listening to stories, craft, sensory games, making new friends and experiencing being part of a group. Also a great opportunity to take home a pile of excellent picture books to read with your preschoolers at bedtime or anytime!

CULCAIRN DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE

Drug and Alcohol counselling at Culcairn weekly, the service can be provided via tele health sessions outside of the day held in Culcairn.

Enquiries or self-referrals – contact Albury Community Health (02) 6058 1800 or Mobile 0477359255. This service is provided by Albury Wodonga Health.



CULCAIRN HEALTH MATTERS (LHAC)



A long serving staff member at the Culcairn MPS is Sue Hensel. Sue, a well known local resident, has been assisting with the health needs of the community at the hospital for over 15 years as an AIN, member of the LHAC committee and in Health Share. Her hard work, willingness, consideration and reliability have made her a valued member of the hospital team. Sue recalls many happy times with the residents - playing euchre, starting the "Punters Club" (wins rewarded in blocks of chocolate), and volunteering time to care and assist even on her days off. She loves her job, and we know those in her care love her. Sue also finds time to spend with her beautiful granddaughter, fishing, walking her two dogs and enjoying the great Aussie outdoors. Thank you for your dedication, Sue.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE (RAC)

We are looking forward to the change of art work on May 16. You are welcome to come and see the new ones on display.

More volunteers are needed, please. We would appreciate someone who might like to do some gardening, some men for our gentlemen residents and possibly someone who might like to come in a cook a BBQ once a month.

MPS

Please consider having your flu injection soon, as the winter months are nearly on us. Have you heard about the Drug and Alcohol service now available to our community? A medical referral is not required for an appointment.

CONVERSATIONS ON THE COUCH

TAKING THE PULSE ON PRIMARY HEALTH

Tell us your thoughts on health in your community and ideas for how health can be improved.

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network's Conversations on the Couch are coming to a town near you!

Drop in for a chat!
We look forward to seeing you there!

Can't make it to the event?
Scan now to complete an online survey.

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We're coming to
CULCAIRN
9.30-11.30am
Thursday
26th May
Culcairn Bakery
54 Balfour Street

CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB—LADIES ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Our annual tournament was held on Wednesday 20 April with a bit smaller field than previous years, but we were happy with the field of 38 ladies who came along to participate.

Nine clubs were represented on the day (Wagga Wagga City, Wagga Wagga Country, The Rock, Henty, Holbrook, Coleambally, Howlong, Corowa, and Culcairn) and the weather was very kind to us with a few showers the day before and a beautiful day on the Wednesday.

Drummond Golf Albury again sponsored the Tournament, and we thank them very much for their continued support. The event was a Pinehurst (a pairs competition).

The winners for Division 1 were Maureen Foley and Janelle Doust (Wagga Wagga City) with net 71 and the runners up were Carolyn Martin (Coleambally) and Meralyn Fage (Culcairn) with net 72 6/8.

Winners for Division 2 were Shirley Fuller and Marg Fifield (Wagga Wagga City) with net 82 1/8,

and runners up were Robyn Lister and Mirasol Webb (Holbrook) with score of 82 2/8.

Teams event was won by Maureen Foley/Janelle Doust/Carolyn Martin/Meralyn Fage with 143 6/8. Nearest the Pin for A Grade was Maureen Foley; B Grade Carol Magrath (The Rock); C Grade was Sue Gorham (Wagga Wagga City).

Longest Drive for A Grade was Di Tyrell (Howlong); B Grade Emma McMahon (Wagga Wagga Country); C Grade Mirasol Webb (Holbrook).

Well done to the prize winners and thank you to all for coming along to enjoy the golf on the day, with a lovely meal of quiche and salads, and slices. It was a great day, and the golf course was a credit to our band of volunteers for the condition of the course. Thank you to our helpers' making quiches prior to the Tournament and on the day in the kitchen. Your help was very much appreciated.

CULCAIRN SHOW 2022

Lots of plans are being made for activities on show day—Watch this space.

The next general meeting of the Culcairn Show Society will be held on Monday night the 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm at the Andrew Hoy Pavilion at the Culcairn Show and Sports Ground.

Members of the community are welcome to become members of the society and participate in the business of the show society.

Volunteers on the day of the show are most welcome. The 2022 show will take place on Saturday 1st October this year. This is the Saturday of the October Long Weekend.

The annual meeting of the society elected Max Scheetz as president and Stephen Trickett as secretary. They wish to thank all members who volunteered and were elected to other committee positions. For further details and offers of assistance please contact the secretary on 0260298683 and leave a message and we will get back to you.

ABOUT THE BUSH



Squirrel Gliders in our midst. Did you know that we have a healthy population of Squirrel Gliders living in the big old box trees dotted around the golf course? I was very excited to spotlight four gliders there one evening last month. These gorgeous mammals have blue-grey fur above and white bellies. They have large black eyes, dark stripes around their eyes, and a fluffy, black-tipped grey tail. A membrane from wrists to ankles opens out like a small paraglider allowing them to glide up to 50m between trees.

Listed as vulnerable in NSW, Squirrel Gliders are critically dependent on large hollows in 100 to 200-year-old eucalypt trees for resting during the day and raising their young. Feeding on nectar, sap, insects and pollen they rely on areas with large old trees close to remnant bush with a mix of shrubs – particularly wattles.

They can tangle in barb wire as they glide past fences and so the Burrumbuttock Squirrel Glider LAMP project works with landholders to replace top barbs and to create new planting corridors on farms linking up paddock trees with remnant patches. Read more about their project at <https://www.wirraminna.org.au/petaurus/squirrel-glider-lamp>. A big shout-out to the Golf Course Committee for managing the area to provide a mix of big old trees and leave a few dead trees standing. That combined with nearby remnant bushland in the Reserve and along Billabong Creek provides ideal food and nesting resources for gliders. Now let's get Culcairn Landcare Group reactivated to remove invasive privet, date palms and olives in the Reserve, and get the next generation of hollow-bearing box trees established so that Squirrel Gliders continue to prosper in our town's backyard! Colleen O'Malley

HENTY—CULCAIRN PROBUS

The Henty-Culcairn Probus meeting for April was held at Henty Community Centre.

President Yvonne inducted Janet Beverley as our newest member. Janet has recently returned to Henty after years in Canada.

Our guests were Merileen, Janette and Margaret. Yvonne advised that there are still beanies needed for the seafarers who were the subject of our recent speaker.

Joan Pitson was our five minute speaker. She spoke of her younger days and her days in Culcairn during wartime, and trenches and her stepfather's bakery in Culcairn and then in Henty at the end of the war.

Joan spoke of a rabbit drive with over one thousand rabbits and of dancing with lovely suppers and card nights. We give thanks for the lovely memories that have been shared and look forward to more folks feeling able to share memories.

Our guest speaker was Senior Constable Daniel Davila, Henty's new policeman, Daniel and his wife Ana and sons Samuel and Domenic have come from Sydney.

During the COVID shutdowns he was posted to Holbrook and found that he liked the feel of the country and a quieter town to raise children, so he searched until he found Henty. Daniel has a beautiful collection of stories to tell. He loves history, old things and Rugby League.

His parents migrated to Australia after living in war and refugee circumstances. Daniel was born in Australia.

He is a well educated young man who likes people and likes to talk with them, Daniel's family have already been to visit him.

There were questions from the floor, about the amount of equipment worn by our police people and Daniel wears 16kg weight of vest and equipment. Tenure for Daniel is two years and he could choose to stay longer.

Richard presented Daniel with a Probus pen as a token of our thanks for such an inspiring speech.

Yvonne closed the meeting with the thought "If it is to be, it is up to us".

We had a lovely lunch at the Henty community centre, with much conversation. Our speakers had given us a lot to talk about. Thank you for their effort.

WALLA WALLA & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS

Walla Walla and district residents are cordially invited to attend the next meeting which will be held on Monday 6th June, 2022 commencing at 1.30pm.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Walla Walla Bowling Club.

For further information please contact Dorothy Cremer, President on 60 292 120

MURRAY RIVER WIRES

Winter is on the way and native animal breeding cycle is slowing, although we are still seeing some baby birds, lizards, snakes and possums. We (the whole population) share the responsibility for the wellbeing and protection of our native fauna (and flora).

- Slow down when driving at dawn or dusk. Remember if you do hit an animal, you are at risk of serious injury, not to mention, damage to vehicle. Also remember you are obliged to stop and render assistance.
- Protect native flora, the natural home of native animals. This will prevent them from “invading our space”.
- Do not pick up “stay” or injured animals and take them to another area. Animals are territorial and will kill other animals placed in their area.
- A “QUIET/FRIENDLY” wild animal is a sick or injured animal! Approach with caution as they will lash out with sharp teeth and claws to defend themselves.
- Assist the animals by shepherding them out of danger by walking behind them, or, as with turtles, you can carry them. Always take them in the direction they are heading.
- Animals caught in barbed wire – if possible try to cover their heads until help arrives. This helps to protect them from further injury, stress and from the sun.
- Animals getting into houses. Cover Chimneys and holes that allow the animals to enter.
- For ALL injured animals call **WIRES Murray Valley 0427 493 716. WIRES NSW 1300 094 737**

New members desperately needed, especially in outer country areas, if interested you can attend a course online and then attend practical face to face 1 day course, next one in Albury 30th April. For more information contact wildlifetraining.org.au or call **1300 094 737**



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