



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

June 2022

WELCOME TO CULCAIRN



The Culcairn Community Development Committee is holding a "Welcome Day" on Sunday, 19th June at the Memorial Hall from 12 noon. Many local organisations (including schools, sporting clubs, church groups, service

clubs/groups and interest groups) have been invited to attend. The groups participating will have members available to discuss what they do, and will be able to provide details if you would like to join their organisation.

We look forward to seeing lots of people from our community come along to find out what is available in Culcairn.

If your organisation has not been contacted for some reason, you are still welcome to set up a table at the gathering. Please let Ken at the Newsagency know if this is your intention.

GENERAL MANAGER

With the impending retirement of Council's long serving General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, Council has appointed Evelyn Arnold to the position for a five year term.



Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn said that whilst Greater Hume Council will be Evelyn's first appointment to a General Manager/CEO role, Evelyn has significant senior management experience in Local Government in

Western Australia and most recently as Director Community and Corporate Services at the Shire of Southern Grampians in western Victoria.

"We are delighted to be welcoming Evelyn to Greater Hume Council and are confident in her ability to deliver on Council's ambitious Council growth plans and community expectations."

Ms Arnold expressed her delight at having the privilege to lead Greater Hume Council in this next exciting chapter. "It is an honour to accept this appointment and I very much look forward to working with the organisation, the Councillors and the community".

Evelyn Arnold will take up residence in Holbrook in early July and commence with Greater Hume Council on Monday 11 July. Council's Director Corporate and Community Services, David Smith will act as General Manager from 2 July 2022 until Evelyn Arnold's commencement.

ABOUT THE BUSH

Who gives a hoot?



I've been seeing the odd dead Boobook Owl or Tawny Frogmouth on the side of the road or on the edge of bushland lately. I'm hoping it's just natural attrition or unfortunate encounters with

vehicles at night, but I have also been seeing Facebook posts about various owls found sitting on the ground in daylight – behaviour not typical of owls.

It seems that some are victims of secondary poisoning caused by eating mice that have ingested baits. Not all rodent baits get passed on through the food chain – some of the slower-acting ones like Ratsak



Double Strength or Racumin are First Generation poisons and do not affect animals that eat the poisoned rodent, but fast-acting Second Generation poisons such as Talon, Mortein and Fast Action RatSak should be avoided as these can pass through the food chain and kill birds of prey like owls, kestrels, kites and



hawks. We have at least 6 different owls in our region – most of you will have heard a Southern Boobook (aka Mopoke) calling or the shriek of a Barn Owl on still nights, or perhaps heard the "woof woof"

call of a Barking Owl when camped beside a river. Owlet and White-throated Nightjars and Tawny Frogmouths, though not technically owls, are also nocturnal birds of prey in our region – all of whom provide mouse control services for free and add awesome diversity to our night-time soundscapes. Next time you buy mouse baits, spare a thought for our wonderful owls and raptors, and avoid baits with Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone or Difenacoum as the active ingredient. Thanks for giving a hoot! Colleen O'Malley

STORYTIME—CULCAIRN LIBRARY

Storytime will be on Thursday 7th July 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!

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Folding Date– Fri 8th July 2022 at 1pm

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CULCAIRN HEALTH MATTERS (LHAC)



A warm welcome to new Graduate Registered Nurse Ken Middleton, who has joined the staff at the MPS. He is planning to upskill in Rural Emergency Nursing. Ken writes:

I was raised for a majority of my life in Junee, and I currently reside in Wagga Wagga, with my wife and nearly three-year-old daughter. I really enjoy the

unique challenges that are involved in rural area nursing and look forward to my time in Culcairn.

Over the past three months I have enjoyed getting to know the residents and staff at the facility and developing my knowledge around the services provided by Culcairn MPS.

During my downtime, I really enjoy spending time with my daughter and, when I get the chance I go either golfing or fishing.

I look forward to delivering a high standard of care for the local community and to continue to build my skills and knowledge to provide the best standard of care possible.

We are very pleased to have you working here in Culcairn, Ken.

WALLA WALLA & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS

Walla Walla and district residents are cordially invited to attend the next meeting which will be held on Monday 4th July 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 6029 2120.

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 20th June 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.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Break the Stigma - June 25th 2022

Would you know how to tell if someone you love was thinking of suicide?



In Australia we lose 9 lives to suicide each day. Studies show that between 80-85% of Australians will be touched by suicide at least once in their lifetime. Suicide is also the leading cause of death for individuals aged between 15 and 44 years of age. Does that shock you?

“C. Jones Training” is a business dedicated to breaking down the stigma around mental health, suicide and asking for help. Based in Holbrook NSW, our plan is to educate the greater community around suicide to ensure we have the tools to assist those we love who may be struggling. Break the Stigma (Delivery of CALM Care) is a ½ day suicide awareness/prevention workshop that educates the community on how to respond to suicide risks in loved ones. Participants learn:

- The facts and myths around suicide
- How to spot when a person may be thinking of suicide
- How to ask about suicide
- How to access services to assist the individual
- And so much more.

“Break the Stigma” workshop will be held on Saturday 25th June 25th 2022 at the Culcairn Bowling Club from 9am to 1.30/200pm.

This workshop is FREE! Bookings are essential, e-mail Chantelle at cjonestraining@icloud.com

More dates coming to Greater Hume Shire towns soon... This workshop is supported by funding from **Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network** through the Australian Government’s PHN Supporting the Mental Health of Australians Affected by Bushfires measure.

If you would like to learn more about the “Break the Stigma” workshops Search “C. Jones Training” on Facebook, contact Chantelle Jones via e-mail cjonestraining@icloud.com or phone 0459 505 934. You can also visit the website for more information at www.cjonestraining.com

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HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

On Wednesday May 11th, we met at Culcairn. We had a collection of apologies due to illness. Henty-Culcairn Probus members are made of pretty tough stuff, so we had deputy President Warren Berkery to be President for the day and past president Jeannie Kenney to induct new members Merilleen McRae and Kate Davidson. We welcome Merilleen and Kate.

The Probus songbooks have been found, thank you, so we have had Joyce Gardiner play some favourites and Eirlys Chessa in a gorgeous hat to lead us in singing. Our five-minute speaker was Eleanor Wilson. She told us about her father. He had worked as a policeman in the Northern territory from 1932. She told of lack of water, dirt roads, and her father riding horses or camels and having aboriginal trackers and his dog. He was dealing with cattle stealing and a policeman having been speared on Groote Eyelandt.

We heard of Darwin being bombed in 1942, and women with children being evacuated to Alice Springs. Eleanor's father became a superintendent of police in 1956, and in 1964, a commissioner of Police. He was the first Commissioner to come through the ranks in the Northern Territory. He had many awards and a family most proud of his achievements. Thank you Eleanor for telling us about your family.

After morning tea, we had Lily Bones Gonscak of Henty to speak about her time as an international ballerina and as she brought, her husband Jan Gonscak to show the slides to illustrate her speech, we have met two lovely people, both very qualified in their individuals fields of dance and acting. Lily has trained in ballet since being a small girl, and the slides show her leaping through the air with no more weight than thistledown. To make ballet look so effortless, they had to dance every day, and the training was likened to training for a marathon. Lily has taught all over Australia and on cruise ships.

She brought Jan and their daughter Tara home to live in Henty where she now gives private dance lessons and takes classes in the Henty Lifestyle Centre in the School of Arts building. There can be classes in pilates, ballet, jazz, tap, tango, and modern dance and physio exercises and remedial massages are also on offer. We wish them every success in their ventures and give thanks to those with vision to repair the old building.

Yvonne has previously asked for assistance to make beanies for sea farers who are mostly not allowed off ship for fear of getting covid. Thank you to the knitters who have made beanies They are much appreciated. Henty-Culcairn Probus meets on the second Wednesday of the month. We share meetings between the Community Club at Henty and the Bowling club at Culcairn. We meet at 9.30 for a 10am start and usually finish by 12pm.

We can have a meal at the Henty Community Club or at the Culcairn Bowling Club on meeting days to continue our happy days with lots of talk and company. Meals are around \$14.00 per person. Next meeting dates are: 8th June at Henty, 13th July at Henty and 10th August at Culcairn. Our President is Yvonne Booth and the secretary is Kevin Fogarty. We are re learning to talk and be friendly after the lockdowns. We welcome guests and have interesting speakers. Hope you might like to come along too.

GARDEN CLUB



On behalf of the Culcairn Garden Club, I would like to thank the Culcairn Community Development Committee along with other members of the community who helped with the working bee at the Olympic Way Garden. We appreciate all your help and the hard work you put in.

I would also specifically like to thank the members of the Culcairn Garden Club for their continued hard work and dedication. Below are a few of the amazing projects we have had the opportunity to work on to help the community in the past years.

Back in 2016, the Culcairn Garden Club, with Culcairn Council approval re-established the Olympic Way Garden. The garden was quite overgrown and required the removal of weeds, shrubs and fallen trees. With the help of Culcairn Garden Club members, we were able to plant new plants and continue to maintain the garden.

Unfortunately, over the last 18 months, we haven't been able to have a working bee to clean this garden. Many of our members are getting older, in their 70's, 80's and with COVID it's been difficult. However, today a few members helped spread mulch that was supplied by the council. I would like to extend my thanks to these people.

The Garden Club also maintains the Val Hensel Garden on the Albury Road within Culcairn. I would like to acknowledge the Culcairn Garden Club members that promoted the creation of this garden and would also like to extend my thanks to Terry Hensel for his help mowing and removal of rubbish within the garden.

For the last 6 years, we have also been able to do some community work, within areas such as the Culcairn Early Childhood Centre. We had the opportunity to aid them with cleaning up their garden and planting new trees to provide shade for the children in the future. Additionally, we also donated a tree to Billabong High School which they are now able to utilise to improve the learning environments for their students.

We also had the pleasure of working with the Culcairn Bowling club, cleaning up their garden of old plants and weeds. We were able to plant new plants and enhance the aesthetics of the building.

As the President of the Culcairn Garden Club, I am proud to be a part of this wonderful club. The members are all very hard-working people and are full of community spirit. We all have one aim and that is to provide a supportive environment for our members and to help beautify our town of Culcairn. Once again on behalf of the Culcairn Garden Club thank you to the Culcairn Community for allowing us the opportunity to enhance the beauty of our town. And a sincere thank you to all the Culcairn Garden Club members for all your hard work.

Lolita Landman (President Culcairn Garden Club)

**VALE... JEAN VALMA BARKLEY
BORN 26/8/47....DIED 15/4/22**

Jean was brought into this world by her parents Arthur and Edna Schaeffer and was delivered at Grenfell Hospital NSW. Jean settled down in a little country town called Bimbi, where she went to school over in Quandialla with her two older siblings, Hilton and Betty. Later as she grew up her family moved to Griffith NSW, where the rest of her siblings were born- Sue, Robert and Ena. When Jean was old enough she went back- packing in India before coming back to Australia, working in New Zealand then moving to Western Australia to work on a farm. In 1973 she applied to enroll in the Australian Army, went through WRACC School and then onto Job Training at Randwick Transport where she qualified as a Transport Driver, completing nine years service before her discharge.

Bruce first met Jean during her Army career at Randwick and 26 years later they met by chance again. Bruce was living in Wodonga at the time and both their 25 year marriages had recently broken down. Jean wanted to come to Wodonga to visit her eldest sister Betty, who was in the Wodonga Hospital. Bruce told her he lived on the corner block of the Hospital. From there life went on and they married in Lake Macquarie at a little Scout Group Hall on the foreshore of Wangi Wangi on 20/11/2004 and on New Year's Day 2006 they moved to Culcairn.

On Good Friday 15/4/2022 they travelled up to Wangi Wangi Lake Macquarie to catch up with Jean's family, especially to see her son Austin. Luckily her eldest son Nathan was close by and Jean spoke to him for about ten minutes before she collapsed and died. Jean three boys are Nathan, Jarrod and Austin. Between Jean and Bruce they have 12 grandchildren.

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Plan, Draft 2022-2026 Budget, Draft 2021-2025 Disability Inclusion Action Plan,
Draft 2022-2026 Resourcing Strategy and Draft 2022-2023 Fees and Charges.

\$46m - Total Budget

- \$12m - Capital Works
- \$33.7m - Operating Expenditure (excl. depreciation)
- \$6m - Recreation & Culture Facilities
- \$4.4m - Community Service Activities
- \$18.2m - Road, Bridge and Footpath Projects
- \$6.2m - Water and Sewer Services
- \$2.4m - Environmental Protection Activities

Talk with Us

David Smith, Director Corporate and Community Services
will be available to take your comments/feedback, answer
questions and discuss various aspects of the draft plans
and strategies on exhibition on the following dates:

- Wednesday 8 June, 9 to 11 am, Jindera Community Hub
- Wednesday 8 June, 2 to 4 pm, Holbrook Library
- Thursday 9 June, 9 to 11 am, Culcairn Library
- Thursday 9 June, 2 to 4 pm, Henty Library

View the various plans and strategies at greaterhume.nsw.gov.au and comment on the [Have Your Say](#) page, or email mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or write to General Manager, PO Box 99, Holbrook 2644.

Comment on the various plans and strategies up to
5.00pm Thursday, 16 June 2022.

Greater Hume Council

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