



# CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2022



## CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Just a reminder that the Christmas Tree of Remembrance is again at the Culcairn Library. Please take the opportunity to write a message to anyone you have lost, to include them in the spirit of Christmas and attach the message to the Christmas Tree. Tags are provided.

In early January we will burn the messages and spread the ashes around a specially planted rosemary bush located at the Val Hensel Memorial Garden. A plaque has been placed at this location.

## CULCAIRN STREET PARTY

What a fabulous night!!!! Over 2000 visitors, more than 50 markets and brilliant fireworks to finish off the night. Our Street Party in November was certainly a success and the feedback from the community and stall holders has been amazing. Thank you to everyone who came along and has let us know how they felt about the night. It was certainly a night to remember.

The aim of the grant, applied for by the Culcairn Community Development Committee, was to reconnect communities financially and socially after COVID. We certainly delivered in that respect, with stall holders reporting great sales and the rest of the community saying what a wonderful time they had shopping, listening to music and chatting.

At this point we would like to thank all the people who helped make the event happen. Jackie Lister and Kerrie Wise (from Council) were very supportive and provided a huge amount of assistance before the event. Special thanks to Craig Hall and Mark Haines for their contributions as well. Recognition also goes to our local Fijian community and some English tourists who helped with lighting in the week prior. It was wonderful to have people volunteer their time to make the night a success.

Finally, a massive thank you to the members of the Development Committee who took on the challenge and worked so hard to make the event happen. There were many hours of work required to pull it off, but all can be proud of the final result. The only question remaining is...Will we do it again? Watch this space!!!!



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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](mailto:culcairnoasis@outlook.com) or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

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## CULCAIRN HEALTH MATTERS (LHAC)



Gridatouch (Nik) Nikrotha is an international student from Thailand, who has been working at the Culcairn Multipurpose Service since May this year. He has lived in Australia these last 15 years, completing his Bachelor of Nursing with work experience as an AIN in a number of different Sydney

Hospitals. Nik decided to take up the role of Registered Nurse at the Culcairn hospital when Murrumbidgee Health was recruiting nursing staff to fill numerous vacancies in the region. He works in the Residential Aged Care unit, in the ED and hospital, meeting the experiences he is challenged with daily during this graduate year. Nik lives in Albury and has many varied hobbies and interests. He volunteers time with a religious organization, studies Chinese, loves attending a gym, doing yoga, watching movies, and enjoying music.

Nik is happy in his role and working in the Culcairn community, feels supported and says that he is learning lots! We are very appreciative of all the experience and enthusiasm that he brings to our hospital and aged care facility and wish him well in his nursing career.

## “THE SHED” NEWS

### Culcairn Men’s & Community Shed

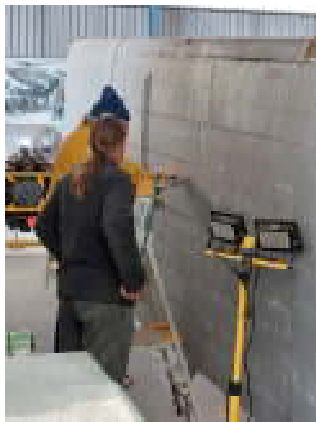
The Shed would like to acknowledge and thank Biti Motors and Ford Australia for their generous sponsorship. A big thank you also to Paul for the great signage.



We have been busy at the Shed over the past few months preparing items for sale at both the Culcairn Agricultural Show and the Street Party. We also constructed

another two boxes for the CCDC earn and return. A seat was built for the Burrumbuttock Pre School in readiness for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

We were privileged to go to the UIVER DC2 project in Albury and hear all about the project being undertaken and the history behind it. We met together with other members of our zone. The project to restore the DC2 is one of mammoth proportions and the work is meticulously being carried out by the members and progressing slowly together with the setting up of the museum.



A great day out.

There have been a couple of zone get togethers with sheds as far north as Gundagai, south to Albury and across to Howlong. This week we attended the first



of many Murray/Hume Zone gatherings and will see us participate in the first six months of the new year in workshops around Dementia and Suicide. We will be sure to keep you up to date on both these happenings.

We continue to meet Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon and our last meeting for 2022 will be Thursday 15 Dec 2022 and we will be back after a break on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023. Everyone is most welcome on either day even just for a cuppa and a chat. Contact 0408 211 565 Cris McPaul

The committee and members wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

We send our congratulations to Harold Janetski for his 101st Birthday. We wish you and your family good health and happiness.

Our five minute speaker was Liela Hensel and she spoke of her husband Haydon's life.

Haydon's father had worked for the railways, so family had moved towns to fit with the job. Haydon has worked as a drover with the abattoirs, feeding cattle on hay and spending long hours working cattle. Since Haydon has retired, he has worked on his garden and as an older gentleman, gets much pleasure from a walk around his garden

Thank you, Leila, for sharing your pride in your special husband Haydon and his achievements. We wish you both good health and happiness in a long life together.

Our main speaker was Trent Dean, Chief Executive officer of Mercy Connect, operating in New South Wales and Victoria. He leads Mercy Connect; the people who are to be involved in operating Henty's Avondale Place. Trent is a young man with a wife and two children, all sorts of wonderful qualifications and experience and is currently completing a Doctor of Public Health at La Trobe University.

He told us about the \$20 note and its involvement with the Flying Doctor Service and its constant memorial to Reverend John Flynn and the camels and "Victory" the Tiger Moth and the pedal wireless invented by Alfred Traeger in Adelaide 1927. Trent is a strong advocate for people with disability and talked of volunteers for Avondale Place and day programs with music and fund raising. Janet Beverley presented Trent with our Probus pen of appreciation. Trent came armed with pens and shopping bags and information, so we have plenty of prompts to think of Mercy Connect and Avondale place. Thank you for the lovely thought.

November 11th, Remembrance Day and many Probus people joined with Henty townsfolk and relatives of Harold Edward Piltz, Horace (Bryce) Taylor and Richard Craze to lay flowers and quietly remember those who had died in war and those who came home to deal with the after effects of war.

Gary Kenny was Padre for the day and after the ceremony he has generously donated five books, four signed by author, on Sandakan by Don Wall, to be offered to Henty library. They have mention of our Henty people.

Our next meeting of Probus will be December, the second Wednesday at Henty for a Christmas style lunch at 11.00 am and cost is to be \$20 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

## GARDEN CLUB TRIP



The Culcairn Garden Club members and some members of the community recently went on a trip to Braymont Garden Tumarumba on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

With COVID-19 and all the rain we have been having, it was great to finally go on our trip. Luckily on the day, the sun came up and the rain stayed away long enough for us to enjoy this beautiful garden with a magnificent views of the mountains.



The amount of trees, different plants, massive hedges and the colours of flowers was absolutely beautiful.



The lunch we had was great, specially the dessert and the glass of wine. The wine made at Obsession winery at Braymont Garden. If you get a chance to see it you won't be dissatisfied. Thankyou, Lolita Landman, President Culcairn Garden Club



## IN YOUR GARDEN

Summer has arrived!! No rain for two weeks and higher temperatures means lots of growth, flowers, and fruit setting. A great time to be out in the garden is early morning when all is peaceful and calm and before the heat of the day sets in.

**VEGIES** - Cucumbers, pumpkin and zucchini are flowering and some zucchini ready to pick. I have heard of powdery mildew on these vegies but as it gets hotter and drier, this problem should disappear (otherwise, a milk spray will help—1 part full cream milk and 9 parts water).

Tomatoes, beans, and corn doing well too. Watch out for white fly as they flower. Harvest garlic as it dries and hang in an airy place till needed.

A Bay Tree is a useful addition to any garden (in the ground or a large pot)

The leaves can be picked and tied into bunches, to hang in your pantry where they are useful in deterring the pantry moth. Also, very good in many recipes.

**MOZZIES** - Lots of water and flooding has given mosquitoes an excellent breeding ground.

Be proactive, by emptying out any pots or saucers with water in regularly. Spray for around windows and doors and other outside areas. Said to reduce mozzie numbers. Homemade Mozzie Spray—mix together well, 3 cups of epsom salts, 1 can of beer, 1 bottle of mouthwash (cheap kind will do). There is now available a vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis. See your GP - It's FREE!

Keep dead heading your roses and fertilise for repeat flowers.

**FLOWERS** Time now for summer colour with Petunias, Vincas, and Lobelia in pots. Put the pots anywhere you want a splash of colour. I have my flowers in two old wheelbarrows (which I can move around)

Hydrangeas are blooming now. Cut early in the morning, crush the stems, and plunge immediately in water that you have waiting nearby. Water hydrangeas well when flowering as they are very thirsty currently. "Endless Summer" is a variety that blooms repeatedly.

Make Cut Flowers last longer.... When you pick or purchase, flowers, snip the ends of the stalks before you place them in water. Strip off the leaves that will remain below the water level; leaves above the water should remain in place. Pick flowers in the cool of the morning or late in the afternoon.. Change vase water every second day, snipping stems each time.

January is a good time to cut back Salvias and they will flower in the Autumn again.

Hard prune Wisteria NOW, (not in Winter as you will remove flower buds then)

Apricots should be ready for picking, for eating, preserving, drying or jamming! YUM. Keep up the mulch, feed and water.

Merry Christmas, enjoy you Summer in the Garden. Margaret Pampa

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## Greater Hume Children Services

Greater Hume Children Services – Culcairn – now open Monday to Thursday!

During Term 4, we resumed operating on Mondays. With new team members and opening an extra day, we were able to welcome more children and families into each of our programs. The new children and families are settling in and becoming part of our community.

October started with the Culcairn Agricultural Show, all the children participated in art and craft projects to be put on display at the Show. Our After School Care children glued and painted to create paper mache planets, while the toddlers explored printing to make colourful butterflies and the preschoolers looked in the mirror, and then used charcoal to draw representations of their faces. They were all very excited about their work and having it displayed.



The Educators are implementing the Munch and Move Program, this is an evidence based program developed by the Department of Health, specifically for children. This month the children are beginning to focus on Functional Movement Skills, increasing their awareness of how to position their bodies to climb, run and jump.

October was also very wet! We have been exploring puddles and embracing the wet weather. Children have brought in their gumboots and raincoats and splashed through puddles. The water has quickly been incorporated into their sand play, making castles, digging for diamonds, making pies, pouring, patting and excavating. Great for building muscles, exploring ideas and enjoyment of play.

The children and Educators are looking forward to participating in the Culcairn Christmas Carols and a visit from Santa Claus at the Centre's Christmas party. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and Holiday period. Our centre will close Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and reopen on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



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and happy festive season.



The inaugural Henty Health Forum was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, with over 30 people in attendance.

The Health Forum was an initiative arising from this year's Fischer Community Leadership Program, and is the first of the programs project to

be completed.

The highlight of the morning was our speaker on Chronic Disease Management, Mid Battye, who has worked in the area of chronic health management for over 30 years. With a great sense of humour and relaxed manner, Mid was able to highlight some of the changes that have occurred in chronic disease management over the years, and provide useful insights into how best to manage ongoing health conditions. Her wealth of experience, and practical solutions were very much appreciated by all who attended. The morning also featured a talk on pastoral care, and highlighting the ways we can be caring for others during difficulties... especially relevant due to some of the difficulties that have been experienced in 2020 and 2021. There was also a talk on caring for joints and muscles, with emphasis on good posture by our local physiotherapist. The morning ended with looking at the spiritual side of health, and how what we believe impacts our view on health.

The organisers of the morning would like the Henty Health forum to be an annual event, focusing on different important health topics each year. If you are interested in being involved or have any ideas, please contact either Craig Nicholas or Claire Lawson.

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# Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Thursday 26 January 2023  
at Brocklesby Recreation Ground, 11 Recreation Street, Brocklesby  
8 am for Breakfast, 9 am 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 and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



Shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent.

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Pic Citizens of the Year, Ross and Helen Krause, Walla Walla

## 2022 Greater Hume Australia Day

**Citizen's of the Year**  
Ross and Helen Krause, Walla Walla

**Young Citizen's of the Year**  
Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla and  
Jessica Toogood, Henty

**Sports Person/Team of the Year**  
Ben Parker, Holbrook and Fours Team  
Holbrook RS Women's Bowling Club

**Community Event of the Year**  
Book Launch of 'Henty Heroes: Short  
stories of Henty's Enlistments of World  
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Pic Young Citizen of the Year, (joint winners) Jessica Toogood, Henty and Jole Hoffmann, Walla Walla with Australia Day Ambassador, James Willett and Cathie Jones watching on.