



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2019

CULCAIRN WINS NSW HEALTHY TOWNS-2019

Culcairn was announced as the NSW 2019 Healthy Towns winner. As one of only five NSW towns selected for the 2019 challenge, Culcairn's commitment to create a healthier town through providing events and activities to improve the health and wellbeing of the community has been rewarded.

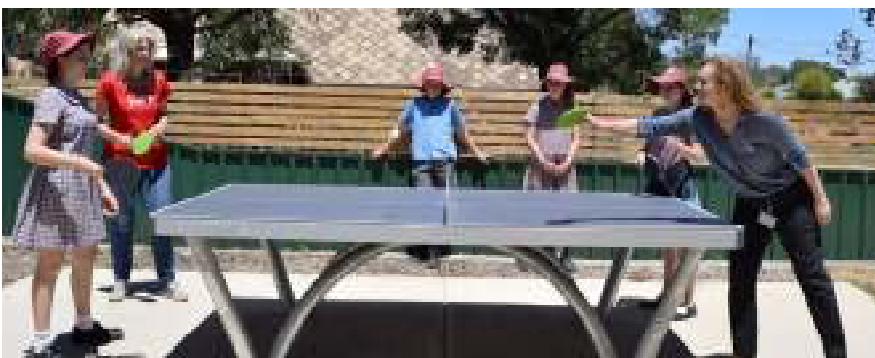
Greater Hume Council Mayor, Heather Wilton said, "Congratulations to Culcairn and the Healthy Towns Committee who have done an outstanding job competing fiercely in the Healthy Towns Challenge, being one of 5 towns including Culcairn, Bowraville, Nambucca Heads, Kyogle and Ulladulla".

The success means an additional \$5000 prize and the community will be given the opportunity to have their say on how it will be spent in Culcairn.

Over the key 6 months of the challenge, Culcairn embraced the challenge and achieved many fantastic outcomes including:

Community Breakfast to celebrate the Challenge in which 100 people enjoyed the benefits of a healthy breakfast.

- ◆ 120 people signed up to participate in the Free Get Healthy Service.
- ◆ Outdoor table tennis table installed and Active April Challenge completed.
- ◆ 4 walking groups were established to cater for the new, moderate and experienced walker.
- ◆ Revitalisation of the local Community Newsletter with 6 issues of "Culcairn 'Healthy Towns' Oasis" being produced which tracked progress of the challenge and will be ongoing.
- ◆ Free community event in partnership with local Bowling Club which provided entertainment by comedian Pete Denahy and Aron Mclean
- ◆ Working in partnership with local community groups and volunteers to get involved.
- ◆ Tai Chi and gentle exercise programs.
- ◆ Providing broader leadership to whole of Greater Hume Council area with Heart Foundation presentations across all 4 key towns on benefits of walking, walking groups and walking app.
- ◆ Upgrade including signage, bench seating, bike racks, water bubblers and dog friendly stations at the walking track (almost finished).
- ◆ Greater awareness of the benefits of getting active, healthy life style and increased awareness of what is on in town.
- ◆ Promotion of online Get Healthy at Work program



CULCAIRN RED CROSS.

We have had a busy year with the Craft Shop, street stall and catering. At our last meeting we decided to donate \$1000 to Warren Central School to assist in the supply of book packs to drought affected children. We were able to donate this money through our catering that we do during the year.

Please come and look at our Craft Shop you will be very surprised at the wide range of handmade items that we have on sale, they will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

The members of the Culcairn Red Cross would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas

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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.

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BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Club hosted yet another successful Melbourne Cup luncheon last month with approximately 50 guests enjoying a 3 course meal and prizes for Best Dressed and Best Fascinator made on the day. Social Bowls has now commenced on a Friday night from 6pm at the club. Teams of 3, \$10 to play with sausage sizzle included! Grab a team of 3 and come on down. Phone 60 298461 to enter your team. This is a great way to support the Club and get involved with the greater community. With Christmas just around the corner, the Culcairn Bowling and Recreation Club is getting into the spirit... we have our regular weekly member's draws, and 21 meat tray raffles on a Friday night incorporating Christmas Hams and other meat in the lead up to Christmas. Our annual family Christmas party for members will be held on Friday 20th December at 6pm with a special guest and the Monthly MEGA draw will also be held on Friday 20th December. Due to the huge success of our Elvis, Cash & Dino show in October, we are happy to announce yet another night of entertainment coming in the new year! Stay tuned for more details. The Culcairn Bowling & Recreation Club would like to wish everyone a

IN YOUR GARDEN: DEC/JAN

Our hot/cold weather plus the wind is making gardening difficult, as plants need shelter from the elements. Even small hail peppered roses recently. Try using a frame covered with bird netting or shade cloth to give sun and wind protection. Cucumbers and butternut pumpkins take less space when grown up and over on a trellis or frame. The foliage also helps protect other low growing plants—dwarf beans, baby spinach etc. Water and mulch well over the summer months, and keep planting for later. Autumn crops. Vincas and Petunias are providing great colour in time for Christmas and Hydrangeas look great as gifts in pots and tubs. 22 Dec. sees the longest day of the year- the summer solstice. When foliage has died down, harvest your garlic and hang the bulbs in an airy place until ready to use. January is holiday time for some people, so before you head off for that break, leave your garden well prepared. Cut back plants that have flowered, mulch well and water as permitted. A light feed will help too. Keep an eye out for a summer pest-the mealy bug. It enjoys warm, humid weather and feeds on growing parts of a plant. Spray regularly with eco oil. Powdery mildew can be controlled by spraying with one part full cream milk to nine parts water. January is apricot time with pies and tarts and Delicious Jam. Time now to divide and replant Hellebores- either in the garden or pots.



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LATEST FROM THE MEN'S SHED

As the year is drawing to an end the members at the Culcairn Men's Shed wish all people of Culcairn a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and stay safe during the Festive season. We are looking for donations of old furniture, paints and old tools please contact Peter Thompson on 0413080970. Looking ahead we are still looking for new members so if you have some spare time come down to the Shed Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 12 and a a look. We are also doing a Bunnings BBQ on Friday the 13 of December so if you are in Albury come down

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CHRISTMAS PAMPER PACKS

With many parts of our state experiencing significant hardship due to severe drought, there will be a small gesture of hope and support offered to rural women in the northern parts of NSW this Christmas.

Many people, including a great number from Culcairn, have contributed to the cause by donating items that could be put into pamper packs for these communities. The idea evolved after Lyn Jacobsen from the Pleasant Hills CWA was asked to make a small number of packs for guests at the Henty Machinery Field Days. The group decided to extend the idea further and have ended up making 611 pamper packs and 19 assorted boxes of products to send to struggling communities. The packs (put into specially decorated paper bags) contain shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, hand cream, perfume and a small personal gift for each lady. It is hoped they make the recipients feel special and supported at this time. Destinations for the packs include Dubbo, Condobolin, Ivanhoe, Gilgandra, Nyngan, Moree, Tamworth, Broken Hill, White Cliffs and Tibooburra. They have been delivered by a few local volunteers, who have packed their cars to the brim, and the Land Transport Company.

A big "thank you" is extended to all those who generously donated items. The response has been overwhelming and is even more remarkable given that farmers and businesses in our own area are also



HOSPITAL CELEBRATION DAY

On Sunday 24th November about 40 people attended a community celebration day in the Pampa Memorial Gardens of our new award-winning Multi-Purpose Health Service. Members of the community including residents of the aged care facility joined together on a beautiful spring day for a BBQ lunch and to celebrate the newly completed health facility. A big thankyou to Fred Kelsh for the excellent job on the BBQ.

A plaque was unveiled by Bruno Biti O.A.M. the inaugural chair of the Kiltearn House Hostel Committee and comes 25 years after Kiltearn House was opened. With Kiltearn House now incorporated into the new aged care facility, the local health advisory committee (LHAC) wanted to ensure the outstanding effort of the community, in establishing Kiltearn House in November 1994, continued to be recognized by future generations. The plaque will be displayed at the Edward Street entrance to the aged care facility.



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8 am for Breakfast, 9 am Official Ceremony commences.
This is a FREE event.



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN GREATER HUME

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship Awards.

Australia Day
Ambassador
to be announced during
December.

Plenty of shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen,
hat and insect repellent.

Activities after Australia Day Ceremony

- Swimming Pool is open from 12 noon with pool inflatable.
- Bring your skate board to try out the new Culcairn Skate Park.
- Tennis courts will be open for a social hit of tennis.
- Why not try out the outdoor exercise equipment or take a walk/run along the walking track.
- Pull some moves on the BMX Track or just go for a ride along the bike track.

For more information please contact - Kerrie Wise, Tourism and Promotions Officer
02 6036 0186 or 0448 099 536, kwise@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au



Pic Citizen of the Year, John Seidel
(photo courtesy of Lorri Roden)

2019 Greater Hume Australia Day

Citizen of the Year
John Seidel, Walla Walla

Young Citizen of the Year
Nathaniel Wenke, Culcairn

Sports Volunteer of the Year
Abby Paton, Morven

Community Event of the Year
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Pic Young Citizen of the Year,
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A Culcairn Christmas

A Christmas tree display, by local organisations, will be held in:

The Old Library rooms at the Memorial Hall

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**Friday 13th December
Saturday 14th December
Sunday 15th December**

**Friday 20th December
Saturday 21st December
(also opening 10am – 12 noon on Saturday morning)**

**NOT opened Sunday 22nd December due to
Culcairn Christmas Carols at Jubilee Park**

Entry by gold coin donation

**An initiative of the Culcairn Community
Development Committee**



St Joseph's Primary School Culcairn, St Patrick's Primary School Holbrook and All Saints Primary School Tumbarumba enjoyed their combined excursion to Bendigo and Ballarat last

THE RED BOW PROJECT

Keep an eye out. Red bows will start appearing in the main streets of Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla. The idea of the red bows is to decorate the main streets of our five towns during the festive season, and send a welcoming message to all.

Greater Hume Council's aim is to lift up community spirits this year during these worsening dry times, and to encourage travellers, and our local communities to stop and shop, and buy local in our shire, especially over the festive and holiday season. The initiative is in response to the impacts of drought being felt across NSW and in all parts of the regional economy, including retail and small business. The project is made possible by Riverina Water Community Grants Funding, Greater Hume Council and community volunteers from The Rotary Club of Holbrook; Culcairn, Henty and Walla Walla Community Development Committees and the Henty and Jindera Lions. So enjoy the red bows and remember to support our local businesses.

For enquiries about the project, contact Marg Killalea, Executive Assistant Governance &

THE PARADE CAFE

If you find yourself alone on Christmas Day, you are invited to have lunch with us. Please bring a plate to share, if you can, and a Christmas hat. Lunch at 1 o'clock at Parade Cafe 23 Railway Parade Culcairn. The Cafe will be closed to customers and no food will be available for purchase.

Please call me 0423 985 242 to book.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance



Come to the Culcairn Library and write a message to anyone you have lost, to include them in the spirit of Christmas.

Hang your message on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory.

Culcairn Local Health Advisory Committee





CULCAIRN FOOTBALL NETBALL

CLUB REPORT

Even in the "off" season plenty of action continues at the club. In the last couple of months we applied for a \$4000 grant from the Greater Hume Shire to purchase a mobile cool room. We were successful in our bid and it is being built now. It is expected that it will be delivered around Christmas time and will be a great asset when we have home games, and when we hold or cater for events. The cool room will be available for local groups and individuals to hire from the club. This will certainly be more convenient than having to head into a larger town to access one. The AGM was held on the 25th November. A few faces have shuffled their positions and many more new-comers have joined the committee. Andrew Godde has returned to the position of Club President after a break, while Brendan Sheather has moved to the Vice President role. Trevor "Chief" Smith continues as our Secretary and Lisa Roberts will be the Treasurer. She will be assisted by Renae Knobel in that area. Barbara Campbell will apply her knowledge and expertise taking on the responsibility of Netball Coordinator. The Committee sees some old and new faces taking on positions to ensure the smooth operation of the club. It includes Adrian Knobel, Glenn and Sue Wright, Paul Jenkins, Scott and Mandi McGrath, Lee Roberts, Kaylah Roberts, Scott And Tracey Lee, Dennis Pedemont, Roger Phillips, Luke Howard, Ethan Lumsden, Mark Hutchings and Dusty Wild. Before the season commences rosters will be drawn up for specific jobs on home game days. Volunteers will be needed to go on the gate, help in the canteen, run the can bar (RSA required), be goal umpires in football and game umpires in netball and to run the boundaries. If you, or anyone you know, can assist in any way it would be much appreciated. Please let someone from the Executive or Committee

AGED CARE REPORT

A Big Hello from the residents at Culcairn health, Wow December already. The silly season is upon us here at the MPS. We have already been to our first Christmas party. On the 1st of December we were invited to attend the Lions Club Christmas lunch for senior citizens. Some of our residents went and enjoyed a beautiful lunch with dessert. The atmosphere was wonderful and one of our residents was lucky enough to win one of the raffles. On the 3rd of December we had the preschool come and visit us. They sang for us before we went to the Uniting Church luncheon at St Andrews for another Christmas luncheon. We can't thank the people in the community enough for allowing us to be part of the activities they hold. It allows our residents to stay in touch with their communities and the people and friends within it. The residents are having their Christmas party with families and volunteers on Friday 6th December. The staff cook and provide the food for the afternoon and we have Ron Thorn coming in to provide some music for entertainment. We also have some of the ladies from our community that will be coming in to provide a Christmas High Tea for the residents. This is a special night where we are spoilt with food, drinks and music. I would like to thank all the volunteers that come into the facility. Without you our days would not be so bright. You bring joy, love, laughter and friendship to all who live here. Thank you and merry Christmas from all the residents and staff at Culcairn health. If you would

CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB

The Spring Pennant competition, comprising clubs from Culcairn, Holbrook, Thurgoona, Howlong, Albury and Rand has finished now with both Culcairn teams unfortunately just missing out on the final and congratulations to Holbrook who won the competition.

A 9-hole event is run each Sunday morning, 8 for 8.30 am hit off, early start to miss the heat of the day. Come along and have a hit (\$5 per person), no handicap required. If you are interested and would like to find out more, phone 0428 298 030 or 0428 586 555.

Social golf is available for those wishing to come and play around the course with friends. Just put your green fees in an envelope in the Honesty Box (\$5 for 9-holes, \$10 for 18-holes per person) at the back of the clubhouse. The course still has to be maintained over the summer to keep it playable, so the green fees help to pay for the fuel.

Inside the Clubhouse things have been happening since August! We have raised the floor level of the previous lower level so that now the clubhouse floor inside is all at the same level and safer. Following these renovations the inside walls have been painted and in January the floors will be covered with carpet in the main area and commercial vinyl in the renovated kitchen.

The kitchen cupboards were replaced with cupboards taken out of the old hospital and look great! A big thank you to Culcairn Health Service for allowing the Culcairn Golf Club to recycle the cupboards. We also recycled a reverse cycle air conditioner from the hospital.

We are also very grateful for the Community Development grant which we have just received from Greater Hume Shire Council, together with a grant from NSW Golf Foundation providing funds for the floor covering. The Community

December

Mon 9 Online Banking Workshop Library 2-3
13,14,15,20 & 21

Christmas Tree Display Memorial Hall 6-9pm

Wed 18 GH Council Meeting Holbrook 6pm

Thu 19 Red Cross Craft Shop Market Day 12-4pm

Sat 21 Xmas Tree Display Memorial Hall 12-2pm

Sun22 *Christmas Carols*

6pm Jubilee Park. BBQ prior. Info A Stroh 0420 363 059

January

Thur 16 Red Cross Craft Shop Market Day 12-4pm

Sun 26 Australia Day Recreation Reserve 9am

February

Wed 19 GH Council Meeting Culcairn 6pm

ATTENTION NO JANUARY ISSUE

There will not be an Issue of the oasis in January However, we will resume with an issue for February During this time articles and photos can still be sent to culcairnoasis@outlook.com this email address is always monitored. Thank you to all the contributors

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criteria set out in the Position Description. The package is available to interested applicants by calling our office **02 6036 3677** or via email to: office@holbrookmealsonwheels.com.au

Closing Date for applications is **Thursday 19th December 2019**

CULCAIRN SUPPORTIVE CARE AND SERVICES GUIDE

This year a major focus of the Culcairn LHAC has been the Compassionate Communities At Home Palliative Care Project through the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN). Throughout the year 4 workshops were held to look at ways to build community capacity to support people approaching the end of their lives. As part of this project a comprehensive 40 page guide has been produced, outlining the health services provided locally by all levels of government, how to access home care support and it also provides information on local sporting, social and service clubs and religious groups. Those who attended the workshops made a significant contribution to the material included in the Guide. The Guide was launched at the Hospital Celebration Day on the 24th November. The free Guide is available at many locations in Culcairn, including the Hospital, Surgery, Chemist, Council Chambers, Newsagent, Craft Shop and Post Office. A separate Culcairn Funeral Guide has also been produced and is available at the above locations. It lists local funeral directors, ceremony locations and catering venues and organizations. Many thanks go to Stacey Heer, Project Manager of the MPHN AT Home Palliative Care Project for her extensive work in compiling this Guide. Peta Shoemark from Blue Wren Photography &

Oasis December Youth Write-Up

What an incredible year we have had! From a pool party at the Holbrook Pool, a delicious yet scary tour around Junee, to testing our strength out at indoor rock climbing and of course our youth engagement days and work inspiration day – plus everything else in-between! We hope you have all had as much fun as we have! 2020 is looking just as (if not even more) exciting already.

Work Inspiration Day – The Greater Hume Council welcomed year 9 and 10 students from Billabong High and St Pauls College into our council office for a day filled with hands on examples of what we all do at work. The students were able to try out heavy plant machinery, play with modern technology in the Library, watch a drone in action and play with a real ranger's dog while learning all the behinds the scenes information about most of the council jobs. They then had the opportunity to design their very own Youth Week 2020 event – which we are very excited to say, will be happening in April! So make sure you keep a close eye on our socials to see what it is... but a little teaser... a massive family friendly

January Colour Run Pool Party Our January school holiday program 'Colour Run Pool Party' is taking place 20 January at the Culcairn Sports Ground Pool. The Colour run will kick off at 6pm with plenty of colour and music to keep us moving around the oval into the water zone. A refreshing wash down will be needed to get all the colour off us before we can start relaxing in the pool. A BBQ dinner will be provided to ensure that you have enough energy to swim into the night (well until 9pm). Just remember to book in either by a council office or on our socials and to bring a white shirt to run in to ensure maximum colour!

Don't forget to keep at look out on our socials – 'Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee' on Facebook and 'GHC_YAC' on Instagram and keep connected with us over the holidays! You can share any ideas you want to see in our town and community with us on there any-

THE CULCAIRNIAN STROLLERS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday I make my way down to the Culcairn Bakery, generally greeted with a bit on banter, "you're late" says Chief though having 5 minutes to spare. During summer we meet at 9.30am and winter 2pm. We head off with a casual but steady pace both feet and mouth and make our way around the close to 3km walk. Talking with my team the walking group isn't just about the physical. Getting together to walk, talk, enjoy the tree canopies, admire gardens, share our week or walk in momentary silence brings us all great pleasure. The walking group has given hope and a purpose to many in the group, it gives a sense of belonging and a reason to get up and get out. We finish with a cuppa at the Bakery and find this is equally as valuable. Friendships, trust, laughter, connecting with others in our community and supporting a local business also happens at this time. I absolutely love walking with my group and am so proud of all their achievements and commitment to each other. I enjoy listening to the history of Culcairn, who lived where and what business they had, what plant/tree is that or what football greats have come out of Culcairn. What I think I love the most is that I have connected with people in my town that I may not have previously. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fabulous walkers for being part of my Walking Group. You all are a big part of my week and I look forward to our walks together. Keep the banter up and see you at the Bakery! If you would like to join our walking group, please contact

CULCAIRN CARER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

A community morning tea, hosted by the Culcairn LHAC, was held on Tuesday 26th November at the Culcairn Hotel, to discuss the possibility of a Carer Support Group commencing in Culcairn. Craig White from Intereach attended and provided information on the many benefits of support groups for carers, including the ability to talk to other carers who are sharing the same experiences. Intereach and the Culcairn LHAC will work with the local community, with the view to commencing a group in February next year. If you would like to register your interest or find out more, please contact David

COUNCIL NEWS

Highlights from meeting held on 20 November at Henty. Council received a report on the quarterly budget review to 30 September 2019. The review indicates a cash surplus of \$75,789, an improved position based on the original estimate of \$1,411. The report noted that revenue from investment interest is being severely impacted by record low interest rates, with a review of investment income to be reported in the December quarterly budget review.. Council also expects savings to flow into the budget in the next quarter from workers compensation premium adjustments. Due to the rollout of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Council is required to introduce a short term licence fee of \$250 (incl of GST) for crown land grazing leases. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolved to provide public notice of the proposed new fee for a period of 28 days. A total of \$29,534 has been awarded to nine community groups as part of Greater Hume Council's 2019-2020 Community Development Grant Program.

In Culcairn all 4 applications for grants were successful. The final allocations were signed off at the November Council meeting for projects aimed at enhancing the range, availability and quality of community facilities and community programs that benefit a diverse range of residents. Council will lodge two projects under the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads grant round – 1. Reconstruction of the remaining 6 km of Cummings Road, and 2. Reconstruction of 4 km of Fellows Hills Road. The proposed grant requires Council contribution of 25% of the cost of these projects. Council also resolved to consider two matters of urgency at the meeting. Council resolved to authorise senior management to undertake further negotiations with NEOEN in respect to a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the proposed Culcairn Solar Farm and the Walla Walla Solar Farm. Council also agreed that the results of negotiations be reported as an open agenda item at a future meeting and appropriate bodies be advised of the negotiations. The next Council meeting will be held on 18 December at Holbrook. Meeting agendas and minutes are available for viewing at any time on Council's website or in person at any Greater Hume Customer Service Office.