



# CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## CONGRATULATIONS EMILY JONES - STATE TRAINING AWARDS FINALIST

Greater Hume Council would like to congratulate Youth Officer Emily Jones for being selected as one of the top three state finalists for the NSW Training Awards in the Trainee of the Year category.

Emily was named as the Trainee of the Year in the Riverina Region for the Training Awards and will now represent the Riverina against the rest of the state.

Emily was nominated for her Traineeship at Council in which she completed her Certificate IV in Library and Information Services through TAFE NSW. Emily started her Traineeship at the end of 2017 in the Library/Customer Service and Youth areas and has since successfully completed her traineeship and gained employment with Council in November 2019.

### People's Choice Award

As well as Trainee of the Year award, NSW Training Awards are holding for the first time this year a People's Choice Award for a handful of the different categories. From Friday 4 September 2020, there will be an open voting system where the general public have the opportunity to vote for the person of their choice.

You can vote for Emily for People's Choice in the Trainee of the Year category through the link <https://vet.nsw.gov.au/>

The State presentation will be held online this year and will take place on Friday 9 October 2020 where the finalists and winners will be celebrated for their efforts and achievements in vocational training. We wish Emily the best of luck



## HOSPITAL STAFF RECOGNITION

The Culcairn LHAC continues an ongoing practice of recognising milestone years of service of our MPS staff. We thank them for their distinguished service to our community over many years. Five staff were recognised this year (see photos below).

In addition to the 4 staff photographed, Cynthia Goode was recognized for 25 years service. Each person received a Regent Cinema Movie Voucher.



Jill Wadsworth  
30 Years Service



Marilyn Lee  
20 Years Service



Sue Pinnuck  
25 Years Service



Juliane Williams  
10 Years Service



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**Next deadline - 12pm Tues 6th October 2020**

Folding Date- Fri 9th October 2020 at 1pm

Delivery Date - Wed 14th October 2020

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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](mailto:culcairnoasis@outlook.com) or phone 0260298291 for more information

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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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If you have knowledge in any of these areas emailing, Word, Publisher, Excel and interest in supporting the Oasis team we would like to hear from you.

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You can send us your dates monthly, or provide them for the whole year. Please e-mail details to [culcainoasis@outlook.com](mailto:culcainoasis@outlook.com) or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

### September

- Sat 5** Sit and Stitch 10am  
**Sun 6** COVID 19 Testing 2pm-3.15pm  
**Tues 8** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am  
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 10** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 15** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Wed 16** Council Meeting, Holbrook  
**Thurs 17** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Fri 18** Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn  
**Tues 22** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am  
Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 24** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 29** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

### October

- Thurs 1** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Sat 3** Sit and Stitch 10am  
**Tues 6** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am  
**Thurs 8** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 13** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 15** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Fri 16** Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn  
**Tues 20** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am  
**Fri 23** Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn  
**Fri 30** Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2020**

### **Culcairn Agricultural Show Cancelled**

**Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions.**

The committee has made this decision to keep everyone safe.

### **GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

#### **Culcairn Garden Competition**

It's time to get your gardens tidied up for Spring and Summer. Plant Annuals to add some colour to your garden and to Culcairn. Members of the Culcairn Garden Club will be going around town towards the end of October to judge the best garden, as viewed from the Nature Strip. The winner will have their name added to the list of winners on the Perpetual Trophy and retain the trophy for the next 12 months. The winner will also be presented with an individual trophy to retain as a permanent reminder of their win. Good luck and Happy Gardening

## **JOCELYN COLLIE-DEPUTY NURSE MANAGER**

In June Culcairn MPS welcomed Jocelyn Collie as the Deputy Nurse Manager. Having grown up in the Corowa area Jocelyn has over thirty years nursing experience both in Melbourne and the local area, having returned home with her own family in 2012.



Jocelyn has experience in clinical nursing, management, governance and service development. Jocelyn is excited to be working at Culcairn to support our staff to provide patients and residents with high quality care.

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

#### **Grab Bags**

Grab bags are a perfect way to enjoy our collection without spending a long time browsing the shelves. Let us know what you would like to borrow at your local library by answering a few questions at <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/grab-bag>. We will contact you when we have selected five items or more that we think you may enjoy and bundled them up ready for you to borrow. If you like Greater Hume Council Libraries also have a home delivery service available.

We can select for any age and interest. All Greater Hume Libraries are participating in this program.

For more information contact the Library & Youth Service Team Leader P: 02 6036 0179

#### **The Culcairn Library Knitting Group**

The Culcairn Library Knitting group has been busy during this quieter time knitting and crocheting squares for the Wrap with Love program. This is a wonderful program where people who love knitting can easily make squares which are put together to form warm cosy blankets. This year the Culcairn Knitting group have sent ten beautiful blankets to Riverina Regional Library from there these blankets will be sent to Sydney then distributed to those in need both in and out of Australia.

The program is a win win: with vulnerable people being given a beautiful gift providing shelter and warmth at the same time giving people a meaningful project. People can get together and knit or they can do the knitting at home when sometimes the hours are not so busy. A huge thank you to all those involved. The Culcairn Knitting Group meet each fortnight from 9.30am. The next knitting group will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2020.

If you'd like to join this group please contact staff at the Culcairn Library P: 02 60360100

## COUNCIL NEWS

COVID-19 restrictions have changed the way Council can run its monthly meeting. Councillors attended the August meeting held at Holbrook, observing social distance rules.

You can view the recording of the meeting at <https://bit.ly/35uKFxX>. The meeting was not open to the public.

### *Business dealt with at the meeting included:*

In response to the ongoing pandemic, Council resolved to waive the annual Food Shop Inspection Fee for 50 food related businesses that operate across the shire.

Council committed to remaining a member of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils for a further two year period.

Council approved the interim full year budget result to 30 June 2020, declaring a cash deficit of \$188,573. The result is primarily due to congoing costs associated with implementing COVID-19 mitigation measures. The other contribution to the deficit is additional expenditure required on survey and design projects, to ensure new key infrastructure projects can be 'shovel' (or grant) ready when external funding opportunities are announced by the Australian and NSW Governments.

Council endorsed the postponement of commencing roadworks associated with the realignment of the Olympic Highway, part of the major Henty Rail Crossing project, to early 2021. This decision has been influenced by delays in relocation of NBN, Telstra and water supply assets, delay in construction of a new rail crossing, impacts of COVID-19 and potentially a wet spring (according to Bureau of Meteorology). The deferral will also mean that harvest grain receipts will not be impaired by roadworks during early summer.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available for viewing at any time on Council's website.

## FREE TAX HELP – 2020

Get your tax return completed with the assistance of an accredited Tax Agent at the Culcairn Council Office.

If your income is less than \$60,000 or you are on a Disability Pension you are eligible to get your tax return completed with the assistance of an accredited tax agent on **Fri 18th September, Fri 16th October, Fri 23rd October or Fri 30th October**. Make an appointment by phoning 6036 0100 – sorry no business tax can be processed.



## CULCAIRN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has highly trained Emergency Registered Nurses staffing emergency departments across the region, including Culcairn MPS.

Emergency Registered Nurses have completed an intensive training program in First Line Emergency Care (FLECC).

The six month program includes a theoretical component through the Australian College of Nursing and a clinical component.

The course prepares and credentials rural and remote Registered Nurses as an Advanced Clinical Nurse (ACN) to ensure early appropriate management of acute and life threatening conditions, and to relieve pain and discomfort for patients at hospitals where Medical Officers are not immediately available.

Emergency Department staff are supported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the Remote Medical Consultation Service and the Critical Care Advisory Service.

These services link health care consumers across MLHD's 33 facilities to world class models of care and highly skilled clinicians using advanced digitalised telecommunications platforms.

The Remote Medical Consultation Service supports clinicians in outlying hospitals by prescribing medical treatments and first aid advice and identifying when further care is required.

The MLHD Critical Care Advisory Service (CCAS) facilitates critical care expertise from senior critical care clinicians at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital (WWBH) using Telehealth. In some cases due to the limited number of critical patient presentations, staff can lack recent experience in dealing with these patients so the CCAS is there to support them.

Culcairn MPS Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and reminds residents that in an emergency they should call 000 for an Ambulance, or come straight to the ED. HealthDirect is also available on 1800 022 222 for general advice and information.



## MENS SHED REPORT

Our Shed held its annual AGM on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Elected were Peter Thompson - President, Fred Kelsh - Vice President, Cris McPaul - Secretary (previously Terry Mitchell), Shelly Bird - Treasurer, Paul Lewis - Safety Officer, Peter Willis and Terry Mitchell.

We now have a defibrillator within the Shed with members doing online training. I hope we don't need to use it. Gary Hedger has donated some equipment. It will be well used at the Shed and thank you again Gary.

We are always looking for new members, so if you have spare time Tuesday or Thursday morning drop in for a coffee.

Keep this date free - the Shed is having a garage sale Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.



*Peter Thompson & Gary Hedger*

## FAST TRACK YOUR CAREER INTO CHILDCARE JOBS

Love working with children, want to work close to home in Greater Hume Council?

Council has taken on the additional three Childcare Centres over the last 18 months in Walla Walla, Henty and Holbrook and would love to "grow" local skills to be able to cost effectively resource the centres.

In response, Council is offering 5 scholarships to locals who have a passion for childcare and early years education.

Learn on the job and become part of our professional workforce with paid work opportunities in our three centres.

If you have a passion for childcare and would like to be part of a local workforce, please contact us and nominate for a scholarship or for a place on our upcoming course to be held at Holbrook starting soon.

Places are limited so contact our Children Services today – call 02 60263877, find us on our website and click on business opportunities at Greater Hume Children Services or come into one of Council's offices.

## CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB

The 1st round of our Club Championships was held on the weekend of 29 and 30 August and Wayne Bodycott was the winner of this round of play. The 2nd round is being held on weekend of 5 and 6 September. Golfers may play either on the Saturday or Sunday. Tee off times need to be arranged with Martin Smith (0428 298 030) for the Saturday, Sunday play will be 8.30 for 9 am hit off. A further 2 rounds will be played and golfers will use the best 3 of 4 round scores.

The main golfing season will finish at the end of September with summer play commencing after that (daylight saving times). Our men will have 2 Pennant Teams in the Murray District Golfing Association competition which is played at various courses over a few weeks in October/November.

Over spring and summer usually some 9 hole competitions are organised and will be notified through facebook page and texts to members.

### Watch this Space – Golf Clinic

The club is trying to organise a golfing clinic for any ladies interested in getting some help to start golf. There will be more information put on the Culcairn Golf Club facebook page, and a poster in Council's window noticeboard when we have finalised arrangements.

If you are interested in coming along, give Heather a phone call (0428 586 555). If you don't have golf sticks that isn't a problem as there will be sticks available for use at the clinic.

Hopefully after the clinic we can get a week-day golf comp/social event going for anyone interested – no pressure – just for fun!

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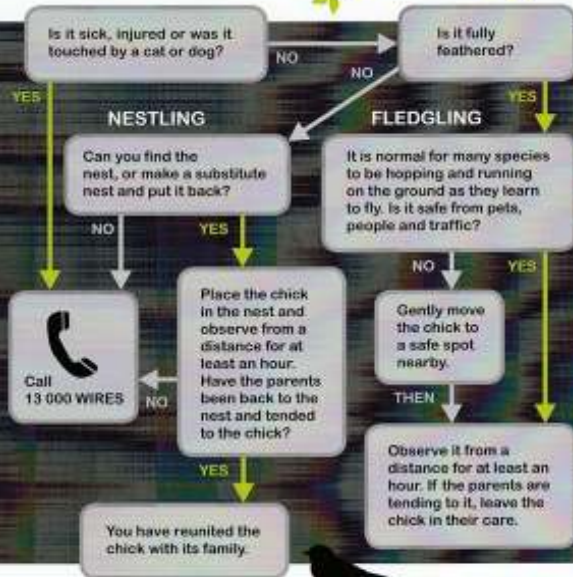
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