

CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

October 2020

ANNIKA SMITH - NURSE

Staff profile for Culcairn MPS is Annika Smith-Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE). Annika lives in Culcairn and has worked at the Hospital for the last 18 months. Annika also works at Wagga Base Hospital on the surgical ward as the CNE.



Annika has been nursing

for 7 years and completed her training in Canberra. Annika has 2 labradors, Boots and Boris with whom she enjoys spending time. Annika likes the challenges of rural nursing and providing a service for the local community. Annika enjoys mentoring and coaching the new staff at Culcairn MPS.

CULCAIRN BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

The Club wishes to remind members that memberships are now overdue. If you have not received a membership form in the mail, please call into the club & pick one up. Alternatively, give us a ring on 6029 8461 (or send an email to theclub@culcairnbowling.com) and we will send you a form. Please also remember to return your completed membership form to the club if making payment by E.F.T. We can't renew your membership, or allocate Birthday Vouchers if we don't have all your information.

Our Courtesy Bus is up and running again on Friday nights—1st run is at 6pm, 2nd run at 7pm with return home runs at 9pm. Extra runs will be catered for if needed.

Our Meat Raffles are on again each Friday night, with 10 x \$20 Butcher vouchers and 10 x \$20 Club vouchers, there is also a bonus draw of 1 x \$20 Butcher voucher and 1 x \$20 Club voucher, a total of \$40.

The Club's AGM is fast approaching, anyone interested in nominating for a position on the Board is welcome to pick up a nomination form from the club between the hrs of 12pm and 7pm Wednesday through to Sunday. See you all at the Club. Cheers, Mgt and Staff



AGED CARE REPORT

A big hello from all at the Culcairn MPS,

Luxury lunches are still a favourite activity. This past month on the menu has been prawns, roast chicken and meatballs. Residents pick the meal they would like to cook. They then prepare all the vegetables and meat and also cook a sweet. This is all done in the activity kitchen with Jill who also dines with them.

Cooking on Thursdays is fantastic, the residents are sharing their recipes from their own books and are cooking the afternoon tea for all residents. This week we are cooking sultana biscuits. The smell throughout the facility is amazing and the interest from all staff in what they are doing is uplifting.

We would like to thank the ladies from "Wrapped with Love" in Culcairn who have donated five of the most magnificent blankets for the residents. Three have gone to residents rooms while the remaining two are up in the activity lounge area for residents to use while watching movies.

Our sunflowers that were planted at the start of winter for a competition with another facility that we write to in Wales, have taken off and are very beautiful. (see photo) We are all amazed that they grew through the cold season and believe that ours are the definite winner.



All in all I feel the residents are going well, they love to be busy but are missing their families especially the grandchildren. So we are very grateful to our pen pal program from the Public School. Miss Govern and the children have recently been to visit us through the fence and the children sang and danced for us. The morning ended with residents meeting their own pen pal and been given a drawing from them.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

THE CULCAIRN RSL SUB-BRANCH would like to advise the Culcairn Community that due to the COVID-19 Health regulations and RSL Directive there will be no Remembrance Day Ceremony on 11 November 2020.

However the Flag will be flown at half mast, also we invite the public to come and place a wreath or floral arrangement in your own time. Further, due to personal health we are unable to have Badge selling. Our Sub-Branch apologises for any inconvenience caused. John McLean... President and Bruce Barkley...Secretary

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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 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 or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

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 the Culcairn township. 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

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COMMUNITY DIARY

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Thurs 8	Men's Shed 9am to 12pm
Sat 10	COVID-19 Testing 1pm - 3pm
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 Men's Shed 9am to 12pmWed 21 Council Meeting, HolbrookThurs 22 Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

Fri 23 Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn

Tues 27 Men's Shed 9am to 12pm Thurs 29 Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

Service NSW - Mobile Service Centre

9am to 2pm

Fri 30 Tax Help Free, Council Office, Culcairn

November

Tues 3 Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am

Thurs 5 Men's Shed 9am to 12pm Sat 7 Sit and Stitch 10am

Tues 17 Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am

Wed 18 Council Meeting, Holbrook

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 16th October, Fri 23rd October or Fri 30th October.

Make an appointment by phoning 6036 0100 – sorry no business tax can be processed.

IN YOUR GARDEN OCTOBER 2020

If we are lucky, frosts have finished and the warmer weather is helping everything to grow rapidly. I have planted out tomatoes, zucchinis, beans and cucumbers, so will see how they progress. Potatoes could be up and growing, so will need "hilling up". Sweet corn and capsicum can also be sown now, as well as pumpkins.

I hope you are enjoying the fruits of your Autumn labour and are picking cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, broad beans and peas.

I have found lots of ways to use these vegies including sauerkraut and cauliflower & bacon and leek soup. Stir fries with broad beans and snap peas are tasty too.

Lettuce are doing well now and are good to plant at intervals to ensure a regular supply. Perhaps buy a mixed punnet and share half with a friend on alternate months. Rhubarb is an old favourite. Keep well fed and watered for best results.

COMPANION PLANTING—Dahlias. I am trying this amazing plant again, after an absence of many years. With dahlias I will plant-

- 1. Coriander—This herb repels aphids
- 2. Artemesia—It's strong scent repels slugs
- Nastursiums—Repels aphids good for dahlias in pots
- 4. Salvias—Magnets for bees, butterflies, and small birds. some of these visitors eat pest insects.

When planting taller companions position so your Dahlias are on the Eastern side with full access to the morning sun.

ROSES—Budding well and starting to bloom. Small birds in your garden and Lady birds should control aphids.

SALVIAS—Are waking up with new growth and flowers .They are great for waterwise gardens. All colours and sizes.

SWEET PEAS—Did you plant a sweet pea

wigwam in Autumn? Mine is starting to flower and looking great.

MULCHING—You have probably been doing this for a while, but as the weather hots up, it's time to protect your garden. Use spoilt lucerne hay, sugar cane, rice hulls and composted

Home-made compost is also good, as it feeds the garden while breaking down. Enjoy your time in the Garden, Margaret Pumpa

woodchips.



GREATER HUME COUNCIL - TAFE NSW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO HELP PLUG CHILDHOOD SKILLS GAP

Locals interested in a career in the booming childcare sector are being offered an opportunity to "earn and learn" at the same time, thanks to a unique scholarship program offered by Greater Hume Council and TAFE NSW.

Over the past 18 months, Greater Hume Council has responded to community demand by taking over operations of long day care services in Walla Walla, Henty and Holbrook but is now faced with a staffing shortage. The childcare sector, particularly in regional areas, has long grappled with a skills shortage, with the TAFE NSW Jobs of the Future report finding "early childhood educator" would be one of the fastest growing professions in the Murray region between 2018 and 2021.

In partnership with TAFE NSW, Greater Hume Council has launched five new scholarships to locals, allowing recipients to work on the job while receiving free tuition for a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care through TAFE NSW.

"It's a great opportunity at a time when people have lost jobs and being able to study and work locally is becoming more attractive," said Greater Hume Council Mayor Cr Heather Wilton.

"Each scholarship recipient gets the cost of their course paid for by Greater Hume Council.

Scholarship recipients are also rewarded with opportunities for paid work placement as an integral part of the program."

Cr Wilton said successful applicants would then have the option to work in one of the centres part-time or full-time.

TAFE NSW Early Childhood Team Leader Justine Poidevin encouraged locals to consider applying for the scholarship.

"All of our early childhood teachers have worked extensively, or are currently working, in the sector and the course is extremely hands-on and practical," Ms Poidevin said.

"With the jobs market becoming increasingly uncertain, this is a wonderful opportunity to get a running start into an industry where jobs are plentiful and the personal rewards of the work are rich."

For information on how to apply for a scholarship or to enrol in a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, starting on 20 October at Holbrook, contact Greater Hume Council on 6036 0100 or TAFE NSW on 13 16 01.

For further information please contact: Lynnette O'Reilly,

Manager Community Services-0429 978 207 Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor - 0400 989 238

CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB

Football and Netball Fun Day

On Saturday 26 September the Culcairn Golf Club hosted the Culcairn Football and Netball Club for a fun family day. Whilst the weather was not the best the rain held off mostly with only 1 light shower during the 9 holes of golf.

Approximately 60 golfers, young and old played in teams of 4 for an Ambrose event. Various novelty prizes were competed for and won by golfers, netballers and juniors. The winning team on the day was Vince Chaffey, Braidan Godde, Jesse Kent and Abigail.

The Longest Drive was won by Vince Chaffey (on 8th fairway) and the Junior Longest Drive winner was Lochie Knobel. Dane Hallinan won the Longest Drive on the 2nd and Claudia Wright on the 2nd.

A barbecue lunch was enjoyed by competitors and organisers, it was agreed a great day was had by all. It is hoped to repeat the event next year!

Golf Club Championships

Members have been participating in our Club Championships over the last 5 weeks having completed the first 3 rounds. Leaders to date are:

A Grade: Wayne Bodycott, Vince Chaffey and equal 3rd place are Michael Roberts and Clayton Scott.

B Grade: Tim Fagan, equal 2nd are Martin Smith and John Scott.

C Grade: Graham Moore and Stephen Kishere.

The 4th and final round will be held on Sunday 11th October. The best 3 of 4 rounds will be the golfers scores for comparison.

GOLF CLINIC - WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

Golf Clinic will be held at the CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB on Wednesday 14 October commencing at 10 am.

Golf professional PENNY GRAEBER from Thurgoona Golf Club will be conducting the clinic, giving group lessons for any ladies who are interested in coming along.

We would like to know numbers beforehand, so please phone to book in for the clinic. Or if you would like further information don't hesitate to contact Heather on 0428 586 555. The Club will be sponsoring the clinic so there is not a charge for this clinic, so come and give it a go!

If you are a male (or female) and would be interested in a different clinic date/time then give Heather a call too.

The Culcairn Golf Club wants to encourage more people to play golf (male/female/juniors) so why not come along, have a lesson and give golf a try. It is a good time to give it a go as over the spring and summer period we usually have 9 hole social competitions which is a great way to be introduced to golf. Golf is a great way to get exercise — walking around and exercising the upper body as well as the legs!

Calling for Nominations of Greater Hume's Top Citizens

Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year Community Event of the Year Sports Person/Team of the Year Sports Volunteer of the Year

Applications close Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website (www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) or can be picked up at one of Councils Customer Service Centres at Culcaim, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla.

Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held at Walbundrie Recreation Ground, Walbundrie on Tuesday, 26 January 2020.



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





COUNCIL NEWS

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

You can view the recording of the meeting at https://bit.ly/35uKFxX. Members of the public were not able to attend the meeting in person but the meeting was live streamed.

Cr Heather Wilton was elected to the position of Mayor for the next 12 months until the next local government elections in September 2021. Cr Doug Meyer OAM was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Council will continue to hold the monthly meetings at Holbrook Library Complex while COVID restrictions are enforced. Residents can bring forward issues to the council by providing a written statement, which is distributed to councillors and read out prior to the commencement of the meeting. Statements should be provided by 5pm on the day preceding the meeting.

Business dealt with at the meeting included:

Council resolved to seek quotations from real estate agents active in Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook to list four vacant land parcels, with funds generated from the sale of land to fund the shortfall to progress the upgrade of recreational sportsground playing fields in Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera, with the overall project valued at \$1,585,333. Later in the meeting Council appointed two tenderers to undertake the rehabilitation of playing fields.

Council received a report on the review of ward boundaries. Council has redrawn its ward boundaries to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993 to ensure that the variance in electors does not vary more than 10% between wards

Council resolved to hold a constitutional referendum at the next local government elections for electors to consider whether the Greater Hume Council area should continue to be divided into wards, or that wards be abolished.

A report on the draft financial statements was presented. In response to auditor's advice, a revised snapshot was supplied at the meeting which has meant that a one off provision for remediation of landfills and quarries has resulted in a net operating result of -\$3,470,000. This extraordinary item will not materially impact on future budgets.

Later in the meeting, Council received a detailed report on the requirement that it must make provision for the rehabilitation of four landfills and four gravel pits in their financial statements. Council will be required to create a cash reserve for the future cost of rehabilitation in forward budgets.

Regrettably, Council will take over control of the running of three community facilities.

Local communities have struggled in recent times to recruit volunteers to fill vacancies of these section 355 committees. Carabost and Walbundrie Halls and the Morven Tennis Club grounds will return to be operated and managed by Council.

Council received an update report of Council's response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on operations.

CULCAIRN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hello readers of the Oasis! We had our first meeting since February in September and there was a lot to catch up on. Greg Blackie (Greater Hume Shire Council) told us of some of the things happening:

- Major drainage works in Balfour Street will probably happen next Feb/March. New pipes will be installed, the footpath will be extended 60cm into road to cover new pipes and Plain trees have to be removed. The footpath will be overlaid to lift height to meet the lip on steps into Butcher, Bakery etc and restencilled. This will go around to the northern corner of the Pub. Included in this is plans for 2 ramps into the Foodworks and Newsagency for disabled access. New street trees will be planted.
- Inland Rail-Historical pedestrian footbridge-Council had a recent meeting with Inland Rail and they are willing to work with us to place the main part of bridge into a park-perhaps Eric Thomas.
- Old D&D building-some tidying up was achieved, but more is needed, this is an ongoing request with ARTC.
- New town signs-there will be new signs with the same branding put up in the 5 main towns in the Shire. 2 large signs will go on entrances north and south into Culcairn, 2 smaller ones for the east and west entrances.
- Road condition near Caltex servo and old railway line-RMS have almost signed off on re-building this bit of the road. Council is going to re-seal the road and carparks of the Bowling club and Jubilee Park. There is talk of a guard rail across the bridge for pedestrian safety, nothing as yet planned.
- Water tower in Black Street will be replaced in the next 2-3 years.
- Floodworks will be done in the next year as funding becomes available.

Other items of business:

- Christmas tree display-Michelle Goode will again co-ordinate this, it went really well last year. She will contact community organisations soon. The town Christmas tree and red bows on the palm trees will happen again this year.
- Re-print of the 100year centenary book-still on the agenda.

Our next meeting will be 20th of October, 7.30pm, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Ken at the Newsagency or Kirsty Wilksch (kirsty@wilkschestate.com.au)

Our aim is to work together with Council and community groups and organisations to make Culcairn a great place to enjoy living and working in!

CULCAIRN LHAC HEALTH MATTERS

Are you planning on visiting someone at the Culcairn MPS? If so, please be aware of these current regulations due to recent COVID 19 infection numbers.

To visit someone in the <u>Culcairn hospital</u>: 1 person to visit for 1 hour per day. <u>The Residential Aged Care facility</u>: 2 visitors at the same time for 1 hour, anytime of the day.

Visitors must be over 16 years of age.

Prior to visiting, you will need to plan ahead and call Culcairn MPS to book a time slot. Staff will be monitoring the amount of people visiting.

All visitors are still required to have had a flu vaccination, wear a mask and not have visited Victoria. Thank you for your co-operation.





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