



# CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2020

## 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.

## GOVERNMENT THANKS VETERANS

Earlier this year Leo MCNUFF received a letter from the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Minister of Veterans Affairs Darren Chester on behalf of the Australian Government which read as follows.



"We would like to thank you for your service in the Australian Defence Force and acknowledge the sacrifices you made in the service of our nation."

Leo also received a Veteran Lapel Pin and a copy of the Oath which forms part of the Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant. In addition he was issued with a new Veteran Card which is linked to various offers from Australian businesses - a gesture of their recognition of his service. The letter continued, "Our Government is committed to supporting veterans and their families by building greater community awareness of the unique nature of military service and this is what the Covenant aims to achieve."

Editors Note: The community joins with the Government in acknowledging and thanking **ALL** veterans for their service and wishing them well for the future.



## CULCAIRN GOLF CLUB

### Handicap Pennant Winners

Congratulations to our Culcairn 1 Men's team who last week won the Handicap Pennant in the Murray District Spring Competition. The team of Michael Roberts, Vince Chaffey, Adrian



Feuerherdt, Dan White and Cameron Knust won the final against Holbrook 1 with 3 games to 2. Other players in the team throughout the competition were Martin Smith, Tim Fagan and Bruce Kilpatrick. Congratulations to all, well done. Culcairn 2 team just missed out on playing in the finals, so commiserations to those players, and well done for getting so close.

Picture shows some of the winning team: Vince Chaffey, Martin Smith, Cameron Knust, Daniel White and Michael Roberts.

### Golf and Bubbles Twilight competition

The Culcairn Golf Club conducted four "Golf and Bubbles" events during spring and these evenings have been very well supported by local ladies who have come along to play golf. For some of the ladies it was the first time they have had a go at golf, some others have played before but only very occasionally. It has been great to witness the growth they have made over this time and the enjoyment they have had playing together and socialising after golf. Thank you all for your support of the events and Culcairn Golf Club welcomes you all to enjoy our lovely course. You have done so well over this time.

Continuing on, we are now starting social golf in the evenings, starting at 6 pm, playing 4 or 5 holes and the evenings may vary to allow for different golfers on different nights. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Heather (0428 586 555) to check when the next evening will be. All ladies welcome to join in.

We also welcomed Penny Graeber as the resident professional from Thurgoona Golf Club who came twice to conduct Golf Clinics at Culcairn. Penny is very encouraging and helpful to anyone who is learning golf and I am sure that those who attended gained helpful hints. The hardest part is now remembering the instructions and putting them into practice – but over time that will happen. I am sure we will be happy to have Penny out here again.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy golfing!

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## DEADLINE

**Next deadline - 12pm Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Folding Date- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 1pm

Delivery Date - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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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.

## CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

Many congratulations on your outstanding achievement of 16 years and 400 issues of the Holbrook Happenings. Backed by your town and supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers, you have well and truly served Holbrook and District over such a long period of time and created a great sense of positivity and inclusion in your community. You can take immense pride in your achievement.

Furthermore from the Culcairn Oasis, a huge thank you to Leonie and Dominique from the Holbrook Library for their outstanding assistance in reviving the Oasis. We have been inspired by the work done by the Holbrook Happenings team. We could not have done it without you. Cheers to another 400 issues.

**From all the team at the Culcairn Oasis.**



Relationships Australia Rural Services is now outreaching into your community. <sup>1</sup>  
We offer a wide range of free services for individuals, couples and families. <sup>2</sup>  
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(02) 6923 9100 <sup>7</sup>



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### December

- Tues 8** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 10** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tue 15** Culcairn Library Knitting Group 9.30am  
**Wed 16** Council Meeting, Holbrook

### January

- Thurs 7** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 12** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 14** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 19** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Thurs 21** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm  
**Tues 26** Australia Day Celebrations at Walbundrie 8am  
**Thurs 28** Men's Shed 9am to 12pm

### WE NEED ADVERTISING

We need Culcairn businesses and community groups to advertise with us. With 730 copies printed and with competitive rates, we believe it is not only good value for money, but also keeps a valuable community resource going. For information on advertising email [culcainoasis@outlook.com](mailto:culcainoasis@outlook.com) or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291.

## LIBRARY REPORT

### Christmas Holiday Activities

Holidays are coming up quickly and Greater Hume Council Library staff will have available Santa's Reindeers to be picked up and completed at home. The Reindeers will be a great addition to your Christmas decorations. Cost \$2 per reindeer. Bookings are essential for the Reindeers prior to picking up. Follow the Culcairn Library Facebook page for further holiday activities in January 2021.



### 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 Susan Kane Library & Youth Service Team Leader P: 02 6036 0179



### THANKS FROM CWA

The local CWA wish to thank all who participated in our recent street stall.

It was an outstanding success, and all proceeds will go toward helping various groups. Greg Clinton won the raffle while Pek Fong took second prize. Thanks once again. Remember, if you are interested in joining, contact Genevieve Knobel on 0412 905 208.

## 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



## AGED CARE REPORT

A big hello from all at the Culcairn MPS, November has again seen a month of activities that kept us busy.

We started off with the Melbourne Cup where all residents were out to "race" in the Culcairn Cup. Our AIN Janelle made the day very special by assisting with our horse racing game and commentating on the races, making all residents laugh. All had a good time, winning chocolates, wearing fascinators and hats. Mavis and Ron won our best dressed for the day. Congratulations to those that were lucky enough to win in the sweeps. We would like to say a very big thank you to the people in the community that donated roses and flowers for us for the day. The facility was overflowing with vases that looked beautiful and smelt divine.

We have had another visit from our friends from the Public School. They danced and sang for us and were very happy to meet the facility dog

**Sweetie** for the first time. We received some beautiful letters and paintings and are busy at the moment writing back to them. We had a small presentation of



some books for the class from one of our residents and were happy to get a photo of the class reading a book.

We have had our first church service since the start of the year which most residents attended and this week I have contacted our volunteers about coming back into the facility. Volunteering will not be the same as before COVID but we are looking forward to adapting and continuing on with our programs. Unfortunately we are unable to have our singers and groups back in at this stage but restrictions are always being updated. If you would like to be a volunteer here at the MPS please send me an email at [toni.shutt@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:toni.shutt@health.nsw.gov.au)

For those that are unaware we have a new edition to our facility. Sweetie is a Jack Russell puppy who comes in everyday to visit with residents in their rooms and at times is out in the common areas sitting with residents. She has brought a lot of joy to not only residents but also to the staff. She has just started at puppy school and is learning lots of new things, especially not to bark. Sweetie can sit on walkers and is often seen walking with some our residents in the corridors. I have included a picture of Frieda with Sweetie to show the bond these two have.

Have a wonderful day from all at the Culcairn MPS. Regards, Toni Shutt

## COUNCIL NEWS

COVID-19 restrictions have changed the way Council can run its monthly meeting.

Members of the public were not able to attend the meeting in person but the meeting was recorded and available for viewing on Council's website <https://bit.ly/35uKFxX>

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 raise serious concerns with regard to the Glenellen Solar Farm in respect to traffic management surrounding of the proposed development. Council endorsed the Annual Report of Council operations for the twelve month period to 30 June 2020. Interested residents can read the document on Council's website. Council also received an update in relation to the operational plan and first quarter budget which revealed a cash surplus of \$6,402, which represents a worsening of \$26,034 on the original budget. The result is due to Council continuing its response to COVID-19 and additional legal costs due to a complex Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 application. Council received an update report of Council's response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on operations including that rent resume on one commercial property in Holbrook. Council will make application for grant funding under the Fixing Local Roads Program – Round 2: Construction and sealing of 7.32km Brocklesby Balldale Road, reconstruction and widening of Gerogery Road (4.5km) and Henty Cookardinia Road (6km), totalling \$6.7M..

**\*\*\*A matter of urgency involving the provision of General Practitioner Services and Visiting Medical Officer Services at Culcairn was tabled. Council will undertake discussions with Sarkon Medical Group and investigate potential opportunities.**

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

Go to [www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) for all your Council information such as contact information, to lodge a customer request, news, events, development applications and forms, careers, waste and recycling, library and community services, works and projects, business and investment, grants, youth, Council meetings agendas and minutes, children services, water and waste water, pet registrations, your rates, have your say and so much more.

If you have friends and family visiting go to [www.visitgreaterhume.com.au](http://www.visitgreaterhume.com.au) to be inspired and plan your day with lots of suggested tours and activities.

# Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations



**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Tuesday, 26 January 2021  
at Walbundrie Recreation Ground, Walbundrie  
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 until 4pm.

- Steve Bowen MC/DJ Entertainer will be on hand providing non stop entertainment.
- Food, coffee and delectable delights.
- Family fun including face painting and games.
- Why take a look around the old schoolhouse (no entry permitted).
- Tennis courts will be open for a social hit of tennis.
- Pack the footy or netball to have a kick or bounce with your mates.

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



Pic: Citizen of the Year,  
Bruce Diffey, Henty.  
Photo - Emily Jones

## 2020 Greater Hume Australia Day

**Citizen of the Year**  
Bruce Diffey, Henty

**Young Citizen of the Year**  
Madison Doughty, Jindera

**Sports Person/Team of the Year**  
Lucy Grills, Holbrook

**Community Event of the Year**  
joint winners Walbundrie Cricket  
Club Pink Stumps and Walla Walla  
150th Anniversary Celebrations



Pic: Young Citizen of the Year,  
Madison Doughty, Jindera.  
Photo - Lorri Roden

## **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 have been very busy down at the Shed refurbishing the outside furniture at the Culcairn Pool. The Shed will be closed over Xmas from 17th Dec 2020 to 5th Jan 2021.

On a sadder note, we are losing one of our harder workers with Fred and his lovely wife Nellie moving away from Culcairn. We wish them all the best.

That is all for this year. Hope to see you down at the Shed next year.

## **SOME BACKWARD GLANCES**

### **One**

A recent SBS program on the English company Lever Bros. featured the making of Sunlight Soap and the devotion of the company to contributing not only to cleanliness of the nation but the welfare of their workers.

The COVID crisis and emphasis on hand-washing prompted how far we have come in cleaning. Gone are sandsoap, phenyl, Persil and Lifebuoy! We now have cleaners for our washing machines. Wonderful though these goods are, let's give a special thanks now to the cleaners (the forgotten army) and to our garbage men. They are as important to the nation as our doctors.

### **Two**

The windmills I remember, as a child, have to a great extent disappeared, as has our dependence on them. On a visit to Yorke Peninsular I was surprised to see a vista of sails of a wind farm and not far away a large old windmill.

The "winds of change!" How quickly do they seem to come and no more so than at the present time, as so many cope with the challenges of the Covid virus. Let's all take courage that the self sacrifices of our front line workers, the patience, faith and people's ability to adapt to new innovations will enable us to quell this ill wind.

### **Three**

The Phone. In this age the phone is a wondrous means of not only communication, but an amazing source of information. However I can recall that the old phone of my childhood often fulfilled this role.

The phone was a two piece instrument with separate voice and earpiece and a call was placed by turning a handle which rang and was answered by the telephonist working at the switchboard in the local post office. I would like to pay a tribute to these bygone telephonists. These people were of great service, in times of crisis, accidents, bushfires and so on, but also could fill you in with details and directions when aid or warnings were necessary. Their cheery "hello, how may I help you" was a wonderful service. Anonymous

## **BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB**

The Club wishes to remind members that memberships are now overdue, please ring on 6029 8461 (or send an email to [theclub@culcairnbowlingclub.com.au](mailto:theclub@culcairnbowlingclub.com.au)) to organise a membership form. To renew your membership and allocate the Birthday Vouchers you need return your completed membership form with payment even when paying by EFT.

Courtesy Bus is available on Friday night - 1<sup>st</sup> run at 6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> run at 7pm with return home runs at 9pm, extra runs will be catered for if needed.

Meat Raffles held on Friday nights - 10 x \$20 Butcher vouchers, 10 x \$20 Club vouchers, bonus draw of 1 x \$20 Butcher voucher and 1 x \$20 Club voucher.

We are pleased to welcome new Board of Directors elected at the AGM held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Club would like to thank the outgoing Board Members for their dedication and participation while on the Board. New Board members are: President - Joe O'Keeffe, Vice President - Jordan O'Keeffe, Board Members: Wayne Irwin, Peter Bowen, James McRae, Bruce Barkley & Roger Lieschke.

New COVID-19 density rules from 1<sup>st</sup> December, allows the club to operate at near pre COVID levels. We can now run the popular Mega Draw and the Members draws on Friday nights and on Sunday afternoons. These announcements will be made in the very near future. But remember, Social Distancing Rules will still apply throughout the club.

The Club would also like to hear from any members interested in assisting with running raffles etc. We need more member participation to keep our club strong. If there are any Bowls Members interested in getting the Power Play Competition up and going again, please contact the club.

Opening Hours—for the club please ring 6029 8461 or Kenny's Restaurant on 6029 8738. The Club's email address has changed to [theclub@culcairnbowlingclub.com.au](mailto:theclub@culcairnbowlingclub.com.au), please update your contacts. See you all at the Club. Cheers, Mgt and Staff

## **SIT AND STITCH**

Please note that Sit and Stitch will now cease meeting over the summer months and we will recommence on the first Saturday in March. So look forward to seeing you then. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and may 2021 be a great year for everyone! Heather Lowe

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