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CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER **DECEMBER 2023**







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GREATER HUME COUNCIL MOVES TO 3 BIN SYSTEM IN 2024

Greater Hume Council will next year move to introduce a 3 bin kerbside system as part of its new 10 year waste and recycling contract with Cleanaway. The move aligns Greater Hume with the majority of councils in the region who already collect food and garden (FOGO) waste through the system since 2015. The additional bin introduction has been funded through the NSW Environmental Protection Agency to provide education and information to transition to the new system.

In June 2021, the NSW Government mandated the implementation of a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) collection service for all Councils by 2030.

This means all residents who already have a domestic waste collection and recycling service will be provided with a third "green lidded" bin in the lead up to July 2024. This will ultimately provide residents with greater resources for waste disposal in a sustainable

To successfully implement these changes, Greater Hume Council will utilise the \$205,000 of funding to conduct extensive community education through utilizing the Halve Waste education program in the lead up to the launch and to continue to support residents in the future...cont. page 5

OASIS HELPERS NEEDED

Looking for someone who would be interested in editing the Culcairn Oasis Newsletter. Knowledge in email, Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel imperative. Our team member who currently puts the newsletter together will be leaving the area, we are seeking a replacement now to provide training. Contact David Gilmore on 6029 8291 if you are interested.

THANK YOU JAN & KEN

The Culcairn community would like to recognise Jan & Ken Scheuner.

with a BIG Thank You for serving the community of Culcairn for many years in their Newsagency Business and beyond.

We will miss the contact and the difference you both made to the community on a daily basis.

Wishing you both all the very best going forward in the next stage of your lives.

DAVID CULLEN'S PASSING

David Cullen, a long time resident of Culcairn for 20 years, passed away on the 13th October 2023, after three major operations and spending over 6 weeks in hospital. David was 77 years of age. David served in the army for 20 years and went to war on three occasions. David and Gwen moved to Bundaberg 5 years ago to escape the cold winters. Our condolences are with Gwen and family.

CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB: THE YEAR IN REVIEW PART 2

Here are some more of the highlights of another busy year at the Culcairn Garden Club.

Culcairn Garden Club exhibit, Culcairn Show

Each year, a different theme is chosen and Garden Club members contribute items for display from their own gardens. This year, the exhibit was called "A taste of the Orient". Rhonda and Tony Iorfino provided several of their beautiful bonsai as the centrepiece of the exhibit. Members added Oriental plants, flowers and ornaments to create a beautiful display.

Culcairn Show prizes

As in previous years, the Garden Club made a donation for the 3 categories of children's prizes and for the Memorial Trophy at the Culcairn Show.

Show and Tell

At most meetings, members or guest speakers share their gardening knowledge or experiences in a session called "Show and tell". There have been several highlights this year.

Melbourne Flower & Garden Show, Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne

Betty Scheetz visited the annual Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show at Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne. Betty thought the exhibition of floral displays which reproduced paintings was outstanding. The display gardens, designed and built by professional landscapers and horticultural students, were excellent and creative. There were a number of workshops and displays available. A day well spent!



Bonsai

Tony and Rhonda Iorfino shared their passion and love for bonsai and their extensive experience gained through the years. They explained the principles of selecting suitable plants, how to prune the plants to gain a pleasing shape and the general care. They

displayed several of their own bonsai, discussing their successes and failures and provided several handouts on bonsai

Gardenesque garden show at Albury Botanical Gardens

Betty Scheetz also enjoyed visiting the annual Gardenesque garden show at Albury Botanic Gardens, where there were a number of interesting stalls and



workshops. The Botanical Garden was looking its best, despite changeable weather. The popular guest of honour was Costa from Gardening Australia.

Culcairn Garden Club

The Culcairn Garden Club recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. The Club meets on the first Sunday of the month, between 2- 4pm, with an afternoon tea after the meeting. New faces are always very welcome. If you would like to join us, please contact Lolita Landman, President, on either 0429 660 450 or lolita 12265@hotmail.com

A MEALS ON WHEELS CHRISTMAS

We celebrated Christmas with all our friends at the Holbrook RS club last Friday 8th December. The people who use our services, volunteers and staff from Culcairn, Holbrook, Jindera, and Walla Walla joined in the celebration and fun. Our very grateful thanks to the children and teachers from St Patricks and Holbrook Public schools for coming to entertain us with their musical numbers. They brought so much happiness to the room. Also, our thanks to Herb Simpfendorfer from Walla who entertained us with some musical items.

Our annual Christmas Hamper raffle was drawn on Friday 8th December during the Twilight Shopping Event. I can't tell you who the lucky were because it hadn't been drawn at time of the Oasis going to press. We have 3 giant hampers this year, all thanks to very generous support from our volunteers and the Holbrook community.

Proceeds of the raffle will support a free Christmas Meal and our Jolly Bag, full of useful things, for people who use our meals service.

Gentle Exercises finish for the year on Thursday 14th December and will recommence after school holidays. Seniors Gentle Aqua is running on Tuesday mornings at 10am at the Holbrook Pool.

All Meal deliveries and essential transport and social support services will continue over the Christmas and New Year period, closing only for public holidays. Office hours will be 10am to 12.30pm from Friday 22nd December, through to Friday 29th December, resuming as normal on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Our Home Support Coordinator, Marion, is no longer working with us but we have welcomed Miranda to our team. She is looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

If you would like any information on our services please call us on 02 60363677 or visit our office at 114 Albury Street, Holbrook. We are "More Than Just A Meal".

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DEADLINE

Next deadline - 12pm Tues 5th February 2024

Folding Date– Fri 8th February 2024 at 1pm Delivery Date - Wed 13th February 2024

We prefer articles and advertising to be emailed to: culcairnoasis@outlook.com or phone 02 6029 8291 for more information.

Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Friday, 26 January 2024 at Wymah Recreation Reserve, Wymah 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.

Wymah community invite you to stay on for the family fun activities to be held after the Australia Day Ceremony:

- Live Music
- Kids Entertainment
- Wymah Museum historical display
- Food and drinks available to purchase

Our Ambassador

Will be announced in December.

For more information please contact - Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Officer 0448 099 536, ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.



Pic Geoff Coombes OAM, Ross and Helen Krause, Katie Fifield, Alison and Peter Campbell, Cr Tony Quinn, Aimee Riley, Maddison Wilson

2023 Greater Hume Australia Day

Joint Citizen's of the Year Francis Fifield, Henty and Alison and Peter Campbell, Henty

> Young Citizen of the Year Aimee Riley, Jindera

Sports Person/Team of the Year Henty Pennant Golf Team

Sports Volunteer/s of the Year Henty Cricket Club Grants Committee (Henry Kilo, Lochlan O'Brien, Charles Wilson and Saul O'Reilly)

Community Event of the Year Culcairn Street Party

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CULCAIRN COINS FOR CANCER UPDATE

As of the latest collection in October the Culcairn Coins for Cancer boxes have raised over \$1000 this year bringing our total since their inception into Culcairn businesses in May 2021 to \$3130- not bad for a small community like Culcairn.



Sadly we lost one of our best sources with the closing in August of the Newsagency which had raised about \$600 through that time. Many thanks to Ken and Jan for 'hosting' a collection box. Shortly after it was set up a gentleman came in with a bag of coins he wanted to offload. How good is that! The good news is that the Gerogery

Hotel agreed to take over the homeless box.

Another act of generosity came from Culcairn Foodworks when they donated the money they received for their superseded shelves to the Cancer Centre. They could have put it towards a nice Christmas breakup spree. The money instead, along with all the money collected, will be used to bring a little relief and 'sunshine' to those doing it tough in the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre. That should warm everyone's hearts.

Many thanks Culcairn, and visitors, for your generous support. Let's keep it going in 2024 and let's pray 'cash' will never be a thing of the past.

Blessings for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

GRIMWOODS CRAFT SHOP & TEA ROOM HOLBROOK

Is celebrating its 39th Birthday & Christmas this Saturday 2nd December. Devonshire Tea is on offer from 10-30 am there will also be a cake stall, plants and other items for sale.

Come along have a pot of tea, a coffee to help us celebrate our 39th birthday & Christmas. We are situated in the Woolpack Inn Museum Building at 83 Albury Street Holbrook. Opposite the police station.

Hope to see you! For more information PH: 0427 000 484

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 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.

WE NEED YOU! ~OASIS HELPERS NEEDED~

Our team of volunteers needs some manpower! If you are in a position to support the Oasis team with folding and delivery, we'd love to hear from you. Please email culcairnoasis@outlook.com or phone David Gilmore on 6029 8291 - Please help us keep this town gem

CULCAIRN MPS NEWS

Hello and welcome to news from the residents at the Culcairn MPS.

We cannot believe that we are in December already.

Today we have had a visit from our friends from the public school and we have spent a lovely time making paper chains.

There was some very long chains made that are now hanging throughout the main area of the residents dining room and facility entry.

They look beautiful and make our home look very festive.



Next week we will welcome our family and friends into the facility for our Christmas party.

There will be turkey and ham with our favourite salads as well as several delicious sweets and treats.

There may even be a surprise visit from Santa.

All residents and staff wish all our friends from the community a very merry Christmas and a safe new year.

If you would like to become a volunteer here we would love to hear from you. There is always something fun to do.

Just call 60446106 and ask to speak with either Toni or Lesley.



We have decided to host a community Christmas lunch this year. If you will be alone and looking for someone to share the day with make sure you book in.

Message on Facebook, call in to the cafe or give us a call to book

31 Balfour Street

0422595884

Bookings required so we don't under cater and can keep you updated of any changes. This will be a contribute if you can event. Noone should miss out on Christmas company.

Opening hours Mon, Thursday Friday8am-4pm CLOSED Tuesday's ay Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 8am-2pm May have small changes over the Christmas break Public holidays 9am-1pm



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Article continued...

A significant benefit associated with FOGO is the reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill. Neighbouring councils reduced their waste to landfill by 50% through the introduction of this system in 2015.

Ms Arnold added that when food and garden waste ends up in landfill, it releases methane gas into the atmosphere which is approximately 23 times more harmful to the environment than CO2.

"By diverting these products and turning them into compost that can be reused on farms and in gardens, the introduction of this service will greatly contribute to a reduction in the negative environmental effects caused by our landfill."

"Jindera Public School was the recipient of some lovely compost processed from the green lidded bin in the region and able to be returned to our parks and gardens rather than landfilled.

Diverting our FOGO from landfilling will also assist us in progressing towards meeting some of the other mandates set by the NSW Government, such as the 80% waste diversion targets (2030) and the CO2 Net zero reduction targets (2050)," she said.

Ms Arnold said that the introduction of FOGO would mark a significant milestone for Council to work towards a more environmentally friendly and sustainable long-term waste and recycling strategy.

"I am pleased that Council could come to an agreement regarding this important matter" she said. "Our residents can be assured that they will be supported to make these household changes through the Halve Waste team and advertising in the lead up to the service changes.

~ Greater Hume Council

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.

LIFE LESSONS

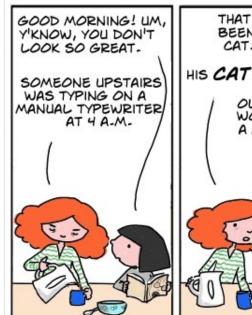
An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood. The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others. But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumour: "The Old Man is happy today, he doesn't complain about anything, smiles, and even his face is freshened up."

The whole village gathered. The old man was asked: "What happened to you?"

"Nothing special. Eighty years I've been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That's why I'm happy now.'

~William Earnest Henley

Moral: Don't chase happiness. Enjoy your life. WillWriteForChocolate.com









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FISCHER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO RUN 2-DAY IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP IN CULCAIRN

The Fischer Community Leadership Program (FCLP) will be running in Greater Hume Council in 2024, with the program to be delivered twice over the year. The first delivery of the program will run as a new, two-day immersive workshop on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd March in Culcairn.

The program aims to enable and empower leadership within the community from the grassroots up. The focus is to develop leadership skills and create a group of community leaders that are equipped to take action and make a difference.

The immersive format will be hands-on, experiential, and focus on practical learning. Participants will be introduced to the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed for community leadership, as well as the requirements of a community project.

It is best suited to those who are:

- Interested in making a difference in their community.
- Current or emerging community leaders, including:
- Captains, coaches and other sporting leaders,
- Local committee leaders
- Emergency services volunteers
- People wanting to make a difference in their community.

In addition to the two full day workshop, a further 4-hour session will be delivered in person, and 2 x 1 hour sessions will be delivered by Zoom, providing mentoring and guidance. Participants are also encouraged to come together for a local dinner after the first program day, to build relationships and strengthen their networks.

The program is delivered by Alpine Valleys Community Leadership in partnership with Federation and Greater Hume Councils, auspice by the Border Trust, and made possible by the grant funding from the New South Wales Government Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5. Through this funding, the participation cost is \$60. Further information and applications can be made via: https://avclp.org.au/fischer-community-leadership-program/

*For more information contact Mary Hoodless, Program Coordinator, 0428104482

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HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Culcairn Bowling Club on Wednesday 8th November 2023.

Our President Yvonne Booth OAM welcomed us all, including our Greater Hume Councillor Doug Meyer OAM, Deputy Chairman for Riverina Water.

Two new members, Lois Biti and Pam Schulz were presented with their Probus Badges.

We have been sending beautiful bears and baby clothes and heat bags to Peter Mac. We give thanks to those who have made items and helped to deliver them to this good cause.

Yvonne has told us of a beanie competition being arranged for next June, intending to assist the Seaman's mission. More information to follow after Christmas.

Our five minute speaker was See Gain.

See was born in Malaysia. See was the youngest of five children, raised by her mother working in the family bookshop, after her father had died at enemy hands

See studied nursing in England and now cares for family.

Yvonne presented See with a Probus pen as a token of our thank you for a most interesting speech.

Our main speaker was Brenton from Riverina Water. He came with a helper to set up a slide show.

Brenton told of being part of a team of people being sent to Nepal as volunteers to Rotary projects in Nepal, for three weeks. The team ranged in age from eighteen to eighty years, with leaders from Albury. The project was to turn a three-storey building into dormitory rooms for nursing students. A most worthwhile sharing of information on Nepal and on the good work being done there by Rotary and lots of volunteers.

Brenton was presented with our Probus pen as a thank you for telling us about a most amazing experience.

Our Christmas meeting is to be lunch at Henty on Wednesday 13th December.

11.30 for a 12.00 start.

Cost is \$25 and bookings must be made with Yvonne Booth or Kevin Fogarty, unless you have already signed to attend.

We will be meeting the second Wednesday of January at Henty, 9.30 for a 10.00am start

Hope to see you there after happy celebrations of Christmas and New Year.

Yvonne's thought for the day

The only way to have a friend is to be a friend.

CULCAIRN DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE

Drug and Alcohol counselling at Culcairn weekly, the service can be provided via tele health sessions outside of the day held in Culcairn.

Enquiries or self-referrals – contact Albury Community Health (02) 6058 1800 or Mobile

0477359255. This service is provided by Albury Wodonga Health.





CULCAIRN LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CAKES FOR SALE Thursday 14th December 2023

Thursday 21st December 2023

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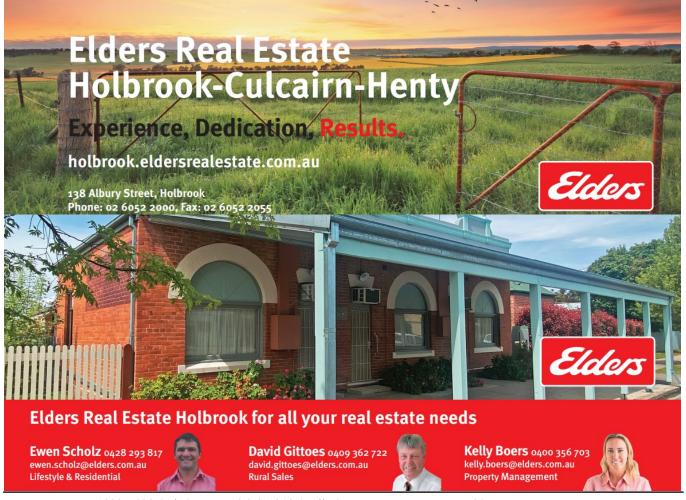




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