



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



CULCAIRN SHOW

A flash back to the October long weekend when we celebrated the 110th Culcairn Agricultural Show.

This year Life Memberships went to Ruth Scheetz and Bridget Hogg, and the RAS Medallion was awarded to Andrew Thompson. We are extremely grateful for the contributions these members have made to the show society over the years.

The show team were happy with how the Show Pavilion looked this year and it highlighted some fabulous talent! Our largest sections were the Horticulture section and the Photography section and some of our major winners were Lin Lin Roenfeldt in Horticulture, and Alice Murray and Chloe Meacham in Junior Photography and an exhibitor from interstate was most successful in the Open Photography section. Cooking also saw some delights with creative treats in the Children's Cooking section and great achievements. Other sections also had great exhibits.

Also, in the Show Pavilion an amazing Fairy Garden display was front and centre on entry, there were outstanding displays by Culcairn Public and St Josephs primary schools, and the Culcairn Garden Club had a wonderful Aussie Bush garden theme for their display.

Thank you for all the fabulous exhibits and contributions.



DEADLINE

Next Deadline – 12pm Mon 2nd Feb 2026

Folding date – Friday 6th Feb 2026 at 1pm

Delivery date – Wednesday 11th Feb 2026

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

Morven Solar Farm – December Project update

The Morven Solar Farm is a proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) located in the Greater Hume Shire Local Government Area, approximately 11 kilometres north of Gerogery.

Since our last community engagement sessions in June this year, the team has been continuing to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and incorporate the valuable feedback received into the draft Project design.

We heard that the community was concerned about fire risk and have been working to refine some of the impact assessments, including the hazard impact assessment, biodiversity impact assessment, and some of the Project design features to address this feedback.

We are looking forward to sharing the preliminary outcomes of the EIS studies and the refined Project design with the community early next year. Your feedback during this period will help us finalise the EIS ahead of its lodgement later in 2026.

We will ensure the community is kept informed on the progress of the studies and future engagement opportunities, and encourage you to continue to share your thoughts and questions with us by:

- Completing the Project survey: surveymonkey.com/r/elginenergy
- Calling 1800 311 859
- Emailing morvensolarfarm@premierstrategy.com.au
- Completing the contact form on our website: morvensolarfarm.com.au

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday period,

Morven Solar Farm Project Team

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Culcairn Craft & Quilting Group

We meet every second Tuesday at the Lutheran Church Hall from 10.30 – 2.30. A donation to cover hall hire costs is welcome. Tea & coffee is provided. BYO lunch & craft project.

Please contact Sharon Wonson on 0408 409 160 for any further information.

Culcairn Garden Club

The Garden Club meets on the second Sunday of each month. For the location & time of the Garden club's next meeting, please check the Community Noticeboards or

sites.google.com/view/culcainrgardenclub/

Gentle Exercises & Tai Chi

These sessions run every Thursday at the Uniting Church Hall. There are two classes: seated exercises 10 – 11am; Tai Chi 11 – 12md. Cost: \$2 gold coin donation per class. All welcome.

Men's & Community Shed

Meets Tuesday & Thursday 9 – 12, in the old gangers shed, next to Biti Motors. Please wear closed toe shoes or boots. PPE provided. All welcome.

Railway Museum

Open every Sunday 10am – 1pm

Sconnies

Sconnies is an informal social group, open to everyone. We get together each Wednesday from 10.30 – 12md in one of Culcairn's coffee shops. So you know where we'll be each week, a post about which coffee shop we'll be meeting at is put up on the Culcairn Community Happenings Facebook page, so please check there. Everyone is very welcome!

CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB

Our Christmas celebration will be held at midday at the Culcairn Pub on December 14th, with lots of garden themed fun and games to be had.

For information about our upcoming events:

- Email culcainrgardenclub@gmail.com
- President Ruth Scheetz on 0428 298 581
- Secretary Cris McPaul on 0408 211 565
- sites.google.com/view/culcainrgardenclub/

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www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

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 Remembrance 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.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT AT GREATER HUME COUNCIL LIBRARIES

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HOLBROOK LIBRARY 4PM WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025
JINDERA LIBRARY 4PM WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025
CULCAIRN LIBRARY 10AM THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025



HENTY- CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Culcairn Bowling Club on 12th November 2025.

We had Margaret and Yvonne as our five minute speakers and they told us of having been volunteers with Frontier Services and finding out the realities of work experience with remote ministry. They told of long hours, much travel and meeting lots of isolated people who were very glad to have company.

Our main speaker was David Dunbar. He told of having visited the Five Stans; Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

To go to these places, part of the old Silk Road territory is not easy. An invitation is needed and people go as a group tour, not individuals.

The photographs included a city where buildings were covered in white marble, the roads wide and with white cars and wide footpaths and dome tops of buildings were turquoise colours.

Red indicates wealth and school uniforms are red to reflect the thought of future wealth from education.

There was a fortress and talk of the Silk Road and the digging of ruins and beautifully built and painted railway stations.

We learned about nomadic people living in yurts and the food which included lots of vegetables, eating horse meat, but not pig.

Local people felt that good food, a warm place to sleep and people around them was an ideal situation.

We thanked David for an amazing speech and yes please, like so many of our speakers, we would love to hear of more of his travels.

December is our Christmas meeting at Henty Club and pre booking is needed.

We meet January 14th 2026 at Henty 9.30 for a 10.00am start .

We thank all of our helpers and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Please join us for a

Christmas
PARTY

@ The Culcairn Swimming Pool

DECEMBER 19 3 - 7 PM

Free Sausage Sizzle 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Get a photo with Santa 5 - 6 pm
Canteen Open 3 - 7 pm

WE NEED YOUR DATES !!!!

HELP MAKE THIS A COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR CULCAIRN. PLEASE SEND US YOUR CLUB'S MEETING DATES AND ANY UPCOMING EVENTS

Please email details to:
culcairnoasis@outlook.com

DEC 2025

Tues 9 Service NSW

Tues 9,16,23 Men's Shed 9-12

Tues 9,16,23 Craft & Quilting Club 10.30-2.30 Lutheran Church Hall

Wed 10 Probus Xmas Meeting Henty Club
Bookings essential

Wed 10,17,24 Sconnies 10.30 Various coffee shops

Thur 11,18 Gentle Exercises 10-11 Tai Chi
11-12 Uniting Church Hall

Thur 11,18 Men's Shed 9-12

Sat 13-Sun 14 Harry Gardiner Bowls
Tournament

Sat 13,20 Railway Museum 10-1

Sun 14 Garden Club Various locations

Sun 14 Christmas Carols Jubilee Park 5.30
Free BBQ 7pm Carols

Tues 16 Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor
Centre Railway Pde 8.30-3

Thur 18 Christmas Craft Culcairn Library
Cost \$4 Bookings essential

Fri 19 Swimming Pool Christmas Party 3-7

ST JOSEPH'S CULCAIRN

We are currently advertising our 2026 "Little Joeys" program, a free transition program for all children starting Kindergarten in 2027.

On Thursday 6th November Sam and Ollie headed to Wagga to participate in Diocesan cricket trials. Both boys were selected to represent our Diocese, they showed great sportsmanship and character, unfortunately they were not selected for the Mackillop team, we are super proud of how well they represented our school.

Years 5 & 6 visited Ballarat for their school excursion 12-14 November. All kids and



teachers had a great 3 days - no one managed to bring us back the gold bar though!!

On 13 November our K/1/2 class went to the Library for a special edition of storytime, "Grandparents". Thank you to the Grandparents who joined us to make this a special morning. Everyone was spoilt with a lovely morning tea.

On 21 November most of our Year 6 students attended a Year 7 Transition Day at St Pauls Walla. Billabong High School transition day is 2 December.

Our Graduation Mass and Morning Tea for Year 6 students is on Friday 12 December at 9.30m, followed by Presentation Night on Monday 15th.

All students last day will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th December with a pool party.



IN YOUR GARDEN DEC 25/JAN 26

Commiserations to my fellow gardeners who lost lots of their summer vegetables and flowers to the frost on November 12th. It wiped out tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins etc AND my dahlias, which were budding! At least the seedling sellers will make another dollar as we replant.

By now your garden should be well mulched and ready to face the summer. Watering had been necessary due to low Spring rainfall.

Strawberries are bearing well, with exceptional flavour. Lettuce can be planted now for a continuous harvest. Prune Wisteria now to allow for new buds in Winter.

December 22nd is the Summer solstice, time to harvest and hang garlic.

In January, plant out seedlings of broccoli and cauliflower.

Hydrangeas are blooming well now. They are often grown on the southern side to avoid the hot sun.

Pots of Petunias flower well over summer. Pots can be moved to where colour is needed.

Vincas are another pretty Summer annual. They also self seed well.

Prune Salvias in January and they will flower again in Autumn.

Mozzies like it damp and wet, so not too many about this January(hopefully!). Mizzie spray for around windows, doors and outside areas. Mix together well 3 cup Epsom Salts, 1 can beer, and 1 bottle of cheap mouthwash.

If Rabbits ring bark young trees and shrubs, bind them up with banana skins.(the trees, that is !)

Mulch and water are important over summer and more mulch means less water used. Merry Christmas and Productive Gardening in 2026.

Margaret Pampa



Culcairn Bowling & Recreation Club

The Golden Bowl Raffle Draw has been postponed until 2026. Tickets are \$100, for a chance to win the major prize of \$10,000. Tickets include lunch for two on the day of the drawing, plus an open bar from 12 pm to 4 pm (beer, wine and soft drink). Once all tickets are sold, we will set a draw date.

December is the start of our Friday night Christmas raffles, with hams, prawns, turkey rolls and some special salmon added in. These will be added to our regular Friday Raffles.

CLUB CLOSING DATES

Monday 22nd till Friday 26th of December. Opening on Saturday, 27th of December.

COINS FOR CANCER

Dear Culcairn residents. Every update I sing your praises for your faithful contributions.



It occurred to me that it would be nice to be able to give you an idea of how your donations may be used. In July I contacted Andrew Mackinlay, the manager of the AlbWod Cancer Centre Trust Fund who was able to verify that up to that

time CCforC had donated \$6190.40 from the collection's inception in July 2021- (now \$6490.40 since the Oct collection) stating that that amount would go a long way towards funding "a state-of-the-art chair for Genesis Care patients to receive radiation therapy.

This chair places people in the correct position so that they may have the radiation done in comfort. Without the chair it would mean each patient is in an uncomfortable position for a long period of time which can have other side effects." Andrew went on to say, "The chair itself costs around \$8,000, So to contribute over 75% of that is a fantastic effort".

Well I agree with that but let's see if we can get to the full 100% - keep those coins coming folks. 🙌

Bless you all for your generosity and may you have a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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Wishes you A Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!

Holidays schedule

Wednesday 24 December	CLOSED
Thursday 25 December	<u>CLOSED</u>
Friday 26 December	<u>CLOSED</u>
Monday 29 December	OPEN
Tuesday 30 December	<u>OPEN</u>
Wednesday 31 December	CLOSED
Thursday 1 January 2026	<u>CLOSED</u>
Friday 2 January 2026	OPEN

Home Support and Meals on Wheels Christmas & New Year Update

As we move toward the festive season, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our Culcairn clients and community members for a very Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy New Year. This time of year brings opportunities for connection, celebration and reflection, and we hope each of you enjoys moments of joy, companionship and wellbeing throughout the holiday period.

- Our office will be closing at Midday on Tuesday 24th December and reopening on Monday 5th January. We will be in and checking messages, so please call if you need to cancel a service or needs meals delivered.
- Final meal delivery before Christmas will be on Thursday 18th December

Home Support services will continue over the Christmas and New Year break, we will be in touch to schedule services around the public holidays.

Hot Weather Reminder – Stay Hydrated

Summer heat can affect older people more quickly and dehydration may occur even when you don't feel thirsty. To stay well during warmer days remember:

- Drink small amounts of water frequently
- Keep a drink within reach throughout the day
- Choose hydrating foods such as soups, jelly, custard, fruit and yoghurt
- Limit alcohol, coffee and strong tea, which can increase fluid loss
- Watch for warning signs: dizziness, headaches, dry mouth, confusion, tiredness or dark urine

Need Support? We're Here to Help

Our services support older people to remain independent, connected and living safely at home:

- Meals on Wheels – tasty, nutritious, affordable meals delivered. Our Farm Door meals start at \$6.00 for a small meal and \$8.20 for a Main meal.
- Domestic Assistance – help with light household tasks
- Social Support – friendly visits, welfare checks, shopping assistance and connection to local activities

You can Contact Us on 02 60363677 if you need more information. Our friendly team is always happy to help. Alternatively, you can call My Aged Care directly on 1800 200 422.

Wishing everyone in Culcairn and surrounding community a wonderful festive season, and we look forward to supporting you throughout the year ahead.



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER IN THE BEER GARDEN

THE 6TH DECEMBER IS **THREE DAYS REIGN** PERFORMING FROM 6PM-9PM

THE 20TH OF DECEMBER IS **THANK GOD ITS 80'S NIGHT!!**

A GREAT LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT FROM 6PM

SO DRESS UP AND COME FOR A GREAT NIGHT WITH PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR TEAM.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHATS ON.

BOOK IN YOUR XMAS PARTIES

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Youth Group Every Friday

during the school term

6:30-8:30pm

Yr 6-12

37-39 Henty St Culcairn

Dinner provided

Ph Nat Stroh 0420363059



A HEART FOR GOD & PEOPLE

Sunday 10AM Service

Ps Nat & Amanda Stroh

37-39 Henty St Culcairn (Carpark via Munro St)

Ph 0418654416

Australian Christian Churches

- Kids Church programs Ages K-Yr 2 & Yr 3-6
 - Young Living Youth Yr 6-12 - Fridays 6:30-8:30pm
 - Little Living Playspace 0-5yrs - Tues 9:30-11:30am
- stay up to date on Facebook and Instagram.



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Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Monday, 26 January 2026
at the Jindera Recreation Grounds, Jindera
8am for Breakfast, 9am 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, Individual and Group Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



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

- Live Music by 'Whiteline'
- Kids Entertainment
- Local RFS Display
- Free Pool Entry and Wally Wipeout
- Free Morning Tea

Our Ambassador

**Will be announced in
January.**

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



Pic Australia Day Ambassador James Pittar and crowd at the Henty Recreation Ground

2025 Greater Hume Australia Day

Citizen of the Year - Alison Schuster, Henty

Youth Empowerment Award- Lucy Grills, Holbrook

Sports Person/Team of the Year- Ashley-James Bender, Holbrook

Sports Volunteer/s of the Year - John Mullavey, Walla Walla and Debbie Mills, Holbrook

Joint Community Events of the Year - Brock-Burrum Big Freeze and Walla Walla Lutheran Church Centenary

Individual Volunteers of the Year - Kerry Small, Henty, Colin Barrett, Henty and Andrew Kotzur, Walla Walla

Group Volunteers of the Year - Holbrook Meals on Wheels and Rural Care Link Op Shop Volunteers, Jindera