



CULCAIRN OASIS

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CULCAIRN SHOW 2023 REPORT

An interview with the Culcairn Show President, Max Scheetz, and Secretary, Stephen Trickett.

This is a basic summary of the interview with the aforementioned.

The Culcairn Show 2023 will be held on Saturday 30th September at the Culcairn Sports Ground.

Feature events this year will include last year's popular piglet races which, it is hoped will not be rained out like last year's last race.

The popular sheep shearing competition will again be on attracting shearers from around the state.

Last year's introduction of kid's sport activities was well received and will be expanded this year and include goal shooting in football and netball, cricket activities and possibly golf and tennis activities.

Other activities will include horse events, poultry competitions, floral art, flower arrangements, cooking, sewing, dog show, junior show girl and boy event, stalls, scare crow competition and school kid's colouring competition.

The schedule of events will be available in booklet form, the show Facebook page, Greater Hume Council and other websites.

Any one looking to get involved is most welcome to join in. Details on how will be available in a future edition of 'Oasis'.

THANKS & FAREWELL GLENDA

Last month members from the Oasis Team held a morning tea at the Bakery to thank and farewell Glenda Taylor who has been the Oasis Editor for the past 3 years. Glenda and family have been owners of the Culcairn Motor Inn for the past 13 years. They recently sold the business and have moved to Gladstone in Queensland. The Oasis restarted in 2019 with the help of Leonie Hibberson from the Holbrook Library. Adam Mc Nuff became the editor in 2020, followed by Glenda. All who worked with Glenda are extremely grateful her expertise and her kind and helpful approach at all times. Members expressed their great pleasure in working with her. We wish Glenda, husband Craig and son Jack all the very best for the future.

We have been very fortunate to have Ysha Tucker take over the reins as editor and look forward to working with her and continuing the long tradition of the Oasis as a valuable local newsletter.

Picture of the Oasis helpers with Glenda (standing, right), Ysha and baby (sitting, right).



IN YOUR GARDEN

Winter is well upon us now, perhaps a little drier than previous years.

PLANT RESCUE: Don't rush to prune frost damaged material on large shrubs as it helps to protect new growth. Be patient. A plant may appear dead, but many woody ones happily reshoot further down the stem. Covering plants with vegie netting prevents further damage. Generous applications of liquid seaweed aid recovery but avoid heavy doses of fertiliser to stressed plants.

FROST TOLERANT PLANTS/TREES: Apple, Pear, Pomegranate, Persimmon, Fig, Walnut, Grapes and Blueberries.

VEGETABLES: Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Rhubarb, Spinach, Leek, Rocket and Lettuce, Silverbeet, Turnip and Asparagus.

Bare rooted Roses should be in the ground now ready to grow and flower in the Spring.

In the language of flowers different coloured ROSES have different meanings. If you need a bunch today, here are some meanings.

RED rose—I love you

WHITE rose—I am telling the truth

YELLOW rose—I am your friend

ORANGE rose—you fascinate me.

PALE PINK rose—I am sorry

PRUNING KIT: Good quality Secateurs - Pruning saw /sharpening tool --Long handled Loppers.

Use a small spray bottle with Methylated Spirits to sterilise tools between Trees, Roses etc. Fine steel wool will clean off sap. Use sewing machine oil to keep tools moving. Clean and sharpen after use.

The last Sunday in JULY is NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY.

To plant out bulb in plastic pots, just cut out the bottom of the pot and plant in the ground. Next year you will have no trouble locating your bulbs in the garden.

DAPHNE bushes are now blooming, with a strong, delightful perfume. They grow best in a southerly or easterly aspect.

TULIPS start appearing in August There is a variety of amazing colours, even striped ones!

BOWRAL holds a Tulip festival later in the year, which is worth a visit.

CRAB APPLES: These small to medium trees have flowers from hot pink to soft pink to white IOWA crab apple (*M.ioensis*) and ELEYI (*MXpurpurea*) are two lovely but different varieties.

Still too cold for tomatoes, beans etc but put Tomato seeds in pots to plant out in October. Leave pumpkins, cucumbers zucchinis, a little while longer, till the frosts are over and the soil is warming up.

Enjoy your Winter Garden

- Margaret Pumpa

LOCAL—JOAN WOOD

Culcairn born and bred, Mrs Joan Wood celebrated her 90th birthday with around 150 members of her family and friends enjoying the delicious jelly cakes and cream puffs.

The occasion was held on Sunday 18th of June 2023 at the Hoy pavilion in the Culcairn recreation grounds.

Joan was born in Culcairn on the 21st of June 1933. She married her life long husband Noel at St Pauls church on the 31.10.1953. Over the years the pair were blessed with four daughters and one son, (Neil, Sharon, Joanne, Jenny and Robyn).

The pair had met when Joan was working as a telephonist and Noel would come in weekly to place a telephone call. (Just ask her anyone's phone number and it will come back quick sticks, even now.) Her first job was as a telegram delivery person.

Over the years, Joan has been involved in a wide range of organisations in the town, such as, the Show Society, the Anglican Op Shop, Probus, the local Football Club, Seniors Citizens, the Culcairn Station Masters Museum, MOW, Red Cross and an 85yrs association with at first the Central School and then the Public School. First as a pupil and then assisting with reading with the students.

Father Ken Dale from the Anglican Church spoke with fond memories of their association, Maree Siedel from St Pauls spoke of Joan's endless work as Treasurer of the church having been made a warden in 2017.

Father Bob, an Elder of St Pauls spoke of Joan's forever involvement.

Zac (a grandson of Joan's) spoke of the incident of the Monte Carlos and the toast for breakfast especially marked with their initials. It was a long custom at Nans with the grandchildren.

Mr Steve Tricket (present secretary of the show society) spoke of Joan's 25yrs as the full time secretary of the show, her 25 yrs as assistant secretary, the presentation of the RAS Medallion to her, along with a Life Membership of the Culcairn Show Society

for her tireless involvement.

Mr Steve Pinnuck (former General Manager of Greater Hume Shire and next door neighbour for many years) in 1997 when the Pinnuck family moved next door to Joan & Noel the scene was set for many years of happy family relationships. The older couple becoming an extra set of grandparents to his children. He told some amusing antidotes about living beside Joan and Noel and their family. Sharon then spoke on the great role model her mother has been and Neil spoke of his enjoyment of some scones and pikelets, except he was not suppose to be the person enjoying them.

- Dianne McElwaine



THANK YOU

I would like to thank my dearest family and friends who travelled from near and far to help me celebrate my 90th birthday creating a day full of beautiful memories and blessings

A massive thank you for all the phone calls, visits and gifts I received. I truly felt the love.

Also a huge thankyou to the Culcairn football club for catering. It was a magnificent spread enjoyed by all.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- Joan Wood

PRAISED AT VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY

Last month Dot Livermore was named as one of 3 finalists in the Murrumbidgee Health District's Volunteer of the Year Awards. Dot has been an enthusiastic volunteer in many community groups for a long time. She has been actively involved in Culcairn Aged Care for many years and is a role model for our volunteers, always leading by example. Dot is passionate about the residents and the care they receive. She is onsite regularly at least two days per week sometimes more. Some of the activities Dot is involved in are-playing cards and bingo, chatting, baking and going out on local and road bus trips. She is highly regarded by the residents who greatly appreciate her warm and compassionate involvement. Dot is very active in fundraising for the Hospital, in organizing raffles and the annual Cancer Morning Tea, this year raising an amazing \$1700 for the Albury Cancer Centre. Over the years Dot has made an outstanding contribution to the Culcairn Local Health Advisory Committee including as Deputy Chair for the past 4 years.

Dot's contribution to the Aged Care residents is best summed up in the words of the staff from the MPS, "Dot will do anything, nothing is ever a problem. She is easy to get along with and will drop anything to do things with and for our residents", Congratulations and thank you Dot.

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Works Notification - Bungowannah Road, Bungowannah for Repair of Flood Damage

Contractors for Greater Hume Council are scheduled to commence repair works on a large culvert on Bungowannah Road, Bungowannah. The work site is situated between Boxwood Park Road and Jelbart Road.

Notice is hereby given that traffic may be reduced to a single lane during work hours in this area from the week commencing Monday, 3 July 2023 for a period of approximately 2 weeks, weather permitting.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Council's Director Engineering, Greg Blackie on 02 6036 0100.

Expression of Interest - External Independent Member to the Greater Hume Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Council is seeking suitably qualified and experienced individuals to sit as independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).


The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is a key component of Council's governance framework. The Committee is responsible for assisting Council to fulfil its governance and oversight responsibilities.


The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is comprised of three independent external members. Council will be expecting the new member to commence duties at the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting to be held in September 2023.


An expression of interest document can be obtained by contacting Council's Manager Risk and Governance, Jane Gould, M: 0428 488 455 or jgould@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.


EOI must be received by no later than 5pm Friday, 14 July 2023 preferably by email to jgould@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.


WEATHER FORECAST


WED 12th of July
Top of 11°
Low of 3° 

THURS 13th of July
Top of 13°
Low of 4° 

FRI 14th of July
Top of 9°
Low of -1° 

SAT 15th of July
Top of 9°
Low of -2° 

SUN 16th of July
Top of 13°
Low of 4° 

MON 17th of July
Top of 13°
Low of 4° 



Greater Hume Children Services

Term 2 has been an adventurous time of discovery and learning for the children and Educators at Greater Hume Children Services – Culcairn.

Together each week we venture out into the Culcairn Community, exploring Culcairn on our wheels and heels! Discovering the falling leaves at Culcairn Pool, learning Auslan and reading during Story Time at Culcairn Library, practicing road safety as we carefully cross each road, giving a cheery hello to everyone we meet and that includes the friendly white dog in Balfour Street. The Culcairn Reserve is also frequented, we love doing laps around the BMX track, pretending to be horses running the Pony Club barrels and stomping through the mud.

In May, we connected with readers all around Australia on National Simultaneous Reading Day, sharing the Speedy Sloth book.

The younger children have been exploring home corner, making cups of tea and caring for the dolls.

-Margaret Ross



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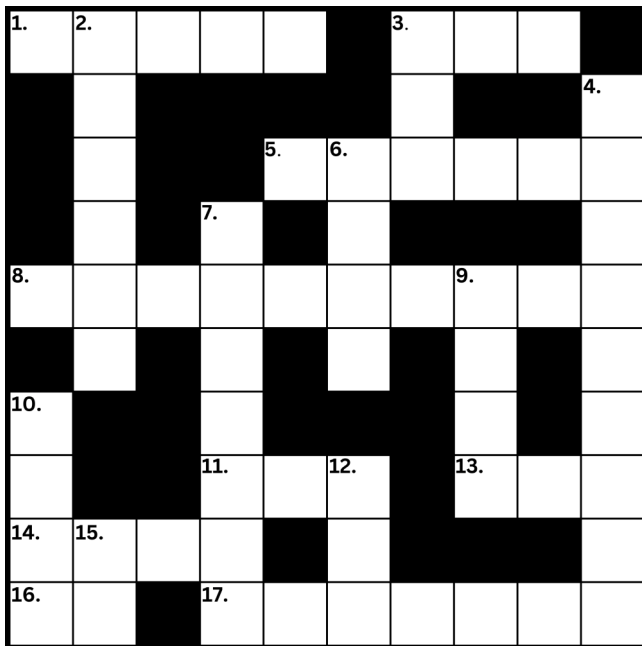
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Across

- 1 - Delicious herb; part of a famous folk song[5]
 3 - Not well[3]
 5 - Indigenous people of Canada's Atlantic Provinces [6]
 8 - Dry Land[5,5]
 11 - Close, but, not quite[3]
 13 - So on and so forth[3]
 14 - Obtain[4]
 16 - Obstetrician (shortened)[2]
 17 - Heroic[7]

Down

- 2 - Cessated[6]
 3 - Gross[3]
 4 - Strong (of jaw)[6,3]
 6 - Information (shortened)[4]
 7 - 9 Down requires this[7]
 9 - A ____ by any other name...[4]
 10 - Identifying Symbol[5]
 12 - AI in '2001: A Space Odyssey'[3]
 15 - Stomach Muscle[2]

Created by: C. Tucker

POETRY CORNER

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
 And what I assume you shall assume,
 For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to
 you.

I loafe and invite my soul,
 I lean and loafe at my ease observing a spear of
 summer grass.
 My tongue, every atom of my blood, form'd from this
 soil, this air,
 Born here of parents born here from parents the same,
 and their parents the same,
 I, now thirty-seven years old in perfect health begin,
 Hoping to cease not till death.

Creeds and schools in abeyance,
 Retiring back a while sufficed at what they are, but
 never forgotten,
 I harbor for good or bad, I permit to speak at every
 hazard,

Nature without check with original energy.

– Walt Whitman

LIFE LESSONS—No. 1

A child and his father were visiting an elderly neighbour. They were raking the neighbour's leaves, organizing the neighbour's garage, putting the trash out, and performing other small jobs around the neighbour's house. The child had not really seen the elderly neighbour up close, but on this day the child was going to meet the neighbour up close for the first time. When the child met the neighbour up close he asked the neighbour how old he was, and the father was flabbergasted by his child's question and attempted to apologize to the neighbour, but the neighbour laughed and said that was ok, the child is curious. The elderly neighbour told the child he was 92 years old. The child had a look of disbelief and asked the neighbour, "Did you start at the number one?"

Lesson: Actually, everybody starts before the number one.



Will Write For Chocolate

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Netball and AFL Results

Netball Round 9 Results		Netball Round 10 Results	
17/06/2023		24/06/2023	
Culcairn 11/under	20	Culcairn 11/under	14
Billabong Crows 11/under	8	BB Saints 11/under	14
Culcairn 13/under	36	Culcairn 13/under	43
Billabong Crows 13/under	14	BB Saints 13/under	7
Culcairn 15/under	38	Culcairn 15/under	19
Billabong Crows 15/under	13	BB Saints 15/under	36
Culcairn 17/under	16	Culcairn 17/under	32
Billabong Crows 17/under	47	BB Saints 17/under	24
Culcairn A Grade	41	Culcairn A Grade	48
Billabong Crows A Grade	32	BB Saints A Grade	48
Culcairn B Grade	22	Culcairn B Grade	35
Billabong Crows B Grade	40	BB Saints B Grade	26
Culcairn C Grade	38	Culcairn C Grade	46
Billabong Crows C Grade	37	BB Saints C Grade	29
Culcairn C Grade Res	39	Culcairn C Grade Res	39
Billabong Crows C Grade Res	48	BB Saints Grade Res	50



Netball Round 11 Results		Netball Round 12 - Upcoming					
01/07/2023		15/07/2023					
Culcairn 11/under	25	Culcairn 11/under	Henty Netball Courts - Court 2				
Holbrook 11/under	18	Henty 11/under	10.00am				
Culcairn 13/under	14	Culcairn 13/under	Henty Netball Courts - Court 2				
Holbrook 13/under	44	Henty 13/under	11.15am				
Culcairn 15/under	14	Culcairn 15/under	Henty Netball Courts - Court 1				
Holbrook 15/under	28	Henty 15/under	10.00am				
Culcairn 17/under	27	Culcairn 17/under	Henty Netball Courts - Court 1				
Holbrook 17/under	62	Henty 17/under	11.15am				
Culcairn A Grade	47	Culcairn A Grade	Henty Netball Courts - Court 1				
Holbrook A Grade	44	Henty A Grade	2.15pm				
Culcairn B Grade	30	Culcairn B Grade	Henty Netball Courts - Court 1				
Holbrook	44	Henty B Grade	12.45pm				
Culcairn C Grade	43	Culcairn C Grade	Henty Netball Courts - Court 2				
Holbrook	51	Henty C Grade	2.15pm				
Culcairn C Grade Res	64	Culcairn C Grade Res	Henty Netball Courts - Court 2				
Holbrook C Grade Res	44	Henty C Grade Res	12.45pm				
AFL Round 9 - Results		AFL Round 10 - Results		AFL Round 11 - Results			
17/06/2023		24/06/23		01/06/2023			
Culcairn U14	46	Culcairn U14	32	Culcairn U14	12		
Billabong Crows U14	7	Brock/Barrum U14	21	Holbrook U14	27		
Culcairn U17	97	Culcairn	7	Culcairn	17		
Billabong Crows U17	29	Brock/Barrum	99	Holbrook	92		
Culcairn Reserves	52	Culcairn Reserves	33	Culcairn Reserves	24		
Billabong Crows Reserves	63	Billabong Crows Reserves	66	Billabong Crows Reserves	167		
Culcairn Seniors	52	Culcairn Seniors	29	Culcairn Seniors	49		
Billabong Crows Seniors	45	Billabong Crows Seniors	63	Billabong Crows Seniors	98		
AFL Round 12 - Upcoming				Culcairn Football Netball Club are raising money to donate to the "Cure for MND Foundation" in the hopes that we will one day live in a world free from MND. Several players and committee members faced the Ice Bucket Challenge on July 1st after Round 11 at our home ground. To donate go to www.gofundme.com.au and search CNFC fights MND			
15/07/2023							
Culcairn U14		Henty Showgrounds					
Henty U14		9.50am					
Culcairn U17		Henty Showgrounds					
Henty U17		11.00am					
Culcairn Reserves		Henty Showgrounds					
Henty Reserves		12.30pm					
Culcairn Seniors		Henty Showgrounds					
Henty Seniors		2.15pm					

CULCAIRN TENNIS CLUB

A big thanks to all team captains & organisers for their hard work during the last tennis season. Would also like to thank the parents who helped getting the kids to games and also helping on the day. Thank you to the committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes getting things done.



Our AGM will be on Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at the Culcairn Hotel 7pm.

All are welcome and please consider taking up a role on the committee if it's something you would like to try. Also, the Henty Machinery Field Days is coming up soon. As we have the big shed this year we will need lots of workers. If unable to help on the day, we will also need help setting up before hand and then the big clean up when is all over. Any questions, don't hesitate to call Andrew Fagan President 0412774450.

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Ysha & families story continued...

Hi there, welcome back. I have never been one for recounting events in my life, so this is all very new to me. To tell the truth, I can't believe this was actually my idea to go ahead and give it a try! Okay, tangent over, back to our story...

I won't lie, the future was looking formidable for us. Hubby was only able to source a few odd jobs here and there, and, as a result, we'd had no steady income for a little over two months. Throughout this, there was a constant and terrifying decline in funds and resources to support our little family.

Friends, never in my life, did I think that I would bless July the 1st! Tax time. Who, in the history of taxation, ever sat down in anticipation of the experience to follow? No one, that's who! But, in the year 2021 I sat at the computer for hours, counted the pennies, calculated the deductibles, and revelled in the fact that we would get almost \$4,500 back. The little dance that ensued was both jolly and undignified; like a voguing giraffe.

Once the money came through, we did the only reasonable thing; spent every single penny. I stocked cupboards, paid bills, and bought enough timber to build some of our desired raised garden beds.

'But, raised beds are expensive! You should have just dug up the grass and put plants in that way!'



Yes, yes, I hear you and to be quite frank, I totally agree with you! However, when trying to do exactly that, we discovered our home is built, oh so conveniently, on the site of an old brick quarry and foundry. Digging this ground was like stepping on a stray piece of Lego; painful and infuriating. No matter which garden implement we used, breaking ground was breaking wrists, elbows, and backs. So, as soft bodied former city dwellers, we made an entirely 'rational' decision... and gave up. Hence the raised beds. This would require digging only small trenches for the sleepers to make sure they would end up level. Our bodies would thus remain intact, with plenty of opportunities to build muscle and callouses in the future.

Making the garden beds was a wonderfully uneventful

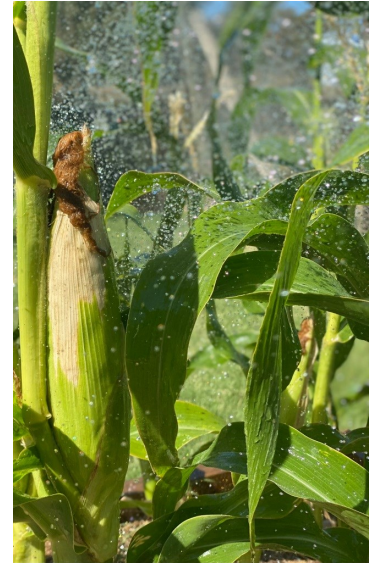
experience! That's a change for us isn't it. The most exciting thing that happened was my sons love of power tools was sparked. During the construction phase he managed to get hold of our power drills, work out how the trigger functioned and learnt the noise that they make all in a couple of hours.

It was a simple project. Each bed was built using 50mmx200mm (2inchesx7.9inches) treated pine sleepers; to the following specifications: 3.7m (12.1ft) long, 1.2m (3.9ft) wide and 0.2m (0.65ft) high. In future we plan on adding two more tiers so that the overall height will be 600mm (23.6inches).

At this point we realised, like the fledgling gardeners we were, and still are, things may have been done slightly backwards (comparable to peeling the envelope strip before putting the letter in). You see, only after construction was finished did we sow our seeds. Ideally, we should have had seedlings ready for planting... oh well, you learn from your mistakes I suppose.

Never-the-less we had success. I would hazard a guess that at least 70% of what we sowed in seed made it to the garden beds. The other 30% either didn't germinate (which we are told is not uncommon) or died off from sunburn (our bad, we're learning, sunscreen next time). We have been harvesting things from the garden for the last few weeks now and it's been a delightful change to the poor substitutes available in the supermarkets. I can promise, if you haven't eaten home grown produce, you are missing out. Never have you experienced the sweetness, the crispness, the freshness, or the intensity of flavour in something picked 15 minutes before you eat it!

If you don't grow your own, try it my friends... I promise you won't regret it.



Ysha Tucker—*Culcairn Oasis Editor*

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HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

We met at Henty Community Club 14th June 2023. Our President Yvonne Booth welcomed us, we sang the National Anthem (two verses) with the song book and then our Secretary Beryl Meyer read minutes and apologies and conducted the membership chocolate draw.

Our five-minute speaker was Harold Dew. He told of his parents having farmed at Temora and then Mangoplah, and that in October, his family will have farmed at Mangoplah for 100 years. He told us of studying wool classing at Wagga Wagga and spending three months each year working in various shearing sheds in the district. Harold's great passion (apart from Jan to whom he has been married 60 years), has been working with Corriedale stud sheep and later, merino sheep. His animals have topped Albury sales and he has received the Elders monthly award. Harold tells us he has been a member of the Rural Fire Service for 78 years and that his family of son and grandchildren now operate the family farm .

Our President Yvonne presented Harold with a Probus pen as a token of appreciation for sharing a most interesting life.

Our next speaker was Henty's new doctor, Doctor Wahba. He told of having high school marks good enough to be a doctor, and his love of playing music. Doctor Wahba chose cardiology as his specialty, and was happily running his business in Cairo, Egypt, when his wife decided that they needed

to migrate to Australia. He has passed even more exams to be allowed to work in Australia, has very good English, as his second language, is a man of faith, considers his family very important, and considers communication with his customers to be very important too.

Probus people asked lots of questions and Doctor Wahba was most generous in his time with us. Julie Parker presented Doctor Wahba with a Probus pen as a token of our thanks for a most interesting conversation.

On Wednesday next, there is a day out for Probus people with the Halve Waste people as a follow up to our visit from Sarah Wallace. Lunch will be with the Purple Chicken, David Street Albury.

We send our best wishes to those recovering from illness, and our thoughts are with those dealing with the sadness of deaths in our community.

Our next meeting is to be July 12th at Henty. 9.30 for a 10.00 am start. We give thanks to Neil and Julie Parker who always find interesting speakers for us to hear, and the conversation and laughter go on through lunch, after the meeting.

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