



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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1 YEAR, 1 KID, 1 JOURNEY

So, I have been alerted to the fact that my writing tends to indicate that nothing ever goes right for us. This amuses me greatly. Sometimes in life it definitely feels like life is doing nothing but attack you. But, let me assure you my friends, we are having a ball with every success and failure we experience along the way.

Saturday the 7th of May 2022 was the one year anniversary of our moving to Anndon House. The rollercoaster ride has been more interesting than I could have imagined! Today's world is so full of ups and downs, surprises, and disappointments, it can be hard to keep track of! All in all though, we believe our choice of moving our family here has been a success.

Our little bundle of energy (who we often refer to as the 'Ladlet' or the 'Gremlin'), was almost 21 months old, couldn't get enough of the outdoors. He loves being out in the dirt, soaking himself with water and chasing the poor chickens around until he catches one. What's not to love?

The fun of being a parent out in a rural area of Australia is never ending. Our boy does so many things that are simultaneously hilarious and frustrating. Let me enlighten you.

Our entire back yard is fenced securely, this helps to keep the bunnies out and the babies in. Therefore, I am able to go about my gardening and mumming things

without having to keep to firm an eye on what the Ladlet is up to. My constant mistake is thinking he'll be fine roaming about by himself in the backyard. I cannot tell you the number of times I've looked up from digging over a patch of ground or planting seedlings to see what he's up to, only to discover him grinning like a Cheshire covered head to toe in red dust, trying to eat the chicken feed or scraps in the compost heap, or finding the only existing puddle in the back yard and soaking himself completely despite what seems like a subzero temperature.

The rest of the house is just as we expected it to be, full of character and its own surprises. For instance, when you've had a nice hot shower and it's really cold outside, the sky light likes to drip icy water on the

only bit of skin that's exposed from the shroud of your towel. Or the two times we have had to unclog the toilet pipe that goes to our sewerage processor of toilet paper, excrement, and goodness knows what else. A window which becomes a waterfall in heavy rain. Plagues of flies and mice. And of course, an earthquake that shook the east coast of Australia for a couple of hundred kilometres.

So, what's the fun part? The fact that now we have some pretty darn hilarious stories to share and laugh about. Besides when you feel like nothing else can go wrong, there is only one way to go, up.

-Ysha Tucker (Culcairn Oasis Editor)



IN YOUR GARDEN

I have just returned from visiting family in Sweden. It was mid-summer and everything was green and beautiful. Lots of pine trees, oaks, elms, birches, and amazing pots of colour in the streets and public parks.

Many houses had window boxes and pots on balconies, decks, and verandas. The summer gardens were spectacular, but it was so nice to come home to bright blue skies, gum trees and blooming wattle.

Spring is officially here with bulbs of all colours everywhere.

Vegies

It's time now to plant carrots, parsnips, and other root crops, while the soil is still cool. Prepare the soil to a fine tilth, (no lumps or coarse gravel) Wait until after frosts for beans, tomatoes, corn to go into warmer soil. Winter vegies are maturing and need feeding, (broccoli, caulies etc.) Broad beans and peas will be ready to harvest soon.

Feed citrus trees now for delicious fruit.

September is a good time to take hardwood cuttings of Frangipani. Take a cutting up to 50cms in length. Leave in the open air for up to a week so ends can dry out and

prevent fungal infection. Put in a good potting mix and stake well as plants will be top heavy. Take care with Frangipani, as milky sap seeping from cutting is poisonous and can damage eyes and irritate skin. Gloves are a good idea.

Flowers

Clean out wood fires and put ash around ROSES, as well as some fertilizer as they prepare to bloom soon. Magnolias of many sizes and colours, white, pinks and maroon are blooming now.

I have Pansies in my Wheelbarrows and they are flowering well. Be aware of slugs and snails as they make a mess of the petals of these colourful flowers.

The Culcairn Show is at the end of this month (Sat. of the long weekend) Be sure to check your vegie patch and flower garden for something to enter. It's fun to be involved and adds to the display. You might even win a prize!

Entries need to be clean and tidy. Wipe leaves, even wash vegies-Spinach, Rhubarb, etc. and they will present well.

Enjoy your Gardening. Margaret Pumpa

HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Culcairn on 9th August. We have been quite busy in the past month. There was knitting in the Henty Library at the end of July, where we joined with those making rugs for Wrap with Love. We saw the lovely rugs made by Henty's Knit wits and shown by Pam Green and we had a lovely lunch arranged by Susan of the Library. Thank you for a happy day.

August 3rd and we had been invited to join Albury's Hume Probus at the Culcairn Hotel. The Hume Probus people travelled by train, and we all had a lovely lunch with lots of conversation. Thank you to Kevin for his skills in notifying us.

We have been learning from lots of guest speakers.

For August we had as five-minute speaker Gary Kenney. He told a story of fifty years ago, when as a member of the military, before he became a pastor, he was studying a degree in England. As it was an honours degree, he had a tutor, and this person owned a yacht which needed four people to help sail around the Channel Islands. Gary's story of sailing and being able to project his voice over a storm, to get help, was enthralling. Our President Yvonne presented our Probus pen as a token of our thanks, for Gary sharing his story.

We had Herb playing his violin for us, as we learned to sing five verses of 12 Days of Christmas. We are all trying to please Yvonne by learning the Carol in time for the Christmas meeting.

Our main speaker was Graham Pearson, introduced to us by his cousin, our Margaret Pumpa. Graham is from Belmont Probus Club, and he told of having been an Executive member of Industrial Relations. Graham had known at sixteen years of age that he wanted to be involved in Industrial Relations. He wrote 100 letters to potential employers and had three answers. Graham was looking for a pathway to industrial relations, and he went to work through CSR who had sugar and building materials and put young people through schooling involving University degrees. He told us of working fifty percent of his time between Perth and Brisbane, as a job. Graham is now retired after working in various industries and has a lovely collection of "war stories". Diane Allit presented Graham with our Probus pen as our thank you for being our speaker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want to continue improving the content of the Culcairn Oasis Newsletter, as such we would love our readers input.

If you have any suggestions for inclusions or improvements that could be made, please feel free to write to us at our email culcairnoasis@outlook.com or 1 South Street, Culcairn NSW 2660.

KITCHEN LEFTOVERS CHICKEN STOCK

Ever wanted to get more out of that Sunday chicken roast dinner. Now you can with this really simple kitchen scraps stock recipe.



Ingredients

- 1 Roast chicken carcass.
- 500g of saved onion ends (or 2 onions roughly chopped).
- 700g of saved carrot peelings (or 2 carrots roughly chopped).
- 1/2 celery (roughly chopped, can be omitted if unavailable).
- Handful of fresh herbs.
- 4 bay Leaves.
- 1 tsp peppercorns.

Directions

1. Place the chicken, onions, carrots, celery, herbs, and pepper into a large stock pot.
2. Fill pot with water until the ingredients in the pot have been covered by 2-4 inches.
7. Simmer on low heat for 4-6 hours while skimming the impurities off the top every 45 minutes or so.
8. Strain entirely and discard. Cool the stock completely and store it for 1 week in the fridge or up to 6 months in the freezer.

Recipe by - Annette Bates



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KOTZUR FAMILY REUNION

An invitation to family members and friends of the Kotzur family for a special reunion Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of October 2023.

~ *Saturday Evening* ~

WHERE: CULCAIRN BOWLING CLUB

WHEN: 6:00PM ARRIVAL/6:30PM DINNER

Kotzur's love to talk, so arrival at 6:00pm for meet and greet, some drinks and name register is preferred.

We'd love this evening to be a time of reacquaintance with people that we may not see often, and in some cases have not met. So, bring your stories and let's begin the laughter.

~ *Sunday Morning* ~

WHERE: SALEM ALMA PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEN: 10:30AM—Begin with a Thanksgiving service at Salem Alma Park Lutheran Church. This will be followed by a shared luncheon/sausage on bread at the Alma Park Hall and obviously more yakking!

TO BRING: Plate of sandwiches / favourite dessert to share / a good excuse as to why you rocked up empty handed. Any items of memorabilia for display like family photos, small timelines of your own family, old bibles, confirmation, marriage or baptism certificates. Small articles of interest.

RSVP: 20th Sept 2023. For catering requirements re: Culcairn Bowling Club. Reply on Facebook: Kotzur Family Reunion.

Graeme Wenke: graywenks@hotmail.com or 0427 327 215.

Vanessa Withers: vanessa_kotzur@hotmail.com or 0403 142 186.



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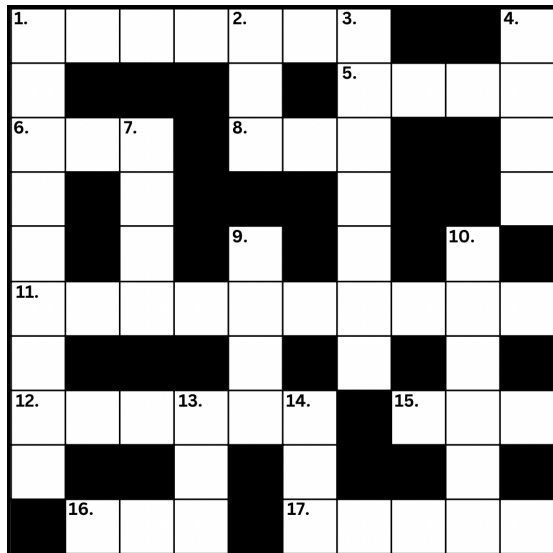
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CULCAIRN OASIS CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 - Deceptive intelligence. [7]
 5 - "So be it." End of holy conversation. [4]
 6 - Small (informal). [3]
 8 - IATA Code for Kuala Lumpur International Airport. [3]
 11 - Relating to rule by a corrupt few. [10]
 12 - A castles outer wall. [6]
 15 - Nom de guerre (acronym). [3]
 16 - Tooth of a wheel. [3]
 17 - Acts despondently. [5]

Down

- 1 - Underground cemeteries [9]
 2 - Similar type [3]
 3 - Fragrant European rose oft used in perfume. [7]
 4 - Solitary [4]
 7 - A shop selling cooked meats, preserves, and cheeses (abbreviation). [4]
 9 - Fast running, long eared, mammal. [4]
 10 - Cure in vinegar or brine
 13 - Move an object with great effort. [3]
 14 - Edible starchy tuber. [3]

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY

Nature's first green is gold,
 Her hardest hue to hold.
 Her early leaf's a flower;
 But only so an hour.
 Then leaf subsides to leaf.
 So Eden sank to grief,
 So dawn goes down to day.
 Nothing gold can stay.

-Robert Frost

LIFE LESSONS—No. 3

In a rural area a farmer was tending to his horse named Buddy, and along came a stranger who desperately needed the farmer's help. The stranger had lost control of his vehicle and ran it off into a ditch. The stranger asked the farmer if his horse could somehow pull the vehicle out of the ditch for him and told the farmer that the vehicle was small. The farmer said he would come, bring his horse, and take a look, but could not promise he could help if his horse might be injured in some way from attempting to pull the vehicle out of the ditch. The farmer did see that the stranger was correct and that the vehicle was small, so the farmer took a rope and fixed it so that his horse, Buddy, would be able to pull the vehicle out of the ditch. The farmer then said, "Pull, Casey, Pull," but the horse would not budge. The farmer then said, "Pull, Bailey, Pull," but the horse would not budge again. The farmer then said, "Pull, Mandy, Pull," and again the horse would not move. The farmer then said, "Pull, Buddy, Pull," and the horse pulled until the vehicle was out of the ditch. The stranger was so very grateful, but asked the farmer why he called the horse by different names? The farmer said, "Buddy is blind, and I had to make him think he had help pulling the car out of the ditch or he would not have pulled."

Lesson: Don't wait on others in order to accomplish something or you may always be in a ditch.





Netball and AFL Results

Netball Round 15 Results		Netball Round 16 Results			
05/08/2023		/2023			
Culcairn 11/under	8	Culcairn 11/under	21		
Murray Magpies 11/Under	2	Lockhart 11/Under	22		
Culcairn 13/under	6	Culcairn 13/under	23		
Murray Magpies 13/under	29	Lockhart 13/Under	29		
Culcairn 15/under	19	Culcairn 15/under	19		
Murray Magpies 15/under	23	Lockhart 15/Under	47		
Culcairn 17/under	10	Culcairn 17/under	22		
Murray Magpies 17/under	0	Lockhart 17/Under	59		
Culcairn A Grade	46	Culcairn A Grade	36		
Murray Magpies A Grade	43	Lockhart A Grade	37		
Culcairn B Grade	29	Culcairn B Grade	53		
Murray Magpies B Grade	42	Lockhart B Grade	26		
Culcairn C Grade	25	Culcairn C Grade	67		
Murray Magpies C Grade	32	Lockhart C Grade	26		
Culcairn C Grade Res	35	Culcairn C Grade Res	24		
Murray Magpies C Grade Res	38	Lockhart C Grade Res	63		
Netball Round 17 Results		Netball Round 18 Results		<p>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.</p> <p>To donate go to www.gofundme.com.au and search CNFC fights MND</p> 	
/2023		/2023			
Culcairn 11/under	14	Culcairn 11/under	29		
Jindera 11/Under	27	Holbrook 11/Under	13		
Culcairn 13/under	25	Culcairn 13/under	30		
Jindera 13/Under	30	Holbrook 13/Under	22		
Culcairn 15/under	12	Culcairn 15/under	13		
Jindera 15/Under	21	Holbrook 15/Under	38		
Culcairn 17/under	20	Culcairn 17/under	22		
Jindera 17/Under	42	Holbrook 17/Under	71		
Culcairn A Grade	19	Culcairn A Grade	34		
Jindera A Grade	48	Holbrook A Grade	45		
Culcairn B Grade	21	Culcairn B Grade	18		
Jindera B Grade	49	Holbrook B Grade	75		
Culcairn C Grade	22	Culcairn C Grade	35		
Jindera C Grade	45	Holbrook C Grade	49		
Culcairn C Grade Res	38	Culcairn C Grade Res	33		
Jindera C Grade Res	63	Holbrook C Grade Res	56		
AFL Round 15 Results		AFL Round 16 Results		AFL Round 17 Results	
05/08/2023		12/08/2023		19/08/2023	
Culcairn U14	N/A	Culcairn U14	32	Culcairn U14	44
Murray Magpies U14	N/A	Lockhart U14	58	Jindera U14	21
Culcairn U17	N/A	Culcairn U17	94	Culcairn U17	46
Murray Magpies U17	N/A	Lockhart U 17	19	Jindera U17	53
Culcairn Reserves	160	Culcairn Reserves	112	Culcairn Reserves	8
Murray Magpies Reserves	12	Lockhart Reserves	13	Jindera Reserves	103
Culcairn Seniors	70	Culcairn Seniors	80	Culcairn Seniors	60
Murray Magpies Seniors	65	Lockhart Seniors	73	Jindera Seniors	111
AFL Round 18 Results		AFL Round 19 Results		AFL Round 19 - Upcoming	
26/08/2023		02/09/2023		10/09/2023	
Culcairn U14	25	Culcairn U14	32	<p>SEMI FINAL</p> <p>Culcairn U14 vs Lockhart U14</p> <p>Holbrook Sports Complex 9.45am</p>	
Holbrook U14	7	CDHBU U14	29		
Culcairn U17	51	Culcairn U17			
Holbrook U17	65	_____			
Culcairn Reserves	25	Culcairn Reserves			
Holbrook Reserves	220	_____			
Culcairn Seniors	72	Culcairn Seniors			
Holbrook Seniors	96	_____			

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19th – 21st September 2023

Volunteers needed to work in the **MAIN FOOD SHED**

PREPARING FOOD

Rolls, sandwiches
and salads

COOKING

BBQ and chips

SERVING

Food and drinks

- Smaller teams are needed Monday (18/9) and Friday (22/9) to set up and clean up.
- **LOTS** of helpers needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (19-21/9)
- No experience is necessary → Only a positive attitude and willingness to help your community is needed.
- High school students are welcome.....and strongly encouraged to be involved.
- Shifts will be 4 hours → For the rest of the day you are free to wander.
- You will be provided with a free entry ticket to the site on the day(s) you volunteer.

Over many years the Football and Netball Club, Tennis Club, Swimming Pool and local schools have benefited greatly from running a food shed at the HMFD.

Members of these clubs are strongly encouraged to volunteer some time to assist their club.....but anyone (and everyone) in the community is welcome to be involved.

Running the MAIN FOOD SHED this year is an opportunity for us to raise a substantial amount of money for groups in our town. It won't happen again for several years.....so LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF IT!!!

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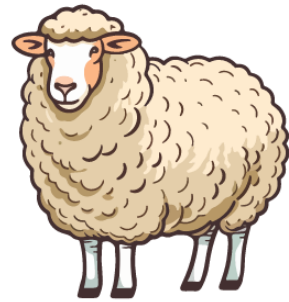
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108th Culcairn Agricultural Show

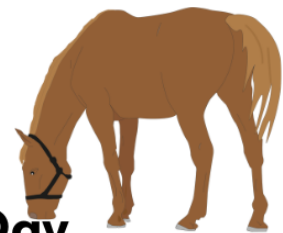
Saturday, 30 September 2023



**MARKET STALLS PIGLET RACES
KIDS ACTIVITIES HORSE EVENTS
POULTRY EXHIBIT DOG SHOW**

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DATE: Tuesday September 12, 2023

TIME: 10AM - 12PM

WHERE: Uniting Church Hall
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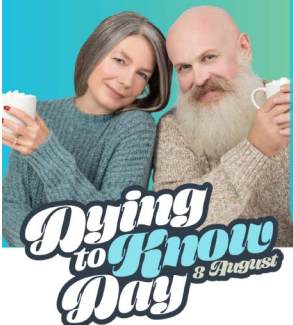
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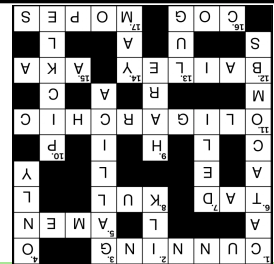
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