



# CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2023



## Culcairn History Column #1 ~Discovery of the Hume District~

Our little township in the south-west of the Riverina Region of NSW has quite an extensive and colourful history. The area is one of immense beauty, a fact certainly noted by the intrepid explorer Hamilton Hume; who, unlike most other explorers of the time, was Australian born.



Mr Hamilton Hume

In 1824 NSW Governor Thomas Brisbane determined to send an expedition from Sydney to Wilsons Promontory and was recommended to acquire the services of Hume. Hume, however, declined the commission, offering instead to undertake an expedition from Lake George to the Bass Straits; unfortunately, the Governor rejected his counteroffer.

A short time later, Hume joined forces with sea captain



Cpt. William Hovell

William Hovell forming their own expedition party. The group consisted of 8 members, namely: Hamilton Hume, William Hovell, Claude Bossawa, Henry Angel, James Fitzpatrick, William Bollard, Thomas Smith, and Thomas Boyd.

The venture was privately funded by Hume and Hovell, with a token offering from Governor Brisbane consisting of 6 pack saddles and gear for the journey. Not much, but just enough to show that the Australian Government was in support of their endeavours.

They commenced their journey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1824 from Humes home in Appin. On the 13<sup>th</sup> they arrived at the most distant out-station about 165 miles (265.5 kilometres) from Sydney. Departing on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, they journeyed on, passing Yarrh (modern day Yass Plains) on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The party's first struggle was that of crossing the Murrumbidgee River. The river at the time of crossing was in full flood. Unfortunately, the trees surrounding the river were too heavy to float on the water, so the decision was made by Hume to build a makeshift cable ferry out of their only cart and a tarpaulin. Thus, the perilous task of crossing the river to secure the line needed to be undertaken. The selected candidates were Hume himself, and Boyd as he was well known as a proficient swimmer. They made the crossing with a thin rope clenched between their teeth, which was attached to the heavier gauge rope to be strung across the river. Despite the strong current a successful crossing was made without loss.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October the party came upon what seemed an impassable mountain barrier. A discussion about which route to take led to a fight between Hume and Hovell, which was said to be commonplace. Unable to agree on how to proceed they temporarily

parted company, each seeking their own way to navigate the obstacle.

Hume followed a chain of ponds and came to a chasm, which the whole party, Hovell and the others having rejoined, later descended. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October they arrived at the western edge of the tablelands, proceeding down with great difficulty. Finally, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, they found themselves in full view of the Australian Alps. Soon after, an area of rich pastures lay before them (now known as the Greater Hume Region), teeming with native wildlife, and evidence of occupation by the local Wiradjuri People.

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, they arrived on the banks of a river, which Hume, being the first in the party to catch sight of it, named in honour of his father the 'Hume River' (now known as the Murray River).

Ten years post, Culcairn began being settled by Europeans in 1834 due to the favourable reports of good grazing land by Hume and Hovell on this expedition.

- Casey Tucker

Source material:  
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## WORKS NOTIFICATION—BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN FOR DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION

Contractors for the Greater Hume Council are scheduled to commence constructions of underground drainage on the north side of Balfour Street, Culcairn. The works will commence at Fraser Street and progress west towards the Stock Route.

Notice is hereby given that public access may be restricted for traffic in this area from the week commencing Monday, 2nd of October 2023 for a period of approximately 3 weeks.

The Greater Hume Council apologises for any inconvenience.

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

## MAYORS MESSAGE

To all the volunteers in the shire whether they be working for Meals on Wheels, football and netball clubs, church volunteers, RFS or the many other organisations in the shire, keep up the good work, "don't spit the dummy", just persevere. Remember there is nothing better in life than helping your fellow men.

The main street of Culcairn is starting to look very special. Thanks to all the Culcairn residents who have been patient. Looking forward to a great Spring with excellent growth.



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## CULCAIRN MPS NEWS

We have been very lucky to have beautiful weather of late that has allowed us to go out into the garden. The courtyard has produced some perfectly grown radish and our carrots are looking good as well, not long now before we can pick them. Our back garden is looking very colourful with the flowers in bloom and will smell divine when the roses bloom.



The lovely weather has also allowed us to have some BBQ lunches. One of our gentlemen has taken on the job of cooking the onions and sausages and may add has done a mighty fine job with it. Next week we will enjoy burgers with the lot cooked on the barbie.



Café day here is on Thursday, and we always have something fresh cooked to go with our coffee and milkshakes. Today a resident has made a Weetabix slice and a crunchy cornflake slice for tomorrow morning's café. There have been so many comments about the beautiful smells coming from the resident kitchen by staff, other residents and families that have come in to visit.

## RE-ELECTED GREATER HUME COUNCIL MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Congratulations to Greater Hume Council's 2023 Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn and Deputy Mayor, Cr Annette Schilg.



Cr Tony Quinn & Cr Annette Schilg

At the statutory meeting held Wednesday, 20 September 2023, Council voted to re-elect Cr Tony Quinn as Mayor and Cr Annette Schilg as Deputy Mayor.

At the meeting the Returning Officer advised that nominations were received for Crs Parker and Quinn. They called for further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received at this time. The Returning Officer then conducted the election by a show of hands. Following the ballot the Returning Officer declared Cr Quinn duly elected as Mayor for the period September 2023 to September 2024.

The Returning Officer advised that one nomination was received for Cr Schilg. They called for further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received at this time. The Returning Officer then declared Cr Schilg duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the period September 2023 to September 2024.

At the meeting, Council also resolved the membership of the delegated committees and the meeting venues for the next twelve months. The decision for the meeting venues was to alternate between Holbrook and Culcairn but to also identify two venues across Greater Hume to host Council meetings in the coming months.

# Calling for Nominations of Greater Hume's Top Citizens

**Citizen of the Year    Young Citizen of the Year**  
**Community Event of the Year**  
**Sports Person/Team of the Year    Sports Volunteer of the Year**

**Applications close Wednesday, 6 December 2023**

Online nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website ([www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)) or a hardcopy can be picked up at one of Councils Customer Relation Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla.

**Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held at Wymah Recreation Reserve, Wymah on Friday, 26 January 2024.**



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**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
IN GREATER HUME

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- A delivered meal service,
- Meal preparation assistance in your home,
- Social Support which will support you to attend appointments, do your shopping, provide a friendly visitor or a friendly phone call,
- Small group activities such as Movie trips, morning teas, and outings
- Transport service to assist you with transport locally and regionally to Albury or Wagga Wagga
- ACT! Emergency Readiness programme is also available across the council area.

Our main office is located in Holbrook at 114 Albury Street (just near the traffic lights) and we hold monthly Outreach Hubs in Culcairn and Walla Walla. The Outreach Hubs are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Dates for upcoming Outreach Hubs are: Wednesday 18th October and Wednesday 15th November.

We are in Culcairn between 10.30am and 12.30pm and in Walla Walla between 1.30pm and 3pm.

Our Annual General meeting is due to be held 27th October at the Holbrook Library. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. As always we will be serving a light lunch following the meeting. We are also calling for nominations for the Board. If you are interested in standing, please let us know and we can provide you with some more information. For catering purposes, please give us a call on 0260363677 for more information and to let us know if you want to join us.

To assist with the current cost of living increases our meals prices have been frozen until 1 January 2024. Our extensive menu of over 100 items is also available to clients of Home Care Packages, just let your provider know you wish top access meals from us and we can arrange delivery to you.

Our transport service is also available across the shire to people with a My Aged Care referral and to Home Care clients. Let us or your provider know if you need some assistance to attend an appointment or social occasion.

## IN YOUR GARDEN

Warmer, longer days are here and it is drying out a bit! It is Lilac time, beautiful mauves, whites and cream, with a delicate perfume. *Syringa Protolaciniata* will tolerate more warmth than most species, so they are suited to warm climate temperatures.

Trails of Wisteria in blues, mauves, whites and pinks catch our eyes on garden trellises.

Roses in our region are waking up and we are treated to amazing colours and fragrances. Pruning off spent flowers will encourage more blooms. "Bonica" is a small pink rose that does well in a pot or hanging basket, "Red Illusion" is an unusual striped red rose and old Fragrant Plum" has a great scent.



Bonica Rose

This month should see some "Open Gardens" in our area ready for visitors. The Brocklesby flower Show and Open Gardens are worth a visit and not far from home.

There are always several gardens open in conjunction with the Lockhart Sculpture Festival, both town and country.

ABC radio 675am (Wagga) Gardening Talk Back, often has information on gardens that are open to the public. Tune in on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am.

Euphorbias and Sedums are great plants for a water wise garden. There are many varieties of both plants available.

**Vegies** - Hopefully October sees the end of frosts in our area. We can now plant out summer vegetable seedlings and seeds of beans, corn, and zucchini. Tomatoes (many varieties) go in now too. Remember to stake taller growing varieties now. For many years I have grown Cucumbers up on frames or screens. It makes them easy to fertilize, mulch and pick the produce. This method works for pumpkins too.

Passionfruit can have a light prune and feed now. I use liquid Sulphate of Potash to encourage flowering and fruiting on vegetables. Companion planting attracts beneficial insects, and as bees are under threat from Varoa mite we need to encourage other pollinators to our garden (moths, butterflies, wasps, flies and native bees).

Keep up with the weeding, mulch well and water lots.

*Enjoy your garden, Margaret Pumpa.*

## 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. Email: [culcairnoasis@outlook.com](mailto:culcairnoasis@outlook.com) Phone: 02 6029 8291.

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## CULCAIRN SHOW REPORT 2023

The show committee would like to thank all who attended the show over the long weekend. A near record gate for the last ten years created a great atmosphere for the day.

The warm fine day helped and with no late afternoon storm like 2022 to dampen the last of the Noah piglet races.

Thanks also go to our committee members who have set up and packed up, section teams including pavilion, shearing, horses, dogs, stall holders, show rides, and our exhibitors.

Good numbers of participants were found in the shearing shed and in the dog section on a par with previous years. Horse rider numbers were up and there was stiff competition in the floral art, cut flowers and school aged children's pavilion activities.

The committee thanks those who helped prior to, on the day, and with the pack up. The secretary was very impressed with the way people kept the grounds clean all day.

A big thank you to our many sponsors big and small, stall holders new to the show, our ride providers, sections heads, stewards and volunteers, exhibitors, those on the gate, Culcairn Public School P&C catering team, Culcairn Early Childhood Centre and Culcairn Public School for their displays, all who helped make a great day.

Our sporting groups planned activities became more popular as the afternoon went on and we look forward to more participation in future years in the netball, cricket, goal kick and tennis activities.

You are welcome to plan a visit to the 2024 Culcairn show to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. No clash this time with the AFL Grand Final.

Members of the community are also welcome to join the committee or just offer to help on the day.

With thanks from the Culcairn Show Committee.

Find us on Facebook @CulcairnAgriculturalShow

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### CULCAIRN LIONS CLUB

The Culcairn Lions Club have a busy time ahead through to the end of the year.

So far this month we have done work on the Culcairn Show Gates, held a membership night, registered the town for a Garage Trail under Culcairn. There is an upcoming Community Garage Sale for the weekend of the 11th & 12th November. We will have our Christmas Raffle, sell Christmas Cakes and put up our Santa Decorations during November & December. So as can be clearly seen we have a busy several months coming up.

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### 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](mailto:culcairnoasis@outlook.com) or 1 South Street, Culcairn NSW 2660.

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## CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB

Culcairn Garden Club has been a part of the Culcairn Show Society for many years in the Horticultural section and as stewards in the pavilion. So grateful to our members giving their time to help at the show.

Culcairn Garden Club has also been putting a display at the Culcairn Show since 2016. Every year we choose a

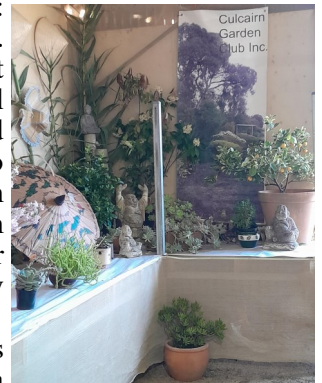
Theme. This year's theme is: "A Taste of the Orient". Showcasing a bit of Asia at the Culcairn Agricultural Show. Our display is located at the Pavilion. Thankyou to our members who brought in some plants, garden ornaments and more. And for helping me put the display together.

Thank you to our members Rhonda, Toni and Ilythia Iorfino for your wonderful display of bonsai trees and shrubs. You can see the hard work and the love that goes with growing these magnificent plants.

Rhonda also entered so many in the flower competition. Her first time and she has done so well. Congratulations Rhonda, I hope you will continue to do so for many years to come.

Culcairn Garden Club, a wonderful group of our community, sharing the love for gardening. We meet on the first Sunday of the month. Come along and join us, for a bit of fun, a chat, a laugh and make new friends.

Our next meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. For more info, please contact our President Lolita Landman on 0429660451 or email [Lolita12265@hotmail.com](mailto:Lolita12265@hotmail.com)



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### HENTY MACHINERY FIELD DAYS 2023

Another Henty Machinery Field Days is done and dusted! Our Culcairn and Community effort in the big shed this year took a BIG effort from a lot of people from our community!

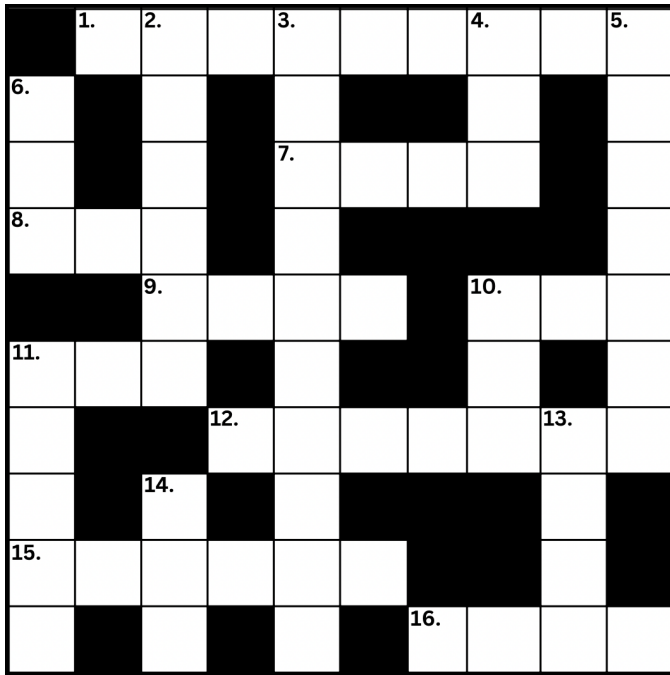
Our Committee would like to thank ALL our Volunteers for committing time and effort to help out in this year's catering shed. Thanks to the Cooks, salad and bread roll makers, coffee makers, counter servers and the runners and gophers, all had a role to play. Thank you also to the families and individuals who went out to the Field Days site before and after the actual event, cleaning up shed, moving the equipment to the main shed and then cleaning up after the event. A lot of work behind the scenes has been put in every year, and we appreciated what each of you has done – THANK YOU!

A special thanks to AG N VET who provided workers in the shed over the 3 days.

Thank you to GODDES GRAIN AND FERTILISER for your generous donation towards our fund raising.

Thanks also to BILLABONG and ST PAUL'S students who this year were permitted by their school to volunteer and help out. They did it willingly, whatever task they were asked to do and did it with a smile on their faces! The Culcairn community benefits from the work done at the Field Days each year, so thank you to all volunteers.

## CULCAIRN OASIS CROSSWORD #4



### Across

- 1 - Small, sharp, fragments. [9]
- 7 - Excessively quaint. [4]
- 8 - A man overly concerned with appearance. [3]
- 9 - Obtain through effort. [4]
- 10 - Joke. [3]
- 11 - Equal to; on a... [3]
- 12 - Safe to drink. [7]
- 15 - A place to relieve oneself. [6]
- 16 - Strip off external covering. [4]

### Down

- 2 - Pungent hot-tasting powder. [6]
- 3 - Part of a stem between two places where leaves emerge. [10]
- 4 - Globular organ. [3]
- 5 - Rectangular wooden tile. [7]
- 6 - Not fresh. [3]
- 10 - Mouth (informal). [3]
- 11 - Ancient Greek philosopher. [5]
- 13 - Metal vein. [4]
- 14 - Quick and inventive humour. [3]

### NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell  
tolls;  
It tolls for thee.

-John Donne

### LIFE LESSONS #4

A mother was seeing her 8 year-old son off to school one morning. She walked him to the bus stop where they waited patiently; the bus came and her son got on the school bus. The mother proceeded to go home so she could get ready to go to work. About 15 minutes later the doorbell rang and it was her son at the front door. She was shocked to see him since she just got him on the school bus, then she noticed the school bus with its door open, in front of her house. The mother asked her son, "What are you doing back home?" Her 8 year-old son said, "I'm quitting school, it's too hard, it's too boring, and it's too long." The mother looked at him and said, "That's life, now get back on the bus."

**Lesson: Experiences of life touch all no matter how young or how old.**



Will Write For Chocolate

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#### CULCAIRN PUBLIC SCHOOL

**5/6 Conquer Canberra**—This month our senior students conquered Canberra by visiting and experiencing some of what the ACT has to offer. They attended the National Electoral Education Centre, Museum of Australian Democracy, the Australian Institute of Sport, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Royal Mint and finished off with a visit to Questacon. Our students had a fantastic time and came back with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how government impacts the community.

**3/4 Excursion to Beechworth**—On Friday November 3, our Years 3 and 4 students will visit Beechworth and experience lots of the fun things this small town has right at its fingertips, such as a visit to Beechworth Honey, the Burke Museum and Ned Kelly Vault, Woolshed Falls and without forgetting a stop off at the famous Beechworth Sweet Shop. We hope they all learn something new and have fun.



**Countdown to Kinder**—Over the last four Fridays in Term 3 we have held our Kindergarten Transition sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for students commencing school next year to become familiar with our school, our students and our staff. There will be four separate Kindergarten Transition sessions in Term 4. The first one will be on Friday 13th of November 9:00am-11:45am.

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## HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

We met at Henty Community Club on 13th September 2023. Our President Yvonne welcomed us to another lovely day at Probus. Our five-minute speaker was Joyce Gardiner, who is also our pianist for a little community style singing, and she (along with Herb on violin) is patiently helping us to learn the carol, "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Joyce told us of being born at Crow's Nest near Toowoomba. Her mother was the eldest of eleven children growing up on a dairy farm. Her father was a photographer and his studio at Crow's Nest is now the Nazarene Op Shop. Joyce learnt piano from seven years of age, and as a young woman in Brisbane, learned that St Paul's College Walla Walla needed a music teacher, and she successfully applied.

Joyce met her Ron at Walla Walla, they married and settled to farming near Culcairn. Joyce told of overseas trips to England, Europe, China and travelling Australia and finally moving to Culcairn.

Yvonne, as President, presented Joyce with our Probus pen as a token of our thanks for sharing her story.

Our general business was to talk about Probus month in October, to be held at Henty with clubs from Wagga Wagga, Albury and Holbrook being invited to share lunch at Henty Community Club. Bernard Clarke has been asked to be our speaker, with his photography. We need to advise Kevin or Yvonne of our intention to attend, for catering, by the week before 11th of October. We would like to offer a big thank you to those included in the beanie knitting.

Currently there is a big post bag full of beanies going out to the Seamen, each month.

Our main speaker was Bradley Booth. He was introduced to us by Kevin Fogarty, who had known Bradley since childhood. After finishing school, Bradley had gone to work for his parents Graham and Yvonne, in their family shops. He had learned to wash windows and sweep floors and meet people. In 2001 at 27 years of age, Bradley bought the first Billabong store in Australia, at Wagga Wagga. In 2011, he opened his first work wear store at Leeton.

Bradley's business is IWS Australia, (Independent Work Wear Specialists) Independent traders are important to Bradley. He had seen his father's business ignored as it is too small for sales people to visit, and decided that here was an opportunity. He had the idea to have a group of independently owned businesses to sell work wear. There are 193 members, some with 100 staff. To Bradley, little people matter, and he has an ability to get people together. We saw a most successful young man, who has included his family in his business. Bradley's company supports charities- Tradies support Ladies, where pink is worn on Fridays, and Boys to the Bush. Neil Parker was most proud to present Bradley with the Probus Pen as a token of our thanks for his most inspiring speech.

Yvonne mostly finished our day with a wise saying. Today's was: We like somebody because... We love somebody although...

We had a lovely lunch and lots of conversation. We look forward to the next day on 11th October.

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