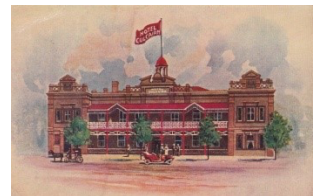




CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025



GREATER HUME SETTLEMENT STRATEGY 2026-2046

Council is seeking your input to help guide the development of the new **Greater Hume Settlement Strategy 2026-2046**.

The **Greater Hume Settlement Strategy** will outline where new homes, businesses, and jobs should be located across the Council area through to 2046.

If you live, work, own property, or are otherwise impacted by the purpose of the Greater Hume Settlement Strategy, we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help shape how our towns and communities grow and thrive into the future.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Council will be hosting a public meeting, and we invite you to join us to share your thoughts and ideas to help shape the future of our towns and communities.

Date: Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Culcairn Memorial Hall, 25 Balfour Street, Culcairn NSW 2660

To register your interest in attending, please complete the form available on Council's website or contact Council via email at ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or by phone on **02 6036 0100**

A SEARCH FOR CULCAIRN HISTORY IN PHOTOS

A local man, Glenn Davis, is reaching out to the community to assist in his quest to gather photographic memories of early Culcairn.

Now in retirement, Glenn is wanting to revisit a past hobby of sketching and painting, with a focus on Culcairn's early rail/coach and commerce.

He hopes to capture the lifestyle of our past, bringing to life, those early days of pioneering and establishing what we now have, days we can so easily take for granted.

Scenes like, "activity in the rail yards, early steam trains, early buildings, main street activity, etc." "It's a creative way to honor those who've gone before us, and to preserve their Culcairn legacy"

Glenn intends to participate in the upcoming Culcairn show, and any photo collection that may eventuate, will be considered for permanent display in the Culcairn Rail Museum.

Regarding photos that may be too valuable to part with, even if Glenn could just sight or copy these, he would be most grateful.

Glenn may be contacted by email: glennrdavis@optusnet.com.au or mobile phone 0411473555

DEADLINE

Next Deadline – 12pm Mon 7th July 2025

Folding date – Friday 11th July 2025 at 1pm

Delivery date – Wednesday 16th July 2025

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

WHY RECORD HISTORY- PART 7

1959 President Glen Schultz Ron Gardiner.

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS.

- Culcairn host to Southern Zone Conference held 21st March (registration fee - 1 pound)
- Working bees begin at Swimming Pool to clear up banks and remove old weather shed.
- Organised Ball in aid of Culcairn Hospital
- Wood working bees at Ellwood's.
- Film and table tennis nights
- Jaycee Pool pegged beginning of July.
- Concert and play in conjunction with Musical Society
- Zone Conference – West Wyalong (for those who can remember)
- Pam Parry's concert (Indians and Blacks)
- Street stalls and dance
- Lois (Loo Loo) Beer nominated as Commerce Queen
- Fund raising and Pool working bees.

1959 – 60

JAYCEE LEARN TO SWIM AND WADING POOL

The NSW state government responded to the continuing high number of children and adult drownings by establishing a statewide 'Learn to Swim' program.

Culcairn was unable to be part of this program as the town pool in the Billabong Creek at Jubilee Park was not suitable for teaching.

Culcairn Jaycees researched if it was possible to construct a separate pool in the park. They sought and received offers from industry and construction operators resulting in support for equipment and donations of steel and cement. Permission was gained from the shire council to build, commencing in June 1959.

The shire engineer, Mr Alan Kerle, drew up plans and specifications for a 40 x 20-foot pool.

Community support joined in with Jaycee members. Immediately after this, Mr. Charlie Vonthien excavated the site with his large earth mover. By February 1960 the pool was completed enough to commence teaching the ninety children and adults registered to learn to swim.

With the pending 'Back to Culcairn' Easter week celebration approaching, it was decided to have special guest Miss Australia, Joan Stanbury open the pool on the Saturday. Hundreds flocked to the park for this occasion and other activities that followed prior to the football match – Culcairn v North Wagga.

Over the next fourteen years, the Jaycee pool was in continual use in the summer months, servicing learn to swim classes for district schools. Countless hundreds of children and adults learnt to swim in this superb facility.

Eighteen months after the opening, Jaycees launched a wool drive and raised almost 400 pounds, which enabled installation of a filtration plant.

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IN YOUR GARDEN

Frosts are getting closer, as night time temperatures drop. Finally we had rain, and warm, sunny days are aiding growth.

I still have beans flowering - the first time in all my gardening days. They are normally frosted and gone in April.

JOBS to do in JUNE.

1. Tidy and compost vegie patches and plant green manure crop if not sowing over winter. Broad beans are a good crop, or a bale of lucerne hay spread on fallow ground.
2. Plant strawberries in a sunny well composted space.
3. Plant more rhubarb, cabbage, broad beans, silverbeet.
4. Pots of pansies and primulas are great for brightening up dull corners and entrances.
5. Plant a camellia japonica, flowering now.
6. Sharpen secateurs and sawblades to have them ready for pruning.
7. Reduce watering of indoor plants.
8. Plant alyssum, calendula, carnation, hollyhock, pansy, poppy, snapdragon, viola and wallflower.
9. Prepare soil for planting bare rooted roses and fruit trees next month.

JOBS to do in JULY

1. Plant lettuce, onion, parsnip, peas, spinach, silverbeet and turnip.
2. Lift and divide rhubarb crowns and plant new ones.
3. Cut back oregano, mint and thyme. Pot up self seeded parsley plants.
4. Plant aquilegia, candytuft, carnation, dianthus, larkspur, primula, salvia, and verbenas.
5. Lift and divide perennials, sedum, helliboers and lambs ear
6. Plant bare rooted roses and prune existing ones, bush roses by about half and hybrid teas by one third.

7. Take out a quarter of old canes and dead wood from climbers. Roses are difficult to kill, so give it a go.
8. Choose a new rose for yourself this Winter "Heaven on Earth" is apricot/peach in colour and is a relatively new rose.
9. Fertilize citrus and camellias now.
10. Enjoy the sunshine and colour in your Winter Garden.

By Margaret Pampa

LHAC BIGGEST MORNING TEA IN CULCAIRN

On Thursday 29th May a very successful morning tea was held, with all proceeds going to Albury- Wodonga Cancer Centre

As well as more than sixty people attending, over 130 morning tea boxes were packed for delivery to local businesses in and around Culcairn.

Your Local Health Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted in any way to make this event the success it was.

Apart from LHAC members, many community people cooked delicious cakes and slices, donated sandwich fillings, lucky door and raffle prizes

Thank you to the pack deliverers and the kitchen work force.

I'm sure those who came for the cake and cuppa had a great time too. Thanks for participating.

We will have the final figure sent to AWCC in next month's OASIS.

We are a caring community and this event shows us just how much.

Again a BIG thank you to everyone

CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB

For information about our upcoming events:

Email culcairngardenclub@gmail.com

President Ruth Scheetz on 0428 298 581

Secretary Robyn Stanley on 0429 670 284

Web: sites.google.com/view/culcairngardenclub/

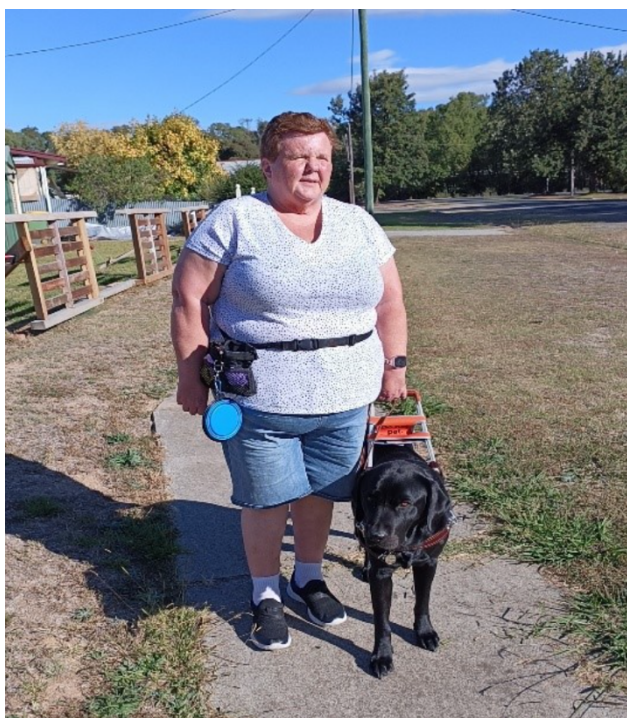
CHERYL & HANK WEBSTER

Hello Culcairn, I'd like to introduce you to my guide dog Hank. I'm Cheryl and you will probably see me walking around Culcairn with Hank. When I'm walking with Hank, he is in working mode and here are a few important facts for you to be aware of:

- Please do not pat Hank when he is working in his harness but feel free to say hello to me and have a chat.
- Broken glass and sharp objects that are left on the pathway can threaten Hank's wellbeing and his ability to work.
- Please consider picking up food scraps if you drop them around the eating areas. The smell of food distracts Hank to do his job properly. Place your chair back under the table after you have finished your coffee, if seated outside, so it doesn't become a trip hazard for me.
- If you are walking with your dog, please restrain your dog as we walk past.
- Hank and I are still learning to work as a team around Culcairn so please be vigilant when driving.

Hank is enjoying the relaxed country life, and we look forward to meeting lots of people as we explore Culcairn together.

By Cheryl Webster



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CULCAIRN SHOW 2025

Held on Saturday the 4th October

Many of the regular events will be held such as horse events, sheep shearing competitions, sideshows, dog show, kids activities, competitions in flower arrangements, art, photography, needlework and crafts, cooking, jams and jellies.

School children's art and school work displays, scarecrow competition and more.

How do I find out about, and what is on at the Culcairn Show?

The show society has a facebook page, website and a schedule to explain what is going on. The printed schedule is usually available in late August. Earlier, on the web page and facebook.

The contact details are
[@culcairnagriculturalshow](https://www.facebook.com/culcairnsociety) OR
[culcairnshowsociety.org.au](https://www.culcairnshowsociety.org.au)

The society has an email address culcairnshowsociety@gmail.com AND a contact phone number for you to leave a message on for us to get back to you.

02 6029 8683

How do I enter items in cooking, floral art, pot plants, sewing, needlework, art, cooking, jams and jellies, photography, fruit and vegetables at the show?

The schedule, at no cost to you, outlines the various activities called 'classes' related to the above list of events. It also has contact details; descriptions of the class and regulations to help guide you to put together your display for judging; and further details about the show. Entry forms are to be returned to the secretary a week before the show.

BALFOUR ST & RAILWAY PARADE PLANTERS REFRESH

You may have noticed that the planters have been refreshed with new plants & mulch. This was only possible due to the efforts & expertise of quite a few people.

It was a team effort & many thanks must go to those who made this possible:

- Hume Bank for offering & providing grants for community improvement projects
- Sharon Wonson for submitting an application to Hume Bank for this community garden project
- The horticulturalists at Peards Wodonga for freely providing advice on suitable plants for the different growing conditions & then helping to choose the healthiest plants
- Staff at Kelly's Mitre 10 Wodonga for cheerfully offering to & then loading the **many** bags of garden soil & soil improver into the car & on more than one occasion too
- The planting crew – David Gilmore, Bev McMullin, Paul & Helen Montgomery



What did we plant? Winter Nectar grevillea & some red pansies for colour in the planters which are in the open; in the planters under the veranda roof, Nandina Moon Bay which turns red with the cold weather & Hebe Marie Antoinette. Sutura Cordata White is the ground cover in these pots.

We got quite a few appreciative comments from Culcairn's residents about the planters. Several tourists also said how they like the planters & that they think that Culcairn is a pretty town.

Now the planting has been completed, the Oasis team will step back from involvement with the planters. Many thanks must go to the Culcairn Garden Club too. They kindly offered to take over care of the planters & to water them as needed. Enjoy everyone!

David Gilmore and Helen Montgomery (Culcairn Oasis)

Editor's Note: A special thanks to Helen Montgomery for all her expertise, time and effort in obtaining the plants and materials for the project.



My time in Culcairn is coming to an end

I would like to thank the community for your support over the years and making my family feel welcome.

I am very happy to be leaving the cafe in the hands of Sarah who has been working for me for the past 18 months and I'm sure will do a wonderful job serving the community.

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The property only had five trees when purchased; however, over the past several years, Craig and Karen have planted 1,000 trees. These trees are reducing water runoff

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 11, 9:30
for 10 am at the Henty Community Club.

SWIMMING POOL AGM

Thank you, Debbie Eady (Secretary)



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CULCAIRN MEN'S SHED

Culcairn Men's Shed has been very busy this year refurbishing a play gym that was donated to the shed.

Many hours of hard work have kept the members busy replacing all the timbers, sanding and painting. As this was taking place other members were polishing the uprights and replacing shade cloth.

New slides and swings were purchased to complete the renovation.

Once all was completed the members spent many hours selling raffle tickets and we are excited to congratulate the lucky winner, Christina from the Bakery.

Delivery and installation by the members made some children very happy. This project has been very rewarding knowing a little hard work has made some children in town very happy.

Culcairn Men's Shed



SUPPORTING SENIORS IN CULCAIRN – CHSP SERVICES AVAILABLE

Are you or someone you know finding it a little harder to manage at home? Help is available right here in Culcairn through the **Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) and Home Support and Meals on Wheels Greater Hume Area**.

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These services are designed to support older people to live well at home for as long as possible.

How to Access Services

To receive CHSP services, you'll need an assessment and referral through **My Aged Care**. This ensures you get the right help tailored to your needs.

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WEDNESDAY

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1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

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