



“PAINT & SIP” BRINGS CULCAIRN COLOUR TO HOLBROOK

On Friday night of the 10th October the Culcairn Community Development Committee took our “Paint and Sip” to the Holbrook Shire Hall Supper Room — and the room lit up with colour, conversation and a lot of laughter. A full group of locals gathered with aprons on, brushes in hand and a friendly glass in reach. After a quick look through the Bald Archy exhibition, everyone settled in for a relaxed guided session that turned a blank page into a flock of lively cockatoos.



The joy of the night was the mix of people and the easy pace. Some hadn't painted since school; others came with creative chops. It didn't matter. Step by step, confidence grew. Strokes became bolder, crests popped with yellow and pink, and backgrounds filled with bright Riverina blues and greens. By the end, every person held up a unique bird with its own personality. The group photo tells the story — smiling faces, proud artworks and a sense of shared achievement.

Food platters were grazed, glasses were topped up and there was a steady hum of chat across the tables. Many said the best part was simply slowing down together on a Friday night and doing something hands-on.

Events like this are small on cost but big on connection. They bring neighbours together, support local venues and help keep arts and culture alive across our towns.

A warm thank you to everyone who came along and helped pack up at the end, and to our Holbrook hosts for the welcome.

DEADLINE

Next Deadline – 12pm Mon 1st Dec 2025

Folding date – Friday 5th Dec 2025 at 1pm

Delivery date – Wednesday 10th Dec 2025

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

WHY RECORD HISTORY

Part 12

1964

President - Bob Pitson

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Once again plans were laid for an active year. A successful extension to reform Henty Jaycees, highlighted many top projects.

They included: -

- The employing of a caretaker for the cemetery,
- Collection of funds, clothes, and medical supplies for the National Project "PROJECT CONCERN" in Hong Kong to a value of 800 pounds.
- A resuscitation unit was donated to the Culcairn Hospital,
- 250 diaries sold.
- Town cabaret Ball held.
- 'Youth speaks for Australia' entrants from St Paul's Walla Walla and Culcairn Central Schools
- Pensioner wood drives
- Reformed Henty Chapter
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At the Nowra Conference, member Neville Lowe was elected to the Australian National Executive as National Vice President, and Ron Gardiner was appointed Zone PRO.

Two members, Bob Pitson and Neville Lowe, attended the Perth National Convention.

THE QUOTE OF THE YEAR came from Area Director Gerry Ryan of Batlow, at the Henty Chapter formation dinner, directing his remarks at a Culcairn Jaycee, Gerry said, "And then there is the man who once he gets on his feet, you can't shut him up – isn't that right Bruno?".

OPERATION CONCERN – HONG KONG

A MEDICAL RELIEF PROJECT in Southeast Asia founded by Dr Jim Turpin, from the USA, was adopted by Junior Chamber Australia as the major National Project for 1964.

Co-ordinated by the Ballarat Chapter, it was so successful in Australia, it was adopted by Junior Chamber International as a worldwide project.

Dr Turpin visited Albury and spoke to regional Jaycees on Operation Concern's work among refugee boat people living on Hong Kong harbour.

Project director Elwyn Kotzur headed the Culcairn Jaycees' support campaign, which included transporting Dr Turpin to Canberra to meet with Federal Government Ministers and another presentation to Jaycee chapters.

Culcairn raised 140 pounds in cash, collected 200 pounds worth of medical supplies and forwarded 300 cwt of quality used clothing to Hong Kong.

Members Bob Pitson and Neville Lowe visited Operation Concern's floating hospital and dental surgery, when in Hong Kong in 1965 and 1966.

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CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB

Our November meeting is an outing for lunch at the ½ Acre Café in Howlong, followed by a tour of a private garden in Howlong, which sounds like it will be a very interesting day out.

If you have any interest in gardening and live in or near Culcairn, we welcome people of all ages to our meetings.

For our regular meetings, if you'd like to come along, bring a plate of something to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee is supplied by the club, just bring along your own cup.

If you have some flowers in your garden you are proud of, bring one along and enter our cut flower competition. We also have a raffle with 2 chances to win a prize. Hope to see you there.

For information about our upcoming events:

- Email culcairngardenclub@gmail.com
- President Ruth Scheetz on 0428 298 581
- Secretary Robyn Stanley, 0429 670 284
- sites.google.com/view/culcairngardenclub/

HENTY- CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Henty Bowling Club on 9th October 2025, and we celebrated being Probus at Henty-Culcairn for 30 years.

We had a room of beautifully decorated tables, thanks to Jan and Harold.

We welcomed lots of members and visitors and Libby led us through five minutes of chair exercises. While seriously helping us to keep fit, they were also fun.

There was singing and lots of talking.

Our speaker after a most beautiful roast meal was Sally Bryant from the breakfast programme at ABC Riverina.

Sally told of her experiences in Australia and overseas, and Yvonne presented her with our Probus pen and a gift pack of special biscuits made by Pam.

Birthday cake was iced by June and cut by Joan and Joyce, followed by Herb playing Happy Birthday on his trumpet and of course we all sang Happy Birthday and Kevin led three cheers.

We finished the day with cakes and slices, tea or coffee and still more talking.

Thank you to the committee of people who arranged the day and all the helpers who were there on the day and the day before too.

We have our next meeting 12th November at Culcairn Bowling Club. 9.30 for a 10.00am start and are planning to discuss the new Probus Constitution. We might see you there too.

COUNCIL EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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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:
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NOV 2025

Sat 8 Pool Opens Ph 9634 3700

Sun 9 Garden Club Various locations

Tues 11,18,25 Men's Shed 9-12

Tues 11,25 Craft & Quilting Club 10.30-2.30
Lutheran Church Hall

Wed 12 Probus Culcairn Bowling Club 9.30

Wed 12,19,26 Sconnies 10.30 Various
coffee shops

Thur 13 Grandparents Day Cul. Library
10am Bookings Essential Ph 6036 0100

Thur 13,20,27 Gentle Exercises 10-1
Tai Chi 11-12 Uniting Church Hall

Thur 13,20,27 Men's Shed 9-12

Sat 15,22,25 Railway Museum 10-1

Thur 27 Christmas Service 12.50-1.20
Culcairn Uniting Church

ST JOSEPH'S CULCAIRN

- All students participated in an AFL skills session on Tuesday 14 October and Cricket Smash at the Culcairn oval on Friday 17 October.
- St Joseph's won the Rotary Spelling Competition for the second year in a row, Congratulations to Alice and Sam for competing.
- Kindergarten full day transitions started Friday 24 October and continue every Friday until 12th December.
- Year 5 & 6 excursion to Bendigo/Ballarat is 12-14 November.
- Wednesday 5th November the year 5/6 class will be holding Socktober raising money for the Catholic Mission followed by a Talent Quest.
- We are currently advertising our 2026 "Little Joeys" program, a free transition program for all children starting Kindergarten in 2027.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Culcairn Craft & Quilting Group

Meets every second Tuesday @ Lutheran Church Hall 10:30 – 2:30. Next session 16th Sept & fortnightly thereafter. Donation to cover hall hire costs is welcome. BYO lunch & your craft project. Coffee & tea provided.

Contact Sharon Wonson 0408 409 160 for further details

Culcairn Garden Club

Meets the second Sunday of each month. Check the community noticeboards for our next location.

Gentle Exercises & Tai Chi

Every Thursday, Uniting Church Hall. Two classes: 10 - 11am Sitting down exercises, 11-12 Tai Chi. \$2 gold coin donation. All welcome.

Men's & Community Shed

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

Railway Museum

Open every Saturday 10am to 1pm.

Sconnies

An informal social group, open to everyone, Meets 10:30am every Wednesday in one of Culcairn's coffee shops. Check the Culcairn Community Happenings Facebook page to see which coffee shop we'll be at.

IN YOUR GARDEN – NOVEMBER

November follows a dry, windy October when water was necessary to keep vegetables and flowers growing. Good mulching has reduced the amount of water needed and helped control weeds.

VEGETABLES Time to plant seeds of carrots and beetroot now. Sweet corn, egg plants, capsicums, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, zucchini, pumpkins and melons can be planted now too.

Plant tomatoes quite deep as this encourages strong root growth.

HERBS: Parsley, chives, basil, rosemary are growing well now.

Confuse white butterflies. They are territorial so use bought decoys or make your own.

Tie strips of white plastic bags on thin sticks. These will flutter in the wind.

HARVEST: Asparagus and rhubarb now.

Strawberries. Water as they flower and fruit with sulphate of potash for great results.

FLOWERS: Roses are blooming well now, remove spent flowers and water and feed, to encourage more blooms in time for Christmas.

Plant petunias and vincas in pots or in your garden. Hibiscus, buddlias, emu bushes and lots of salvias are flowering now and birds love their sweet nectar.

SUCCULENTS: grow well in large hanging baskets and make a great Christmas gift. They require little water, but use a good quality potting mix in a large basket.

PASSIONFRUIT: Now is a good time to plant a vine. Only need one as they self fertilise. They require good drainage, food and water. "Nelly Kelly" is an old but good variety.

Water wisely and mulch well,

Margaret Pumpa



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Gwen Cullen, former resident of Culcairn was a wonderful volunteer in our community of Culcairn, volunteering in many organisations. She sadly passed away on 19th July 2025 in Bundaberg Qld at the age of 88 years.

Greater Hume Council Swimming Pool Opening Hours 2025/2026

Culcairn (phone 02 6029 8455)

Start Date	End Date	Monday to Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday	
Sat 8/11/2025	Sun 7/12/2025	3.00 - 6:30	2.30 - 7.00	2.30 - 7.00	Closed Mondays
Mon 8/12/2025	Mon 26/1/2026	2:30 - 7.00	3.00 - 7.30	3.00 - 7.30	Open 7 days
Tues 27/1/2026	Sun 8/3/2026	3.00 - 6:30	2.30 - 7.00	2.30 - 7.00	Closed Mondays
Morning swims at Culcairn are held from 6.00am to 7.00am, Tuesday to Thursday (Dec to Feb).					

All pools are closed on 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day).

See previous page for fees

HICKORY HILL TENNIS CLUB REUNION



Members of the former Hickory Hill Tennis Club enjoyed a reunion during the October long weekend 2025. It is 30 years since the club's closure, but more since many had played. One of the oldest living members, Joyce Gardiner (Nee Barber) attended the dinner on Saturday night.

The dinner attended by nearly 60 people, was held at the Henty Community Centre. Memorabilia displayed included old tennis rackets, score books, minute books, tennis dresses, many photos and life membership cups and a plaque.

Julie Parker and Marina Stoll read out their recollections of the club and tennis back in their day. Noel Stein remembered members who have gone before us with a toast and Grace Stein read a poem, she had written to explain the history of the club from its beginnings in 1933, to its relocation in 1949, and finally the closure in 1995.



On the following morning a large group gathered for the unveiling of a plaque by Sybil Ritchie and Joyce Gardiner. The plaque marks the site of the tennis courts on the northern side of Hickory Hill Road.

Though time has changed the appearance of the site, those present fondly remembered the hours of fun and friendly competition that occurred on it. It is hoped that the stone and plaque will continue to remind any who pass by of the fun times had during these bygone years.

Hickory Hill Tennis Club Reunion Committee

Grand Opening of “The Social Room” – A Celebration of Community

On Friday 17th October, home Support & meals on Wheels Greater Hume Area, proudly celebrated the official Grand Opening of “The Social Room”, our new space dedicated to bringing older people together for social connections and community.

We were delighted to welcome a wonderful turnout of volunteers, clients, supporters, and community members, all sharing in this special occasion. Guests included Jenny Rea and Sue Dryden from Meals on Wheels NSW, whose support and encouragement is always greatly appreciated. Chairperson Jenny Parer welcomed attendees and thanked everyone involved in getting the project to this point, a goal the Board has had for many years. We had some wonderful support from very generous donors, Riverina Water, who funded our tables and chairs used for events and meetings as well as Community Underwriting who funded our Security system, ensuring our premises are monitored and vehicles are safe. We also thanked David Morton for his hard work in bringing the building up to the standard we required, as well as all those extra handyman jobs he does for us!

A highlight of the day was the official ribbon cutting by Life Member Ken Hulme, who has volunteered with Meals on Wheels for an incredible 55 years. Ken was part of the original Holbrook Apex Club group that first launched Meals on Wheels in Holbrook — a legacy that continues to grow stronger today.

From those early beginnings, our service has expanded to provide meals right across the Greater Hume Council area, along with additional supports such as Social Support, Transport, Domestic Assistance, and Personal Care. These services help older people stay connected, supported, and living well at home.

Following the official opening, we all enjoyed a wonderful morning tea, where there was plenty of conversation, laughter, and many new connections being made among our volunteers, clients, and community friends.

The event was a celebration not only of a new community space, but of our volunteers, staff, and forward-thinking Board, who continue to ensure that our services remains at the heart of community wellbeing for years to come.



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