



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



THE BALD ARCHY PRIZE

The Bald Archy exhibition is heading to our region, and the Culcairn Community Development Committee (CCDC) is seizing the moment to spark creativity close to home. We're running a cheerful Colour-In Challenge exclusively for students at Culcairn's two primary schools, culminating in a family-friendly prize night in Holbrook on 26th September. It's simple, welcoming and designed to help our kids say, "Art is for me."

The Bald Archy is famous for playful portraits and big personalities, which makes it a perfect springboard for young artists. The challenge keeps things easy and fun: each student will receive a colouring sheet inspired by the exhibition's cheeky spirit. It's free to enter, low-pressure and a great way to link what kids make at school with an exhibition they can visit.

Every child who has a go will have their artwork displayed in Culcairn. Teachers tell us that simple art activities like this lift confidence, calm busy minds and give students a chance to show personality in their work.

Prize Night will be short, lively and welcoming for families. Finalists' works will be displayed, age-group winners will be announced, and prizes will focus on practical art kits and supplies so children can keep creating long after the event. Expect a colourful display, plenty of photos and a proud moment for our young artists. Most importantly, it gives Culcairn students a direct line from what they make to what they can see in an exhibition.

The CCDC thanks our principals, teachers, school staff, parents and volunteers for getting behind this idea. We're proud to keep opportunities flowing to Culcairn kids and to celebrate their creativity in a warm, inclusive way. Keep an eye on school newsletters and The Oasis for finalist details.



DEADLINE

Next Deadline – 12pm Mon 6th Oct 2025

Folding date – Friday 10th Oct 2025 at 1pm

Delivery date – Wednesday 15th Oct 2025

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

WHY RECORD HISTORY

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President - Neville Lowe.

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS.

At the Changeover Dinner to conclude the year, the President stated that the rewards for Jaycees were self-development, friendship, self-respect, and the respect of the community. 'I know that each of us has gained some, if not all of these rewards during this year.'

The Chapter had completed twenty-six projects, increased membership to 23, had a financial turnover of 2,800 pounds and achieved 100% membership participation.

Some projects were:

- Concluded an eleven-week course in public speaking, meeting procedure and debating, which was open to citizens.
- Participated in Zone debating and oratory,
- Raised finance through appeal and appointed cemetery caretaker,
- Supplied wood for pensioners.
- Erected district map,
- Guttering on Pensioners Hall
- Erected tables in Caravan Park
- Sponsored 5 boys to holiday camp in Sydney.
- Conducted the Shire's first TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR.
- 14 members attended conferences including 4 to the JCI Multinational Conference in Melbourne.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY FAIR

Jaycees were aware that many residents shopped out of town, mainly facilitated by improved roads.

The chapter interviewed commercial owners/managers in Culcairn and Walla Walla to seek views and ideas on how to influence residents to buy locally. Collective feedback suggested an event be organised to showcase locally available goods and services.

Jaycees decided to stage a three-day Trade and Industry Fair in Culcairn at the Memorial Hall and adjacent land (beside and opposite the Hall).

As patron bait, Jaycees secured one of the largest miniature train exhibits in Australia, (40 x 15 feet), as a feature attraction.

"The kids brought their parents".

OUTCOME

The 3-day event headed by Jaycee team, Alan Dunn, Norm Jeacocke and Doug Crawley, was a huge success. Over 1500 people attended.

Exhibitors clocked up sales exceeding 20 thousand pounds and later reported increased ongoing income.

The exhibitors asked Jaycees to stage similar events annually or bi-annually, however the chapter were committed to other projects.

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HENTY- CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Culcairn Bowling Club on Wednesday 13th August 2025.

We had Herb Simpfendorfer as our five minute speaker. Herb usually plays violin as part of our musical group which play the National Anthem and music while morning tea dishes are washed, and the Probus song too.

Today Herb brought his violin and trumpet and his musical invention of what looks like a long wind chime of pipes which are correctly tuned to the musical scale. We were treated to a beautiful recital.

Thank you Herb, we did enjoy your special concert. Helen presented Herb with our Probus pen as a token of thanks.

Our main speaker was Pastor John Borchert who as part of Australian Lutheran World Service, has been to Cambodia multiple times including with students of St.Paul's College.

Cambodia is a kingdom with a constitutional monarchy and they are recovering from war.

Most of the population are young people, with children going to school in two shifts to use school buildings to advantage and enable educated people to lift the country from poverty.

We saw a most amazing photographic presentation, and the traditional scarf, the chroma which is locally woven from cotton and has multiple uses including as a towel.

Kate presented our Probus pen as a token of thanks.

We have morning tea with lots of talking and many stay for lunch at the club after the meeting.

We welcome all retired people to join us.

Our next meeting is to be Wednesday September 10th at Henty Bowling Club, 9.30am for a 10.00am start.

Hope you might be there too.

Please note this publication is available online at
www.culcairn.nsw.au
www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB



Our meeting last month had Margaret Pumpa as a guest speaker. She told us how to present flowers for the upcoming Culcairn Show.

Next meeting will be at a member's garden, to talk all things Show and spring.

For all 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/



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HELPING HANDS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

The Culcairn Community Development Committee was pleased to be one of the successful recipients of the recent Hume Bank Community Grant. With our share of the funding, we were able to provide



a range of essential stationery items—such as glue sticks and other supplies—for students at Billabong High School.

As many families know, it's become increasingly difficult to source everyday school items locally. This small but practical initiative helped ensure that students had access to the basic tools they need for learning, without added stress or expense.

Staff at Billabong High School were extremely appreciative of the support, and the feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive. It's a good reminder that sometimes the most meaningful support comes in simple, practical forms.

We extend our sincere thanks to Hume Bank for making this initiative possible through their Culcairn grant program. We also thank the school community for their ongoing efforts to support our local young people.

Culcairn Community Development Committee

IN YOUR GARDEN - September

We are having some beautiful days now, longer, with fewer frosts, so the ground temperature is warming. Some rain would be welcome as more ongoing moisture is needed.

VEGIES. It's still too early for beans, tomatoes and cucumbers. Perhaps put tomato seedlings in small pots in a sheltered place, ready to plant out when frosts finish (early to mid October).

RHUBARB can be divided now. Use good compost and some old manure and it will grow vigorously.

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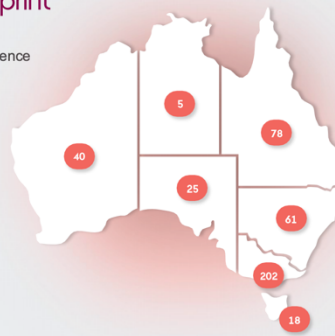


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LAWNS. Spray for broadleaf weeds if they are a problem. Look out for Onion weed (*Oxalis*).

You can paint the strappy leaves with a

phosphate based poison (Roundup). Avoid using near Roses, as it affects the leaves and slows flowering.

CITRUS. As most citrus are nearing the end of their fruiting time now is a good time for a light feed. Citrus need trace elements to ensure sweet fruit and thin skins.

Grow some **BORAGE**. This plant is loved by bees who are attracted to its blue flowers. We need to encourage these important pollinators in our gardens.

ROSES Clean out your wood fire heaters, and spread ashes around roses. Add some fertiliser, and everything is ready to go for spring flowering.

Plant up a **SPRING POT** or **BASKET** with small plants, Lobelia, Allysium and Pansies. Add Ivy or Lambs Ear for a colour contrast.

Enjoy Spring flowering bulbs over the next few weeks. There are many colours, shapes and sizes of daffodils. Dutch Iris in blue, white, yellow and multi are good to grow with roses.

Culcairn Show October 4th. Enter some nuts, citrus, fruit and vegies. Help to "make a show"

Enjoy your spring garden.

by Margaret Pumpa

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 the month. Check the community noticeboards for our next location.

Gentle Exercises Every Thursday, Uniting Church Hall. Two classes: 10 -11am sitting down exercises, 11-12 standing exercises. \$2 gold coin donation. All welcome.

Henty-Culcairn Probus meets second Wednesday of the month 9:30 for a 10am start, alternates Henty and Culcairn bowling clubs, check calendar for details.

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.

CULCAIRN SHOW

This year will be the 110th Culcairn Agricultural Show!

October Long Weekend – Saturday, 4th October 2025.

What might the Culcairn Show bring you in 2025...?

Horse Events, Shearing Competition, Market Stalls, Kids Activities, Dog Show, Scarecrow Competition, Show Bags, Animal Nursery, Junior Show Girl and Show Boy, as well as Coffee Vans, Food Stalls and Ice-Cream!!!

In the Pavilion there will be Arts & Craft, Cooking, Photography, School displays, Horticulture, Flower and Plant displays.

The Pavilion is open to entries in the various sections. If you have a passion for arts and craft, cooking, flowers, the outdoors, photography or any other areas the pavilion offers and you're interested in displaying your talent, then be sure to get your entry in! NEW 2025 Show Schedules will be available soon with entry forms included.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page:

@culcairnagriculturalshow

Website: <https://culcairnshowsociety.org.au/>

Email: culcairnshowsociety@gmail.com

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:

culcairnoasis@outlook.com

SEPT 2025

Wed 10: Henty - Culcairn Probus at Henty Bowling Club for 10am start

Wed 17: Council Meeting at Culcairn Council Offices, 6pm

Thur 18: Dementia Action Week Morning Tea 10 -12 at Holbrook Sporting Complex

Sat 20: Bald Archy Awards Show till Oct 20 at Holbrook Shire Hall

Tu 23-Th 25: Henty Machinery Field Days, 22 Lubkes Road, Henty.

Visit hmfd.com.au for tickets & schedule

OCT 2025

Sat 4: Culcairn Show at Culcairn Showgrounds

Tues 10 Service NSW, Coach Station Railway Parade

Sat 11-Sun 12: Free caravan & tow vehicle Weigh Day at Holbrook Sporting Complex

Bookings are essential

Phone 0455 239 369 to book



HOLBROOK DEMENTIA MORNING TEA

18TH SEPTEMBER 25

At the Holbrook Sporting Complex:

10 -12 midday

Our Holbrook Dementia Alliance aims to see the Greater Hume Communities be Inclusive and understanding of people and carers living with Dementia. Holding monthly morning tea to strengthen our social network and show support of people living with Dementia!

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Holbrook Dementia Alliance

Dementia doesn't just impact the person living with the condition and their immediate carers; it also impacts their friends, family and wider social network.

Holbrook & Greater Hume is actively helping people live in a supportive inclusive community, by regularly meeting for Morning tea.

Become a Dementia Friend

Holbrook Dementia
Alliance Group: John Cox

Ph: 0437263062

THE BALD ARCHY PRIZE

The Rotary Club of Holbrook is tickled pink (and maybe a little cockatoo yellow) to announce the Bald Archy Awards are flying back into town for the second year running.

This is no ordinary art show. Known as The Irreverent Portrait Prize, the exhibition is judged by none other than Professor Maude Cockatoo – a feathered critic with a sharp eye and sharper beak.

As the late Peter Batey OAM quipped: “It takes 11 galahs to judge the Archibald but only one cockatoo to judge the Bald Archy.”

From September 20 to October 19, more than 40 brilliantly cheeky portraits of the famous and infamous will be on display at Holbrook’s historic 110- year-old Shire Hall in Young Street. Expect wit, satire and just enough scandal to keep you grinning.

The grand GALAH Opening kicks off on Friday September 19 at 6pm. On hand to do the honours: Mr Justin Clancy MLA, Member for Albury (though sadly no artist was bold enough to paint him this year – perhaps next time Justin!) Greater Hume Shire Mayor Leah Parker will be there to make things official.

And remember the only fate worse than being caricatured is not being caricatured at all!

Opening night function tickets \$50: <https://events.humanitix.com> (then search Holbrook NSW Bald Archy).

General admission: \$10 (kids get in free).

So, flock to the Holbrook Shire Hall and prepare for feathers to be ruffled, egos to be poked, and plenty of laughs to be had. After all its not every day you get art, history and cockatoo comedy rolled into one.



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1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

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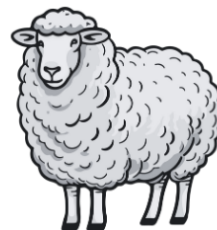
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