

CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER November 2024





BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL AT THE BORDER RELAY FOR LIFE

Year 11 SRC students established a new initiative for Billabong entering our first team in the relay for life. It was held at Biralee Park in Wodonga from 9.30 on Saturday morning to 9.30 on Sunday morning. We had to have a walker on the track for the whole 24 hours!

It was amazing to see the staff and students come together to fight cancer one step at a time! Each lap you completed you could collect a bead to show how well you were doing and that counted to the funds raised. Some of us were quite competitive with the laps completed. Many of our students finished over 100 laps with the record being taken by Emma Schwass in Year 8 with 183 laps and beads. A spectacular achievement.

As a team we completed 1621 laps which equates to 648km! So we walked to Sydney on the weekend, not a bad effort! We also raised over \$3000 and won awards for the best decorated site, best baton and the highest amount of money raised by a school under 500 students.

None of this would have happened without the support of staff, family and friends. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, pack up and participated. A special shout out to Mrs Preston who was the creative director behind our award winning medieval theme. Also to Chris Schwass, Joanne Wood and Melanie Barnes for looking after our kids through the night, your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Year 11 students coordinated the event, exceptional dedication by the students who were there the whole time showing their support, when it was cold and tiring, they didn't give up! Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!

CULCAIRN MPS NEWS

Hello and welcome to news from the residents at the Culcairn MPS.

Can you believe we have just finished October and already in November. The activity team is already starting to plan the residents Christmas party.

October saw us doing a variety of different activities. There has been lots of opportunities for cooking with Georgie making a fabulous looking chocolate cake. Joan has made chocolate crackles for morning tea and Michael has been busy cooking a BBQ that was donated to us by a family member. Its not often we have the chance to have a scotch fillet for lunch.

Craig our maintenance man with our youngest volunteer Mila have planted seedlings in our garden. There will be fresh tomatoes, corn and cucumber by the time summer arrives. We recently used our silver beet combined with three cheeses to make triangles. They were delicious and will be made again.

IN YOUR GARDEN - NOVEMBER

It has been quite a dry October, so watering was necessary. Early morning or evening is best. Broad Beans and Peas are being harvested now. Also, time for Rhubarb and Asparagus, as well as delicious Strawberries. Plant out more tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, melons and bush and climbing beans to insure a steady supply into Autumn. Stake tall tomatoes or put them in a mesh guard for good support. Feed vegies fortnightly with a soluble plant food for good production. Don't forget Sulphate of Potash to encourage flowering and fruit setting.

Beetroot grows from seed all year round. It is full of nutrients, including Vitamin B, is low in fat and high in fibre. It can be eaten raw in salads, in blended drinks, boiled and pickled or simply baked. When removing the skin, wear gloves to avoid your hands being stained.

Pests There are over 100 varieties of Lady Birds. Mostly beneficial, except for the 28 spotted, bright orange one. She eats the leaves of vegies - potatoes, cucumbers and zucchinis etc. This skeletonises the leaves and prevents photosynthesis, with dire results. Pick the ladybird off the plant and dispose of it, squashing is effective!!

Be aware of fungal problems and black spot on Roses. Spray with an organic fungicide. You can mix 3 teaspoons of Bi-Carb Soda and 2 and a $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of Pest Oil together in 4 and a $\frac{1}{2}$ litres of water. Spray 2 or 3 times a fortnight, then when the plant is clear, spray weekly.

Members of the Proteaceae family which includes Banksias, Grevilleas and Waratahs, benefit from iron chelates in warmer months. Iron in the soil helps plants absorb nutrients, a lack of iron in native plants causes yellowing leaves and stunted growth.

Late flowering roses are because of severe September frost but are showing their colours now. Dead head and fertilize now to encourage new blooms for Christmas. An arrangement of red roses with blue and white agapanthus is stunning! Dahlias are in and up, watch out for slugs and snails. Stake tall varieties. I use a tomato cylinder or mesh circle for support. Petunias and Vincas can be planted now, in pots or garden beds. they will give lots of colour for Christmas. Buddlias, Salvias and Eremophila's (Emu Bush) are flowering now and attract birds to feed on their Nectar. Remember to water deeply and mulch well.

Enjoy you time in your Garden, Margaret Pumpa.



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Welcome to November 2024 at your Culcairn Bowling Club. I would like to introduce and welcome our new Manager/Secretary Dee Pedemont.

Just a reminder our opening hour are from 12 PM Wednesday to Sunday Open Monday/Tuesday when required.

AGM 29/11/2024

6.30PM in the Auditorium Odewahn Shield Bowls has started. Come down on a Saturday at 1pm to watch some brilliant bowlers. Friday night Raffles tickets sale start at 7pm Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm How would you like to win \$10,000 ??????? GOLDEN BOWL 300 DRAW IS COMING 300 tickets sold at \$100 per ticket. Ticket includes lunch for two people, beer, wine, soft drink for four hours in April 2025 Tickets available for purchase at the Bar. Money raised will be going towards a NÉW COMMUNITY VĚHICLE. In December, we are Hosting the Annual Harry Gardiner Bowls Triples. Kid Christmas party to be announced. CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY WIL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM 17/11/2024

Please come along and support your Club

CULCAIRN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At the October Meeting of the CCDC members were privileged to meet with our recently elected North Ward Councillors – Ben Hooper (Deputy Mayor), Brian Liston and Annette Schilg. Each councillor told a little about themselves, their visions for the next term and how the first few weeks in office is going. Ben and Brian both admitted to being in a steep learning curve at present, while Annette is excited to begin another term to see what more she can contribute to our community. All three councillors expressed a positive vison for Culcairn focusing on strong community consultation.

Several members of our committee also represented our town at a council-community forum at the end of October. At the forum each group presented short-term, mediumterm and long-term priorities for their town. The council then refers to these requests when planning future projects and accessing available funding and grants. The CCDC is very grateful to the many sporting and community groups who submitted ideas to be included in our presentation. While it will take time to see projects come to fruition it is important that council is aware of what the community wants so they can work with us all towards achieving them. Sincere thanks to all involved.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's have a had a busy month. Max has represented MacKillop at the NSWPSSA cricket Championships, well done Max. (photo top right)

Annabelle was a member of the winning MacKillop Team at the NSW PSSA Girls 8 Rugby, congratulations Annabelle. (photo middle right)

St Joseph's relay side of Max, Annabelle, Grace and James came third at the MacKillop carnival and then proceed to the NSWPSSA athletics carnival, Well done to our runners. (photo bottom right) Our school production of The Jungle Book was a huge success with all students enjoying their time in

the limelight. (photo bottom left) Kinder transition for 2025 is in full swing with our 8 week programme now in its 3rd week. The

Kinder transition for 2025 is in full swing with our 8 week programme now in its 3rd week. The smiles on the faces of the transition children are infectious.

A big thank you to all our parents and community members who assisted at the HMFD, your dedication is greatly appreciated. The fundraising allows our children to utilise current IT and have their own device at school.

Responsible Pets have visited this month with a very informative programme for our K/1/2 class. St Joseph's had the pleasure of going to St Patrick's production, it was good to be able to see our friends on the stage.

Cricket NSW have been running clinics for the past 3 weeks, our children are very keen and there are some very competitive games of cricket happening at breaktimes.

Thank you to our families who are supporting our children and their busy lives.





We're coming to your community

BLUE STAR eyecare

OPTOMETRIST VISITS

A visiting Optometrist, Ken Kwok from Blue Star Eyecare, is happy to see community patients while visiting our MPS sites to see our residents.

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Culcairn	
Culcairn (am)	
Holbrook (pm)	
Holbrook	

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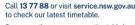
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Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

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WHY RECORD HISTORY PART 2

A meeting of past members and wives of Culcairn Junior Chamber of Commerce – or Jaycees as we were known, was called in July 2022 to consider if we would, or would not, record the chapter's history in the form of a book. We decided that when our generation is gone, nothing would have been recorded of what Culcairn Jaycees achieved, that changed the direction of our community, influenced our region, across Australia and 'surprise' worldwide. Future generations would never know that:

- Conducted a community education program on decimal currency, before the Australian changeover on 14th February 1966
- Over our 26 years, we filled five national office positions in JCI Australia.
- Provided and installed TOC-H, invalid warning units into senior and incapacitated citizens
- homes, over a two-year period and serviced them for many years.
- Hosted Zone and Area Conferences with up to 140 delegates, with limited options for accommodation, we home hosted many of the delegates.
- Negotiated successfully with numerous companies and individuals for four years to build a motel in Culcairn.
- Were voted 'most successful chapter' in our Zone, many times.
- Organised and performed in the Albury Street parade prior to the World Charity Premier of the feature film 'Mad Dog Morgan'. Then acted as ushers in the Regent Cinema Centre for the pre-concert and charity premier, which attracted a record 1,446 patrons.
- Cut and delivered wood for aged pensioners and incapacitated citizens for many years.
- Negotiated and formed a Shire Promotion Committee on behalf of the Culcairn Shire Council in 1973. It functioned very successfully through to Shire amalgamation in 2004.
- Formed the Culcairn Swimming Pool Committee in 1970 to raise funds to establish a modern aquatic centre.
- Debated successfully into NSW State Jaycee finals, losing one grand final by 2 points.
- Raised countless thousands of dollars in support of local, national, and international worthy causes.
- Pioneered a group inbound tourism agricultural study tour program for USA farmers. After three years, co-ordinating fourteen coach groups we established an overnight all-inclusive in homestead farm stay product that sold worldwide for over 30 years.





CULCAIRN COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Gentle Exercise -Culcairn gentle exercises every Thursday Uniting Church Hall. Two classes 10-11am sitting down exercise then 11-12midday standing exercises. All welcome \$2 gold coin donation. Aqua aerobics coming November.

Twilight Golf—Culcairn Golf Club, Every Friday 5pm for 5.30pm Tee Off. No handicap required \$5 for 9 holes or as many as you want.

Culcairn Men's & Community Shed—meets Tuesday & Thursday 9 – 12 in the old gangers shed next to Biti Motors. All welcome. Please wear closed toe shoes or boots. PPE provided. Contact Cris 0408 211 565 for more information.

Sconnies—meets 10.30am every Wednesday in one of Culcairn's coffee shops. It is an informal social group open to everyone. Check the Culcairn Community Happenings Facebook page to see which coffee shop we'll be at each week.

Knitting &Crochet Group—meets in the Library from 9.30am on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Blanket squares are knitted and crocheted for charity or you can bring your own project. All welcome.

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NEW MPS STAFF- MEENU & SHIBIN

We are delighted to introduce ourselves to the wonderful community of Culcairn! It has been a dream of ours to make Australia our home, and we are thrilled that this dream has become a reality. We have now spent a few months in this beautiful small town, and the experience has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Our journey to Australia began in India, where we were born and raised. After spending several years in Ireland, we decided to take the next step in our lives and move to Australia. The decision was driven by our desire to explore new opportunities, both personally and professionally, and to provide a bright future for our children. We are a family of four, with two little boys who bring endless joy and energy to our lives. Both of us are healthcare professionals, and we are proud to work at the Culcairn Hospital, where we have found a welcoming and supportive work environment.

Since our arrival, we have been deeply touched by the kindness and generosity of the people in Culcairn. The small-town charm, combined with the warmth and friendliness of the community, has made us feel at home from the very beginning. Everyone we've met has been eager to help and make us feel comfortable, and for that, we are truly grateful.

One of the things we love most about Culcairn is how well-equipped it is despite its small size. All the essential amenities are easily accessible, from local shops to healthcare services, schools, and recreational facilities. This has made our transition to life here incredibly smooth. We are especially appreciative of the peaceful atmosphere that the town offers, which provides the perfect backdrop for raising our children and enjoying family life.

Professionally, we have found the working environment at Culcairn Hospital to be excellent. The hospital is well-managed, and the team is both professional and compassionate. As healthcare professionals, we feel fortunate to



be part of such a supportive and dedicated group of people who are committed to providing high-quality care to the community. It has been incredibly rewarding to contribute to the health and well-being of the residents of Culcairn.

Living here has also given us the opportunity to enjoy the simplicity and beauty of small-town life, something we truly cherish. We love the slower pace of life, the open spaces, and the sense of community that is often hard to find in larger cities. Our boys are thriving in this environment, and we are grateful that they have the opportunity to grow up in such a safe and nurturing place.

As we continue to settle into our new life in Culcairn, we look forward to becoming even more involved in the community and contributing to its growth and vibrancy. This town has already become a special place for us, and we are excited about the future here.

We are deeply grateful for the warm welcome we have received, and we are proud to call Culcairn our home. Thank you to everyone who has made our transition to this lovely town so enjoyable and fulfilling. We look forward to building lasting connections and creating wonderful memories here in Culcairn.



CULCAIRN SHOW REPORT 2024

The president and committee members would like to thank all who supported this year's Culcairn Show. In particular, and including members of the planning commit-

tee, community volunteers, exhibitors in the pavilion, horse and dog rings, shearing competition, show girl and boy, our sponsors giving of monetary donations and of their time, and also those who attended on the day.

Once again it was a successful show with a great atmosphere all day. Attendance was down on previous years, however, those attending enjoyed being entertained with horse events on the main arena, shearing competitions, pavilion displays, sideshows, something to eat and drink and catching up with other folk. Quite a few attending were visitors to town.

Thanks also goes to those who at the last minute were available to help with music, sides shows and stewarding. The wood chop cancellation was beyond our control and last minute changes could not be made as other axemen had made commitments in other locations for the weekend. The committee will continue to investigate what other attractions may draw local people to the show in future.

The committee wish to thank our five major sponsors, those who made smaller donations and those who gave of their time during the year and on show day.

Community members are welcome to join the committee, exhibit or volunteer for the 2025 show year. The 110 Culcairn show will be held on Saturday 4th October 2025.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Before you start decorating, there are some important safety tips to be aware of, to ensure your Christmas doesn't end in disaster.

- * Buy Australian-compliant Christmas lights (noncompliant lights are often sold on the internet from overseas).
- * Check old Christmas lights for damage before re-using them.
- * Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- * Don't alter or modify lights.
- * Ensure all lights, extension leads and power boards are suitable for the intended use (e.g external or internal).
- * Test your safety switch and smoke detector to make sure they are working.
- * Keep Christmas lights out of reach of children.
- * If you have a living Christmas tree, switch off and unplug lights when watering the tree.

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Please note: From January 2025 there will be small emergency kitchen caddy rolls of 25 liners available at Council's Customer Relations Centres and Libraries at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera.

In regards to the compost, at the moment Carbon Mate (who collects the compost) does sell back to Peards in Albury (eg. when you buy a load of 'garden mix' the compost is the base material). The rest goes to broad acre cropping across the Riverina.

Schools and community groups can apply for a free load (one per year) via carbon mates grant program

Carbon Mate » Community Compost Grants Program

There will be some changes to this within the next year, at the moment, these are the options.



CONGRATULATIONS MAX SCHEETZ

MAX SCHEETZ -Awarded the Show Society Medal. Sponsored by Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Recently I had the pleasure of spending a morning with Max and Ruth Scheetz. Max told me of his passion for being a volunteer for The Culcairn Show Society. He quoted me several interesting pointers. There is so much pleasure to be gained by becoming a volunteer. Get

involved! Self achievement is incredibly rewarding. Helping others which all comes back around and into the community. Make new friends.

Max's amazing work has earned him this prestigious award and I feel is well deserved. His commitment to Culcairn (our town) and the Show Society, has been tireless. Max was a Steward in the cattle ring, he spent many hours liaising with others to promote new events and planning for the show. Max is very grateful for the encouragement and support from his family. Congratulations Max! Very well deserved. By Sharon Wonson

HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Henty 9th October 2024. We welcomed new member Rod Taylor and he became our first five minute speaker for the day. Rod told us of the danger of a red haired person getting skin cancers and their removal. Rod had been an apprentice motor mechanic, with lots of beaches and surfing and then on to boat building and then to Telecom. Next he went to Tasmania doing labour hire work and to study Batchelor of Fine Arts majoring in sculpture, with postgraduate in teaching with visual arts and cross trainer in industrial arts of wood work and metal work. Rod worked teaching at Culcairn and Albury before retiring and travelling as he chooses.

Our second five minute speaker was Daphne Hannam, who told of her adventures in Vietnam, with lots of walking in lots of heat and humidity and much bravery to cross roads. Hotels were air conditioned at night. The group of 20 tourists went to Cu Chi Tunnels where 10,000 people lived during the American War (10 years from 1965). Then on to factories where workers affected by the results of Agent Orange became visible with generational loss of limbs and other abnormalities. The workers made beautiful pictures from silk and using egg shells and sea shells. Everyone worked. Daphne told of being taken by small punts to see hundreds of monkeys living among cliffs. Did sound like a very happy time. After morning tea, Libby Draper Smith introduced us to Faith Rogers on Being your best person. Faith spoke on smiling, finding what makes us happy, walking, finding a hobby , feeding ourselves well, making plans for the future and volunteering in the community, all to help our own mental health.

Daphne presented Faith with our token of thanks, the Probus pen.

Kevin has raised the possibility of coffee mornings at various towns and Yvonne has ongoing people from the media, wanting to know about the beanie festival. Will we do it again??

We next meet at Culcairn bowls club, Wednesday November 13th at 9.30 for a 10.00.am start. We are hoping to have antique pieces brought by members for our guest to choose pieces for discussion.

We love to share our day with guests, hope you will come too.

CULCAIRN TOWN TENNIS CLUB

Culcairn Town Tennis Club season is now into the third week of competition. With Section 3B winning against Gerogery West and Howlong and being defeated by Henty. Section 4 are still to win a game but improving each week.

We have two teams entered this year Section 3B and Section 4. At the Annual General Meeting, Jesse McElhinney was elected as President, with Lauren Saunder as Secretary and Rick Meyers as Treasurer.

It is not too late for anyone wishing to put their names down to play Saturday tennis. They can get in touch with Jesse on 047 476 4591

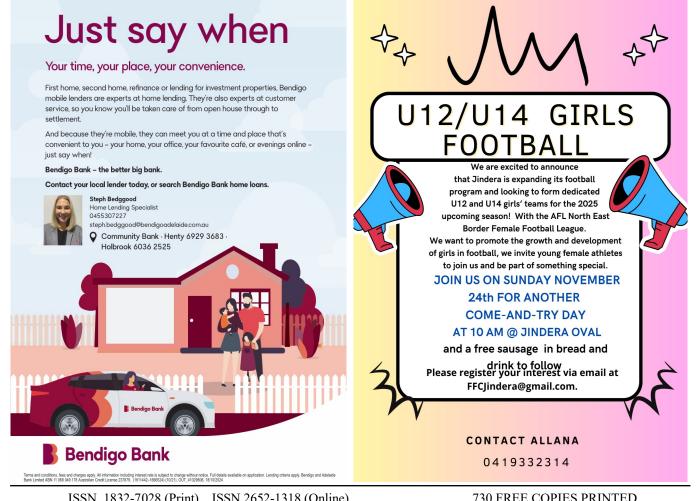
Courts are open of a Saturday afternoon on home games for anyone wishing to come and have a social hit with their friends. Balls are available at the Clubhouse.

We are in the process of erecting a "Hitting Wall" on the Eastern side of the courts for anyone wishing to practice on it. This will be ready in the coming weeks.

Scott Fagan will be running a Coaching Clinic starting in the next few weeks with the start day and date depending on numbers enrolled. For enquiries regarding the Clinic ring Scott on 0431 614 242 or go to our Facebook Page. Our club with be subsidising half of the cost of the lessons per child.

Our yearly membership fee has been set at \$160 for a family, \$70.00 per adult and \$35 for Students.

Follow Culcairn Town Tennis Club on Facebook to see the latest information.

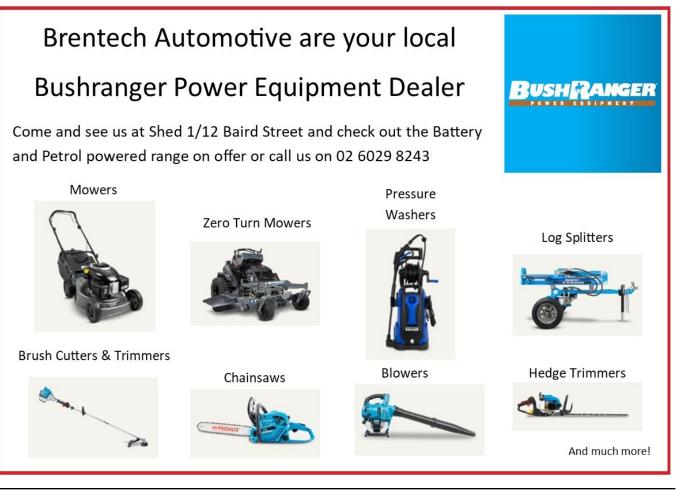




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If you have held an event, please send us a report with photos or let us help to promote an upcoming event.

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