



CULCAIRN OASIS

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2024



HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH AT BILLABONG HIGH

Over the past two years seventeen former Culcairn Jaycees and their wives researched and produced from preserved records a 50 year, 150 page never before recorded history of our region. This book the ‘Preservation of History’ was launched at Billabong High School on June 27th last.

Along with ‘why and outcome’ copy on over 30 major projects that created great change in our community, region, across Australia and beyond are 100 photographs and 200 media clips.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, better known as Jaycees was and still is an international educational organization offering individual advancement training to its members. Over 340 young people passed through Culcairn Jaycees Chapter changing many lives.

Two of its most successful projects created became multi million dollar industries annually. One being regional, the other Australia wide in international inbound tourism. Both having a lifespan thirty years beyond the Culcairn Chapter’s 26 year life. The book is available at several commercial outlets in Culcairn and the Walla Walla Pharmacy at a subsidized cost of \$30.00. All proceeds go to Culcairn Lions Club community projects.

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Photo Left to Right: Billabong High School Captains Callie and Harry showing the school’s gifted ‘Preservation of History’ books after the book launch on June 27th 2024 with presenters Neville Lowe and Allan Mackie, both past President’s of Culcairn Jaycees.

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL

St Joseph's have had a very busy month. Years 5/6 have undertaken the sacrament of Confirmation. We were blessed to have Bishop Mark here for their retreat day and to perform the sacrament that night.

Two of our year 6 students, Pippa and Saysha undertook the Lions Spelling Competition, We were successful in winning the competition with a whopping 91 words correct.

Five of our students represented the school at the Diocesan Athletics carnival with our Relay team placing 2nd. Our team will now progress to the Mackillop Athletics Carnival in Sydney.

St Joseph's celebrated NAIDOC day last week with art, song, food, indigenous games and artefact investigation. A fun and informative day was shared by all.

Year 5/6 visited the Culcairn Early Childhood Centre last week conducting science activities with the daycare children. These visits are ongoing, students are engaging in their local community and building their leadership skills.

All our students are currently participating in a five week gymnastics programme concluding with a day at the Albury facility. Our students are learning new and wonderful skills.



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DEADLINE

Next deadline—12pm Mon 2nd September 2024

Folding Date—Fri 6th September 2024 at 1pm

Delivery Date—Wed 11th September 2024

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

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OASIS NOT IN YOUR LETTERBOX?

If you have not received the Oasis in your letterbox, copies have been left at the following locations in Culcairn - Council Office, Foodworks and Feed the Soul Coffee Shop. You can also access the Oasis online at <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/Culcairn-Oasis>


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WE WANT YOUR ARTICLES



We greatly appreciate all those who make contributions to the Oasis, please keep them coming. In addition we would like to encourage material from as many people and community groups as possible. This will help make the Oasis a more informative and interesting read. We will readily expand from 8 to 12 pages if more material is forthcoming. If you have held an event, please send us a report with photos or let us help to promote an upcoming event. Any item that you think might be of interest is welcome.

The deadline for each issue is the 1st Monday of each month. Please email your item to culcairnoasis@outlook.com.



17th – 19th September 2024

**Volunteers needed to work in the
FOOD SHED**

**PREPARING
FOOD**
Rolls, sandwiches
and salads

COOKING
BBQ and chips

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Food and drinks

Helpers needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (17-19/9)

- No experience is necessary → Only a positive attitude and willingness to help your community is needed.
- High school students are welcome.....and strongly encouraged to be involved.
- Shifts will be 4 hours → For the rest of the day you are free to wander.
- You will be provided with a free entry ticket to the site on the day(s) you volunteer as well as lunch from our food shed.

Over many years the Culcairn Football and Netball Club, Tennis Club and Culcairn Public School have benefited greatly from running a food shed at the HMFD. Members of these are strongly encouraged to volunteer some time to assist their club.....but anyone (and everyone) in the community is welcome to be involved. Running one of the FOOD SHEDS this year is an opportunity for us to raise money for groups in our town. To register your willingness to help out contact - Susan Wright (0409 297197)

Do YOU have a passion for community?



STAND AS A CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS A GREATER HUME COUNCILLOR

If you have a strong sense of community and are keen to make a difference, consider nominating for the 14 September 2024 Greater Hume local government elections. Local councils are the level of government closest to the community. They provide

key infrastructure, facilities and services to local residents and are integral to improving the lifestyle and amenities of the local communities. Nominations open Monday, 5 August 2024 and close 12pm Wednesday, 14 August 2024. For more information on becoming a Councillor and how to nominate visit the Greater Hume Council Website/Local Government Elections.



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Join the Culcairn Henty Uniting Church for a recital performance by the Australian Army Band Kapooka and Iilysh Retallick, followed by High Tea, to support people living with motor neurone disease and their families.

Event Details:

Sunday August 25
2pm – 4pm

St Andrews Uniting Church,
48 Balfour Street, Culcairn.
Donation at the door for entry

Support the event and people living with MND at mndblue.org.au/magicalmusic

SCAN ME



CULCAIRN SHOW REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024

The 2024 show will be held in Culcairn at the Sports and Show Grounds on Saturday 5th October, the Saturday of the October Long Weekend.

The committee elected Andrew Godde as President, Max Scheetz and Narelle Hogg as vice presidents and Stephen Trickett as secretary treasurer. The committee has been meeting and planning the show.

This year's show will feature the usual events including horse, dog, shearing, pavilion activities. The committee has decided to have the judging of the Pot Plants and Floral Art Section on the Friday afternoon before the show. Entries for all pavilion sections will close on Friday 27th September, one week before the show.

Returning by popular demand, is the wood chopping exhibition. There will be three exhibition events during the day.

The 2024 show will see the continuation of kids activities including kids cooking, floral art, school art, photography, Leggo, scarecrow competition, displays of school work and the sporting activities on the main oval. These include netball goal shoot, forty goal kick, tennis and cricket activities with no entry fees for all these events.

A little bit of history. The 2024 show marks 100 years since Bell Family Amusements had a boxing ring in town. Bells Amusements, based on the South Coast of NSW, are still operating Amusements.

From late August check for changes to the show facebook page, our new web page and the show schedule booklet. The booklet will also be in electronic form and can be down loaded from the show facebook page, show website, the Greater Hume Council web site and Agricultural Society's Council web site as well.

We will also have signs up around town with important information on them in the weeks before the show. Watch for further information in the September edition of Oasis. The next meeting of the society will be held in the Andrew Hoy Pavilion on Monday 19th August, 2024. On Show Day any new volunteers are welcome to assist..

Committed to our region.



Justin CLANCY MP
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HENTY- CULCAIRN PROBUS

Henty Culcairn Probus met at the newly renovated Henty Library.

Warren welcomed us and thanked library staff for our opportunity to have a day at the library/council office. Staff member Jo spoke of Susan Kane applying for grants to update bathrooms, fresh paint and carpet, and new front door and shelving and to be a new front desk to assist folks in wheel chairs to deal better with council and library matters.

The programmes already held included Women's week high tea, which was booked out, there is technology assistance and clay earring making in all libraries of the group.

Library/council office is to be open over four afternoons at twenty hours per week .

School children have storytime and there are Ipads to be on loan.

Alison Schuster thanked Jo and presented her with our Probus pen

Warren spoke of Probus travel benefits

New member, Robyn Lane was our five minute speaker and she thanked library staff for being her best friends and helping with computing.

Robyn told of her best Christmas meal ever in 1991 in the midst of bush fires.

The plan had been to have prawns with her daughter, but instead her SES alarm had sounded and the world appeared dark at 11.00am, there was fire at Silverdale .

Robyn tells us that heroism is an act of stupidity that you got away with.

The local hall was still standing and lunch was tomato sandwiches with no trimmings, for the homeless, helpless and happy.

Warren presented our Probus pen to Robyn. We thank her for a most thought provoking story. Yvonne Introduced Archival films and Warren told how he had worked with Ken Hall of Cinesound and then Channel 9.

We saw advertising for cactoblastus caterpillars and then the need through World War 2 for 500women to work towards sending food to our soldiers.

There was the Otway ranges and Lorne advertised and then E.V.B. Sampson, Country party candidate introducing his family and telling us that he wanted to represent Australians in Parliament.

We saw the Mallee desert with trees removed to make a dust bowl and then farmer Hoffmeyer who planted trees to save his farms from the dust storms.

From the National film archives we have seen the 1915 Melbourne cup, the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Then war in Australia and Kokoda front lines, the work of Damien Parer as he described our country being in peril.

Yvonne was thanked for her effort in providing the most interesting film footage.

We send our love to those dealing with illness and injuries, and look forward to seeing lots of members and guests at Culcairn 14th August 9.30 for a 10.00am start for the Great Beanie Handover to the Seaman's mission. We could all wear our own beanies too.

About the Bush Who's hoo owl-wise?

It was such a treat for me recently to hear two Barking Owls calling back and forth to one another along Billabong Creek on the edge of the golf course just on dusk. This is the first time I have heard their distinctive "woof woof" calls around town.

Listed as a threatened species in NSW, Barking Owls look a bit like the more common Southern Boobook Owl (also known as a Mopoke), but are bigger, less dumpy and have larger yellow eyes. Unlike many other owls, Barking Owls are not strictly nocturnal, and tend to be most active in the twilight hours and early morning when they hunt and ambush prey such as birds, large insects and Squirrel Gliders.

There are believed to be several reasons for the ongoing decline in Barking Owl populations, including habitat fragmentation as more woodlands and forests are cleared, loss of old trees with large hollows needed for nesting, and secondary poisoning from eating rats or mice affected by brodifacoum-based rodenticides. So please, next time you buy mouse baits, spare a thought for our awesome owls and raptors, and avoid baits with Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone or Difenacoum as the active ingredient.

Other owls that you may see or hear around our region include Southern Boobooks (with their distinctive "mo-poke" call), and Eastern Barn Owls (that have blood-curdling shrieks as part of their repertoire).

Although not strictly in the owl family, three other nocturnal birds can be occasionally heard or spotted in woodlands around our region. The smallest of these is the Owlet Nightjar (also known as the Fairy Owl) that hunts its insect prey either on the wing or by pouncing on it on the ground. Its larger relatives are Spotted Nightjars and Tawny Frogmouths, the latter of which most people are familiar with for their habit of posing as sticks on tree branches and their distinctive "ooomm, ooomm, ooomm" resonant call at night.

Next time you are out and about in a bushland setting, keep an ear out for the calls of owls and other nocturnal birds. I'm sure it will be a hoot!

Left to right: Barking Owl, Owlet Nightjar
by Colleen O'Malley



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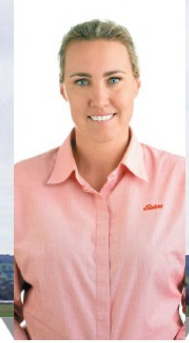
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