

## **CULCAIRN OASIS**

CULCAIRN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2024



## BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

The volunteering program for students recommenced this year with 48 students from Billabong High School volunteering at the Henty Machinery Field Days, for anywhere from one to three days. Various roles were taken on, from serving and cooking in the various community food sheds, helping park cars, cleaning and servicing toilets, gate entry, and parcel pickup.

The volunteering program is not compulsory but is encouraged as it gives students important experience and helps community groups achieve their fundraising goals. Thanks to the students who volunteered!



### HENTY FIELD DAYS

I worked in with the Culcairn crowd at the food canteen at the Henty Field Days. It was so much fun, I thoroughly enjoyed it and customers were not queuing for long at all. The younger people did a brilliant job serving and restocking fridges and the Bain Ma-

rie with food and drinks. Susan Wright did a fantastic job of organizing rosters, stock ordering, planning and looking after us. Here are some of the photos I took. Sharon Wonson.



#### FIRE AND RESCUE CULCAIRN



Fire and Rescue NSW Station 272 Culcairn recently competed in the Firefighter championships in Kelso. The team will represent their station again at the State Firefighter Championships in Wagga Wagga October 24-26. The state championships will run over three days where the teams

compete in a range of events which feature the skills and training necessary for firefighting. Spectators are welcome to watch the events at Anderson Oval each day <u>from 8am</u>. On <u>Friday October 25</u> there will be a community event at the Riverside Precinct, Wagga Wagga <u>from 6:30pm</u> with displays from all emergency services - police, ambulance, SES.



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#### DEADLINE

## Next deadline—12pm Mon 4th November 2024

Folding Date—Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 1pm Delivery Date—Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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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 <a href="https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/">https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/</a>

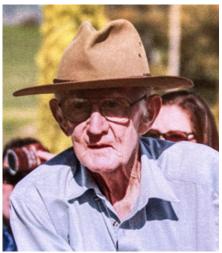
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### VALE GEOFF TREBLEY

Malcolm Geoffrey TREBLEY. Known as Geoff. 10th September 1940 - 18th March 2024



Geoff Trebley lived next door to me he was a wonderful neighbor and friend and knew much about gardening and we really miss him. He was always there to give me tips on different plants and skite about his much-loved orchids. He looked after our dogs,

two Maltese Shitzu, on many occasions. One of our dogs was called Benny, but Geoff called him Rough and Tough. Geoff made me laugh. He was the best neighbor anyone could ask for.

Geoff completed his apprenticeship in 1962 and so began a successful career in building industry spanning over 50 years. The first house that Geoff ever built from scratch to completion is the cottage visible from The Culcairn to Morven road at Round Hill.. Geoff had to ride his bicycle to the job. One outstanding achievement was when he was awarded the Victorian Foreman of the year in 2007.

Geoff and Robyn have two children Mark and Donna that has resulted in nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Geoff and Robyn eventually purchased a home in McBean Street Culcairn and over the years Geoff converted the house into a comfortable family home. Geoff was an active participant in both local and interleague Australian Rules football and tennis. Along with his gardening and bonsai interests Geoff was quite a keen fisherman with regular trips undertaken with Nan and Pop Brand and other family members. Playing euchre and cribbage was another favourite hobby with Geoff passing on the skill to many of his grandchildren.

Around 1969 Geoff joined the New South Wales Fire Brigade in Culcairn. During this time he helped protect the town as the 1969 bushfires approached. He worked on fires at the Culcairn Central School and regular chimney fires at the Culcairn Hotel amongst others.

Almost all his 83 years saw Geoff healthy and very active with mowing lawns and odd jobs for many in town as well as for his family. In typical Geoff fashion he volunteered to repair the staircase at the old station masters house, Culcairn Museum. Whilst completing this job he set about repairing sub boards and doors for the museum.

Geoff recently became unwell, and he enjoyed lots of ice cream delivered by his son Mark to his hospital bed side. Geoff passed away peacefully with his daughter Donna steadfastly by his side.

We will miss you Geoff. By Sharon Wonson (With permission from Mark Trebley)

## Calling for Nominations of Greater Hume's Top Citizens

Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year
Sports Person/Team of the Year Sports Volunteer of the Year
\*Volunteer/Volunteer Group of the Year\* New Award

## Applications close Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Online nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website (www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) or a hardcopy can be picked up at one of Councils Customer Relation Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera.

Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held in Henty on Sunday, 26 January 2025.



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#### IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is underway and we are enjoying longer days with frosts fading. It's time to think about planting. Wait for warmer soil and frost-free nights before planting out. Adding some Marigolds to your vegie patch will give colour, attract pollinators and distract unwanted pest insects from your vegies.

Put in a few lettuces, some basil, parsley and a couple of little tomatoes. Sharing a punnet of plants with a neighbour is a practical idea. Add a few flowers to the mix. Edible flowers include violas and marigolds. Beans (bush and climbing) can go in soon too. Fertilize passionfruit now, being aware that they have a wide spreading root system. Don't forget the liquid Sulphate of Potash to promote flowers and fruit.

We've just had our Culcairn show and I hope people enjoyed exhibiting in the Pavilion. Roses are starting their Spring display. Most bulbs will have finished by now but wait till the foliage dies back and continue to water as this put's nutrients in the bulb ready for next year's flowering.

Time to find some "Open Gardens" in the area—worth a visit and good places to get some new ideas.

Burrumbuttock flower show has a wonderful display of pots, arrangements and cut flowers.

Make a Hydration station (Watering Point) for Pollinators- place pebbles in the water as landing places and a rag wicking out of the Birdbath, for the bees.

Use mulch to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and keep plants cool.

Enjoy your Garden, Margaret Pumpa

## CULCAIRN GARDEN CLUB DISPLAY







Culcairn Garden Club has been putting on a display at Culcairn Show at the Pavilion since 2016. Every year is a different theme. This year's theme was Culcairn Garden Club 'Garden and Floral Art Display'. A big Thankyou to the members who help me to set up and brought plants and other items along for the display. I heard a lot of positive comments and there were a lot of smiles on children's faces looking at the display. A great job by all involved. Thank you Lolita Landman.



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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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Please email your item to culcairnoasis@outlook.com.

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#### **CULCAIRN MPS NEWS**

Hello and welcome to news from the residents at the Culcairn MPS. We have had a wonderful time here at the MPS during the month of September. We have had a spring dance that brought so much fun and smiles to all our residents. We started to organise our big day back in winter when our AIN Sue suggested that we should have a dance. It didn't take long to find someone to play the music. We would really recommend Allison's Country Keys who played for three hours a wide variety of music. Alison also brought some friends with her that danced to each song giving residents and staff an idea on how to follow along. A gentleman tried to dance with me and let me tell you I was beyond helping. I had three left feet and no sense of direction.

We are grateful to the Culcairn Op Shop for their donation of shirts for our gentlemen and lovely dresses for our ladies. It was lovely to see each resident dress up. We had home made sausage rolls, quiches and party pies with fresh sandwiches for our supper followed by a few different types of slices. The feedback from residents was all positive so we will be booking to have another dance next year. If you would like to consider contacting Alison for one of your events you can contact, her on 0427433037

## HOLBROOK MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE INC.





Clients, Volunteers and interested community members are invited to attend our,

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

10.30am

At the Holbrook Library Meeting Room, Bowler Street, Holbrook.

If you would like to see expanded aged care services with better local area input for our Greater Hume communities and you think you may have relevant skills and qualifications to help us achieve our goals, we invite you to nominate for our Board of Management.

If you are interested, please contact our office for a nomination form.

Nominations accepted up to Monday 28th October 2024.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING. FOR CATERING PURPOSES, PLEASE RSVP TO 02 60363677





#### CULCAIRN COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Blanket squares are knitted and crocheted for charity or you can bring your own project. All welcome.



## **HENTY-CULCAIRN PROBUS**

The September meeting of Probus has been held at Wagga Wagga at the invitation of the Wagga Wagga Probus Club. A luncheon meeting with speeches from both presidents and exchanges of ideas.

The October meeting of our Probus is to be at Henty on the second Wednesday of the month. 9 30am for a 10.00 am start. We are hoping for a discussion on mental health.

The November meeting of Probus is to be at Culcairn, second Wednesday of the month 9 30 am for a 10.00 am meeting. We are hoping to have a speaker to discuss antiques, and members are being asked to bring along a piece no larger than a dinner plate, for the speaker to choose items from which to inform us.

We send our best wishes to those who are recovering from ill health and hope to see you all at our October meeting.









### HOME SUPPORT and MEALS ON WHEELS in the GREATER HUME AREA

We now have **DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE** services available to clients in the Culcairn and surrounding areas. We can also assist you to participate in the community with our Social Support programme; Accompanied activities, shopping, banking, bill paying, assistance to attend appointments, friendly visiting and phone calls. The Emergency Preparedness Assistance programme is also available and a timely reminder to perhaps think about plans for the upcoming hot weather and bushfire season. Our Meals on Wheels menu has been updated for SPRING. There are now even more items for our service users to choose from. We deliver meals to our CHSP (Commonwealth Home Support Programme) clients, as well as clients of other services such as Home Care Package clients, in the Jindera area, every Thursday. Feel free to call us if you need any more information, our wonderful staff will be happy to help out!

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## WHY RECORD HISTORY - PART 1

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. If history had not been recorded in writing, the human race would have no 'news, books, movies or religion', and the lifestyle we live today would not exist.

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.

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