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# **CULCAIRN OASIS**

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## **CULCAIRN LIONS CLUB**

This year marks the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Culcairn Lions Club, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the very first Lions Club in Chicago USA. No matter where Lions Clubs operate, their objects and purposes are always the same, summed up in the Lions motto - "WE SERVE". It is a testament to the functioning of the Club that three of those who were present at formation, are still very active members of our club - David Skinner, Stan Scheetz and Roger Clancy.

Service by the Culcairn Lions has taken many forms over the years including provision of furnishings and equipment for Kiltarn House and the donation of a mobile X-Ray machine to Culcairn MPS and, of course, the clock in the centre of the roundabout was a gift to Culcairn from the Culcairn Lions Club, as was the electric BBQ and shelter at the BUS terminal. The Lions Club also provides monetary awards each year to students at each of our primary schools, as well as two annual awards to senior students at Billabong High School. We have, over the years, assisted local students to attend sporting and educational events that were out of their financial reach, and sponsored students to become exchange students in foreign countries as well as hosting foreign students in our region.

Culcairn Lions Club is a participant in the National Lions Youth of the Year Quest which encourages local young people to compete in areas of community involvement, sporting ability, public speaking and knowledge of local, state and national events and we have also sponsored a local primary school's debating and public speaking competition.

Our attention is not only directed toward our youth however. What many

years ago, started as a Family Fun Day in the Park has now morphed into our annual Seniors' Christmas lunch accompanied by good music and a few raffles for fun. This year the Seniors' Lunch is to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Andrew Hoy Pavilion at the Sportsground.

Providing the services above, as well as many others, comes at a price of many volunteer hours by Club members and the great support of our local residents and businesses. A major source of funds for our Club is through our monthly collection of newspapers for recycling. The more newspaper we can collect, the more we can see to the Albury paper mill, and the more the Culcairn Lions can do in the community. Our sale of Lions Christmas cakes is just commencing and this, too, is a great way to return "service" to the community as well as enjoying a rich, moist fruit cake. Our club also holds wood raffles during the winter months and a garden care raffle in the summer to raise money for Club projects and our Club has been a driving force behind the "White Balloon" project highlighting the need to remove child abuse from communities everywhere.

Underlying all these projects is the desire of each member of the Club is to help our community and to have fun along the way. There is much more to the Culcairn Lions Club than the occasional "sausage sizzle" and if any reader here feels as if they would like to help in any way, or to become a member or to become a member of the Culcairn Lions Club, we would be only too happy to give further information.

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to all our readers and a big thank you all, for your loyal support for our Culcairn Oasis Newsletter. The Culcairn Oasis is for the community and we welcome your stories, articles and photos. Our aim is to supply a good coverage of news and information to the wider community including our farmers and we would welcome your stories and experiences to share with our readers.

Our last Oasis for this year is a combined December-January edition. Maggie and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to bringing out our next edition of the Oasis in February.

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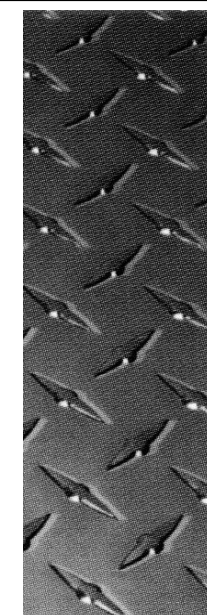
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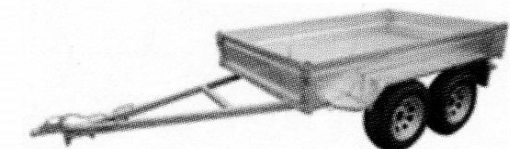


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- Education on caring skills and understanding how to manage mental illness
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Michelle Conroy is the contact person for GHC area

[Michelle.conroy@onedoor.org.au](mailto:Michelle.conroy@onedoor.org.au)

PH: 60215882

Michelle is available to speak with service clubs, community/sporting groups, schools etc about the service and is able to deliver education modules. (No cost)

For more information:

<http://www.onedoor.org.au/services/carers-services>

### **CULCAIRN MPS**

Many hands make light work. Looking for Volunteers to join our programme. You can be part of a regular visiting scheme through LiveWell, or organise with our Activities Officer to join in on particular days. If you're free Tuesday the 5th of December, we are looking for people to assist with transporting Residents down to the Uniting Church Hall for some community interaction and lunch. Contact Maree @ Culcairn Health Service on 6029-8917

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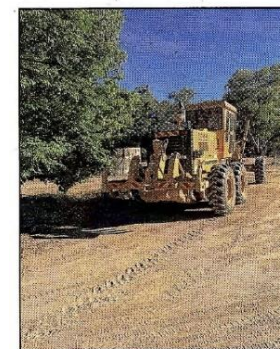
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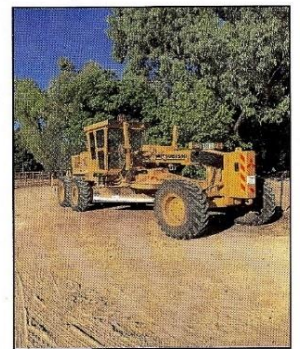
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You know what would have happened if there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, don't you?

They would've asked directions, arrived on time, helped delivered baby Jesus, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought more practical gifts!

### Church Times

Catholic Church; 10am Mass

Harvestlands; 10am every Sunday Culcairn Memorial Hall

Living Word; 10am 37 Henty Street East

Lutheran Church; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30am; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30am

Presbyterian Church; Henty 10.30am

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## Have yourself a Mary little Christmas.

Shouldn't that be, have yourself a merry little Christmas, you ask yourself? Nope. I want you to have a Mary little Christmas this year. What does a Mary little Christmas look like? Well it comes from a story Luke records in the Bible.

Luke tells us that one-day Jesus and his disciples were travelling and they came to a village and there they met a lady named Martha who welcomed Jesus and opened her home to him. Martha had a sister named Mary who decided to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to everything that he said, once he arrived.

Straight away Luke paints a picture of two different sisters. Martha was the responsible one, always volunteering, always making sure everything is in place. She is one of the 20% of people who do 80% of the work. She is the one who would make sure people are welcomed and cared for. Mary on the other hand was different. She wanted to know Jesus. Instead of being busy with activity, she wanted to know what Jesus came to do. She sat at Jesus's feet which is a symbol of attention and respect.

But then on one day, Martha became agitated. She was distracted by all the preparations. Eventually she went to Jesus and said "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" Effectively she was saying to Jesus that things were getting too much and Mary won't lift a finger to help. And Jesus replied "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The one thing that is better, the thing that is needed is to see Jesus and to listen to him. That's the thing we all need to choose. And when we do it will never be taken away from us.

Too many of us at Christmas are like Martha. We run here there and everywhere. We cook, we clean, we tidy up. We make all these preparations and try to welcome everyone. We run ourselves off our feet and we miss the whole point of Christmas which is Jesus. What makes Christmas what it is, is Jesus. If you took Jesus out of Christmas it be would be like giving a present to someone, only for them to open it and there is nothing inside.

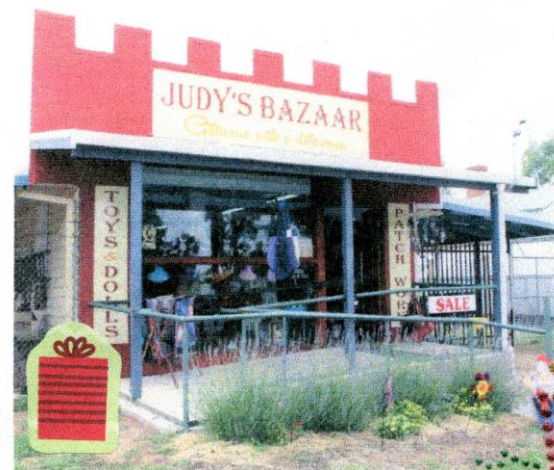
So, this Christmas why don't you do a Mary? Why don't you look into what makes Jesus so special? What is it exactly that causes this celebration every year for the last hundreds of years. Why is this Jesus, who came into this world nearly 2000 years ago so special? And why is Jesus the only thing that is needed? As you answer those questions you will begin to see that the greatest gift anyone can give us is Jesus and that is what God has done. You will also see what a joy and a blessing it is sit at his feet and listen to him.






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#### **The Royal Antediluvian order of Buffaloes**

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at the meeting Hall, 2 Day St. Henty (bring the family)

December 10, 2017 at 2.00 pm

For Further information call Ken on 0467 410 346

#### **A REMINDER TO PUT YOUR NEWSPAPERS OUT FOR COLLECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE CULCAIRN LIONS CLUB.**

Put them out on Friday evening the **24th November**, they will be  
collected early Saturday morning.

See the calendar for other dates.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Are you sick of cooking every day? Holbrook- Walla Walla - Culcairn Meals on Wheels has a special "Free Trial" introductory offer for eligible \*new clients. We are your local government accredited and Department of Health audited service provider for Meals on Wheels and Social Support throughout the Walla Walla, Culcairn, Holbrook, and Greater Hume Shire areas.

Our meals are prepared under the HACCP food safety guidelines. In line with the National meal guidelines for older people, our meals provide a strong foundation for a nutritious diet containing a balanced diet in every meal. We have a range of meals which contain no artificial colours, no artificial flavourings and no fillers. Real Food for Real people!

A very large menu of over 70 items including soups, small meals, regular meals and desserts is available for you to choose from. Weekly, fortnightly, monthly meal delivery - You choose what you want to eat and when. You might prefer a less frequent delivery for when you just don't feel like cooking.

We have several different suppliers providing home style cooked meals such as casseroles, pastas, curries and roast meals as well as gourmet meals such as Atlantic Salmon or King Prawns.

Our Social Support programme can provide assistance with attending appointments, shopping or banking. We can also help you attend regular outings and day trips.

We are here to assist you to remain in living independently in your own home and can help you access other available services through the My Aged Care scheme.

If you require more information on Meals on Wheels or Social Support please give our office a call on 02 6036 3677. Our staff are very happy to answer your questions.

\*Eligible Clients: People aged over 65 or aged over 50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and younger disabled and their carers.





## Meals on Wheels Holbrook-Walla Walla

Providing **Meals on Wheels** and **Social Support** throughout the Holbrook, Culcairn, Walla Walla and Greater Hume Shire areas.

- We can assist you to remain in living independently in your own home. \*
- Weekly, fortnightly, monthly meals delivery—the choice is yours.
- Large menu of soups, meals and desserts to choose from.
- Assistance with attending appointments, shopping or banking.
- Friendly visiting
- Regular outings and day trips

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a meal

For more information, please contact Sue or Lyn on 02 60363677

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### Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

**WHEN** - Friday 26 January 2018

**WHERE** - Jindera Recreation Reserve, Jindera

**TIME** - 8 am for Breakfast, 9 am Official Ceremony commences.

**COST** - FREE

**OFFICIAL EVENTS** - Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, Presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer Awards and Community Event of the Year, Presentation of School Citizenship Awards.

**FACILITIES** - Plenty of shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent.

**DIRECTIONS** - Corner of Urana and Dight Streets.

The Jindera Community welcomes everyone to continue the celebrations following the Official Australia Day Ceremony.

#### Events planned:

Jindera Swimming Pool will be open with the Pool Inflatable  
Childrens Activity Area  
Jindera 150th Celebrations Heritage Display  
and lots more.

Check the Australia Day page on [www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) for up to date details.

For more information contact the Tourism and Promotions Officer, Greater Hume Council on 02 6036 0186.



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#### "FIRST TUESDAY CLUB MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON"

This lovely Lady, Fay, won the prize for the best hat at our luncheon on Melbourne Cup Day at the Uniting Church Hall. Prizes were Also awarded for other hats and fascinators. Bev and Florence looked stunning in their original creations. Ron was the best dressed gent.





## It's School Holidays and Family/Friends are Visiting!

Here are some ideas on exploring our environment, experiencing our history and heritage and enjoying Greater Hume.



- Beat the summer heat at swimming pools in Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla.
- Pack a picnic and enjoy the 360° views from atop Morgan's Lookout at Walla Walla.
- Submerge yourself at HMAS Otway and Holbrook Submarine Museum to experience a submariner's life.
- Experience the magic of the Gerogery Dolls Museum with thousands of dolls from barbie's to teddy bears.
- Explore Woomargama National Park's natural surroundings on the 4WD tracks, pitch a tent in the camp grounds or take a walk up to Hanel's Lookout to experience spectacular views of the countryside.
- Discover local flora and fauna at Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, Burrumbuttock.
- Take a Sunday drive across the Murray River on the Wymah Ferry and stop by the Wymah Museum for some local history.
- Skate into Henty, Holbrook or Jindera and show off your moves at the skate park.
- A round of golf at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera.
- Challenge your mates to an action packed game of paint ball at Paintball Albury Wodonga (over 16s only).
- Take a step back into time and experience the local history of Holbrook at the Woolpack Inn Museum and Jindera Pioneer Museum.
- Get on your bike and peddle your way around the Culcairn Bike Track.
- Drop in a line at fishing spots along the Billabong Creek or the Murray River and Lake Hume.
- Farm machinery enthusiasts, visit Headlie Taylor Header and Ed's Old Farm Machinery Museum at Henty.
- Head into your local library at Culcairn, Henty or Holbrook and grab a book, DVD or magazine or play a game on the computer or gaming consoles.
- Potter around the National Museum of Australian Pottery, Holbrook to learn the history Australian pottery from convict potters.
- Explore our railway heritage at the Stationhouse Museum in Culcairn, walk in the footsteps of a station master.
- Learn how newspapers were printed at the Observer Printery Museum in Henty, with original machinery.
- Walk or hike along the Hume & Hovell Track from Lankey's Creek or Woomargama or Bowna.
- Experience our heritage along the Heritage Trails at Burrumbuttock, Walla Walla and Woomargama.
- Go birdwatching or view our beautiful wetlands at Doodle Comer Swamp, Henty and Gum Swamp, Walla Walla.
- Drive the Holbrook Landcare Self-Drive Eco Tour to learn how Landcare is addressing problems like salinity, erosion, declining water quality and loss of bio diversity.
- Ride the Miniature Railway through Holbrook's Ten Mile Creek Gardens and Ian Geddes Bush Walk.
- A hit of tennis at courts located at Brocklesby, Bungowannah, Burrumbuttock, Cookardinia, Culcairn, Gerogery, Gerogery West, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, Little Billabong/Yarra Yarra, Morven, Walbundrie and Wymah.
- Visit heritage places at Sergeant Smyth's Memorial, Henty; John McLean's Memorial, Culcairn; Cobb & Co stables at Round Hill Hotel, Morven; Old School House, Walbundrie and Avro Anson Display, Brocklesby.
- Stop by the Henty Man, Olympic Highway, a tribute to 'The Men of the Road'.
- Enjoy delicious food and relaxing atmosphere at our many cafés, bakeries, restaurants, hotels, wineries and local producers located throughout Greater Hume.

Obtain more information on [www.visitgreaterhume.com.au](http://www.visitgreaterhume.com.au) or pick up a Greater Hume Visitor's Guide at our Visitor Information Centre (15 Wallace St, Holbrook) or one of our Visitor Information Points at Doodle Cooma Craft Shop at Henty, Burrumbuttock General Store, Woolpack Inn Museum at Holbrook, Gerogery Supply Store, Jindera Pioneer Museum, Culcairn Red Cross Craft Shop, Woomargama Post Office, Walla Store and Walbundrie Co-op.



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Community grants totalling \$40,000 announced

Media Release

22 November 2017

A total of \$40,000 has been awarded to 14 community groups as part of Greater Hume Council's 2017-2018 Community Development Grant Program. Following consideration by the Grants Committee, the recommendations were signed off at Council's meeting held last week.

The grants have been awarded for projects aimed at enhancing the range, availability and quality of community facilities throughout the shire with allocation based on merit, need and benefit to the local community and residents. A total of 15 applications were received from seven communities. The funding will support a total value of \$183,658 new community infrastructure. Grants funding was awarded to:

Organisation	Project	Amount Allocated
Burrumbuttock Public Hall	Air conditioning	\$4,000
Holbrook Australian Rules Football Club	Replacement of hot water services	\$3,000
Holbrook Adult Riding Club	Equipment trailer	\$3,750
Jindera Community Forum 150th Celebration	Heritage Plaques	\$3,000
Gerogery Horse Sports Committee	Connection of electricity	\$4,000
Holbrook Amateur Swimming Club	Lane ropes and storage reels	\$3,750
Holbrook Equine Centre	Portable toilets	\$2,750
Jindera Country Golf Club	Renewal of synthetic grass on greens	\$2,000
Henty Park Tennis Club (dependent on the club receiving another grant)	Lighting	\$2,200
Holbrook Early Learning Centre	Playground synthetic grass	\$2,000
Holbrook Community Gym (note this group was successful in 15/16)	Flooring	\$2,800
Jindera Tennis Club (Note, this group was successful in 2016/2017)	Court upgrade	\$3,000
Culcairn Bowling & Rec Club	Children's Play Area	\$2,000
Gerogery Fire Brigade (dependent on brigade providing the matching funding)	Canopy for ute	\$1,750
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$40,000</b>

"Council's recognises the hard-working pool of volunteers across the shire make a vital contribution across a range of facilities and activities. Many volunteers help Council maintain public infrastructure like halls, parks, tennis courts and recreation reserves which provide many opportunities for community wellbeing and connectedness" said Mayor, Cr Wilton.

I am delighted to announce this year's grants in recognition of such efforts, added Mayor Wilton.

For further information please contact:

Steven Pinnuck	General Manager	M: 0429 310 205
Cr Heather Wilton	Mayor	M: 0499 989 238



## **HENTY CULCAIRN PROBUS CLUB REPORT**

The November meeting of the Henty/Culcairn Probus Club was held on a glorious spring morning at the Culcairn Bowling and Recreation Club. 39 members and 4 visitors were welcomed by President Eleanor. A minute's silence was observed for the late Graham Booth of Henty. Final arrangements were made for next week's trip to the Bonegilla Migrant Museum Exhibition.

As the day's 5-minute Speaker Alison Schuster recounted an incident where Bushranger Dan Morgan demanded supplies and made threats against workers on Mittagong Station. The property had been purchased by Alison's father in 1929. In his haste to get away Morgan left behind a gun and gun case that bore the initials DM.

Les Dale gave a report on events that had helped shape Henty from 1950 through to 2017. Les believes that the building of the swimming pool was one of the major assets to Henty.

The next meeting of the Club will be at Henty Community Club on Wednesday, December 13. This function will take the form of a luncheon and Christmas celebration, commencing at 11am. The cost of the luncheon is \$20. For bookings phone Alison Schuster on 6929 3313 or Diane Allitt on 6029 8475 by December 6

### **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

Over 60 people enjoyed the Melbourne Cup Luncheon, held at the Culcairn Bowling & Recreation Club on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

A very special event with every detail from floral arrangements of roses, table decorations and a beautiful three course meal complementing a great day.

Fashions on the Field and several raffles provided great entertainment. The Best Dressed Couple went to Susan Hensel and Warren Halverson. Congratulations to Ros Barber, Sue Hensel, Kerrie Fraser, Wendy Howard, Chris Comer and Carol Finlayson, for all they did to help make the day one to remember.

All present are looking forward to next year's Luncheon.



## **DECEMBER & JANUARY IN THE GARDEN**



Why not think of making your own presents for Christmas?

Baskets or tubs of flowers or leafy coloured plants (coneflowers or coleus look great) make a great gift to hang or put on a porch. Herb pots are useful and will last for ages. Use parsley, sage, basil, thyme and even a nasturtium. 🌸

My hydrangeas do well in a southern area, and are flowering now. They need to be watered well to ensure good blooms. Bright red Poinsettias, flowering in pots now are available to light up a space inside for Christmas colour. Also good for verandas. Pots and tubs of petunia look great over the summer period too. Many bright colours available. Time to plant vincas, very tough and do well in hot dry times. Beautiful pinks, reds, whites and mauves. Mine grow in full sun in two old wheelbarrows and add a great splash of colour with a green backdrop. 🐞

Potatoes should be growing well and would benefit from hilling up with soil or hay, to encourage the formation of more tubers. Watch for bugs on your vegies and try companion planting- beans and corn, basil and tomatoes etc.

Now is the time to hand prune wisterias. Don't prune in winter, as you will remove fattening flower buds. Mulch and water are important over summer, more mulch means less water is required. Enjoy your gardening.....Margaret Pumpa. 🌿

### **RETURN THANKS TED GAIN.**

Heartfelt thanks to the people of Culcairn for your support for Ted and myself throughout Ted's illness.

Ted spent three months in Culcairn Hospital where he was looked after with great care by Dr Reddy, Dr Coltheart and all the wonderful staff who nursed him.

Thank you to family and friends for your support, sympathy and flowers.

A Memorial Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Ted's life was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you all from See.





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## VALE GWEN FIFIELD

Gwen Marjorie Fifield, respected life-long Culcairn resident, passed away at her home on October 4 2017 aged 84.

Gwen was born in Culcairn to parents Richard Arthur [known as Arthur] and Mary Elizabeth Thompson on February 10 1933.

Gwen attended Culcairn Central School for most of her education. After she gained her School Certificate Gwen undertook a commercial studies course at Albury High School. Upon completing her schooling Gwen was employed by the Commonwealth Bank in Henty. Later in the 1950's she was able to move back to Culcairn for work. Gwen became the typist for the then Culcairn Shire Council where the indoor staff then consisted of four employees. Gwen was most proficient at her job. There were no computers, spell checks or photocopiers, everything had to be accurately typed.

On May 24 1956 Gwen married Allan Francis Fifield. Together they set up home in McBean Street Culcairn. They made a great team having many shared interests; such as world and current affairs, watching English comedy and old movies on TV. Often Gwen would write notes about news items to discuss with friends when they called. Whilst Allan was involved in community activities it was Gwen who kept the home fires burning. It was Gwen also who listened to Allan's prepared speeches, often making suggestions to him as to their content.

Despite the presence of leeches that would have daunted most females Gwen, as a teenager, taught herself to swim in the Billabong Creek. Later in life she played bowls but it was watching sport on TV that brought her the most pleasure. She viewed tennis, football and horse racing, preferring to watch the Melbourne Cup by herself so she could take in every little detail. Not only did she admire the magnificent horses but enjoyed seeing the various fashions and beautiful roses.

Gwen took a keen interest in her nieces and nephews as well as the children of her friends remembering not only their first names but second names as well. Likewise, with weddings Gwen could recall decades later clothes worn by members of a bridal party. Gwen always took her time viewing photographs noting details that would be missed by others.

Gwen's love of animals was legendary. Her pets were given the best of care. Gwen often took her much loved dog, Toto, for a walk.

Gwen's Funeral Service was held at Culcairn's Uniting Church with Stephen Trickett officiating. Gwen's nieces and nephews also took part in the ceremony by presenting the eulogy, taking a Bible reading and recalling fond memories of their aunt.

Gwen is survived by brothers Jim and David as well as her nieces and nephews.

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## Newsletter

Term 4 – Week 6  
21 November 2017

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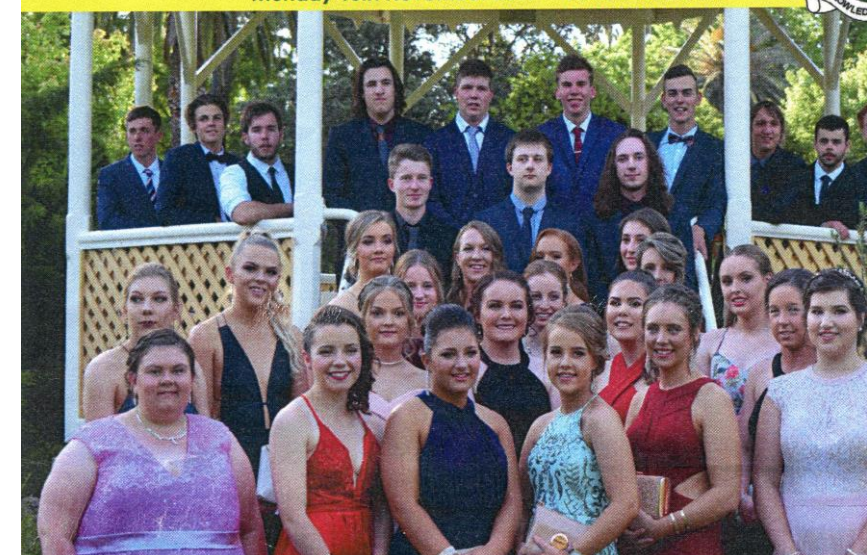


### Oh What A Night

What a great night we had last Friday for our Twilight Markets! The weather assisted to make the evening such a wonderful occasion. The number of people who attended, was a true reflection of the planning which took place in the lead up to the night. A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the evening or in the planning of the event, whether that be by helping on stalls, providing cakes or items to sell, selling raffle tickets or with the organisation. Congratulations needs to extended to the P&C for bringing about such an enjoyable night. Thank you to the markets committee - Laura Fenwick, Joanne Jerrick, Laura Lindley, Alicia Semmler and Teresa McDonald, well led by Jena Kent. This is our major fundraiser for the year and was hugely successful. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle: Debby Graham - 1st Prize Webber BBQ; Terri-Ann Brown - 2nd Prize Mud Kitchen; Sharon Brand - Culcairn Butchery Vouchers. Well done!

## BILLABONG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 13th November 2017 Term 4 Week 6A



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Ham, Turkey and Christmas cheer raffles every Friday during December, tickets on sale from 7pm

Children's Christmas Party, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

Santa will be here with heaps of lollies and prizes to be won.

New Year's Eve, bare foot bowls and entertainment.

4 Members draws will be drawn during the evening, they will be drawn until won.

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### SES Notes

Another month has past and we are now heading into the holiday period.

Your Local SES Unit will be on call as required for General Rescue as well as for Road Crash Emergencies that may impact on our area. There are several factors which can assist both us and yourself as well as Unit Members. Ensure that you secure any items as the weather conditions change often during this period and provide a contact number if you go away, so that they can contact you in case of an emergency.

Ensure any pets are looked after with medicines available if required, whilst you are away, also your contact number and a Vet if needed.

Make sure your security system is working, including Fire Alarms. Like all Emergency Services, numbers of Volunteers are needed. The Culcairn Unit invites people to join the Unit, we meet each Wednesday night at 7.30 at the Unit Headwaters, located in Gamble Street (over railway and head towards underpass, We, as a Unit, trust that you will have a SAFE and an enjoyable holiday period.

(Remember **Phone 132500** to contact the SES if required for General Rescue or 000 in case of other emergencies)



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## AN AUSSIE POEM

The sun was hot already- but it was only 8 o'clock  
The cocky took off in his Ute, to go and check his stock.  
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,  
the float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank  
and saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.  
"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got not no common sense,  
"they won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt  
she'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.  
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free  
and in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down  
if he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.  
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim  
he saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks  
and as he could couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.  
He jumped into the water and away the cocky swam.  
He caught up with her somewhere near the middle of the dam.

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip.  
He tried to grab he sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.  
At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath.  
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.

She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side.  
She swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.  
The round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed  
he still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.  
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away,  
he didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea  
but neither was he ready for what he was soon to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view  
for running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.  
and on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch  
the farmer yelling wildly, "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car.  
The cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far.  
So, bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks  
Spot the hazard. assess the risk. and always wear your iocks!





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The offices would suit an accountant, bookkeeper, financial planner or other professional or small business wishing to extend or provide their services to a small country town located a short distance from Albury. The rooms are available during the hours of Monday to Thursday 12.30pm – 4.30pm, Friday 11.00am – 5.00pm.

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting Council's Manager Corporate Services,  
 Suzanne Klemke  
 T: 6036 0100.

#### The details

\* Offer ends on 8 December 2017. Terms and conditions, fees and charges apply. All information subject to change without notice. Full details available on application.

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#### Fee waiver:

2. To be eligible to save \$625 on home loan fees, a new home loan application must be received before 8 December 2017. A new home loan must be for Purchase and/or Construction for Owner Occupied property. The application must be for the Connect Home Loan Package and the customer must take out two additional or complementary products with Bendigo Bank. Complementary products cannot be from the same product type. Full details available on application.

#### 40,000 Bendigo Rewards Points:

3. 40,000 reward points credited to your Bendigo Platinum Rewards Mastercard when you spend \$1,500 or more on your Bendigo Platinum Rewards Mastercard within 3 months of settlement date. Offer is only available for new credit card applications received before 8 December 2017 on the Connect Home Loan Package.

#### \$100 home and contents insurance cashback offer:

4. The home and contents policy must be maintained for a minimum of three months to receive \$100 cashback. Cashback will be paid within 10 working days into a Bendigo Bank account and only available to first home buyers in regional Victoria. Insurance provided by Insurance Australia Limited ABN 11 000 016 722 AFSL 227681 trading as CGU Insurance. A minimum sum insured may be required for a cashback to apply. No further discounts are applicable. The Bank operates under its own Financial Services Licence and an agreement with the insurers. The Bank receives commission for arranging insurance. This commission forms part of your premium.

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Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money.



**December. Put Me On Your Fridge.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>Red Cross Street Stall</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Craft Shop 9.30am-1pm</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Lions Seniors' Christmas Lunch 12noon Culcairn Sportsground.</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Men's Shed</b>	<b>5</b> <b>"Stepping Out" Exercises Hospital Community Room 10.00am-12.00pm</b> <b>Final "First Tuesday Club Lunch" 12noon until February</b> <b>Culcairn MPS-Cards 1.30pm</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>Final Euchre from 1.30pm</b> <b>Bowling Club</b> <b>SES</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>Bingo Bowling Club 7pm</b> <b>Lions</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Craft Shop 9.30am-1pm</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Free Buffalo BBQ At Henty.</b>  <b>See add in Newsletter</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Men's Shed</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Final Knitting 9.30-11.30am at Library until February</b>  <b>Culcairn MPS-Cards 1.30pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>Probus Christmas Lunch 11am Henty. Register with Di 6029-8475 by 6th</b> <b>SES</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>Bingo 7pm Bowling Club</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Children's Party 7pm</b> <b>Bowling Club</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Craft Shop 9.30am-1pm</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Final Men's Shed until Feb</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Culcairn MPS-Cards 1.30pm</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>SES</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>Red Cross Market Day</b> <b>Bingo 7pm Bowling Club</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Craft Shop 9.30am-1pm</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Culcairn MPS- 9.00am Cooking/Craft and Bingo 2.00pm</b> <b>SES</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Bingo Bowling Club 7pm</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Newspapers on the verge for pick-up tomorrow by Lions Club of Culcairn.</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Bare Foot Bowls &amp; Entertainment Bowling Club</b>						