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**The Winterbourne Wind team
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Farmers Market, and of course,
you can call in to the office at
any time.**

Want to be a comedian?

Kids, want to learn the art of being a stand up comedian? Don't miss this very rare opportunity to learn from one of Australia's acclaimed comedians, Anthony Lamond at a workshop next weekend in Walcha.

Anthony has hosted and produced over 750 shows all around Australia with high profile comedians such as Dave Hughes, Jimeoin, Fiona O'Loughlin, Peter Rowsthorn, Cal Wilson, Merrick Watts, Lawrence Mooney, The Old Fella, Chris Franklin, Heath Franklin, Bob Franklin and any other Franklin that has done Stand Up Comedy!

The free workshop will provide lots of laughs and a heap of fun activities to help your public speaking. It is for those in Years 6-12. It will be held from 9am on Saturday 24 April at Walcha MPC, and includes lunch and dinner, as well as a free t-shirt. There is a free evening performance with Anthony bound to have you in stitches, and parents are invited along to watch.

Cassie McKenna is happy to answer any questions and provide information on 67742550 or library@walcha.nsw.gov.au. Kids, don't miss out, book in now!

New gym opens



Walcha's spacious new gym opened on Monday and features a large area filled with equipment, as well as a separate group fitness room, and full bathroom facilities.

Built courtesy of a grant from the Stronger Country Communities Fund, the facility is open from 4am to midnight every day, with access available by scanning a fob.

The gym is being operated by Walcha Council, with fobs available at the Council for a \$40 bond (\$20 if you exchange your existing fob). In addition, membership fees for the gym are payable at the Council office and are: PAYG \$10 per visit, Weekly \$25, Monthly \$60, 6 months \$250, Annual \$350. As an introductory offer, all annual memberships will receive an additional month for free at present.

Council's Director of Environment and Development, Lacey Latham thanked the Walcha Community Fitness Club for their assistance in

getting the new gym up and running. "The Club have successfully run the gym for many years and donated the equipment to Council for the new gym, which is greatly appreciated."

At present the gym is only available for those 16 years and over, however Council will review this restriction in due course and consider how those under 16 can access and use the equipment in a safe manner.

Personal trainers are able to register with Council to use the facilities for an annual registration fee of \$150.

The spacious Group Fitness Room can be accessed without being a member of the gym and is available to book for group activities at a cost of \$15/hour. "Please send your application in writing to Council with your preferred dates and times for this room," Lacey said.



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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

The inevitability of winter is much clearer following a few days with quite good frosts. The night time temperatures have changed dramatically over the last fortnight, having been regularly in the low teens until last week down to single figures now, and below! To wake up to a frost on Sunday was a surprise, and now after a couple more good ones, we seem to be getting in the groove. The tomatoes are well and truly done. We have been so lucky with the weather to date, having missed the trauma of the really heavy and damaging rain received on the coast, and having had such a mild summer. Had we had another hot dry summer after such a great year last year and the bulk of dry feed, we would have had a seriously elevated fire risk to deal with. We have had a great run.

Livestock markets are much the same as they were a couple of weeks ago, prior to Easter. However, lambs do appear to be easing in value as numbers hit markets, particularly in the south. The reports make interesting reading with heavy lamb numbers up week on week from last year by as much as 42%. This is a legacy of the mild summer as producers have retained lambs to put on weight rather than sell them in late spring. I think it is much more to do with price. For some time now a store lamb has been selling as well as a light to medium trade lamb. For arguments sake, you have been able to sell a good store lamb at around 35kg LW for around \$170 and higher on occasions. If you do the maths, a 22kg DW lamb (Est 46kg L/W) has been worth about the same or a little more for some time. Therefore, producers have had the opportunity due to favourable seasonal conditions, to take their lambs on to much heavier weights to realise \$200 to \$220. I suspect once this carry over of lambs from spring have gone through over the next month to six weeks, we will start to see some improvement in values again.

The other activity that will take priority over selling lambs is farming and there will be plenty of tractors on paddocks in the coming weeks. I was talking with contacts in the central west this week and it will be a while before some farmers can get on their country to plant crops. There is still a lot of water lying around in places and it is not going anywhere fast. I know of one farmer trying to move water off farming paddocks and in his case he has pumped 25 megs off one paddock trying to dry it out, and there is still a long way to go. Since the rain down there though, the mouse problem appears to be slowing down dramatically. One farmer I spoke with says they have all but disappeared in the last couple of weeks. The rain did a great job for them!

When making a comparison with lambs, the mutton indicator value is extraordinary and demand for mutton is as good as it has ever been. The mutton indicator is currently on 699 c/kg DW which is not too far below the value for some classes of lambs. The strength in this value highlights just how short sheep numbers to process are and how many sheep are being retained for breeding purposes. The latest sheep and lamb survey reveals that the flock is rebuilding and producers are retaining more ewes than has been the case. Lamb numbers are expected to be back to pre-drought numbers by 2022 and mutton numbers for slaughter are not expected to recover to pre-drought numbers until the end of 2023. It will be interesting to follow this recovery and see where prices sit once numbers have returned, but there is still a great deal of enthusiasm about the prospects for sheep and lambs.

The cattle market this last fortnight remains relatively unchanged. Restockers continue to push prices out there with the EYCI sitting above 880 c/kg. There is definitely a trend developing of restockers turning to longer term breeding programs in my view, with young well bred, British bred heifers selling as well as we have ever seen them. If you want to go down that path, it is very difficult to buy quality heifers to join in spring under \$1700 and special lines are making much closer to \$2000. There appears to be opportunity in the preg tested heifers in my view, with plenty of them around and the price range from \$2300 to \$2600. When I first started out as an agent, I was told that a good cattleman only buys preg tested heifers once. Meaning the experience was far more valuable than the outcome! But that was many years ago and the science of EBV's and better calving bulls is much more established now. I think if you can establish the quality of the bulls used and their credentials, the opportunity is there. It appears to me there is a significant advantage having a calf at foot this spring over waiting another year. Who knows what the season or the market will be like by then.

X-ray trial weekly in Walcha

Tamworth X-ray have offered Walcha an increased service for two months to trial weekly X-ray services at Walcha MPS.

For the next two months the X-ray service will be running weekly at Walcha MPS. The morning session will be 11:30am to 12:30pm and the afternoon session will be 1:15pm to 2:30pm.

Bookings can be made weekdays between 8am

and 3:30pm in person at the MPS front reception, or by phoning 6777 4200.

The dates for the service are: 20/4/21 Tuesday, 26/4/21 Monday, 04/5/21 Tuesday, 10/5/21 Monday, 18/5/21 Tuesday, 24/5/21 Monday, 01/6/21 Tuesday, 07/6/21 Monday. So, if you need an X-ray, be sure to utilise this service in Walcha before travelling out of town.

\$47 million in lost, unclaimed super in N.E. Could any of it be yours?

Almost \$13.8 billion in Australians' hard-earned wages is waiting to be claimed, including \$47 million in the New England, in the form of lost and unclaimed superannuation.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said data released by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the financial year ending June 2020 shows that Australian Government reforms have reduced unclaimed super by \$7 billion compared to 30 June 2019. But there is more to be done.

Workers may have lost or unclaimed super if they have:

- Changed their name
- Moved jobs or changed addresses
- Forgotten to update details with their super fund in the last few years

Lost superannuation refers to inactive super fund

accounts and ones that have lost contact with their fund member. By law, the fund is required to transfer certain accounts to the ATO, which then becomes 'unclaimed super money'.

Unlike super funds, the ATO does not charge fees, and thanks to reforms passed by the Federal Government, proactively consolidates any unclaimed super into an eligible, active super account where possible. Those reforms have seen \$7 billion already sent back to workers.

"You may have hard-earned wages waiting to be claimed. By logging into MyGov, and checking for lost super with the ATO, you could boost your super balance.

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letters to the editor



ANZAC Day going ahead in Walcha

We are pleased to announce that this year our ANZAC Day ceremonies and march are able to proceed. Attendees will be asked to adhere to the 1.5 metre social distance rule and will be required to use the QR code to scan in to register their attendance. This will be on display at the entrance to the War Memorial area. For those without appropriate devices, a sign in book will be available.

The dawn service will commence at 0600hrs. It will be followed by breakfast at the memorial which will be bacon and egg rolls, sold by our Auxiliary. The later service will be preceded by our march. Those wishing to march will be asked to gather at the corner of Hill and South Streets at 1030hrs for a 1045hrs step off. The service will begin at the end of the march at 1100hrs. Please be reminded that there is limited seating at the memorial so bringing your own chair will add to your comfort.

At the conclusion of the service, the march will reform and proceed down Derby street to Fitzroy street then disband at McHattan Park. Attendees will then be invited back to the Walcha Bowling Club for a game of 2-Up.

We look forward to your attendance at this most significant and solemn occasion.

Adam Hall

President, Walcha RSL sub-Branch

Find out how to 'Do Work Differently'

Walcha Council and Pointer Remote are teaming up to deliver the 'Doing Work Differently' Program in Walcha.

With a focus on remote work, this program aims to support communities, businesses and individuals to grow and be sustainable.

Featuring eight modules over an eight week period, the program will kick off with an in-person group workshop followed by seven interactive online sessions per week. Participants can choose the business owner/manager program or the individual program for the seven online sessions. All sessions are recorded and you can participate live each week or catch up on the recordings when best suits you.

Each session will feature a live topic expert and will be free for participants.

Module 1.....Time Management, Organisation and Leadership (in person in Walcha)

Module 2.....Change Management

Module 3.....Understanding your personality for work

Module 4.....Growing Your Remote Team (Business) or Resume building and interview skills (Individual)

Module 5.....Managing the Wellbeing of your Remote Team (Business) or Managing the Work/life blend (Individual)

Module 6.....Strategic Virtual Networking for Business Growth (Business) or Networking remotely to grow your career (Individual)

Module 7.....Technology Tools and Know-How

Module 8.....Connectivity 101

Preference will be given to those affected by bushfires in 2019/2020, however, all Walcha LGA women are encouraged to register.

Join us at the Walcha Vet Services upstairs function room on Wednesday 21st April at 10am or at Walcha Tennis Club at 5.30pm for the first session!

Please phone Brooke Jeffery on 0429 838 365 for more information or head to www.pointerremote.com/events to register.

Cyclists hitting the dirt roads around Walcha

The Super Jambo Grom Pre is Australia's best alternative cycling event and it's coming to Walcha at the end of this month.

It is an informal, self-supported 222km or 115km or 57km gravel adventure ride following primed dirt roads and fire trails.

It will be held on the 23rd to 25th of April with an early start for the Grom Pre on the Saturday. Camping the Friday and Saturday nights on a private property in Niangala. 100 cyclists will be enjoying the Autumn weather in Walcha along the route below on the Saturday.

Food by Wendz Bistro will be supplied on the Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The organiser Jorja Creighton is a full time adventure cyclist and has ridden all over the world in competition and long distance bicycle tours. The Grom Pre 2020 was held in Adaminaby for its first year and plans to move around and showcase the best of Australian communities and small townships.

If there are any local gravel cyclists interested in this event, 10% off the ticket price is available with this discount code -WALCHALOCAL10

If any land owners have any concerns about the route and how many cyclists will be about send Jorja an email at boo@jambijambi.com

The roads that will see cyclists are Niangala Rd, Surveyors creek Rd, Danglemah Rd, Limbri-Weabonga Rd, Ingalba Flat Rd, Geraldine Rd, Niangala-Weabonga Rd, Topdale Rd, Brackendale Rd, Lakes Rd, Glen Morrison Rd, Englefield Rd.



Great live music at the Royal this weekend

Mid North Coast duo, Elke and Phil are travelling the long-way round to Walcha this weekend to sing all your favourites from the 60's to now at the Royal Cafe.

The duo, named 'Pure Acoustic' have over 1500 songs in their repertoire, so there's bound to be some of your favourites, and they love to take requests.

They will kick off at 6pm on Saturday night, with dinner also available at the Royal, or simply come and listen to their great music whilst enjoying a drink...you can even get up and dance!

Or you can sit back in the garden and relax to their laid back session on Sunday from 12pm to 3pm, with lunch available.

Guitarist Phil, and Elke on the Cajon (square drum) can't wait to bring their music to Walcha, and hope the locals come and enjoy this rare opportunity of enjoying live music right here.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations are open for appointment of community members to the Thunderbolt Energy Hub Community Consultative Committee

Project Overview

Thunderbolt Energy Hub is a hybrid renewable energy project and is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD). The project proposes to combine around:



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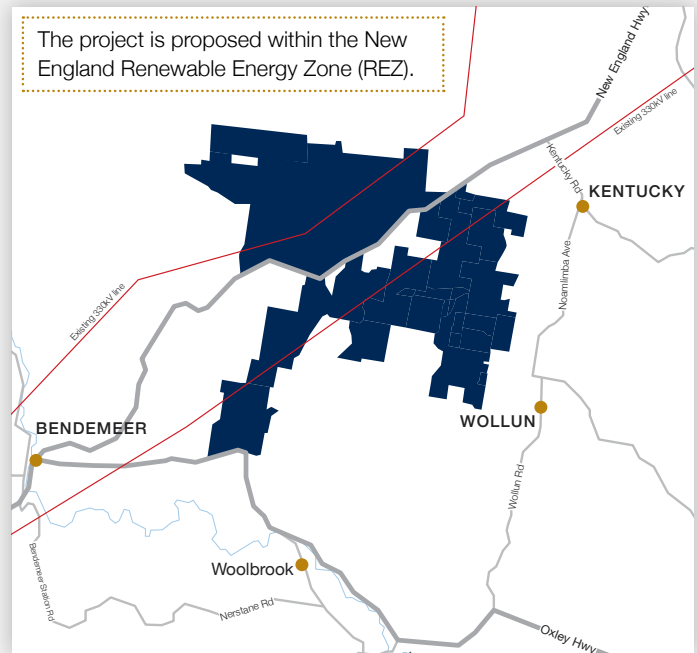


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Selection criteria:

- Be a current resident or landowner within the Tamworth, Uralla or Walcha Local Government Areas;
- demonstrate involvement in local community groups and/or activities;
- have some knowledge and awareness of the proposal and related issues of concern to the local community;
- and adhere to the committee's code of conduct.

Please refer to the Community Consultative Committee Guideline for further information.



This Community Consultative Committee (CCC) will be formed under the direction of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for State Significant Projects. A CCC provides a forum for open discussion between the proponent and representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and local councils on issues directly relating to the project.

We are looking for a mix of people who live locally or are members of a stakeholder group (community, environment, Aboriginal or industry) to join our new Thunderbolt Energy Hub Community Consultative Committee.

Your role as a committee member is voluntary.

Key roles:

- Contribute constructively to committee discussions;
- attend around four (4) meetings a year; and
- communicate information about the project between the committee and the broader community.

For more information



www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Community-Consultative-Committees

Or, contact Dr W.E.J. Paradise AM
(Independent Committee Chair):

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To apply



Please download a copy of the relevant nomination form at:

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Submit application

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CCC Independent Chairperson
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Canberra ACT 260

or by email to Dr W.E.J. Paradise AM:

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Apply now! Applications must be lodged by **5 May 2021**.

Walcha's Pioneer Cottage

The building that became the Pioneer Cottage in 1962 was erected 100 years earlier as a dwelling for Constable James Buckland and his young family; Buckland was one of Walcha's early police officers. This building and the surrounds will be the feature of a free Open Day being held by the Historical Society on 1 May.

When first built the cottage was entered by a door into a narrow hallway which opened onto a back verandah. There was doorway to the right for entry to a bedroom and a doorway to the left which gave entry to a dining room and from there to a sitting room. On the back verandah doorways led to the left and to the right into two small bedrooms.

The kitchen was located in a separate building, a portion of which can be seen at the right hand side of the photo. At one time the building was divided into two rooms with the additional room as the servant's room. In later years the kitchen was moved into one of the bedrooms on the back verandah with the other bedroom being converted into a bathroom. The back verandah was then closed in.

The newly formed Walcha District Historical Society purchased the land and buildings early in 1962. At that time it was in much need of repair and renovation, as evidenced by the collection of rocks used to hold down the corrugated iron roofing at the rear of the building.

The Society held its first meeting in the Pioneer Cottage in September 1962; previous meetings were held in the Council Chambers. It was not until November 1962 that the Society decided to have electricity connected to the cottage. Vic Galvin, one the Society's current members, together with Lloyd Ryan completed this work on behalf of Tony Chapman in time for the Official Opening held on May 18, 1963.

The Pioneer Cottage, together with old stone Anglican Church, are believed to be the oldest buildings in the town of Walcha.



A gathering at the rear of the Pioneer Cottage in 1963

thumbs



👍 To the person who rescued the dumped kitten at Walcha Road and to Walcha Vet Clinic for finding it a home.

👍 Congratulations to Nena Hicks and the Nowendoc team for organising a wonderful Summer Fest (in Autumn). Great variety of music, great food and wonderful people especially the brilliant musicians.

👍 To the excellent Swap Meet, great stalls, great fun can't wait to fill my boot again next year.

👍 To the huge variety at the Quota Clubs Book Fair, well set out and some great bargains.

👍 To the Bowling Club Management for not opening on Good Friday for lunch. Normally a yearly tradition.

👍 To the person who is dumping kittens at Walcha Road.

Contributions will be received in person, by fax or phone and must include your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

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Sensational Swap Meet

Walcha's first ever Swap Meet on Saturday was an outstanding success. Organiser, Adam Iuston said he had 77 stalls booked in, and he stopped counting the crowd once it reached 500! People travelled from as far away as Victoria and South Australia

for the Swap Meet, and the CBD was jam packed all morning. "The Swap Meet will definitely be back next year, so put 10 April 2022 on your calendar," Adam said.



Top left: Juan Carey sold his miniature quad bike to a very happy family with young children.

Top right: Young boys all the way from Victoria put their hats out to collect lolly money for their line dancing.

Photos: Kathy Howard



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Have a mother in mind

With Mother's Day fast approaching, the Walcha Farmer's Market this Saturday offers a variety of delightful handmade gifts to brighten her day. Consider a rich, silky face or body balm from Mountain Lotus, or a stunning piece from the Featherdale Earrings' collection.

There are handcrafted wooden furniture items, pottery and homewares to select from, or let Denise at Carinya North Nursery help you choose the perfect plant for the garden or patio. Even an unusual potted cactus from Kate Kelly's Cacti & Succulents stall can grace a sideboard or windowsill. You can also purchase an eco-friendly carry bag at the Community Stall as a great way to deliver your gifts.

There's always some delicious baked treats and a breakfast barbecue to enjoy as you wander through the Market. As usual, people can drop off any homegrown produce, flowers, seedlings or baked treats at the Community Stall and we will sell these on your behalf. Visit our website for more information.

So have a mother in mind on Saturday when visiting the Walcha Farmers' Market. You could find the ideal gift for her, right here. The Market is open from 8.30am - 12.30pm.

Toe-tapping fun at Nowendoc

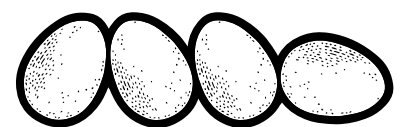


Musicians from across Australia and international artist, Marilla from Sheffield in the UK, entertained a large crowd at Nowendoc Festival on Saturday evening. Many braved the conditions and stayed overnight in their tents, creating a great atmosphere ringing through the Nowendoc hills.

Pictured top left: Marilla from Sheffield in the UK; top right: Goldheist - Hester Fraser (Vocals & Keyboards) & Anthony Walmsley (Guitar); Bottom: Supper Club Director - Andrew Clermont on Multi-Instruments (Adelaide), Daniel Gillett on Ukulele & Bass Clarinet (Tamworth), Shenzogregorio on Violin (Gold Coast), Garry Steel on Keyboards (Sydney), Brookie Gillett on Vocals (Tamworth), Hester Fraser on Vocals & Piano (Armidale), Nicholas Reefman on Trumpet, Vocals & Digital Accordion (Newcastle) Luke Ferguson on Bass (Orange, NSW), Hanna Elizabeth on Vocals, Marley Berry on Drums (Byron Bay), Randall Wilson on Percussion (Tamworth). Photo: Ria Larkins

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Dog Jumping and Guess Weight results

The tails were wagging and the energy was high, as were the stakes at the Walcha Show Dog Jumping Competition! Enthusiastic local entrants strongly competed against some big city hounds all the way from Sydney. 'Nevada' gave his best shot at the 'pet' dog jump and owner Bonnie Brown was delighted with his efforts! 'Scud' from Sydney comfortably won the working dog jump, with owner Phil proud as punch of his pooch's agility! Equal second in the working dog jump went to local dogs, Fester (Ross King) and Ollie (Simon Newton). Red Dog (Kev), Buddy (Josh) and Wilson (Ben) all came in as equal third. If you are yet to pick up your prize money, please drop by the Secretary's office at the Showground.

A big thanks goes to Sam Martin for providing one of his Shorthorn heifers for Guess the Weight Competition at the Walcha Show. 370 guesses were placed and C & D Wellings were right on the number guessing the exact weight of the 606kg heifer, with second prize going to Ellie Williams who was just 1kg off. Local stock agent, Mat Larkings was the closest to guess the combined weight of the 3 sheep of 319kg, with Bruce Scrivener and Amelia Miller coming an equal second.

Walcha Show Photography results

Although the number of photographs submitted were slightly down, the judge was very impressed with this year's entries. The quality of the photographs was very high and very competitive with the adult and junior sections. We were pleased with the number of entries in the junior section, and we hope to see many more next year.

OPEN Champ. monotone Robyn Gordon; Reserve Renae Grant; Most successful monotone Lance Partridge; Champ. print colour Thea Dunn; Reserve Michael Hull; Most successful colour Lance Partridge; Digital Champion Sue Harrison; Panorama Lance Partridge; Special section Robyn Gordon. Walcha Tourism 1st Judy Lisle, 2nd Amanda Scott, 3rd Mary Brearley. Walcha Photography Club Choice: Junior 12yrs and Under Annabelle Mills, 13-17yrs Emily Blake; Open monotone Shelley Marchant; Open colour Antony White; Most successful overall Lance Partridge.

JUNIOR Most successful 12 and Under Annabelle Mills; Champ. print 12 and Under Stephanie Blake; Most successful 13-17yrs Emily Powell; Champ. print 13-17 yrs Emily Powell.



RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V PIRATES

By Eric the Spider

The sun was shining and the wind was blowing for the first round of the 2021 Central North Rugby competition. Walcha were set to take on old rivals Tamworth Pirates.

The Walcha reserve grade assembled a squad with plenty of young fresh players. The average age of the team looked to be about 20 years old. This was until Henry "No nickname this year please" King and Dave "I got my boots" Healey arrived and brought the average age up considerably!

The game started very physically with both teams exchanging some early big hits. As usual Hayden "Jamillionaire" Jarman was leading the way with some big strong carries and plenty of collisions.

Tamworth was first to start the scoring with a try out wide. Walcha hit back straight away with a well worked try to Henry King. Walcha scored another try before half time to go into the break leading 14-12. The second half saw the Rams continue to hold out the Pirates with new Somerton recruit Will "Nickname Pending" Chaffey proving very solid at scrum time. Nick "Call me viper" Rodgers provided good direction from fullback and young Charlie McLaren was a handful at times with the ball in hand. In the end the never ending reserves bench of the Pirates was too much for reserve grade with the Pirates running away winners 38-14.

1 - Ross Monie & Hamish Bell, 2 - Charlie McLaren (PP), 3 - Will Chaffey

The Walcha Rams first grade team was sporting a mixture of new and old faces for their first game of the 2021 season, with 6 players making their first grade debut. The game began with both teams fighting for field position. Some ill discipline from Walcha saw the Pirates attacking the Walcha try line. Walcha defended well with Henry "Can't wait to get married" Leslie leading the way close to the ruck. Pirates scored the first try of the game after Walcha gave away a few penalties in their own half. Walcha then enjoyed some field position of their own showing some good structure with Patty "The Ugly Keen" Keen directing the forwards around. This led to Tamworth conceding a penalty and Charlie "Muscle Man" Keen kicking the penalty. As the game progressed Walcha struggled to hang onto possession and were made to make a mountain of tackles. Gus "The Somerton Alpha Male" Davidson was impressive on debut having plenty of carries and doing a big job in defence. Edgar "My mates call me Braggy" Bragg played well with some courageous runs into a solid Tamworth defensive line. Jack "Tickey" Ticehurst must have failed his preseason IQ test and found himself back in the front row. The Walcha Rams showed snippets of what they are capable of this year stringing together some excellent passages of play and showing the ability to defend in long periods of time. Plenty of work still to do for the Rams but plenty of positives to take away from the first game of the year. All in all the Pirates were too good on the day beating the Rams 57-6.

1 - Gus Davidson, 2 - Patty Keen, 3 - Ed Churchill (PP)

The Rams head north this weekend to take on Inverell and contest for the Neil Porter Memorial Trophy.



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Great times for Walcha swimmers at Homebush

Congratulations to the Walcha Swimming Club members who represented Walcha Central School at the State PSSA Championships at the Homebush Aquatic Centre in Sydney earlier this month.

One of the highlights was when Blaine Cooney qualified for the nine year old boys 50 metre freestyle final in 10th position after stopping the clock at 35.39 seconds more than a second and a half quicker than his entry time.

In the final Blaine touched the wall in 35.32 seconds to finish in ninth position a great effort and what's believed to be the first NSW Championships final qualification by a Walcha swimmer.

Backstroker James McLaren sliced nearly three seconds off his 11 year old boys 50 metre time to place 39th after he stopped the clock in 44.65 seconds, Hannah Swain finished 39th in her 10 years girls 50 metres freestyle event in 41.93 seconds whereas Cody Wellings came 37th in his 11 years boys 50 metres freestyle after touching down in 36.71 seconds.

The Senior boys relay team shaved nearly half a second off their qualifying time finishing the 4 x 50 metre freestyle event in 2 minutes 39:38 seconds.

Alexander Gunn lead off in 40.26 seconds followed by James McLaren 42.50, then Cameron Mooney 40.35 before Cody Wellings powered home in 36.27 seconds to give the boys 38th position in the state.

At the 19th

Easter Sunday the annual 'Kanga Cup' Ray Boyd Memorial trophy was played for where the four person ambrose team of Kyle Goodwin, Mel Clark, Dion Bird and his son Nixon were victorious after they carded a 55^{1/8} nett.



Runners up were Angus and Zac Warden, Lee and Ruth Fletcher 56^{1/8} while the remaining sweepstake prizes went to Andrew Robertson, Gary Brennan, Mark Hogan and Bill Haezlett 58^{1/4}, Vic Coulter, Tim, Sarah and Issac Stackman 58^{5/8}, Will Brennan, Mal Ballard, Barry Hoad and Don Brooks 59^{1/2}. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Margaret Davidson (3), and Col Higgins (18).

A dozen players from the northern beaches in Sydney flew the Wakehurst Golf Club flag on the day and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. Club president Peter McSorley invited Walcha players to have a hit at the Wakehurst course which is surrounded by bushland, but did suggest if you take up the offer to have a few spare balls in your bag just in case of any wayward shots into the scrub. For the past 40 years the husband and wives have made an annual Easter pilgrimage where they tow their caravans to a different country town and this



year it was Walcha's turn. Before they left, the Wakehurst 'Wanderers' (pictured above) donated some of their club vouchers for the Walcha Club to use however we deem fit which was a kind gesture, very much appreciated.

Last Sunday young visitor Beau Stackman accumulated 35 stableford points to collect a trophy donated by Andrew Robertson but only after he survived a countback with Wayne Brennan. Next best was Vic Coulter 34, David Sweeney 33, Neil Dark and Club President Allan Green both 32, whereas Captain Will Brennan received the final sweepstakes ball on 29. N.T.P's went to Charlie McLaren (3) and Steph Sweeney (18). In Match Play Wayne Brennan defeated Will Brennan 4 and 2.

Last Saturday Mark Hogan racked up 20 points to sneak home by a point from David Dunn in the weekly 9 hole competition while Pauline Carter registered 18 points to win the ladies division, also by a point from Jeanette Wark. N.T.P on 3 to Lee Fletcher.

This Sunday is a B.A.M. event for trophies donated by Jon Izzard, Owen and Julie Presnell for a Medley stableford. The format for this round will be; first 6 holes Best Ball, second 6 holes Aggregate and third 6 holes will be Multiplier.

Tennis

The 2021 Summer Comp Semi-Final was played out on Tues 30th March.

Dellacqua belted Popyrin 34 to 16 and Stosur accounted for De Minaur 35 to 21. Dellacqua will play Stosur in the Grand Final after Easter on Tues 20th April at 7.00pm sharp. Top scorers on the night were Stosur with 35 points out of a possible 36. Well done Kris Wall, Kim Lisle, Kate Lisle and Rawdon Gleeson.

An Eskimo comp will be played starting on Tues 27th April at 7.00pm sharp. It will be a graded doubles individual score comp and will run for 6 weeks with an option to extend if all players wish. Noms close on Friday 23rd names to Hyde 0427780391, Trev 0459799119, Jen 0427367711 or post on the Tennis Association Facebook page.

The next club meeting will be held on Mon 10th May at 6.30pm, it will be our AGM and all members are welcome to attend. The yearly street stall will be held on Sat 15th May. A load of wood and fruit/veg tray will be on offer. Help on the day to man the stall will be welcome. See you all at the net soon

Bowls

A Grade singles I.Bird defeated D.Makeham 31-22.

Pairs D.Bird & K.Goodwin defeated S.Bath & K.Cameron 28-9.

Triples N,B and A.Goodwin defeated M.Bullen, T.Asmus and A.McGuffog 21-15.

Draw for this weekend: Saturday 11am start: A GRADE

SINGLES T.Asmus v E.O'Keefe marker G.Mitchie.

K.Goodwin v N.Goodwin marker G.Clare.

S.Goodwin v M.Bullen marker K.Cameron.

B.Goodwin v A.McGuffog marker D.Makeham.

If anyone wants to organise their games at any time or day that is fine, please do so.

Dads Army: After the draw was made and the thirteen players about to head out to play the heavens opened and play was held up for a while.

Two games of pairs and one of triples were played. Tony Asmus and Eric O'Keefe defeated Gerry Moran and John McCormack 21 - 17. (Thanks to Mitch for filling in for the player who took ill) Barry Kliendienst and Mick Bullen won the second game of pairs when they defeated Brian Goodwin and John Watts 24 - 16.

Denis Makeham, John McLean and Peter Hayes won the triples defeating Gary Brennan and Noel Goodwin who played twice 16 - 10. The winners were also the "chook" winners and the raffle was won by Tony.

Ladies Bowls

The Club Championships started last Thursday with the Minor Singles. There was good bowls played in the four matches contested with the stand out match being between Jan Cross and Marlene Cotten going right down to the wire with both bowlers having their chances.

The score see-sawing all the way through until the final end where Marlene scored a four to give her the win 28-23 after playing 33 ends.

This was a great game between both bowlers to watch.

In the other Minor Singles Lyn Burnell defeated Carol Rose, Marg Morris defeated Veronica 25-11 and Wendy defeated Marg Tickle 25-13.

The draw for this Thursday 15th April is Marg Morris v Marlene Cotten marker Jan Cross. The match between Lyn Burnell and Wendy was played last Friday.

After Bowls this Thursday is our meeting at 1-00 pm.

Wednesday Golf

Last Wednesday was the first round of the Championships as well as a Stableford event playing for the IGA Trophy. There were some good scores but the winner on the day with a sizzling 65 points was Sue Partridge.

Sweepstakes went to Katie Smith 72, Vicki Heffernan 73, Cheryl McDonald 73, Pauline Carter 74, and Penny King on 75.

Ruth Fletcher had her eye in claiming both the NTP's on 3 and 16.

The second round of the Championships was played on Sunday in rather blustery conditions. Another Stableford for Sarah Day's MTA Travel trophy.

The winner on 74 points was Ruth Fletcher on a countback from Margaret Higgins also on 74 and Cheryl McDonald 74. Next sweepstakes went to Alison Cameron on 76, Donna Martin 76, Sue Partridge 77 and Sal McCormack 78 on a countback.

The final round of the Championships to be played on Wednesday.

The following week is the rescheduled NEDGA tournament at Glen Innes, to which a number of players are heading. Good luck to all for both the Championships and Glen Innes.



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