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4 May 2022

## Juniors kick off their rugby career



*Pictured: Walcha Ram Lambs Under 6 Team – Back: Max Martin, Freddie O'Brien, Archer Clark, Patrick O'Connell, Billy Young, Angus O'Connell. Front: Theo Broadbent, Harry Fletcher, Cohen Cooney, Archie King and Harry King.*

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Forty enthusiastic young rugby players kicked off their career on Sunday at the Walcha Junior Rugby Carnival held at John Oxley oval. Club Secretary, Mel Benson was impressed by the number of young players who travelled from as far away as Moree and Scone for a day of skills, drills and games.

## Oxley Highway closure starts this week

If you plan to travel the Oxley Highway to the coast over the coming months you will need to plan ahead with changed traffic conditions coming into effect this Friday 6 May.

The closure will allow crews to carry out restoration work at two landslip sites at Mount Seaview.

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## around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Some beautiful autumn days over the last couple of weeks have been just what has been needed as we take a turn for the colder months ahead. Pasture growth seems to have slowed a little, but the livestock are certainly enjoying time in the sun. In many parts of the district, particularly the east, livestock have struggled with the wet conditions through March and April. Now we are seeing some sunlight, mild days and no rainfall, they are doing well again.

Over the last week or so, rainfall has been heaviest through the central regions of QLD and NSW, as far out as the Flinders in SA. Parts of the central west have received between 50 and 100mm which in the farming belt will be a real boon for wheat growers, but possibly not so welcome from Canola growers who have got crops in the ground. I am told there will be some damage to plants in low lying areas, but the jury is out as to how much damage at this point. Any farmers preparing country to plant cereals will be delighted as soil moisture profiles will be topped up for the third year in a row. The north eastern corner of NSW did not get rainfall of any consequence this last week, something I am sure they will be breathing a sigh of relief for.

The latest three monthly outlook from the BOM is still quite bullish for rainfall with temperatures mostly warmer than average. Much of Australia is forecast to have above median rainfall with the exception southern WA and western TAS. Temperatures are likely to be below median for much of Australia with the exceptions being northern Australia, as well as the south western and south eastern tips of the country. So we can expect temperatures to drop soon I imagine and stay that way through winter. I hope you have the firewood supply stacked.

Tamworth agents conducted their first regular fat sale for a few weeks on Monday, yarding 1760 cattle. The quality of the yarding was generally an improvement, and a full panel of buyers were operating. Prices were generally firm with quality being the main variant, however heifers sold to strong demand and were considerably dearer in places. Heavy cattle were mixed and quoted firm to easier. Wagga yarded 2900 cattle on Monday being their first sale for three weeks also. The market there was a little erratic, with some of the restocker cattle dearer and many of the heavier feeder types considerably cheaper. Heavy cattle were firm.

Heavy rain in parts of QLD and central NSW reignited the level of interest in young cattle on Auctions Plus last week with 19,463 head of cattle yarded in sales last Friday. Buyers were keen to buy quality lines, and demand was strongest for the steers weighing from 280 to 330kg LW. Prices increased by \$125 per head for this category and clearance rates increased to 78%. Demand is still very strong for best quality heifer lines, especially in the 280 to 330 kg weight range. I guess that is the ideal range if you are joining in another few months. PTIC females also continued to sell well with averages similar to where they have been for some time.

With a federal election just around the corner, it won't be good news for the coalition if the RBA hike interest rates this week. Or so they say. But seriously, would any borrower be surprised interest rates have to go up? I wish it was that easy to pick a winner at the races. Absolutely nobody should be surprised that inflation is on the rise and interest rates have to increase. With governments around the world printing money like never before, this exact scenario has been talked about by commentators for a couple of years. In my view, the mainstream media are trying to make a story out of something that everyone has been expecting and if you weren't, I am not sure where you have been.

The war in Ukraine gets uglier every week as much of Europe watches on. This is not a good situation and Russia appears to be getting more frustrated by a lack of progress. Putin and his lunies are talking about the possibility of getting the nukes out if the west does not back off supplying weapons to Ukraine. It is not too hard to see why the US and allies have not been so keen on North Korea having nuclear capability, but then you have a leader such as Putin who has many of them openly talking of their use as a means to the end of this conflict. I find it interesting that the UN go to Moscow to have talks with Putin, when he has demonstrated many times that he simply cannot tell the truth. It is a very bad situation that we can only hope is resolved sooner rather than later for the good of the Ukrainian people whose lives have been turned upside down.



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# Walcha childcare needs

## Strategic planning for now and the next decade

### From Walcha Childcare Committee

If you currently have children in Walcha accessing childcare, or plan to in the next 5 to 10 years, our committee of local parents, are hoping you will take a few minutes to follow this link or QR code below to complete the short survey. This will help our committee gauge the needs for further childcare provisions in our wonderful town and assist with our conversing with council.

To continue to grow our community, attract young families to Walcha, and keep them in the community, there is a need to ensure there is access to appropriate childcare services that support all parents. This for many families is an ongoing struggle at present. This may not be directly impacting you/ your family at this exact point in time, but we encourage you to take a look at the survey if you have children, or are planning on the same in the future, to help us best assess and advocate for our community's growing needs.

If you feel passionate about this area you will see an option in the survey to join the committee which is currently seeking people's involvement. Thank you.

**Brief Survey Link:** <https://forms.gle/LLLX2q4K2X2zm6Qt7>



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Thank you to all those in the Yarrowitch Community who volunteered their time at the Yarrowitch Campdraft over the weekend. A special shout out to Mark and his team at IGA who provided food and essentials. Nothing was a problem for them. Cross Bros Butchery and Moons Bakery also showcased the quality of the food we have in Walcha. The food and hospitality provided was commented on by many who attended the event.

Leanne Marshall, Meg Nolan and Willie Wicks for the love and care, in organising and taking Riverview residents to the Anzac Day service.

To the wonderfully caring community members in Woolbrook.

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### Biggest Morning Tea

Save the date, our Biggest Morning Tea is only a couple of weeks away. This will be held on Thursday 19 May at the Walcha Tennis Club at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Jenny Hoy**

### Thank you Walcha and district

I have been working for Lowes Petroleum in and around Walcha on and off for the last eight months doing Farm Tank Inspections for HSSE Compliance.

Walcha would have to be the friendliest town I have ever had anything to do with.

I would like to thank all our Lowes Petroleum customers who have helped us keep our Tanker Drivers safe by always keeping their feet on the ground while filling their fuel tanks by fitting Bottom Fill Kits.

I met some beautiful customers and have seen some beautiful country up there. I met one not so beautiful customer but I won't mention him (Rollie will know who I am talking about, ha ha)

The people in the town that I spoke with were so helpful with anything I needed. The Motel is beautifully clean and comfortable.

The hotels where I had dinner every night, well what could I say....

The Commercial Hotel. The dinners and beer just great and Kristian, Shae and Cindy couldn't have been more pleasant and as Shae told me the second night I was there, Walcha would treat me like a local, how true that statement turned out to be.

The New England Hotel just the same, Michelle and Molly would have a beer poured as I walked across the road. (Makes you feel like a local). And the beautiful lady who cooked me a Chinese meal twice a week, she was so great, and I love Chinese meals and I have not tasted better in Newcastle.

Also a great thank you to the ladies at Mountain Motors, they were so friendly when I fuelled my ute up, and a special thanks for staying after hours to refuel the Postie Bikes for the Ride for Amber Charity fundraiser.

Again, Walcha thank you for your hospitality what a great town you have.

**Bill McAuliffe**

Sales Manager, Hunter Valley/Newcastle Region

### Family history search

I am trying to contact any living relative of Catherine Clare/Riley. I have been on Genealogy websites and I am sure she was my Paternal Grandmother. I am led to believe I was named after my Dad's sister. I know the surname Alcorn is related to me.

I was always told my Grandmother came from County Clare, not that her name was Clare.

My father Clissold John (known as Jack) was born in Walcha about 1910 and married Dorisi May Anderson, they had four sons, Ronald died in infancy. I was born in 1946 and I only ever met Margaret Alcorn, and her daughter came to my mother's funeral.

I am now 75 years of age and would like to have some closure. I can be contacted on email [twotricky2@gmail.com](mailto:twotricky2@gmail.com)

**Margaret Riley**

# ANZAC DAY 2022

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# Thunderbolt Wind Farm proposal reaches key stage

## Community resolves to fight

Community members from Balala to Kentucky are embarking on a fight to save their local environment from what they say is a foreign-owned company building an industrial-scale wind development on a large, well-known foreign-owned property in their midst.

'Kyabra' on the New England Highway, is the site of the majority of Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub, proposed by French company Neoen.

The proposal reached a new milestone this week, with the exhibition of its Environmental Impact Statement on the NSW Government's Major Projects website.

Community members formed the Friends of Kentucky Action Group in early 2020 to express their concerns about the proposal and research how the project might impact the local area.

"Our group is pro-renewables, but we have a broad range of concerns with this proposal, including habitat destruction, soil erosion, irreversible ground water changes, and probably one of the biggest is the ability to receive aerial fire-fighting support," said local landholder and Rural Fire Service volunteer Steve Johnston.

"During the Black Summer fires, aerial support was critical in saving a number of homes and potentially lives across the project area," he said.

Neighbours of the proposal are also concerned about the potential for the project to damage and further fragment the critically endangered ecological community of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland, and the threatened species it supports, which is found across the project site and on many neighbouring properties.

"This ecological community is listed as critically endangered under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999," said local grazier and regenerative agriculture proponent, Craig Zirkler.

"It's very important in supporting endangered species like the koala and Bell's Turtle, as well as a range of endangered plant species in the area," he said.

But the local group is unsure if the legislation will be enough to protect this high value natural capital, or indeed their own livelihoods from the impacts of the development.

The group says habitat destruction and fragmentation caused by the development, compounded by the significantly reduced ability to fight future fires aerially could have devastating impacts on the local koala population, negates all other efforts to protect this critically endangered ecological community.

Community members became alarmed when they realised the project's Environmental Impact Statement recorded numerous koala sightings on the very sites proposed for the turbines.

"We know there are koalas in this district, as we've seen them on our own properties," said Craig.

"And the State Government recognises that the Northern Tablelands is a koala refuge with climate change, so it makes no sense to further fragment these biodiverse timbered ridges with an additional 55 km of major gravel roads and an industrial-scale development," he said.

"It's a unique environment that supports both grazing and many endangered species," he said.

Under the State Significant Development process, members of the public are given 28 to 45 days to make submissions or objections to a proposal. In this case, the public are being given only 28 days with submissions closing as soon as 24th May 2022.

Nicole Martin is a grazier and business owner who is a direct neighbour of the proposal. "The developer has taken three or four years to reach this stage of their proposal, all the while conducting a very lack-lustre community engagement process, and yet we are afforded only 28 days to read the two thousand pages of EIS documents and prepare our submissions," she said.

"We need 50 unique submissions on the proposal to go through the Major Projects website before 24th May and we are reaching out to community members who will be directly impacted by this industrial-scale development."

Friends of Kentucky Action Group are reaching out to residents in Kentucky, Wollun and Balala to assist them gain a better understanding of the issues.

"This is not a done deal yet, but we need to help our local communities understand the details of this development and make submissions before it's too late."

Friends of Kentucky Action Group are conducting a drop-in session at Kentucky Hall from 3 – 4.30 pm on Monday 9th May and 6.30 pm – 8 pm Wednesday 11th May for anyone wishing to gain a better understanding.

Concerned citizens can make a submission on Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub proposal before 24th May 2022 at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm>.

## What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



**Congratulations to local axeman Austin Scrivener** who has been selected in the Australian Under 21 Woodchopping and Sawing Team which will participate in a 3 test Trans Tasman Series against New Zealand at the Royal Adelaide Show in early September. Austin has been listed as one of two reserves in the nine man squad. National Selection – what a great effort Austin.

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**Lawn bowler Sariann Andrews caught the selectors eye** when she competed in Round 2 of the Zone 3 Bowls trials at Gunnedah last weekend. Sari has been picked in the Fours team to play at Dubbo in July after representing North West at the C.H.S. Championships in Penrith last June. Looks like a busy time ahead for Sari.

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**The Walcha Junior Rugby Union Club** held a very successful carnival at John Oxley Sportsground last Sunday made just that bit better by the delightful weather conditions. Clubs from around the Central North zone were represented, while Walcha has over 40 players having a run this season. President Charlie Street was really happy with how the day went and the number of players who had a run in the three divisions on offer 8's, 10's and 12's. The Junior Rams will now head south to Scone for the next Central North Carnival Sunday week.

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**Well done to the Walcha Rams on defeating Moree** 28 – 14 after leading 21 – 0 at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday. No doubt the visitors were 'Tickled Pink' when they arrived in town only to find less than ideal weather conditions (in their mind anyway) to play in. Didn't seem to worry the boys in Red and White. Best of luck at Inverell this Saturday Rams.

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**The Group 19 fixture between Walcha/Uralla** and Narwan has been re-scheduled to Woodville Oval this Friday night where the Ladies League Tag kick off at 6pm followed by the Men's clash at 7.00pm. Walcha players make up the majority of the League Tag team while Uralla do the same in the Men's squad. Best of luck to both teams.

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**Group 19 Rugby League 1983 Reserve Grade** Best and Fairest player Tony Martin must have used all his luck up a week earlier when he failed to win a prize at the Sunday Bowling Club raffles last weekend. No real big news there you might think, but the previous Sunday 'Marto' won four prizes in succession and then another one a few draws later. Anthony couldn't believe it and neither could the other patrons in attendance.

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**My oldest sister Tracey was up to her old tricks** late last week when she celebrated her birthday on both Thursday and Friday. For years we celebrated 'Tracky's' birthday on the 29 April well up until Tracey found a notebook of our mothers, Colleen, which indicated Tracey was actually born on April 28 1959 but wasn't registered until the next day. A good enough reason to celebrate two days each year I suppose.

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**Bowling Club Footy Tipping organiser Gordon Michie** reckons he hasn't moved so quick in quite a while when he had to run down the Bowling Club ride-on mower last week after he left it idling out of gear. Somehow the vibrations from the engine must have engaged the gears and off it went, much to the merriment of 'Mich'. Luckily no damage was done to the mower or the top green it ended up on. As B.C. President Tony Asmus mentioned, it would have been interesting viewing.

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**Caught up with former Walcha Road** resident Gregory Partridge last weekend enjoying a few syrups while reminiscing about old times. 'Doey' and his much better half Michelle manage the Wallaroo Outback Retreat in Queensland near Roma, where they had a visit from Rugby League legend Darren Lockyer and his family over Easter. According to Greg a nicer bloke you wouldn't meet.

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**Roos President Michael Aspinall** and Vice President Stephen Haslem travelled to Gosford last Friday evening to watch the game between Rabbitohs and Sea Eagles. Could have been a long trip home for Manly supporter 'Wilba', but apparently Souths fan 'Aspro' took it easy on him after the Eagles played 70 minutes with 12 players following Karl Lawton's dismissal ten minutes into the contest.

# Quilters provide warmth for flood victims



Flood-ravaged residents in Lismore and Woodburn will be a little warmer this winter thanks to the efforts of Walcha Patchwork and Quilters group as well as donations from the community.

Together they have created 32 quilts and blankets which were taken by Debbie Richards yesterday to donate to the Woodburn Ambulance and South Lismore Primary students and their families.

The group have been busy stitching for the past fortnight, and have used some of their fabric from storage to create these colourful quilts for those most in need. They were also extremely grateful to those in the community who knitted, crocheted and donated blankets from home towards the appeal.



Clockwise from top: Bernie Brady with the line up of historic motorcycles; Louise and Mark Barnes; beautiful selection of children's clothing on display; Jon and Leanne Quist; Locals enjoying the Devonshire Tea

## 60 year celebrations

Month-long celebrations to mark 60 years of the Walcha Historical Society throughout April concluded on Saturday.

The final Open Day saw locals and many past residents visit the museum and enjoy Devonshire Tea in the picturesque grounds.

Historical Society President, Kate Hoy was thrilled with how many people attended their events which included an Open Day with Classic Cars and Hot Rods; Talks in the History Centre on "Walcha Stories" and "How to find your family history"; High Tea and Costume Display; Open Day with the Costumes, as well as the final Open Day featuring Historic Cars and Motor Bikes.

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# JUNIOR RUGBY WALCHA CARNIVAL



Top left: Ben Lockyer, Dion Benson, Flynn O'Connell, Angus Fletcher, Kix Brown.  
Top centre: Isaac Ollrich, Ollie Lisle, Riley Turner Vallance, Max and Brock Lisle.



Above: Max Martin and Billy Young. Right: Leo Blomfield, Kobie Brown and Cooper Broadbent.

Above: Tom and William Lisle.  
Top right: Toby Broadbent,  
Right: Harry King and Trina Fletcher.



## RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V MOREE

By Eric the Spider

**First Grade:** A wet and windy afternoon greeted the Walcha players and supporters on Saturday as the Rams took on the Moree Bulls in Round 3. Unfortunately the Rams are currently struggling for consistent numbers and failed to field a reserve grade. The Walcha Rams are no longer seeking any players who are interested in playing rugby, as this recruitment strategy hasn't worked. So any players who have no interest in playing rugby, are now being called to come down and have a run for the Rams.

The first grade game started under some light spitting rain with Walcha gathering the deep kick-off and immediately exiting their own end with a kick to touch. This proved to be an obvious tactic for Walcha as both teams fought for field position in the wet and slippery conditions. The Rams were winning this battle and found themselves with some attacking momentum deep within the Moree half. Hayden "Jamillionaire" Jarman was the early spearhead of the Walcha attack carrying the ball recklessly into the Moree defence. The Walcha forward pack managed to hold onto the ball for a number of phases sucking in and wearing down the Moree defence. The backs decided the forwards had done a decent enough job and thought they should have the ball. A smart play "out the back" resulted in Sam "just carry" Lomax receiving the ball on a good line, breaking a few Moree tacklers to open the days scoring with a try under the post. Walcha lead 7-0. The Walcha forward pack started to gain some dominance over the Moree side, with the lighter and fitter Rams moving the big Moree forwards around. Wally "slippery Somerton sheep breeder" Davidson began to take advantage of the tiring Moree pack making a few breaks and being well supported by James "big tis" Tisdell. This gave Walcha another opportunity to attack the Moree line which they didn't waste. Spreading the ball wide through some slick hands for "just carry" Lomax to put the ball down in the corner for his second try of the afternoon. Walcha lead 14-0. Walcha continued to execute their game plan winning the kicking battle, pinning the Moree team in their own half. This resulted in

Moree attempting to kick themselves out of trouble, but the energetic Walcha defence was up to the task and managed to charge the ball down which resulted in Matt "nickname pending" Williams crossing over for Walcha's third try of the afternoon just before halftime. Walcha lead 21-0.

The second half began with both teams eager to play the ball in the opposition's territory. Ross "mo Monie mo problems" Monie had a huge work rate throughout the second half, disrupting the Moree ball and making a number of tackles. Joel "joog baby" Ballon and his second row partner Toby "from Congi" got through a mountain of work on both sides of the ball, mostly taking it upon themselves to do the hard gritty stuff that doesn't usually get much recognition. Harry "that guy with the chickens" Locke had a great first game for the Rams, running the ball well and defending strong in the middle of the pitch. Moree began to work themselves back into the game by kicking well and applying pressure to the Walcha defence. This resulted in Moree scoring two quick tries late in the game to set up a grandstand finish. To the Rams credit they dug deep late in the game repelling the constant Moree attacks, and began to wrestle the momentum back in their favour. An attacking run from Ollie "ready to mingle" Crawford proved to be too much for the Moree side, streaking down the left edge and out pacing a number of would be defenders to score a try and seal the victory for the Rams. Walcha went on to win the game 28-14. An excellent effort from the Walcha players getting an important win to keep the season's momentum going.

A huge thank you must go out from all the Walcha Rams players to the supporters who showed up in what can only be described as ordinary conditions. The support and cheering from the sideline certainly doesn't go unnoticed by the players. Thank you.

Next week the Walcha Rams take on Inverell at Inverell in what should be an exciting match-up.



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## Bowls

**Results for the weekend:** Mixed Pairs – a great game was played in very trying conditions with J Asmus & D Richard's defeating B Goodwin & E Hunt 17-15. The A Grade singles game between S Goodwin & A McGuffog has been postponed to be completed at another date with the score sitting at 11-9 in favour of S Goodwin.

**Draw for this Weekend:** Saturday 1:00pm start – Mixed Pairs: A McGuffog & W Moore v R Kerr & J Hayes.

**Dads Army:** On Thursday we played two games of Triples.

Barry Kliendienst again played twice and his partner Noel Goodwin had a good tussle with Terry Parker, Jason Asmus and Eric O'Keefe with the later scoring four shots on the last end to win 14-13.

In the second game Brian Goodwin, John McCormack and Warwick Hogan lead 19-9 after eleven ends and held off a determined comeback from Tony Asmus, John Watts and Peter Hayes 23-18.

Brian's team won the chooks and Terry won the raffle.

## Ladies Bowls

The 2022 Ladies Singles Champion is Taina Hall after she defeated Deb Richards 25-17 in a see-sawing game. Congratulations Taina.

Also on Thursday the Three Bowls Pairs Championships commenced with a win to Pat and Veronica 23-12 over Janice and Wendy. They will now play in the final on the 12 May.

The draw this week in the Three Bowls Pairs is Lyn and Esther v's Debbie and Jan Cross, as well as Social Bowls.

There was a game of Consistency played with Esther and Lyn 27 points and Jan 26 points.

Don't forget this Thursday is the last chance you have to put your name down for Uralla's Pam Westbury Day which is being held on Wednesday 11 May.

Our Presidents Day will be held on Thursday 26 May. The sheet is on the board for names.

## Wednesday Golf

Although the weather turned a bit damp on Wednesday we had a good turn out for the Graham Betts' Stableford qualifier playing for Sarah Day's trophy. Prue Morgan blitzed the field with a great score of 39 points.

Sweepstakes went to Donna Martin 37, Pip Monie 35 on a countback from Sally McCormack 35 and Simone Sweeney 33.

There were two nearest the pins – one being second shot on 7, which Katie Smith took out and the second was on 16 which Donna Martin cleaned up.

Today is another Graham Betts qualifier playing for Loretta Blanch's trophy.

## Darts

Darts will be starting back this week on Thursday 5 May, we have a team for each venue. If anyone else is interested in playing this year, please contact Emma on 0427 016 911 and we will try and get you in a team.

**This weeks games** New England Magnificent 7 v Bowling Club and Apsley Hotel v Commercial Hotel. Games to start by 7.00pm if you can, but must start by 7.15pm. Draws and registration sheets will be left at each venue for Team Captains to distribute and complete. Lets hope we can have a great year of darts!!

## Basketball

Nominations are being called for the 2022 Basketball Competition, to be played Mondays and Wednesdays – depending on team numbers.

Men can nominate individually and will be graded into teams by the committee. The comp will only go ahead if there are enough players.

Women can nominate as a team or individually – we will do our best to find a team for you. If you do nominate, please commit to turning up regularly for the whole comp, as well as doing some duties when required.

Nominations for the 2022 comp are **FREE** for all players. Please contact Amanda Scott on 0488 226 722, Jenny Hoy on 0427 367 711, or nominate on the Walcha Basketball Facebook page. Nominations close Saturday 14 May.

A decision will be made about the comp once nominations are finalised at a meeting to be held at 6.30pm Thursday 19 May at the Walcha Bowling Club.

## At the 19th

With 14 members away competing at the Barraba Open a modest field of 15 players teed off in a par event at home for a trophy donated by John McCormack. John McLaren was declared the winner following a countback with Sue Partridge after both competitors posted scores of -1.

Sweepstakes went to the runner-up on -1, Jeff Etheridge -3, Rose Baumer -4, Simone Sweeney -6, and Mel Clark -7. Nearest the Pin on 3 went to Vicki Heffernan.

Last Saturday Mark Hogan accumulated 18 stableford points to win the weekly 9 Hole Competition after he snuck home ahead of Drew Bird on 17 points.

A three-way countback was called for to determine the Ladies winner, which went to Ladies President Caroline 'Cark' Street from Sue Partridge and Pauline Carter – all on 18pts. Nearest the Pin on 3 went to Max Holstein.

At the Barraba Open, Miles Archdale and David Sweeney finished runners-up in the nett event after carding a +8 a couple behind the local winners on +10, while Don Brooks and Col Berry took out the front nine holes on +4. This Sunday is the annual Men's Foursomes Championships commencing at 11:30am. There has been some confusion about tee off time of late with a decision being made the **11:30am start on Sundays** will remain in place until the end of August.

## Rugby League

The Uralla/Walcha Rugby League teams will kick off their season a day earlier, after Group 19 rescheduled the matches against Narwan to Woodville Oval Uralla this Friday night.

Drawn to play Narwan in Armidale on Saturday, both the Ladies League Tag and Men's games have been brought forward with the Ladies getting underway at 6.00pm.

Five Walcha players have registered for the men's team while around 15 Walcha players have indicated they will be having a run with the League Tag side.

The team is listed as Uralla/Walcha in the Group 19 draw simply because Uralla have the most numbers in the men's squad.

How would the Walcha Tigers or the Uralla Roos go? Just isn't the same is it but at least we have combination teams from both towns running around. Best of luck to all players.



## Funeral Notice

**Coyne: Jillian Margaret**  
22/10/1939 to 13/4/2022

Wife of Ron Coyne, mother of six children.

Funeral will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church at 1.00pm, 6 May 2022. Afterwards, refreshments at the Walcha Bowling Club

## In Memoriam

**Christine Churchill**  
26/5/1944 to 28/4/2022

Peace at last after a long illness. May the memories of her last years soon fade behind all the good ones we had together.

Alan, Arianne, Taryn, Lars, Kev & Ben

## Public Notices

**Walcha Garden Club Community Day & Meeting** Friday 6 May, at Apsley Riverview Hostel commencing 9.00am. Morning tea provided. Please BYO gardening equipment. For catering purposes please contact D Bazeley on 0403 464 865 or D Lisle on 0429 799 083.

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## Raffle Results

**Friends of Riverview Street Stall – Winners** Marta Barillaro, Mal Ballard, Val Wall, Julie Hoad and Rhonda Olrich. Thank you to everyone who supported our stall.

**Walcha RSL Sub Branch Anzac Day stall:** 1st Herb Higgins, 2nd Bec Harrison, 3rd Don McHattan. Thank you for the great support.

## Meetings

**Walcha Basketball AGM** 6:30pm Thursday 19 May at the Bowling Club. Calling for nominations for the comp (see write up in sport for more details).

## Wanted

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Further information may be obtained by contacting Council's Director of Infrastructure Phil Hood on 02 6774 2500.

Applications close Sunday 22nd May 2022.

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