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Award winning journalist, Emma Partridge, who has covered crime in Australia for more than a decade has released her first book, *The Widow of Walcha*.

The book details the life and crimes of local Natasha Darcy from her arrival in Walcha in July 2006, through the Supreme Court trial for the murder of Mathew Dunbar, and Natasha's subsequent conviction and sentencing of 40 years jail. "In writing the book, I was mindful that Walcha is a small town and I didn't want to cause any more grief to the community," Emma commented.

Emma spent many months in Walcha after Mathew Dunbar's death researching the case, interviewing Mathew's friends, family and Natasha herself at the property, just before her arrest in an attempt to gain an insight into her criminal mind. In the book Emma details the interviews she had with locals, and accounts of her time in Walcha with people welcoming her into their homes, and being very generous with their time and assistance.

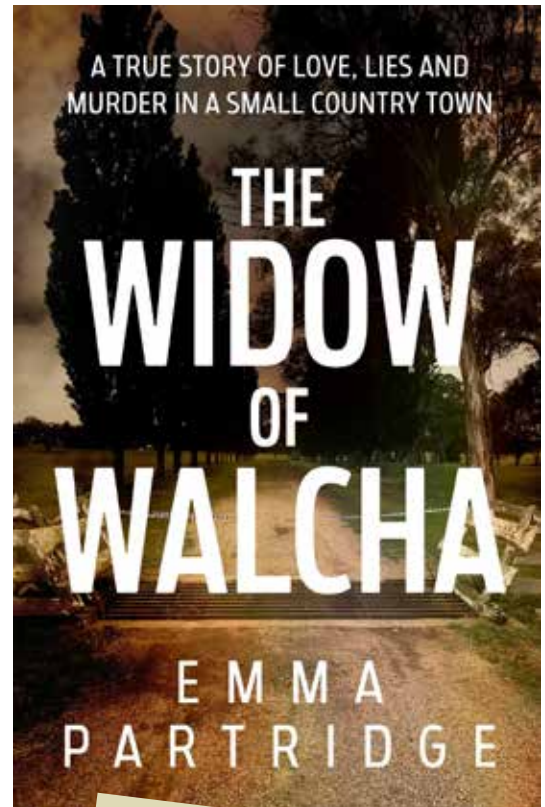
"Through the book I wanted to portray to readers a real sense of who Mathew was, a person with a very intelligent mind and generous heart. Someone who just wanted to find love, help people and volunteer his time to the community."

Emma continued to follow the case and sat through every day of Natasha's two-month trial in the NSW Supreme Court. "Part of the motivation to write the book came through the many people who were contacting me to ask what was happening in the trial, hence more than one-third of the book is dedicated to the trial," Emma said.

"I have never come across a case like this, and it is sad to see the effect it has had on the community of Walcha. I don't think anyone will ever fully understand why she is the way she is because she refuses to admit guilt, but obviously she targets vulnerable men to achieve wealth at any cost."

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around the traps



By **BRUCE RUTHERFORD**

It is hard to believe how good this weather has been in recent weeks. Temperatures have been so mild, with few frosts and a few sunny days thrown in for good measure. Over the weekend I travelled down into the central west, one way via Dubbo and back from Bathurst through Orange and Wellington. I have to say I have spent a lot of time in that area over the years and have never seen it look better. Creeks are running, paddocks are brimming with quality feed and the few livestock you actually get a closer look at, look a picture. I did come away with a sense that there is a long way to go before a lot of that country is fully stocked, but maybe that is just because the season is so good.

There is a lot of cropping country south west of Coonabarabran with water still lying in paddocks as a result of recent rain, which can't be good for winter cropping activities. Some farmers I spoke with told me they were desperate to get wheat in the ground, while others who had been lucky enough to get Canola and other crops in the ground are seriously concerned about losing plants in low lying areas. Further north, cotton picking is under way and with a cracking crop, cotton growers are having a shocker with crops sitting on wet ground and harvesters not able to get in to do the job. It is far from easy for the farmers out there right now, but it does appear the rewards are going to be there again this year with global shortages of grains. The world does not need this conflict in Ukraine (a major supplier of grains around the globe) with very dry conditions in the USA preventing spring plantings as well as dry conditions in parts of Asia and Europe. India has just put an export ban on their wheat which speaks to just how dry it is there and how uncertain they see their supply situation. Luckily we are so hopeless at moving our grain and have a lot of grain from the 2020 harvest still in silos, not to mention 2021! Global instability will drive price points this year.

There has been an enormous amount of rain through central QLD over the last couple of weeks which should go a long way to keeping restocking activity at high levels for some time to come. It was suggested by many commentators that rain in central QLD (which had been dry enough) would ignite restocker activity in the north and probably put a stay to any downward pressure on cattle markets for some time. It will be interesting to see if that plays out, but last week on Auctions Plus, restockers in the north did not turn on their computers. Prices for steers in particular were very subdued, but the lack of interest was put down to damage to crops and pastures rather than something more. The inference being, that restockers will be back once the weather has settled down and damage assessed. You would think that grain prices are going to have an impact on feeder markets and feedlot activity down the track. At this point I am guessing the feedlots did have access to a lot of wet grain after last harvest and that may take a while to chew through.

Just reflecting on the averages on AuctionsPlus last week, the steers were harder to sell. The light weights from 200 to 280kg LW ave \$73 less for 2272 on offer. The 280 to 330kg weight range were just \$17 cheaper, but the 330 to 400 kg weight range were \$146 cheaper and the feeder weights of 400 kg plus were a massive \$330 cheaper. Part of that maybe a reflection of what was on offer, but it is a significant drop by any stretch. The heifers on offer were far less volatile and averages in that department were similar to those of the previous week, as were the averages for a good quality lines of PTIC females. However, the clearance rates of the PTIC females was much lower, which would indicate buyers are happy to pay the rate for the best quality cattle, but not so keen on the lesser quality lines.

By this time next week we will know the outcome of the Federal election. The new government may well be a Labor government if the polls are correct. That could be a good outcome if they spend some money on connectivity in regional areas as they have promised to do. On the other side of the ledger it may also mean curtains for the live sheep trade which they say they will shut down if elected. I think that will not be good for producers in WA in particular, but the mutton market generally in my view. We also have to hope this does not carry into the live cattle trade which has been such a constant and so reliable for northern Australia in the Kimberley and the Gulf. That would be a disaster for cattle producers everywhere. I am encouraged though that Labor will put funding back into the Department of Foreign Affairs and aid projects in the many countries that need our support. If the Coalition is elected we will get more of the same and we hope that means continued support for regional Australia. Either way, the candidates in this election have done very little that suggests change or a vision for something better. I don't see any inspiration coming from either side of the political spectrum.

It's National Volunteer week

Walcha Show Society thanks its volunteers



Walcha Show Society Committee looks forward to welcoming all volunteers to thank them for their contribution to making Walcha Show such a successful event.

From Martin Oppenheimer, President

The Walcha Show in 2022 was yet another outstanding and successful event which would not have been possible without the support of our extensive group of volunteers.

To thank our volunteers and their families for their continued support of the Walcha Show and to express our gratitude for all of the long hours the volunteers commit to the Show, year in, year out, and in all sorts of conditions, the Show Society is hosting an informal get together on Friday 3 June.

We are also very excited that Bob Walsh will present his recently published book on the history of 'The Walcha Show Society' at the event.

For catering purposes, it is essential to RSVP your attendance by contacting Dale Webber, Show Society Secretary, by email to walhass@tpg.com.au or by leaving a message on the Show office phone number – 0459 594 236. Please include your name and the names of who will be attending with you, along with any specific dietary requirements.

New number and hours for Indian

Walcha Indian Cuisine are grateful to the community for their support since opening earlier this year.

With winter upon us, the restaurant has updated their menu to include soups, pizzas and noodles.

Their winter opening hours are:

Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 8pm

Sunday and Monday..... 4pm to 8pm

There is free home delivery for orders over \$24.99 within town limits.

"We have dine-in available at any time during opening hours, and encourage people to follow us on our Facebook page 'Walcha Indian Cuisine' for daily specials," owner Randy Grewal said.

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Tiger Moth engineers visit Walcha

From David Salter

Recently Bert Wellfare and John Land visited Walcha with many historical photos and information regarding the early days of superphosphate spreading in the New England region, and specifically in Walcha. Walcha has the first Tiger Moth used for super spreading in Walcha. It was donated by Tom Watson, who formed Aerial Agriculture in Bankstown in 1952 and operated 20 Tiger Moths on topdressing in NSW. Both Bert and John worked for this Company as engineers for almost a combined 100 years! Bert started in 1954 aged 18 and retired in 2000.

This Tiger Moth, VH-PCB, was used in Walcha till they were phased out in 1965 by the Department of Civil Aviation (now CASA). Bert was instrumental in dismantling it, transporting it to Walcha, where he then reassembled it in the shed where it still resides at the Historical Society's premises in Derby Street.

Bert had lots of stories of the old days and interesting facts and figures, plus many photos and articles which will be donated to the museum

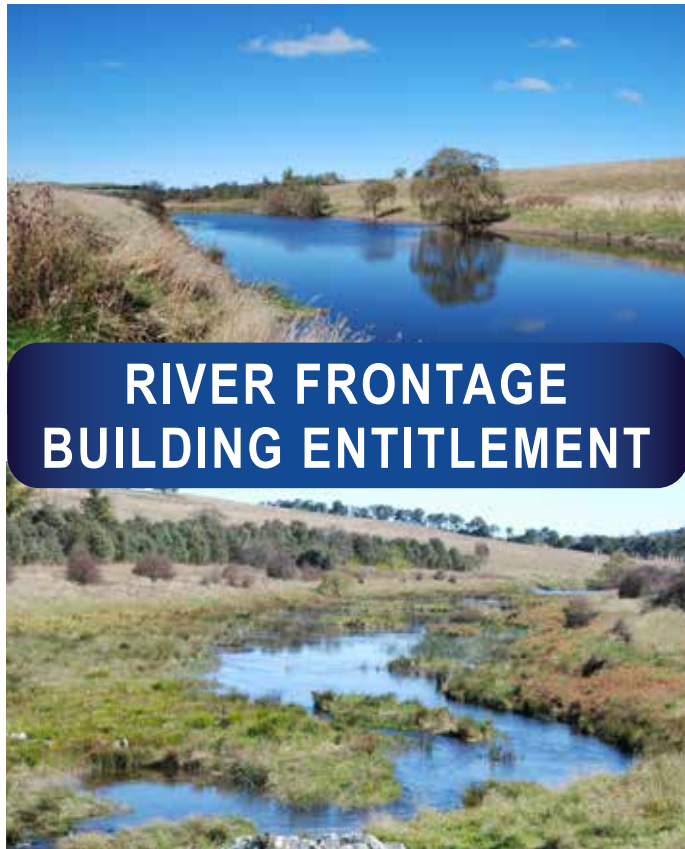
The first aerial spreading in Australia was on 'Mirani' in 1951, thanks to the foresight of Mr A. S. Nivison and others. Then Mr Dick Ireland was the first person to spread super commercially on his land 'The Lake'. From then on, aerial fertilising revolutionised agriculture in the area, taking Walcha from relatively unproductive land to the "pasture wonderland" it became, thus making Walcha one of the best grazing areas in the country and greatly increasing the carrying capacity of livestock.

It is easy to forget or be unaware of our history and those pioneers who were not afraid to try new things. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for what we have today.



Above: John Land (left) and Bert Wellfare with Tiger Moth VH PCB at the Historical Society's Hangar.

Below: Mechanically loading superphosphate from bags into the Tiger Moth on an airstrip in the 1950s



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1080 Aerial and Ground Baiting For Wild Dog & Fox Control 2022

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Forestry Corporation of NSW wish to advise they will be carrying out 1080 poison aerial and ground baiting for wild dog and fox control, commencing 20 May and to be completed by the June 2022.

This baiting program will be carried out in conjunction with the following Wild Dog Control Associations: Ashford, Atholwood, Bald Nob - Skeleton Creek, Baldersleigh, Boonoo Boonoo, Bundarra, Cataract River, Chandler River, Cooney Creek, Copeton, Deepwater - 10 Mile, Donnybrook - Leeches Gully, Dundee - Glen Elgin, Elsmore, Emmaville, Enmore - Blue Knobby, Jeogla, Kooreelah, Liston, McLeods Creek - Lower Rocky River, Mingoola - Mole River, Moona - Winterbourne, Mt MacKenzie, New Koreelah, Niangala - Nowendoc, Nullamanna - Wellingrove, Pyes Creek, Red Range - Pinkett, Rocky Creek, Rocky Dam, Rummeries Hill, Sandy Flat, South Valley, Steinbrook, Tenterden, Torrington, Upper Severn River, Wards Mistake, Wongwibinda, Yarowitch - Tia, Yarowick and Yetman

Baiting will be undertaken on the following NPWS managed lands: Avondale SCA, Back River NR, Bagul Waajaarr NR, Bald Rock NP, Barool NP, Basket Swamp NP, Bluff River NR, Bolivia Hill NR, Booroolong NR, Bulagaranda (Mount Yarowick) AA, Burrall Yurrul NR & NP, Butterleaf NP & SCA, Capoompeta NP, Captains Creek NR, Cataract NP & SCA, Cathedral Rock NP, Cottan-Bimbang NP, Crooked Creek NP, Cunnamurra NP, Curracabundi NP, Donnybrook NR, Dhinna Dhinawan NP & NR, Forest Land FR, Gibraltar NR, Gibraltar Range NP, Guy Fawkes River NP & NR, Indwarra NP, Jobs Mountain NR, Kings Plains NP, Kooreelah NP, Kwiambal NP, Mann River NR, Maroomba SCA, Maryland NP, Mount Hyland NR, Mummel Gulf NP, New England NP, Nowendoc NP, Nullamanna NP, Nymboida NP, Oxley Wild Rivers NP & SCA, Serpentine NR, Severn River NR, Single NP, The Basin NR, Tomalla NR, Tooloom NP, Torrington SCA, Tuggolo Creek NR, Warra NP, Warrabah NP, Washpool NP & SCA and Werrikimbe NP

Baiting will occur in the following State Forests: Bald Knob, Beaury, Billilimbra, Boonoo, Brother, Butterleaf, Donaldson, Donnybrook, Doyles River, Enfield, Ewingar, Forest Land, Girard, Giro, Hanging Rock, Koreelah, Malara, Moogem, Mount Mitchell, Nowendoc, Nundle, Oakwood, Paddys Land, Riamukka, Spirabo, Styx River, Terrible Billy, Torrington, Tuggolo, Warra and Woodenbong State Forests

Baiting will occur on the Travelling Stock Reserves:

TSR 14257, TSR 67816 and TSR 810.

1080 baits pose a high risk to domestic dogs. All domestic dogs should be kept under control and away from baiting areas at all times.

For further information please contact Northern Tablelands Local Land Services:

02 6732 8800 (Glen Innes), 02 6770 2000 (Armidale), 02 6739 1400 (Tenterfield), 02 6720 8300 (Inverell), NPWS New England Area 02 6777 4700 (Walcha), NPWS Northern Tablelands Area 02 6739 0700 (Glen Innes) NPWS North Coast 02 6652 0900 (Coffs Harbour) or Forestry Corporation of NSW on 02 6585 3744 (Wauchope) or 02 6652 0111 (Coffs Harbour).



Rare race bikes coming to Walcha next weekend

Walcha Royal Cafe will feature seven very rare motorcycles next weekend when Vice President of the Queensland Early Motorcycle Sports Club, Ian Milton brings part of his personal collection to town.

"I will have five solo bikes and two side cars with me, with a very rare 1946 Vincent HRD historic racing sidecar, as well as one of only 80 1954 Matchless G45 replica solo historic race bike," Ian said.

Ian will arrive after lunch on Friday 27 May and will be displaying the bikes at the Royal Cafe on Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May.

Ian races historic bikes and sidecars, and will be on hand to talk to people about the bikes, with the full line up including:

1. "Big Red" Vincent HRD historic racing sidecar 1946 model 1300 cc
2. Vincent Rapide 1000 cc solo 1949 model registered road bike.
3. Matchless G45 replica solo historic race bike 1954 model 500 cc
4. Matchless G12 CSR registered road bike with Murphy, (ex NSW police) side car 1963 model 650 cc
5. Triumph Speed Twin, 1939 model solo 500 cc historic race bike.
6. Gilera Rosa Super Sport solo road bike 1957 model 175 cc
7. Moto Beta 175 cc solo road bike 1956 model.



Free Positive Parenting workshops in Walcha

The Hub Community Group is presenting a series of free Positive Parenting Workshops hosted by Walcha Central School.

The first workshop will be at Walcha Central on Tuesday 31 May 2022 and 7 June 2022, from 9.15 until 11.15am. These workshops are for parents of pre-school and infants aged children. Behaviour Consultant, Fiona McCormack is the presenter.

Positive Parenting is a positive and constructive approach to guide and develop your child's behaviour. Participants will be given strategies and materials to support them.

Please call the Walcha Central School on 6777 2777 to book your place as there are limited available. There is no cost to attend.

Need childcare now, or in the future?

From Walcha Childcare Committee

This Sunday is your last chance to fill in the Childcare survey with the responses being collated and presented to Council after this week. With around 70 responses so far, the Committee are hoping that those who do not yet need childcare, but will need access in the future will also fill in the form to help for future planning.

The survey only takes a few minutes, 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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This Thursday in Walcha

Members of the community are invited to come along to the Walcha Tennis Club this Thursday 19 May from 10.00am for a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

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This will be our final Farmers' Market for the Autumn season, before we go into Winter recess. So top off Election Day with a pleasant stroll through your local market.

Begin with a rich espresso, coupled with one (or more) of the baked delicacies you will find on offer across the market. Gather up fresh, seasonal produce and condiments to fill your pantry, while entertained by the lively music of the Ukellarikans.

Homemade rocky road chocolate, cheeses, pastries, wood items and homewares are also on show. If gardening is your pleasure, a wide variety of plants are always found here. Oh, and let's not forget Rotary's sizzling breakfast BBQ to brighten your morning.

Remember to drop off any homegrown produce or baked treats you have to the Community Stall. We will sell these on your behalf. You will also find vegetable (and flower) seedlings at the stall to enrich your winter crop.

So make the Walcha Farmers' Market your 'go to' place this Saturday, and enjoy with family and friends. Market is open from 8.30am – 12.30pm at McHattan Park.

Festival of Small Halls is heading to Yarrowitch

Festival of Small Halls has announced that celebrated songwriters Ash Bell and Sara Tindley, along with emotive troubadour Melanie Horsnell, will visit the Yarrowitch Hall on the upcoming Resilience Tour 2022.

This special edition tour targeted at bushfire affected communities with Yarrowitch scheduled for Sunday 5 June. "This will mean a great deal for all the music lovers in our area and will also be a wonderful opportunity to get together after some tough times in the region," said Louise Clarke, Yarrowitch Community Group member.

Billed as a relaxing Sunday afternoon soiree, locals are keen to step forward and do their bit to support the arts and the music industry when the rolling festival comes to the village of Yarrowitch. "Being a rural area, we don't often get to enjoy top quality music so close to home, explains Louise, "So this is a very exciting event to look forward to – all are welcome!"

The Yarrowitch community are keen to share the beauty of their area more broadly, inviting locals and visitors alike to make a day of it.

The event will feature touring musicians Melanie Horsnell and Ash and Sara, co-billed alongside local supporting act Lane Pittman, the teen sensation from Tamworth.

Doors open at 3.00pm. The event is BYO, with snacks and coffee available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://festivalofsmallhalls.com/yarrowitch-2022>, \$25.00 full admission. Discovery NSW vouchers can also be used, only by contacting Louise Clarke prior. Email: yarrowitchcg@gmail.com or call her on 0428 695 184.



Attention Walcha businesses

Quota Club of Walcha would like to advise that our recent Mother's Day Raffle was won by Steve Hammond. Congratulations to Steve for supporting Quota.

This prize provides the winner with the opportunity to spend \$1,000 worth of vouchers in Walcha businesses. This is a great prize and the raffle was very well supported by the local community. All profits made by the Walcha Quota Club from this raffle will go towards local projects benefiting women, children and families.

Businesses will be able to redeem these special vouchers from our treasurer at the time of purchase. All information and instructions are printed on the vouchers. Could businesses please assist us by accepting the vouchers if they are presented at your shop.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supporting the Quota Club of Walcha to continue its activities to assist our community.

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Congratulations to 'Wirribilla' resident and TAS Year 12 student Eugene Campbell who has been selected in the NSW Country U/18's Rugby Union squad to attend a training camp at Narrabeen 28 and 29 May. Eugene who prefers Loose Head Prop or Hooker has represented New England for the past four seasons along with playing a few games with the Walcha Rams. Good on ya 'Euge'.

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Local Junior Rugby League players Troy Hawkins and Teraia Marsters represented North West in a trial match for Greater Western selection at Coonabarabran earlier this month. Despite playing well and scoring a try each, the boys missed out on being selected although Troy was listed as a shadow reserve.

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Last weekend Troy suffered a suspected broken ankle playing for Kootingal U/18's shortly before he received an invitation to play in the Greater Western team at Wollongong next week, after an original team member pulled out. Sadly, Troy won't be able to take the invitation due to his injury, but as he is only in Year 11 at Walcha Central he has one more year up his sleeve. Another local junior Tyla Bloomfield also plays for the Kootingal U/18's which is co-coached by former Australian Kangaroos Winger, Nathan Blacklock.

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Talented allround athlete Teraia may have missed out on Greater Western selection but that won't slow him down. He has been picked to play for the North West Touch Football team at the State Titles in Wagga Wagga next month. Go 'gettum' Teraia.

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Although Uralla/Walcha were defeated by Armidale in the Men's Group 19 Rugby League at Woodville Oval last Saturday, the five Walcha players who took the field all performed well. Jock Abraham made plenty of bullocking runs in attack and scored a try, as did Mitch Eveleigh who also pulled off more than one impressive hit in defence.

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Utility players Steve Eveleigh, Drew Bird and Harley Cox all went well when given opportunities performing strongly in both attack and

defence. With a few runs under their belts and more time at training together, the team will improve because there certainly is enough talent to do so.

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This Saturday the Roos/Tigers head to Tingha and then travel to play Inverell. The Rams on the other hand have the bye this weekend which probably isn't all that bad really after they suffered a big defeat at the hands of the Pirates last Saturday. The main thing is we have players out there having a go.

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The final round of the New England Veterans Pennants 2022 competition will be contested at Uralla this Thursday commencing with a 9.30am shotgun start. Guyra are red hot favourites to win overall as they currently hold a 51 point lead sitting on 968 points, followed by Walcha 917, Armidale 876, Uralla 860 and Glen Innes on 834.

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Footing Tipping leaders after Round 10 of the NRL: Newie – C.W.N. Bill Fletcher and Daniel (Digger) Lordanic 118, Fred Henry 116, Jack O'Hara and Lachlan (Filbert) Green 114; B.C. – Rodger (Jagger) Jamieson 116, Tommy LeStrande and Max Holstien 114, Gerry Moran, Mick Wall and Jenny Haslem 112; Apsley – Neil Pratter 110, A J Cross 108, Jake Murray and Fred Henry 106.

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Big Wigs of the Week: Newie – Digger Lordanic 14 points and would have picked the card if he took Newcastle over the Bulldogs. Might have to get some tips off you Dig; B.C. – Maree Brazel 12 points; Apsley – Carly Goodwin, Ian Cameron and AJC 10 points.

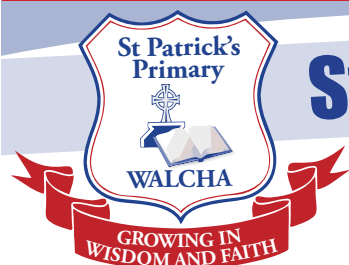
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There were plenty of Brisbane Broncos supporters including Dal Evans giving heaps of cheek last weekend after their team belted Manly last Friday night. It wasn't much fun being a Sea Eagles supporter last Saturday at Footy in Uralla because there were plenty of comments about the Broncos win being hurled about. All I can say is I hope the Manly Sea Eagles don't wear a predominantly black guernsey anytime soon.

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Left: Darrell Brazel, Warwick Fletcher and Andrew Crawford.
Right: Sponsors enjoying the luncheon the Walcha Rugby Clubhouse.
Below from left: Mandy Williams and Kristian Schmidt. Chris and Sarah Betts. Jock Nivison, Ross King and Charlie Street.



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At the 19th

Over 30 players teed off in a stroke medal round last Sunday for a trophy donated by Lachie Fletcher, where the only player to score under his handicap, Michael Stackman, ran out the winner with a 69 nett which also entitled him to the A Grade mug.

B Grade went to club handicapper Don Brooks after he carded a 71 nett, while C Grade was taken out by Andrew Robertson on 76 nett. Sweepstakes to Wayne Brennan, Andrew Bowden and Lee Fletcher after they all registered 73 nett.

Club Champion Andrew Bowden shot a four over par 74 to win the scratch section of the event and also clouted the longest A Grade drive.

Long drives are sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus, with B Grade going to Deon Lawrence and C Grade to Andrew Robertson.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Drew Bird (3 and 9) Lee Fletcher (16) and Jack O'Hara (18). Captain Will Brennan won the putting competition after he engaged his flatstick on 25 occasions, but only after he counted out Miles Archdale and Don Brooks.

The 'Pink Shirt' for most putts went to Sue Partridge with 35 jabs after counting out Brian Wall. In matchplay Miles Archdale defeated Lee Fletcher 3 and 2.

Last Saturday Brian Wall won the weekly 9 Hole Competition after he compiled 13 points, runner-up was John McCormack on 12 points, whereas Sue Partridge counted out Caroline Street to win the Ladies Division with 13 points. This Sunday is a stableford round where Angus Warden is in charge of supplying the prize.



Rugby League

Uralla/Walcha were defeated by Armidale in both grades at Woodville Oval last Saturday when round 3 of the Group 19 Rugby League competition was played.

The hosts were unlucky not to score in the corner after 10 minutes, before the visitors opened the scoring with a soft try from dummy half four minutes later which was converted.

Midway through the opening stanza Uralla/Walcha levelled the scores when centre Mitch Eveleigh dived over in the corner and winger Harley Carlon landed a great conversion from the sideline. A few minutes later Armidale regathered the lead with an unconverted try, before the homeside bounced back when Bryce Johnson touched down and Carlon converted to give them a 12-10 advantage. Five minutes from half time Armidale crossed for a converted try to regain the lead 16-12 which stayed that way until oranges were taken.

Early in the second session Armidale scored a converted try and then increased the lead to 24-2 with a penalty goal before they went further in front 28-12 with an unconverted try 10 minutes from time. Just before the final hooter, centre Jock Abraham converted and the scoring was finalised at 28-18.

Womens League Tag

Uralla/Walcha were defeated by Armidale 24-0 in their Group 19 Ladies League Tag fixture at Woodville Oval last Saturday.

Armidale scored two tries in the first half, one of which was converted to hold a 10-0 advantage at the break, before crossing for another three touchdowns in the second session. The homeside did have their chances but couldn't capitalise on their opportunities, but did show what they are capable of at times.

Overall, Armidale were the better side using their speed and evasive skills to their advantage.

Uralla/Walcha were best served by fullback Rachael Green, the speedy Nicola Hoy and Jess Swanton who handed in a solid allround performance in both attack and defence.

Number 9 Bella Swift also played well, while Finlay Bird went well with limited opportunities.

Uralla/Walcha have two trips away over the next fortnight firstly to Tingha and then to Inverell.

Gun Club

Walcha Gun Club held it's monthly shoot on Sunday 14 May with 26 shooters attending, including 5 juniors, from the coast to Moree. A great day for shooting with plenty of encouraging comments.

Results:

Event 1 – 50TG Double Barrel: AA Helen Overton 48/50, A Bart Crasby 49/50, B James Poole 48/50, C William Davidson 45/50.

Event 2 – 50TG Point Score: AA Helen Overton 143/150, A John Lisle, Charlie Ward, Bill Fletcher 144/150, B Warwick Keable, Kerry Young 138/150, C Dean Rumble, Archie Davidson

Event 3 – 50TG Continental Point Score: AA Helen Overton 147/150, A Cliff Overton 149/150, John Lisle 147/150, B James Poole 142/150, C Dean Rumble 143/150, Archie Davidson 131/150

Overall High Gun was won by Helen Overton 338/350 which was donated by Keable Rural Supplies who also sponsored our raffle.

Our June shoot will be cancelled due to the Northern Zone Carnival being held in Tamworth that weekend.

The club would like to welcome new member Dave Swain to our ranks and hope he gets plenty of enjoyment from it. New members always welcome, just contact the Secretary on 0428 772 846

Bowls

Results from the weekend: Mixed Pairs: A McGuffog & W Moore defeated R Kerr & J Hayes 20-9.

Draw for this Weekend: Saturday 12:00 start – **A Grade Singles:** S Goodwin v A McGuffog, marker G Clare (game to be completed)

Ladies Bowls

The Final of the Three Bowls Pairs Championship was played last Thursday with Jan Cross and Debbie Richards having a close 19-17 win over Veronica Jamieson and Pat Laurie. What a great fight back from Jan and Debbie after Veronica and Pat lead 17-6 after 14 ends, only to see Debbie and Jan score 13 shots on the last four ends to become Champions. Congratulations Debbie and Jan.

The Pairs Championships commence this Thursday 19 May. The draw is Janice and Wendy v Lyn and Veronica, Jan and Pat v Debbie and Esther with Social Bowls.

Last chance to put your name down for our Presidents Day on 26 May.

Our monthly meeting is this Thursday 19 May commencing at 1.00pm.

Last Wednesday Walcha had two teams playing in the Pam Westbury Memorial Day at Uralla, only to be washed out after a couple of ends. The winners were drawn from a hat and the lucky winners names to be engraved on the trophy were Pat Laurie, Janice Rizzi and Debbie (Uralla).



Positions Vacant



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Raffle Results

Hospital Auxiliary stall 6 May: 1st Carol Morris, 2nd Wayne Brennan, 3rd Linda Scherf. The community support was much appreciated.

Quota Mothers Day Raffle won by Steve Hammond. Thank you to all for your support

Walcha Central School wood raffle was won by Hugh and Stef Cook.

Meetings

Woolbrook RFS AGM Saturday 21 May 2022 at Woolbrook Hall 10.00am. All welcome.

Walcha Support Group Inc. Thursday 26 May 1.00pm at WCCC rooms in Middle Street. All welcome.

Thank you

The family of the late Margaret Jillian Coyne would like to thank all who attended her funeral service and also for floral tributes and cards received. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Walcha Central School Drive-In Movie night last Friday.

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