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The colt made the third top price of the sale and when the hammer fell, Norm was brought to tears. "The result is the culmination of hard work for many many years, but not in my wildest dreams did I think he would make \$325,000," Norm said.

"I think we'll see a lot more of him," he commented with the colt being out of Calzini Bianchi who is the half-sister of Top Knight. Norm bred Top Knight who went on to win nine races in Singapore, as well as being named Horse of the Year.

Norm's plans prior to heading to the Gold Coast were to 'slow down' and sell his horses with retirement in his sights, however he is now thinking twice!

The colt's sire was Russian Revolution, with Norm sending Calzini Bianchi back to this stallion for the third year running. "It's something I've never done before, but when I saw the first foal I went again, and he is the result."

With the third foal to drop later this year, the best could still be yet to come!



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# around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

It is certainly hard to write about the weather and markets when we have just had a change of government! For the last week there has been very little in the way of weather events to write about, however if you are living on the coast or the eastern fall it is a different story. Once again the mid north coast has received a dump of rain, an event which must be starting to wear pretty thin if you live there. On the eastern fall it has not been quite as wet in volume, but there has been a lot of wet weather with misty rain blowing in from the east all week. I was east of Armidale this week and the country is simply saturated. The property I was on had just lost most of its flood gates along a semi-permanent creek, which is the third time this year. There has certainly been a lot of water in those easterly running streams, and it appears there is more of this to come over the next few weeks.

Sheep and lamb markets have been relatively flat in my view when compared to forecasts put out last year by the MLA and others. There have been more numbers about, which was expected, but prices have been below expectations for many producers. I am not sure how the lamb feedlots are working out the sums, but it does not look like there is any margin there at current rates. In my opinion, store lambs are selling very well by comparison to their prime counterparts. There does appear to be some light appearing at the end of the tunnel for lamb fatteners, with contracts for June to August stronger than current values. In most market reports I have read, this last week has seen price increases for the best trade and heavy lambs. So, with luck there may be some improvement around the corner.

Following big falls of rain through central and southern QLD the cattle market has seen values fully firm this week. Only quality issues seem to separate any differences in values. Tamworth yarded just over 1200 cattle on Monday in what was described as a good quality yarding. There was very little fluctuation in values to restock and feed other than breed related price variations. With additional buyer support, heavy yearling cattle to processors were dearer, as were the heavy steers. Cows were quoted firm. Wagga yarded 3200 cattle and the cattle were described as having very few to suit processors. Feedlots were the most active and with winter around the corner restocking activity was subdued. The heavier feeder cattle were dearer, much dearer in places and the market "bounced around" according to the report. Heavy steers to process were not there, but the 700 cows yarded created plenty of interest at higher values. Restocker activity on cows was also very strong. There is little doubt recent rain will help to maintain cattle values for longer and it will be very interesting to see where feeder rates are when we reach the end of winter and coming into spring. Many have predicted values will ease and restockers are certainly becoming more conscious of that, however, if the feed situation is maintained by further falls of rain, it is anybody's guess. Once again, fortune may well favour the brave.

Saturday's Federal election is being talked about ad nauseam in the media and there is no doubt the Coalition were caught out with their line of "more of the same". That is exactly what many in the electorate did not want and although the Labor party have been elected on a very small primary vote count, they did have an agenda for change. The coalition got belted in inner Sydney, Melbourne and Perth where the Teal independent movement and their community-based focus has run over the top of the Liberal party and their scare campaign. Scott Morrison has done the right thing by standing down as leader of the Liberal party as change is needed. But Peter Dutton as the next leader?? As a former Liberal party leader said this week, if Peter Dutton is the answer, what is the question? It is a great time for the Liberals to take a good hard look at themselves and put a completely new face in as the leader in my view. It was a disaster for the Liberals that Josh Frydenberg and the likes of David Sharma lost their seats on Saturday's rout.

The Nationals do not appear to have lost a seat in the parliament, but I think they too will have to look at some of their policies if they want to continue to be supported as they are. It may well have been interesting for the Nats in some of seats if the Teal independents were competing against them on Saturday. The next test of this movement will undoubtedly be played out in the State election.

Albo may not be everybody's idea of PM, but if he does what he says he will do in making this parliament a better place to work and more consultative, who knows? He may be a cracker. I hope so. Interesting to note the Chinese have made their first contact in two years with the Australian Government this week? That can only be positive.



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# Biggest morning tea ever

From Jenny Hoy

Our Biggest Morning Tea exceeded all expectations and eclipsed last year's total by over \$1,000. So far we have raised an amazing \$6,400.

We had a great morning with approx 45 people attending the clubhouse, including two lovely ladies representing the Cancer Council. Joy and Jenny both gave brief talks about their voluntary roles with the Cancer Council in Armidale.

We also delivered plates of goodies to some local businesses – roughly another 115 people.

So I would like to give everyone involved a massive shout out. First and foremost a huge thank you to my super helpers.

Thank you for your yummy cooking and sandwiches, thank you to everyone who helped at the clubhouse and delivered the plates around town. Obviously the BMT would not happen without all you wonderful ladies. Also thank you to everyone who donated money to such an important cause, Walcha's generosity always astounds me.

If you were unable to attend the morning tea but would still like to donate, it's not too late. Just pop your donation in an envelope and drop it into Walcha Telecottage.

Thank you again everyone for your amazing support of the Cancer Council. Every dollar is one step closer to finding a cure.



## Oxley Highway to Port Macquarie remains open

Motorists are advised the Oxley Highway between Knodingbul and Forbes River roads will remain open under a single lane, alternating flow arrangement while repair work on major landslips is carried out.

This work was originally expected to result in a full work-hour closure of the highway for up to 14 weeks. However, we have worked with our contractors on methods to reduce the required road closures for this section of work, minimising impacts to motorists.

We apologise for any confusion relating to the recent change in road closure information.

As work progresses on the slope restoration projects, it is expected there will be several road closures.

We will keep the community informed of planned road closures in advance.

**Motorists can register for SMS notifications about closures on the Oxley by emailing region.north@transport.nsw.gov.au with their contact details or call 1800 653 092.**

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic controllers.

Transport for NSW thanks motorists for their patience during this time.

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# out and about



BY MAYOR ERIC NOAKES



**TENDER:** Everything going well today, Wednesday, Walcha Council should award the tender for package 1 of the Off Creek Storage. This package includes the construction of the embankment and spillway and is by far the largest package with another eight either being tendered now or soon to be. You may remember through negotiations by our GM Barry Omundson this

project was set up under an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management model to allow local contractors an opportunity to be involved in the construction. In doing this it also allows council to have a far more hands on approach. The land has been purchased and approvals have been sought, we are ready to go.

There has been a rigorous vetting process both through the pre tender and tender stage to give five companies the opportunity to be involved in this process. One company withdrew due to other commitments which allowed four to progress.

This step is obviously the culmination of years of lobbying, paperwork and begging (crawling) to get the funds but will, when finished and filled create a secure water supply for our community. While lack of water seems so far from our concerns at this time there will certainly be a time in the future when it will be front and centre again. Depending on many issues, some beyond our control, hopefully we will see completion and commissioning of this infrastructure within a year. Our infrastructure department are working hard with Hunter H2O to bring this project in on time and budget.

**BUDGET ETC:** After a very successful public engagement of Council's Community Strategic Plan (CSP) last Thursday saw the council resolve to place this document plus Draft 2022/2023 Delivery Program and Operational Plan inclusive of the draft budget, fees and charges, and revenue policy on public display for 28 days. While this is a legislative requirement it should be remembered that these documents belong to the community. The input received from public consultation has been included in the CSP and any

input into the above documents will also be given due consideration.

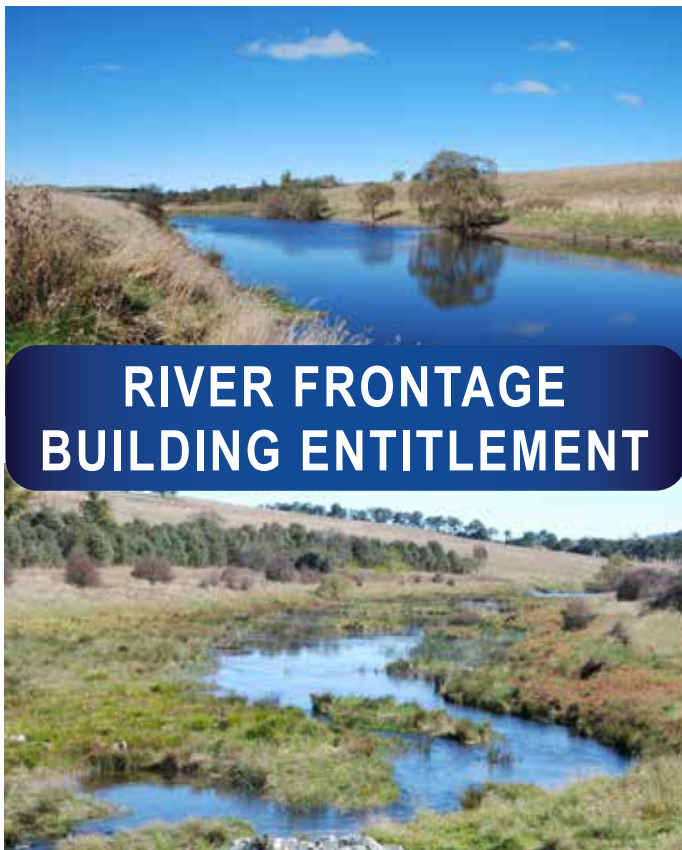
These documents set out the community's vision for our LGA, how it will be funded and delivered. Like all visions, whether council or personal, financing needs over wants is challenging and as council goes through our financial sustainability process there will be many more opportunities to engage on our way forward.

On behalf of council I would like to thank all community members who engaged in the community consultation process, and especially those who provided feedback. This engagement is the foundation of good local government.

**BLUE HOGAN BRIDGE:** Anyone who has driven along Fitzroy Street in the last week would have seen preparations under way to erect safety railing on Blue Hogan bridge between the walkways and the bridge decking. Having walked across this bridge it's surprising how close pedestrians are to traffic and the risk this raises for safety. I don't know of another bridge on a state highway that faces this issue. Work should be completed by the end of June and Transport for NSW need to be commended on finding the funding for this project. Mick Papadopoulos (Regional Community Partnering for TfNSW) deserves special mention for reviving a project that seemed doomed.

**OXLEY HWY CLOSURE:** I have to admit I was disappointed with the way the closure of the Oxley Highway between Knodingbul Road and Mt Seaview Road was communicated to effected communities. The first most of us knew about it was through a Facebook post. No consultation or notification was given and after the devastation to our businesses when it was closed due to fires and flooding I believe we deserved better. It appears this section of road will be closed at certain times over coming years and if you are travelling that way it would be a good idea to check Live Traffic. Any relevant information that council has will be posted on our website. Sometimes the little people get lost in a sea of bureaucracy.

**MOTORCYCLE RALLY:** At its last meeting Council decided to seed fund, underwrite and manage the November Motorcycle Rally for another three years. An event raised from the ashes of the ill fated Freak Show of Motorcycles, it has been plagued by every problem that could be thrown at it yet has managed to grow each year. Supported by an enthusiastic and experienced committee we are hoping that weather, viruses, plague, pestilence and bushfires give us a break this year.



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# Walcha Town & Country Club Mindful in May

From Tess Dawson

During May students of Walcha Yoga, in both Nowendoc and Walcha, were generously offered two free classes by the Walcha Town & Country Club to promote Mindful in May.

Walcha Town & Country Club's current fundraising efforts are focusing on 'Women's Health' events, and they chose to support Walcha Yoga attendees as the Club has recognised that Walcha Yoga is already providing wellness services in the Walcha community.

Walcha Yoga students would like to express their gratitude to Walcha Town & Country Club, and how grateful they are to be members of such a thoughtful and caring community. Thank you very much Walcha Town & Country Club.



## Thank you SES

Last week Mountain Motors hosted a morning tea for our local SES members to show our appreciation for the work they do in the Walcha community.

NSW SES Wear Orange Wednesday or 'WOW Day' is all about wearing orange to thank all SES volunteers who generously give their time to help communities during emergencies.

Audi Dunn made the cake for the volunteers, with Mountain Motors shouting the coffees to go with morning tea.

NRMA has a partnership with the SES and held the morning tea in their office.

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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, Yarrowitch - Tia, Yarrowyck 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 Yarrowyck) AA, Burrall Yurru NP & 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).

# Save the Date

## Ladies lunch back this year

The ladies on the Walcha Town & Country Club Committee, are excited to let you know, that the Annual Ladies Luncheon is back for 2022!

The luncheon will be hosted by Di and Norm Bazeley, in the beautiful gardens at Elswick Park, on Saturday 22 October.

With only a small committee we have enlisted the lovely folks from Little Coco's Gourmet Catering to provide you with all of your delicious food needs. The luncheon has returned to its three-course meal format, with canapes on arrival and a sit-down main lunch with dessert.

The day will also include a number of local stall holders, that you will be able to browse through and support, while enjoying the garden surrounds.

The committee are still in the planning stages and would like to let you know that an invitation will follow in August with all of the information you will need for the day.

This is an open event and not only just for local residents. With the luncheon spot just minutes from town it's perfectly located for a stress free, fun filled day out. So, mark it in your calendars, get the day off and gather a group of friends together!

## Drought planning underway to develop plan for the future

Workshops commenced in Walcha yesterday in the first step towards developing a Regional Drought Resilience Plan for Walcha and Tamworth Councils.

Tamworth Regional Council and Walcha Council are one of three priority regions identified by the Department of Regional NSW to take part in the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) pilot programs across the state.

Consulting firm, *WSP Australia* have been engaged to work with Councils to develop the plan. They were in Tamworth on Monday and Walcha yesterday to hold workshops with around 20 key personnel in each town. This will then be followed up with one-on-one calls to other stakeholders, engagement with the Local Lands Council, and then an online survey which will be distributed to community members.

This planning process will consider what worked and didn't work in our recent drought, to develop a plan for the future.

A draft plan will be developed by 12 August, and following further consultation with Councillors and community members, the final plan, with projects which will be ready to run when we are experiencing drought, detailed as a part of the plan.

## thumbs



- 👍 To our Walcha Taxi drivers for great service.
- 👍 To the Walcha kids who represented their schools at Wingham Beef Week and the Walcha Central staff who took good care of them.
- 👎 To whoever keeps robbing the farm shop at "Rangeview". It's breaking the childrens' hearts.

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



# Sore Neck?

## Consider a Chiro

With this week being Spinal Health Week it is a timely opportunity to check on your spine and neck health to ensure a healthy and active lifestyle.

Is your neck aching from endless browsing, swiping and texting? Do you wake up with a stiff neck from poor sleep? Maybe you've been practising some bad habits lately?

Dr Samantha Goor at Walcha Chiropractic Centre says "From standing, to sitting, to lifting, to sleeping – every position your body takes can have an impact on your spinal health. It's very common to go about your day and not pay attention to some of your activities that may be having a detrimental effect on your neck, and it doesn't stop at neck pain. Neck problems are a common trigger for headaches. They can also cause jaw problems, shoulder pain, or weakness and tingling into the arms and hands.

Implementing positive spinal health habits in the first place, including good posture, sleep hygiene, and partaking in regular stretching and exercise regimes are important factors in preventing neck pain. Dr Samantha Goor suggests "There are many things that can be incorporated into a day-to-day routine that can improve your neck health or help to assess if you need professional assistance.

For example, these are three easy steps you can add into your daily life to help safeguard and



improve your neck health:

1. Stand up, walk, jump, drink fresh water and take a few deep breaths every 20-30 minutes.
2. Regularly move your neck by performing slow and gentle shoulder rolls, neck rotations and neck side bends.
3. Correct your neck posture – lightly draw your shoulders back to open your chest. Imagine gravity works in the reverse, gently lengthening your neck and allowing your chin to tuck in slightly.

If you are concerned about your neck health following two years of lockdown and disrupted routine, consider visiting your local ACA chiropractor, Samantha Goor at Walcha Chiropractic Centre, 109w Fitzroy St, Walcha to help you live your healthiest, most fulfilling life. To make an appointment phone 6777 1340.

# Scam catches local lady

A local Walcha senior was caught last week with a scammer taking large sums from her bank account.

The initial contact was made through a call to her landline with the scammer saying he was calling from the Security Division of her bank asking if she had made payments to the USA recently for \$1300 and \$300. He explained that this was possibly a scam, which greatly concerned the lady.

About 30 minutes later they called back, this time a lady saying she was from the security division of the bank. They assured her that her accounts would be safe.

It was at this time she was asked to go to her computer where they would install a program to enable her to continue banking online safely.

The call continued for several hours with the scammers installing two programs on her computer, and subsequently taking large sums of money.

We contacted the bank who said that you should not trust people who call if you don't know who they are. Ask for their staff number and then call the bank back on the hotline to verify that this staff member contacted you, and they will transfer you back through to them.

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# What's the Goss



With A.J. CROSS

**What a remarkable sporting achievement** by the McLaren family when part time 'Nerstane' resident and Year 12 student Charlie McLaren was selected to play halfback for the Scots College First XV rugby team recently. His father Jock played for the firsts in 1990 after grandfather John kick started the family feat in 1960. Both were in attendance to watch Charlie in action against Barker College which resulted in a win for Scots. Good on ya boys.

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**When I phoned John** earlier in the week he was in Armidale watching one of his other grandsons James playing in preliminary trials for the North West PSSA squad alongside Hugo Ussher and Alex Gunn. The hooker, halfback and five eighth respectively were all selected to play in final trials this Friday in Tamworth. If successful they head to Mudgee for the State PSSA Rugby Championship later this year. Go Gettum Guys!

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**Former Walcha Rugby League player Brian Hodgins** passed away last week in Newcastle aged 90 years. Brian came here from Newcastle with Les Fairleigh and 'Flicker' Fennell to play for Walcha in the 1950's. He was married to Dawn Mahoney, who was a bridesmaid for my mother Colleen when she tied the knot with I.J. There will still be a few of the players from that era that remember Brian. May he Rest in Peace.

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**No golf on the local scene** last weekend due to the inclement weather conditions, but hopefully play will resume on Saturday with the weekly 9 hole competition followed by a stableford round on Sunday where 'Molleydooker' Warwick Hogan is in charge of supplying the prize. The Werris Creek Open is also scheduled for this Sunday.

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**The final round of the 2022 New England Veterans Golf** Pennants competition was played at Uralla last week and although Walcha did peg back the lead of Guyra it wasn't enough with the 'Spud Diggers' running out winners. Final points were Guyra 1206, Walcha 1163, Armidale 1096, Uralla 1094 and Glen Innes 1020.

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**Yarrowitchian Jeff Etheridge played his first Vets Pennants** round for Walcha last week and although he finds the sandgreens here at home a bit tricky, there were no such problems at Uralla where he accumulated a sensational 49 stableford points. Needless to say Jeff won't be playing off the same handicap he did that day anytime soon.

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**Congratulations to Former Newie Co-host Bob Denniss** on winning the Jock Nivison Memorial trophy awarded to the Walcha player who accumulates the most stableford points throughout the New England Vets Pennants Golf competition. Bob racked up 151 points from his five rounds, while runner-up Lee Fletcher finished on 144 despite missing the round against Guyra. Best of the ladies was Club Champion Cheryl McDonald on 139 points, ahead of former Club Champion Simone Sweeney on 120 points.

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**Word has it that there was a troop of monkeys** in a tree at the Pakington Street residence of my daughter Rachael Wellings last week – well according to her young fella Jay there was. On investigation Rach discovered a riot of Kookaburras making somewhat of a disturbance before informing Jay there weren't any monkeys in the tree.

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**Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the Week** – Newie, Ben Little picked the card a great effort really. Davey Fletcher and Johnny O'Hara both on 14 points. Apsley – John Bell, Dion Hunt, Kamal Khmal, Carly and Kyle Goodwin (all 14 points). Bowling Club – Jenny Haslem, Mark Ferguson, Natasha Haines, Darren Bird (all 14 points).

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**It's not too late to purchase a raffle ticket** in a dressed lamb for just \$1.00 from the Cross Brothers Butchery. Proceeds will go to Troy LeStrande who has been experiencing a tough time health wise of late and will be drawn by Troy's son Jake at around 2.30pm this Friday. Good luck to the winner who will probably be at odds of around 2000-1 by then, but who cares it's all going to a worthy cause.

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## Wednesday Golf

Wet weather didn't play into our hands last week, so this week we played the event we were to play last week. It was a stroke, putting, monthly mug event along with the Mabel McKenzie medal round. The trophy was donated by Donna Martin.

Our winner was Margaret Davidson with 74 points, with sweepstakes going to Katie Smith 76, Julie Hoad 78, on a count-back from Cark Street 78. Putting went to Cark Street with 24 putts, second shot on Hole 7 went to Jenny Lisle. The monthly mugs were won by Julie Hoad Division 1, Margaret Davidson Division 2, and Katie Smith Division 3. Today we are playing a par event with the trophy being donated by Jeannette Wark.

## Ladies Bowls

The Ladies Pairs Championships commenced last Thursday with Janice Rizzi and Wendy Moore defeating Veronica Jamieson and Lyn Burnell 20-14. In a game of consistency June 92 and Jan 88.

This Thursday is our Presidents Day with players to be at the Club by 8.30am. The Final of the Pairs will be played on Thursday 2 June.

The sheet is on the notice board for players interested in playing in the Ivy Makeham Singles with nominations closing on the 2nd June.

## Rugby League

The Uralla/Walcha Rugby League team notched up their first win of the 2022 Group 19 season when they defeated Tingha 40-28 at Tingha last Saturday.

Leading 20-12 at halftime thanks to a brace of tries to both half back Jack Doran and winger Tom Cooper along with a couple of conversions from Harley Carlon, the visitors increased their advantage to 24-12 early in the second stanza with an unconverted try to centre Zac Walters.

Tingha responded with a converted try of their own before second rower Drew Bird touched down in the 53rd minute to give Uralla/Walcha 28-18 lead. Once again the home side bounced back with a couple of tries, one of which was converted, to tie up the game at 28 all.

Midway through the second session visitors five eighth Steven Eveleigh put his team back in front with a try from short range. Centre Jock Abraham put the issue beyond doubt touching down under the posts after a 50m burst.

## Women's League Tag

The Uralla/Walcha Ladies League Tag team were defeated by Tingha 40-6 after trailing 20-0 at half time. Tingha scored 8 times and kicked 4 goals to hand out a dominant lesson but at least our girls did register points through a try to Anika McKenna and conversion by Joscisca Matapakia.

Speedster Nicola Hoy suffered a hand injury during the game and fortunately was cleared of any fractures when x-rays were taken later on.

Players' Player went to Anika McKenna who also received 1 Group 19 Best and Fairest point. Club Best and Fairest 3 Caitlin Hollis, 2 Kirra Lee Murphy, 1 Joscisca Matapakia and Jordy Hoy.

A big thank you to Leanne Presnell who has been doing a great job taking photos for the club. Hopefully some of her work appears in this edition of the Apsley Advocate.

This Saturday Uralla/Walcha travel North West again to take on Inverell at Inverell.

## Walcha Darts

**Results 5 May:** Bowling Club defeated the New England Magnificent 7, 7 games to 4. High scores for the night Alice Gibson of BC with 116 and Mark Notley of Mag 7 with 108. Unfortunately the other game for the night was forfeited.

**Results 12 May:** Apsley defeated the Bowling Club 8 games to 3. High scores for the Apsley were Christopher Watts with 4 x 100, 120, 140 & a 61 peg out, Dave Baumer with 112 & 100, Glenn Olrich with 100 x 2, Riley Bird with 120 & 105, Tu Maaka with 100 & Tim Baumer 105 & 100. High scores for the BC were Anthony Green 100 & Dal Evans 100 & a 69 peg out on bull!!

The New England Magnificent 7 defeated the Commercial 6 games to 5. Top scorers for the Mag 7 were Luke Notley 119 & 115, Sam 114 & Liam Brennan 66 peg out.



Above: Womens League Tag team. Below: Uralla/Walcha Rugby League Men's team.  
Top right: Joscisca Matapakia in action. Bottom right: Jock Abraham running the ball. Photos Leanne Presnell.





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