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Air Force recognises our Centenarian Veteran

Riverview resident, Walter Foster is the oldest living Gunner who served with the Australian Air Force in World War II. His outstanding contribution to our country was recognised on Saturday with the presentation of a Certificate of Recognition as a Centenarian Veteran by Air Force representatives who travelled to Walcha.

Flight Lieutenant Dave Slattery described Walter as a 'selfless hero' as he made the presentation in front of his family, including grandson Kristian Schmidt, at the special luncheon held at the Commercial Hotel.

Walter, or Wally as he prefers to be known, celebrated his 100th birthday last November, being born on 26 November 1921.

In 1941 Wally graduated from Brisbane Women's Hospital as a Pharmacist, but did not register his qualification as he wanted to join the Air Force and he knew if he registered he would become a precious commodity and not be allowed to go to war.

On 9 September 1942 Wally enlisted into the Royal Australian Air Force as a Wireless Operator Air Gunner.

He trained as a part of the Empire Air Training Scheme in Winnipeg Canada. Once he graduated he flew with the Navigator trainees as their Wireless Operator Air Gunner for the next 6-12 months.

He was then transferred to Scotland based near St Andrew's Golf Club at Aberdeen. Wally was part of the B-24 Liberators being used as anti-submarine patrol aircraft. His team would drop air-deployable sonar buoys over the North Sea of Scotland in search of submarines.

Upon his discharge, before heading back to Australia, Wally was approached by the United Nations to work as the Chief Pharmacist at the Belson Hospital in Germany. For the next two years he looked after the survivors from the Bergen-Belson Concentration Camp. While he was there he attended the Nuremburg War Trials.

Once back in Australia, Wally moved to Lismore to practice as a Pharmacist, before marrying Marie in 1949 and moving to Beaudesert. They went on to have two children, Robert and Lyn. Lyn now lives in Walcha with son Kristian at the Commercial Hotel.

Wally loved playing cricket being an A grader for Wynnum Manly in Brisbane. Wally was opening bat, and is very proud of the fact that Alan Border took his batting position when he retired.

He keeps busy at Riverview Hostel, continuing his love of aircraft as he builds model planes.

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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

We have been so lucky with the weather to this point, and the luck has to run out! A winter blast this week is going to bring us back to earth with strong winds and snow down to 800m expected in the Central Tablelands. Monday night has seen power outages around the state and many roads cut with fallen trees. Locally, there have been reports of fallen trees in all directions with a lot of damage to trees caused by the wind on Monday night. Once again the Oxley Highway is closed between Yarrowitch and Yarras which seems to be such a regular occurrence these days, that before you drive down to Wauchope you have to check to see if it is open! The rest of this week is looking fairly cold, but hopefully we will see some better days once this change has passed.

After a change in Government I am not seeing anyone too surprised and I have to say change is often a good thing because the focus and issues change with it. Albo has started off with a busy schedule and now he is back in Oz his cabinet will be announced this week. It will be interesting to see who is given the Agriculture portfolio and one can only hope it is someone heavily focused on agriculture and the regions. Without Joel Fitzgibbon, the former shadow minister, it is hard to see any of the other big hitters who have an interest, but time will tell. If there was ever any doubt, I think agriculture has demonstrated in recent years just how important it is to our economy and it should be well supported by the new government.

One move I am happy to see resolved by this government is the matter of the Tamil asylum seekers who have been pushed from pillar to post by the former government at extraordinary expense to the tax payers and huge cost to their mental health. I agree with Albo, we are better than that, and the failure of the former government to find some compassionate grounds to help these people is beyond comprehension, with Peter Dutton and Scott Morrison at the fore. There are always special circumstances and, on the surface at least these people should qualify. They still have a battle ahead of them to get residency status, but surely that will play out in their favour.

On the conservative side of the bench, as expected Peter Dutton has taken the role of Liberal leader unopposed and our member for New England Barnaby Joyce has been ousted by David Littleproud as leader of the Nationals. Both leaders are from QLD which is interesting, and it will be just as interesting to see the direction they take their parties in the coming months. Change is needed with more of the same not palatable to the electorate, and both parties will have to work hard to convince anyone that their attitudes towards women and climate change are behind them. It will be just as interesting to see whether this new independent movement has any capacity to influence the parliament, now the Labor Party has a majority in the lower house. Indications are that they will probably be at least be heard by this government, which was less likely with the last.

Tamworth yarded 1368 cattle on Monday in what was described as a fair to good quality yarding. There were more cows on offer and increased competition to buy them. Market trends were a bit all over the place, but largely unchanged on the previous week. Wagga yarded 2100 cattle on Monday which was down 100 head with a lot less cattle coming in from the west. The yarding was plainer and feedlots were strong on all suitable lines. Processors found it hard to compete with the feedlots, even on the killable cattle. Interestingly the EYCI has shot up again this week to over 1100 c/kg CWT, which would be attributed to recent rainfall and lower numbers I suspect.

Sheep and lamb numbers have eased this week with Bendigo yarding significantly less following Wagga with a reduced yarding last week. Dubbo also yarded 2700 less sheep and lambs on Monday while Tamworth yarded a hand full more. With all the big centres yarding less sheep and lambs you would have to consider that winter numbers are approaching and maybe we will see values lifting on the back of reduced numbers. We live in hope.



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Trio selected for Country honours

Three members of The Armidale School's First XV forward pack donned jerseys for NSW Country last weekend, having been selected for the under 18s side to take on Combined High Schools on Sunday 29 May.

Tight-head prop Stirling Munsie (Guyra), who has played for Country previously, was joined by debutantes, fellow prop and Year 12 classmate Eugene Campbell (Walcha), and second rower Fred Kearney from Coonabarabran, in Year 11.

The game was a very physical encounter ending in a 19-all draw. All three TAS boys were picked in the run-on side, with Stirling Munsie named Captain.

The boys were amongst 23 of 130 who trialled last month at Maitland and headed to Narrabeen Sports Academy in Sydney last week for training, ahead of their first clash against CHS. The team will also play GPS White on 21 June, AICES (Association of Independent Co-educational Schools) and Combined Catholic Colleges later that week, before the series culminates in City v Country at Bathurst on 31 August.

"It's good for the confidence to be selected again, especially as the City Country match was canned last year due to COVID. The boys from the bush always have a special bond and it's also good to see a lot of younger talent coming through," Stirling said.

For Eugene it is a dream come true, having trialled in the past.

"I'm looking forward to developing my skills and having tried out for a few years but not making it, this is extra special and was the end goal in my last year at school," he said.

Fred, who last year played for GPS President's XV A, said he was excited at the prospect.

"I was stoked to be selected and it will be fantastic to play at another level of rep rugby. The experience we will get from coaches the calibre of Mike Hays, who used to coach the Queensland Reds Women's team and Gordon, will be awesome."



Eugene Campbell (above) in action, and left with NSW Country team mates Stirling George and Fred Kearney

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Childcare Crisis in Walcha – Not just a problem for working mums

To attract young families to Walcha and to retain them in the community, participation of both parents in the workforce needs to be facilitated. This is both an equity and an economic issue for Walcha and reflects the reality of today's socioeconomic needs.

Women make up a huge part of the workforce in Walcha. We are the doctors, retail staff, police constables, psychologists, dietitians, farmers, accountants, nurses, teachers and administrative staff, and perform many other important roles. Many of these mothers (and sometimes fathers) do not work the hours they would like due to lack of 'work friendly' childcare. By this I mean long day care, pre-school, before and after school care, vacation care.

This is a big loss for the Walcha community and its economy.

Childcare options in Walcha currently are:

- Walcha Pre-School: 59 licensed places for children aged 3-5. Open during school term dates only.
- Walcha Central School: after school care commenced in Term 2 2022.
- Armidale & District Family Day Care and KCL Family Daycare Providers: currently no places available for children of any age.

As such, if you have a child under 3 who is not already enrolled with a Family Daycare Provider, there are no childcare options available in Walcha for you at present. Many families are forced to drive to Uralla or Armidale for childcare or rely on informal care arrangements for their children.

I have heard the argument that rural communities such as Walcha are too limited in terms of resources or are too small to establish and maintain the full range of childcare options. However Uralla, Guyra, and Manilla, all towns with comparable populations, are able to service both pre-schools and long day care.

Given this situation in Walcha, a few concerned parents have created a childcare working group. You may have noticed a recent survey in the Advocate. We are trying to establish the true childcare needs of Walcha residents.

Results are in...

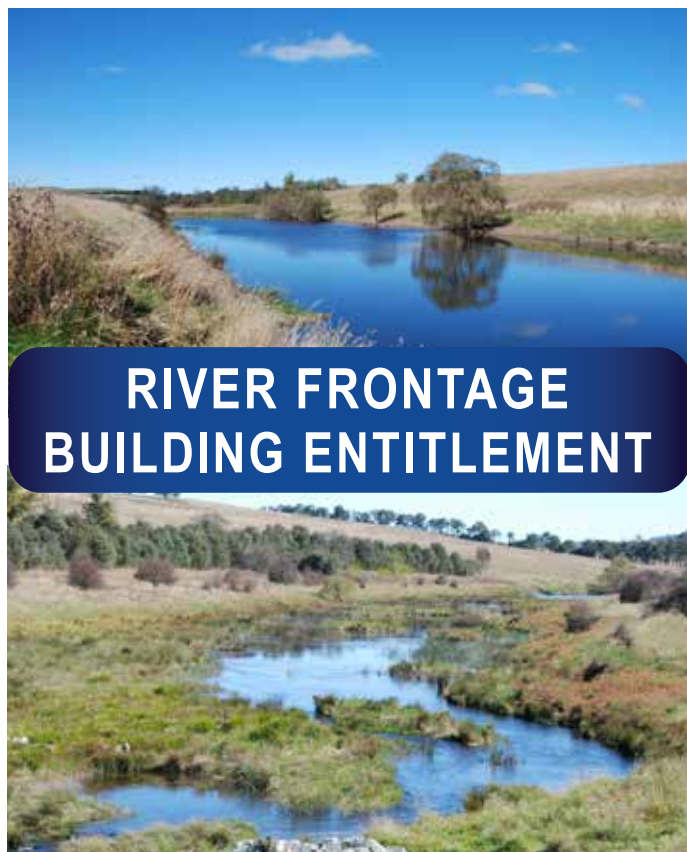
- We had 81 respondents and of those, 94% felt that availability to childcare services in Walcha was inadequate.
- 63% of respondents needed childcare, where none, or not enough was available. 19 children needed childcare where none was available at all, and 71 children required more childcare.
- 38 respondents, including myself, had children in informal childcare arrangements.
- 77% of respondents needed childcare during school holidays. 43 families needed extended hours of childcare.
- 32 respondents struggled to find care more than once per week, limiting their ability to work.

Many respondents voiced their frustrations at the limited childcare options in Walcha and some respondents had reduced their hours of work in order to look after their children because childcare wasn't available.

These are only a few of the many responses to the childcare crisis that we received in the survey. Full survey results will become available soon and we plan on organizing a community meeting in the near future to help problem-solve this issue in Walcha.

So often I hear that in many aspects of its community and socioeconomic activities Walcha is considered to punch above its weight. Come on Walcha, let's do the same with childcare!

Dr Alison Jones



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On Tuesday 17th May Peter Dunn was honoured to be presented with the Australian Fire Service Medal by NSW Governor, Hon. Margaret Beazley at a ceremony in the Ballroom of Government House.

The medal is in recognition of Peter's distinguished service as a member of the Australian Fire Service.

Accompanying Peter at the service was his grandson Egan, son Andrew and wife Beryl.



Peter and his firefighting team with children at the recent Walcha Fire Brigade Open Day



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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, Bural 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

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New rooms for Lavery Pathology

Lavery Pathology last week moved into new rooms at the rear of Walcha Telecottage.

The new rooms offer a dedicated waiting room and reception separate to the collection room.

To access the new collection room, park at the rear of the Telecottage off Walsh Street, and enter via the ramp.

Opening hours are: Monday to Thursday 7:30am to 12.00pm. Their contact number remains the same on 6777 1499.



Tickets now on sale for Motorcycle Rally

Tickets went on sale last week for the 2022 Walcha Motorcycle Rally which is marked down for 18 and 19 November 2022.

Whether you own a show bike, rat bike, adventure bike or road bike, the Walcha Motorcycle Rally is for all motorcycle enthusiasts.

Simply log onto www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au to check out what's new and what's back by popular demand. From supported adventure rides to guided road rides, from the roaring street procession and Show & Shine, to motorcycle barrel racing and a new freestyle skill show, there will be something for everyone. Why not fine tune your wheelie skills on the Wheelie Machine, without having to risk your bike or your licence!

The Demolition Derby is not to be missed over the weekend. Some of Australia's leading axemen will demonstrate wood chopping and chainsaw racing, and the BackTrack legendary dog jumping team will be making a return with man's best friend.

With new exhibitors and stallholders there will be plenty to see and do over the two days. Thursday night is welcome drinks and live music, followed by a full program on Friday and Saturday.

"Motorcyclists have been eagerly awaiting tickets to go on sale after the huge success of last year's event. We have a lot of motorcyclists from interstate who are looking forward to being able to cross the border this year. We're expecting over 1,000 motorcycle enthusiasts to come from far and wide," Walcha Tourism Officer, Lisa Kirton said.

Discounted tickets for locals will again be available closer to the event. For more information on the rally and to buy tickets, visit <http://www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au/>

A puzzling way to keep warm!

Staying motivated on these cold winter days can be difficult, but Walcha Library has the answer with their Puzzle Library.

The collection is still growing thanks to kind donations from the community.

There are now over 60 jigsaw puzzles in the collection, available to loan. From the avid jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts; to families looking for something to do together – jigsaw puzzles are perfect entertainment by the fire this winter. There is an extensive range of designs and sizes, for all age groups.

The puzzles are available to loan for free, and if you aren't a member of the library, it is quick, free and easy to register today!



“Don’t muck around”

Stroke survivor’s plea to the community

Tamworth man Joe Miller was trying to eat his lunch at a local shopping centre in 2014 when he noticed something wasn’t quite right. “I had no control of my hand and the pie, instead of going into my mouth, hit my forehead.”

The 67-year-old was having a stroke. He recognised the F.A.S.T signs (Face. Arms. Speech. Time) and quickly sought help.

“Because I learnt a lot, I knew the F.A.S.T signs, so I realised what was happening.” Two weeks later, another stroke struck. This time Joe was at home and couldn’t swallow a cup of coffee. Again, he was taken to hospital, but it wouldn’t be the last time. Joe had another three strokes, making that five in two years.

He’s recovering well and is now using his experience to educate others.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are 1.5 times more likely to die from stroke as non-Indigenous Australians and Joe wants to change that. As part of National Reconciliation Week, which starts today, he’s sending an urgent message.

“Don’t muck around. The main thing to survival is follow the F.A.S.T rules. Time is of the essence and if you feel like you’re having a stroke, ring triple zero and get an ambulance straight away.”

Stroke Foundation CEO Sharon McGowan says Joe’s message is crucial to improving survival and recovery rates.

Learn the F.A.S.T. signs of STROKE

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|  FACE <i>drooped?</i> |  ARMS <i>can't be raised?</i> |  SPEECH <i>slurred or confused?</i> |  TIME <i>is critical! Call 000.</i> |
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With A.J. CROSS

Early in March this year marked 68 years since former Walcha Central School teacher George Boermans arrived in Australia as an 8 year old from the Netherlands with his migrant family. Back in 2004 'Hazeldean' resident George asked the then Winterbourne School bus driver John Smolders why he had been absent from his job for a while to which John replied he had been attending a family reunion celebrating 50 years since coming to Australia by boat. Big deal you may think, but please read on.

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Quick as a flash George quizzed John about the name of the ship John had arrived on before John replied sharply – 'The Sibajak'. John and George soon worked out they had arrived here on the same vessel all those years ago. George clearly remembers that 'The Sibajak' was berthed at Port Melbourne on arrival in 1954 and there were huge crowds present with bands playing, a nice welcome to Australia really. Except all the fanfare wasn't for the migrant ship it was for Royal Yacht Britannia with the Queen on board sailing out of Port Phillip Bay. Small world sometimes.

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The lucky winner of the lamb raffle for Troy Lestrade, drawn at Cross Bros Butchery was Julie Butler. By all accounts one Fitzroy Street resident purchased a ticket in the raffle before informing her husband that she had no idea what was going to happen if she won the lamb, but there was some suggestion they could just let it run around their yard. The young lady in question can now rest easy.

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Local golfer Kyle Goodwin won the A Grade long drive at the Werris Creek Open last Sunday after smashing his tee shot on the fifth hole a distance of around 300metres. Fellow Walcha player Jack O'Hara reckons he hit two reasonably good shots on the same hole and only just managed to reach Kyle's mark.

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Walcha golfers made up a quarter of the players in the open field, where Miles Archdale and David Sweeney (runners-up in the scratch) Kyle Goodwin and Drew Bird (front 9 winners) Deon Lawrence and Jack O'Hara (back 9 winners) all collected trophies, but only after they all survived countbacks before doing so.

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Rugby League scrums have certainly changed over the years from being a fair dinkum challenge to a social get together in the middle of the field these days. Walcha have had some sizeable front rowers most of the time, slightly larger than Uralla/Walcha props Drew Bird and Dean 'Snowy' Kelly who wore the number 10 and 8 guernseys last Saturday at Inverell.

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Jillaroos Nicola Hoy injured her wrist a couple of weeks ago against Tingha and it was reported she escaped any fractures. Following further C.T. scans it was revealed Nic had broken her little finger and the bone below her wrist. To top that off her boyfriend Uralla/Walcha halfback Jack Doran chipped bones in his ankle against Inverell last Saturday. Speedy recoveries to both Nic and Jack.

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This Saturday Uralla/Walcha will be hosting Warialda at Woodville Oval and the club would like to invite as many Old Boys and Girls who have played for either Uralla or Walcha (or both) to attend wearing their beloved club jerseys. There will be free entry for those who do so. All the action kicks off with Ladies League Tag at 1.00pm.

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Well done to all the primary school athletes who competed in the Armidale District Cross Country at UNE last week. Representing Walcha Central in the 11 Years Girls event over three kilometres, Georgie Blake braced the tape first followed by her twin sister Anna not long later in fourth position.

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The top runners from each event progress to the next level at Coolah in a couple of weeks time, which includes Hugo Ussher who finished third in his race. Fletcher France, Hudson France and Sophie Mulligan who all placed fourth in their respective events, along with Azaria Forrester who finished fifth. Mary Jane Wilkes ran 8th in her race and has been listed as a second reserve. Lacey Swilkes from Kentucky and Woolbrook's Arley Olsen also made it through to Coolah. Good on ya guys.

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Big wigs of the week Bowlies: Kyle Goodwin, Johnny Cross and Willy Makeham. Newie: George Jamieson, Cameron Norbury and Dianne Stackman. Apsley: Kyle Goodwin. All tipsters picked the card.

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Exhibition now open

New Works, an exhibition by local artist Paula Jenkins, and Esther Eckley was opened at Walcha Gallery of Art last Friday night. The exhibition is open over the coming weeks for you to enjoy.

Photos courtesy of Jenny Sweeney



Left: Artists Paula Jenkins and Esther Eckley. Above: Nick and Paula Jenkins with Jen and Michael Sweeney. Below: Walcha Gallery of Art's Carley McLaren with husband Jock.





Angus and Annie are all smiles and looking forward competing at Eastern Creek.

Running their way to Eastern Creek

St Patricks students recently competed in the Diocesan School Cross Country at Barraba.

Year 4 student Angus Fletcher, who competed in the 10 year age group, ran two kilometres in a time of 7:56 minutes to place fourth. While in the 11 year age group Annie Patterson-Kane, who ran the three kilometre course, had a great race and also placed fourth.

With only one week left before they head to Eastern Creek both Angus and Annie will be busy with training in the fresh mountain air expected this week. They are both looking forward to representing their Diocese at Eastern Creek Polding on the 7 June and we wish them all the best.

advocate sport



Wednesday Golf

Wednesday saw the girls play a Graham Betts Stableford qualifier for Prue Morgan's trophy. The winner with 35 points was Cheryl McDonald and sweepstakes went to Jenny Lisle 34, Polly Locke 32, Sally Rutherford 31, Margaret Davidson 30, on a countback from Pauline Carter 30. Jill Burnell was the sharpest shooter on Hole 3 and no-one reached the sand on Hole 16. Second shot on 7 was Cheryl McDonald and Simone Sweeney cleaned up the second shot on 18. Today we are playing the 27 Hole Foursomes Championships playing for a trophy donated by Elders. Hit off is 9.00am.

Bowls

Draw for this weekend: Saturday - A Grade Singles: K Goodwin v T Asmus, marker B Goodwin. S Goodwin v A McGuffog, marker G. Clare.

There will be a Bowls meeting at 11.30am Saturday 4 June to discuss player availability and the upcoming Zone 3 Pennants competition as well as the format of the Travelling Bowlers Group.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday the Ladies Presidents Day was held with twelve teams participating. There were teams from Armidale, Uralla, Guyra and Bendemeer, plus local players. The Dad's Army men also joined us to make the day a successful one. The winners were a Walcha Team of Wendy Moore, Peter Hayes and Barry Kliendienst with a margin of 12 ends, runners-up was a team from Guyra with a margin of 10 ends.

Several local players won spiders and prizes in the raffle.

The sheets on the board for players wishing to nominate in the Ivy Makeham Singles. Nominations close this week 2nd June.

Rugby League

Uralla/Walcha travelled to Inverell last Saturday where they were defeated in both grades.

The homeside converted a 16-6 advantage at halftime into a 20-16 victory in the main game while in the Ladies League Tag match, Inverell won 34-0. Stand in Captain Steve Eveleigh touched down for his teams' first try in the opening stanza which was converted by Kieren Stiff. Inverell scored three tries in the first half, two of which were converted to give them their 16-6 lead at 'oranges'. The visitors won the second half 10-6 through tries to Zac Walters and Tom Cooper along with a second conversion to Kieren Stiff.

Best and fairest points - 3 Steve Eveleigh who also picked up 2 Group points, 2 Bryce Johnson, 1 Shurb Rhodes Swain. Coaches award went to Harley Cox.

This Saturday Uralla/Walcha take on Warrialdal at Woodville Oval in Uralla.

Women's League Tag

Inverell opened up a 14-0 lead before running out winners 34-0.

Best and fairest went to Joscisca Matapakia who received 3 club points and also picked up a Group point from the referee. The remaining club points were - 2 Kirra Lee Murphy and 1 Caitlin Hollis, who also took out the players player award.

At the 19th

With a number of members away at the Werris Creek Open, a field of 16 teed off in a stableford round for a trophy donated by Warwick Hogan where 'Waterloo Mayor' Ross King accumulated 34 points to claim the prize. Sweepstakes went to Lee Fletcher 33, Gavin White 32, John McCormack 29, Simone Sweeney 28 and Brian Lynch 27.

Down at Werris Creek around a quarter of the field was made up by Walcha players with six out of the 14, meeting with success. Runners-up in the scratch event were Miles Archdale and David Sweeney on 31 points, a couple of points behind the winners. Front nine hole winners were Kyle Goodwin and Drew Bird on 21 points while the back nine holes went to Jack O'Hara and Deon Lawrence also with 21 points.

Long drive in A Grade went to Kyle Goodwin after he caressed his tee shot on the fifth hole around 300 metres.

Last Saturday Brian Lynch racked up 14 points to win the weekly 9 hole competition but had to survive a countback with Crichton Barr before doing so.

Ladies winner was Jenny Lisle after she scored 13 points while Lyn Laurie was runner-up on 10 points.

This Sunday is a 4BBB Medley for prizes supplied by life member Neil Dark and his son Adam.

thumbs



- 👍 To Peter Norbury for a great car detailing service.
- 👍 To Barb at Moons Bakery for great service at very short notice.
- 👍 To the Essential Energy workers who are busy trying to restore energy to local households in atrocious conditions. It is much appreciated.
- 👍 To Council workers who have been clearing trees after the strong wind gusts on Monday night. Thank you.

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Council at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council, reviewed and updated its DRAFT Community Strategic Plan 2032 and has now placed it on another 28 days public exhibition for the community to review.

Council also adopted its Draft Delivery Program and 2022-2023 Operational Plan, which includes the budget, fees and charges and revenue policy, and has placed it on public exhibition for 28 days as well.

All documents can be viewed on our website: <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news/draft-community-strategic-plan-and-operational-plan-2022-2023.aspx> until 5:00pm Monday 20 June 2022. During this time written submissions on the draft Plans will be received by Council. Please send any submission via email: council@walcha.nsw.gov.au or Post: PO Box 2, Walcha NSW 2354. All submissions will be reviewed by Council before the documents are ADOPTED on 29 June 2022.

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