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## Three Lions receive highest award



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Walcha Lions Club have been working tirelessly for our community now for 64 years, celebrating their Changeover Night on Monday evening at the Bowling Club.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of three Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Terry Olsen, Peter Boyd and Peter Mclvor. This award recognises their outstanding commitment to the Club and is the highest recognition a Lion can receive, named in honour of their founder Melvin Jones.

In making the presentation, outgoing President, Ian Bird said that all three men have been tireless workers for the Club. "They are only ever a phone call away, and they help with anything that needs to be done without any problems," he said.

Peter Boyd has been a Lion for 27 years and took over the reins as President for the coming year.

Terry Olsen has been the Lawn Maintenance Manager for Lions Park for the past 19 years. "There is never a blade of grass out of place up there and he keeps the Park looking immaculate," Ian said. Terry has been a Lion for 19 years and has served as President, as well as the Lion Tamer.

Peter Mclvor is the Chief Gardener at Lions Park, keeps the barbeques operating and manages the Lions BBQ storage shed. "He has served as President during his 13 year membership of Lions and is a great example of a Lion," Ian commented.

As a community we are extremely fortunate to have such a strong Lions Club who are always looking to help others.

*Pictured: Terry Olsen, Peter Mclvor and Peter Boyd (centre) are congratulated by Treasurer John Wark and President Ian Bird*



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## around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Some beautiful winter days have been wonderful this last week, while the south of the state has still been feeling the cold changes coming through with regular monotony. I must say that after the first couple of weeks of winter, I was wondering what we were in for until September. Thankfully, we seem to have found ourselves with some sun and a run of warmer days after some big frosts. It won't be too long before we are looking forward to a fall of rain again, but at this point I'm keen for some more good days under the sun. I see the BOM still have us down as much more likely to experience wetter conditions rather than drier for the next few months. That is the case for much of the eastern half of Australia with the exceptions being western TAS.

It would be good if we could say livestock markets were as stable as the weather has been over the last week or so. Both cattle and sheep markets have been shedding value daily in the market place for the last couple of weeks. Many market reports are highlighting that not all buyers are in attendance which is interesting. It tells me they are getting enough stock to process without having to attend a physical market. I wonder how this would be playing out if the \$Au dollar was back up towards 80 c US? I should highlight the fact that processors have been paying above and beyond to stay in the game, pretty much since 2016 but with some respite from late 2017 until late 2019 when the drought broke. Market analysts have been saying for a long time that the cattle market in particular was unsustainable and values would correct. For a long time that did not appear to be the case, but numbers are starting to come forward and the tide may well have changed, albeit slightly. The EYCI is back to 1053 c/kg CW which to put it in perspective is still way above where anybody thought possible not too long ago. There is also not a lot wrong with 330 c/kg for a cow, 370 c/kg for a heavy steer, or 600 c/kg for feeder steer if you consider historic values. It is far from a disaster.

Restocker values for cattle have come off the boil significantly in some cases over the last month or so, with all but for the very best quality cattle affected. Last week on Auctions Plus there was a stand out line of Angus heifers unweaned from Speriby North, north of Glen Innes on offer. There were 185 heifers sold in deck lots and the prices ranged from a high of \$3560 down to \$3460. There is no doubt that there are plenty of buyers out there for something special, which these cattle were. However, looking through the other sale results and cattle are much more buyable than they were 6 weeks ago, with plenty of steer and heifer weaners well under \$2000 which was not the case. The very best of the Angus cattle are still selling well, but anything with some cross in it has found the going a bit tougher. Look at it as an opportunity, cattle are getting much more buyable. My guess is that wintry conditions are not all that is going on and maybe some restockers are hesitant, wondering how far this processing job can come back before they see the bottom.

The same can be said for the sheep and lamb markets. A cold start to winter has put some sheep on the market as producers grow impatient waiting for higher values. Having said that the main regional selling centres on Monday all recorded significantly lower numbers, possibly due to the pasting they got the previous week. Quality is becoming an issue at this time and all markets are reporting fewer good quality trade lambs available at regional selling centres. Market values have come off another \$10 to \$15 this last week, but lower numbers this week may encourage a steadying of the ship.

I should point out that there is not a lot wrong with prices we are seeing right now. Livestock values have been at extraordinary levels for a couple of years following the drought. Values we have never seen before and well above global prices if you read some of the commentary on the topic. Analysts have been predicting values to ease well before this, and they have held at elevated levels largely because of seasonal conditions over such a broad area. It will be interesting to follow the market through into spring and see how it evolves. It is expected to remain very strong by historical standards.



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## Peter Boyd new Lions President

After two years at the helm, Lions President Ian Bird handed over the gavel and charter to Peter Boyd for his first term as President of the Club on Monday evening at the Bowling Club.

Peter will be assisted by Secretary Lloyd Levingston, Treasurer and First Vice President John Wark, Assistant Secretary and Bulletin Editor Denis Makeham, Second Vice President Peter McIvor, Third Vice President Don Scott, One Year Director Phillip Hamel, Two Year Directors Michael Hoy and Bob Burnell, Lion Tamer

Terry Olsen and Membership Ian Bird. (all pictured above)

The Club has had a successful year despite disruptions due to COVID. They have volunteered an astounding 1187 hours to projects in our community including 208 hours at the Races, 274 at the Show and 125 at Lions Park to name a few.

The Club is a great supporter of many local causes and donated a cheque to the Walcha Support Group (Carolyn Salter pictured right) at their Changeover evening.



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Mon 4th July 12-1pm @ Walcha Library Ages 8+

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Try an exercise class that mixes dance, boxing and aerobics.

Wednesday 6th July 9 - 11am @ Walcha Community Gym  
Ages 10 - 17 yrs

#### "Kids in business" workshop

Fun activities to inspire Walcha's youth entrepreneurs

Thurs 7th July 2-5pm Ages 8 - 17

@Walcha Council Community Care 11S Middle Street

#### NAIDOC Storytime

Stories, craft & games to celebrate NAIDOC Week for all ages

Friday 8th July 10am - 12 noon @ Walcha Preschool

#### Little Lego Masters

Building challenges & games for ages 4-7 yrs

Monday 11th July 10-11am @ Walcha Library

#### Board game tournament

Meet your friends for some games - prizes on offer!

Wednesday 13th July 2-5pm Ages 8+

@ Walcha Council Community Care, 11S Middle Street

#### Learn to sew session

Sew library bags for the 'Baby's first library bag

program' Thursday 14th July 2-4pm

@ Walcha Handmade Ages 12yrs+



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## letters to the editor



### Walcha Historical Society needs your help

The Walcha Historical Society is applying for grant funds through the Club Grants round of funding.

We wish to build a new display shed at the Museum complex to house the horse drawn buggies, sulkies and other machinery along with the leather tack we have on display in the old barn, which is deteriorating.

The Museum complex is a major tourist attraction for Walcha which brings in much needed tourist dollars in the form of accommodation, fuel sales, food outlets etc. Any upgrading of the facilities will enhance the pleasure of visits to the Museum and improve safety for the volunteers who give so willingly of their time in opening up every weekend and on request at other times throughout the week.

We need the community of Walcha to get behind our grant request by writing to us in support of our application. Time is short with the applications closing on 22 July 2022.

If you are willing to support us please contact Kerry Dickson on 0488 779 133, by email at kerryddickson@gmail.com or by letter to PO BOX 41 Walcha.

Come on Walcha. We know what a great supportive community we are and this new addition to the Museum complex can only make Walcha a more welcoming place to visit.

**Kerry Dickson**

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

### WALCHA SKATE PARK PRECINCT RENEWAL

CONVIC have prepared a draft concept design for the new **Walcha Skate Park**! And we want to hear from you. If you are interested in the future of the space come along to the design session below and have your say!!

#### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

##### DESIGN WORKSHOP

**When:** Thursday 30 June  
3.00 – 5.00pm

**Where:** Walcha Library  
42N Derby Street North, Walcha

Come along and get involved to help shape the future of this exciting new community space!!



# letters to the editor



After reading Mr Warwick Fletcher's letter to the editor on 15 June 2022 *If nothing changes, nothing changes*, I came to the conclusion that there are two schools of thought with regards to the proposed wind projects for Walcha: one is fiction-based, and the other is pure fact-based.

The current disastrous state of our electricity industry should be a permanent reminder that feelgood concepts eventually get mowed down by the big bus of reality. Unstable supply, blackouts, high power prices, baseload power suppliers driven to the wall are just some of the issues we have created for ourselves with our renewables folly. And taxpayers fund it.

Unfortunately, Mr Fletcher appears to be assembling a "community" line of argument in order to give the proposed Winterbourne Wind and Walcha Energy projects justification for existence. This line of argument is transparent and is used simply to serve a purpose: Mr Fletcher is one of the landholders that stand to gain financially from the projects.

Mr Fletcher's claim that these industrial wind estates will somehow provide Walcha with a strong future and a more economically diverse one is fictional. Let's be honest. This project financially benefits 20-30 landholders in total, and the notion that there is going to be loads of money for the community is fanciful. However, these proposed projects will affect everyone in the town and surrounding areas. We will all see them and hear them!

How is building 526 wind turbines (each of which are 230 metres tall, more than 5 times higher than Sugarloaf Tower in Walcha) somehow supposed to improve the quality of our town, community and life? Worse still, taxpayers end up paying for each megawatt produced by these things, thanks to the system of the Federal Government Large-Scale Generation Certificates (LGCs) and the mandated and legislated Renewable Energy Target (RET). Then there are the cozy NSW Government contracts and deals through the Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) and the transmission infrastructure costs which will be paid for via OUR electricity bills.

Walcha retains a huge number of services for its size. It's a lovely, wealthy, thriving town. The local real estates can't get enough listings, and when they do, they're gone! There are ads most weeks for local jobs, and there are always new businesses starting up, and the Walcha district has a solid event calendar and growing tourist numbers.

According to the NSW Government Population Projections in 19 years' time, Walcha is predicted to have lost... wait for it... 142 people in total (0.24%)! By contrast, Uralla is predicted to decrease by 1223 people (1.15%) This does not appear to predict an imminent population armageddon for Walcha.

The inability to field sporting teams for a few years will happen when many players retire at once, and many young people are running their businesses. Nothing new for many small rural towns. However, it's an odd point to make, given that all members of Mr Fletcher's immediate family have returned to make Walcha their business and family base. And we are all very pleased that they have.

Furthermore, a lack of community engagement is a problem being experienced right across the western world. Turbines won't fix this. Nor will they fix the fact that at any given time in history, businesses have had to deal with fluctuating markets and changing weather.

These proposed industrial wind estates of 526 huge turbines and associated transmission infrastructure (towers and power lines) will force a major change to every facet of our lives in Walcha.

Make no mistake, we WILL see these towers and associated infrastructure from town, in nearly every direction. I'm not sure how many pristine wilderness photos will be posted to the New England High Country Instagram feed once our beautiful local landscapes have been taken over by the turbines.

What about the supposed jobs that will be created? This is wishful thinking. These projects do not provide local employment. Several ABS reports (and experience in other areas) say that employment in large scale wind and solar power is primarily driven by installation activity, rather than by ongoing operation and maintenance. The wind farms do, however, provide employment in China, where the turbines (and panels) come from.... not to mention the fact that over 70% of wind farms in

Australia are foreign-owned... so the profits go straight offshore! China also controls 80% of the world market for rare earth minerals, which are required for solar panels, wind turbines and batteries. We are asking for trouble.

What about the decreased value of land once someone has these monstrosities and transmission lines in their paddocks? Not to mention the neighbours' property values. Who will want to live near these things?

What about the noise? In March this year, the Victorian Supreme Court found that the "roaring" noise emanating from turbines at the Bald Hills Wind Farm caused a serious nuisance and various health issues for the neighbours. Bald Hills Wind Farm was ordered to stop emitting the night-time noise and they had to pay \$260,000 to neighbours.

What about the birds that will be slaughtered by the turbines? There is no doubt that windfarms cause the death of wildlife. Who really wants that? It's worth reading the views of well-known biologist and wildlife expert Nick Mooney on this subject.

When it comes to planes and helicopters flying near these turbines, what about the bushfire risk? And supering and aerial spraying? The Aerial Application Association of Australia (which consists primarily of operators of agricultural aircraft) recommends that members do not fly near windfarms. There is absolutely no doubt that turbines make it extremely dangerous and difficult for anyone trying to fight a bushfire, apply fertiliser or do any aerial spraying. And I haven't even mentioned the difficulties of flying near all of the towers and powerlines that will be constructed as part of the REZ infrastructure.

What about our roads and livability? Do we want 120 b-double trucks, 56 HRVs and 200 light vehicles on our roads every single day? And that's only for the Winterbourne project, and they're not peak vehicle movements either! Imagine trying to get from Walcha to Tamworth!

Is this really what we want for Walcha? Remember that these things are not being built in Manly or at Point Piper, and there are very good reasons for that. I think there needs to be a far more transparent debate so that we can sort fact from fiction with regard to these proposed projects.

Our town's future and our quality of life depends on it.

Emma Jeffrey

## COMMUNITY MEETING

### NOWENDOC MEMORIAL HALL

#### Wednesday 6 July 2022



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# Students show off their scientific skills



Walcha Multi Purpose Centre was a hive of activity with the Walcha Central School Year 6 Science Expo last Friday.

During this term Mrs McDonald's Year 6 class have been working hard creating models and websites for their chosen natural disaster. The models were on display along with the website on a laptop and QR code for the students to present.

Primary students' projects ranged from flood waters to volcanic eruptions!

The expo was well received by parents, primary and high school students and teachers.



*Clockwise from top: Byron, Cooper, James and Mark with James' Sand storm, blizzards and drought; Hugo with his vicious volcanoes; Dustin, Steven, Eli with Steven's Lightning storm; Fletcher with his flood project; Jack with his Exotic earthquakes.*

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# RubyHills Renewable Energy Project

## Welcome to WalchaEnergy's second community newsletter.

We have been carrying out the preliminary environmental studies on the RubyHillsWind Project for the Scoping Report which is the first formal planning submission to the NSW State Government Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

Since the project is larger than 30MW it will be a State Significant Development and DPE will be the determining authority.

Currently WalchaEnergy is focusing on submitting the RubyHillsWind Scoping Report to the NSW Government by September 2022. The Scoping Report involves the process of describing and broadly documenting the overall project including preliminary layouts and briefly covering issues that would require further detailed investigation. The DPE then issues the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Scoping Report is a detailed public document which will be

available at the NSW Governments Planning Portal when it is completed and put on public display. The public and the Council will be able to comment on the proposal when it is put on public display.

WalchaEnergy hosted 2 community informative drop-in days (Tuesday 26th April at Woolbrook Hall & Wednesday 27th April at Walcha Showground) covering material of public interest regarding the RubyHillsWind renewable energy project which included:

- Project Plans & Maps
- Community Benefits Scheme
- Turbine Montages (Turbine visuals)
- Project Approval Process
- Environmental consultants also on hand to answer questions

RubyHillsWind host Landholders attended a meeting, hosted by WalchaEnergy on the 18th May 2022, held at the showground. The meeting was to update potential hosts and bring everyone together to collectively commence moving the project forward.

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### ► At a glance

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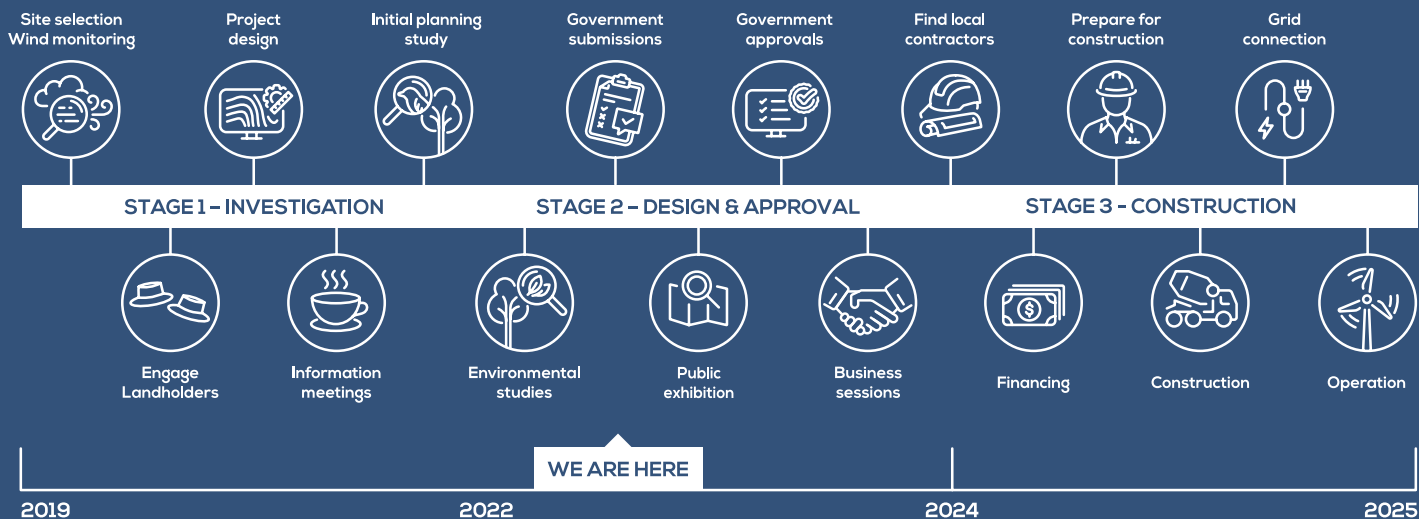


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## Indicative project timeline



## Sponsorship

Over the last 18 months WalchaEnergy has sponsored many local events;

- WalchaGalleryofArt together with NERAM an exhibition of Walcha Artists
- Walcha Central School Garden Project
- Angus Scrivener – Youth Parliament, which was to be held in Canberra, was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid, however, months of parliament education & bill writing online fulfilled Angus' desire for education.
- Rotary Christmas Raffle
- The Walcha Show – (Sheep Dog Trailing, Woodchop, Speed Shearing)
- New England District Golf Tournament (Walcha Golf Course)

- We are proudly sponsoring Teraia Marsters (Walcha Central School) to assist him fulfill his dreams and goals on the footy field. Teraia is very talented on the footy and athletic fields where he has represented Walcha Central School at local, regional and state levels. Teraia recently captained his school touch team scoring 14 tries across 3 games helping take his team to the state finals to be held in Dubbo in the coming months. Music plays a big part in Teraia's life off the field teaching himself to play the guitar (acoustic and bass) and the drums.

WalchaEnergy will continue to sponsor local events and individuals now and into the future.



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# Getting ready for 'Big School'

Many mums, dads and carers attended the recent Kindergarten Orientation morning at Walcha Central School. Mrs Swain presented an informative session all about the school, supported by Mrs Cooper, Mrs Ussher, Mrs Wellings and Mr Stanton. A delicious morning tea was provided by the school for parents and the children. Our leaders; Alex, Matisse and Fletcher, are to be commended for the job they did on the *Walk and Talk* tour around the school. Many nice comments have been received on these students and their passionate beliefs about Walcha Central School.

While the parents were kept busy the current Kindergarten class hosted the 'new Kindys'. They paired up with their little buddy, doing their own Walk and Talk around the school, having a play in the new sensory garden, enjoying morning tea together and encouraging them to follow the 5Ls: Legs crossed, Hands in lap, Listening ears on, Lips zipped, Look at the teacher.

Mrs Worth, Lou and Peter emphasised how important having 'your listening ears on' is in kindergarten through participation in the activities throughout the morning. Students went home excitedly with a 'gift' to remember their morning by, a gecko jigsaw puzzle to help them recognise and practise their name. Transition letters will be sent out early next term. The Transition Program will be held on Fridays and begins late Term 3. The dates are: 2nd and 16th September (9 – 12.30); 14 October, 28 October, 11 November and 25 November (whole day)

We look forward to seeing everyone again then. If you missed the orientation morning and would like an information pack please contact Kimberlee in the front office and she will get one to you.



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By Eric the Spider

**Great to see Walcha Council** employee Wests Tigers supporter and Pakington Street resident Troy LeStrande home from his recent lengthy stint in Tamworth Hospital. Troy mentioned on Saturday that some of the departing words from his doctor were 'It's about time you went home to enjoy a steak and a beer'.

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**Scrivener brothers Mitchell and Austin** headed to Hawkesbury Showground last Saturday to compete in the Stihl Timbersports Rookie Series qualifier, where they were required to cut an underhand, standing block, single saw, stock chainsaw and one board tree. Mitch had to have his injured ankle strapped before handing in solid performances. Younger brother Austin did well with the stock chainsaw but wasn't as happy with the way he cut his other events. Qualifiers are still to be held in Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland, then the top six axemen with the highest points across all states will qualify for the Series Final later this year.

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**Walcha Roos centre Jock Abraham** was rewarded for his enthusiastic performance last Sunday which included scoring a couple of tries. Jock was voted Players' Player, picked up three Club Best and Fairest points along with receiving 2 Group B+F points from referee Luke Sheather who was on loan from Group 4 for the day.



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**Former Walcha Roos and Rams President**

John 'Goodooga' Walker purchased five doubles while paying his admission to the footy last Sunday but forked out \$15 for them instead of the normal \$5 and refused any change or extra doubles from gateman Mick Steep and Tony Martin. 'Goodooga' must have known something while making the donation because when the homeside (3) and visitors (7) scored he collected the cash.

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**Although the Jillaroos/Uralla** received a forfeit from the Moree Boomerangs two weekends ago, the girls still had a Ladies League Tag run where the current team took on a Jillaroos team from the past. Before the match a minutes silence was held in honour of team member Hannah Howard who was tragically taken far too early.

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**For the record** the 'come back' Jillaroos won the game 22 - 0 after leading 14 - 6 at oranges. Try scorers for the winners were Ella Elks, Kim Lisle, Abbey Smith, Rhiannon Moran and Ruth France, while 'Renny' Moran kicked a conversion. The runners-up points came from tries to Rachel Green and Finlai Bird, and a conversion by Hannah Byrne.

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**Rugby League Wood Raffle** was won by Jayne Dunn who hasn't got a wood heater. There is little doubt her daughter Audi will put the prize to good use.

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**Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the week** - Bowling Club: Jason Asmus picked the card. Newie: 'Blowie', Lachie Fletcher, Peter Hayes, Ben Little, Charlotte Lyon, Michelle Wayte and 'Schae' all 16 points. Apsley Arms: 'Camo, Tim Baumer, Neil G.P. 16 points.

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**Leading the Tipsters** after Round 15 - Bowling Club: Tommy Le Strande 174, Gerry Moran 170, Jenny Haslem 168, Max Holstien and Kyle Goodwin 166. Newie: Ben Little 176, Digger Lordanic and Jack O'Hara 174, 'Filbert' and 'Paddles' 172. Apsley Arms: Neil G.P. 170, 'Camo' 164, A.J.C 162 and Jake Murray 160.

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**Ex-Queenslander Willy Brennan** was full of cheek this week as he left the Newie last Sunday afternoon, suggesting I didn't cry myself to sleep after the State of Origin that night. When I contacted him after NSW flogged QLD 44 - 12, the response was along the line of "I am happy I backed NSW 13+". Talk about a die hard Maroons supporter!

The first game of the second round saw Walcha Rams take on the Scone Brumbies in first grade. The game kicked off with both teams looking to run the ball early in the beautiful sunny conditions. Some early handling errors from Walcha meant they had to defend deep in their own half as Scone went on the attack looking to score the first points. Some solid defending from Ross "mo Monie mo problems" Monie enable Walcha to hold on and exit their own end and pick up some much needed territory. As both teams battled for dominance in the middle of the park big Henry "loved up les" Leslie decided to take matters into his own hands rushing out of the line and executing a bone rattling hit. Unfortunately the contact was high and the referee decided to give big Les a 10 minute rest on the sideline. With Walcha a man down Scone began to work themselves into the game holding onto the ball and stringing a number of phases together. Eventually the Rams defence cracked and Scone scored the opening try of the game with some good forwards play close to the line. Walcha 0 Scone 7. Some strong carries from Joel "joog baby" Ballon who had a huge game enabled the Rams to get into some attacking field position. Walcha were able to recycle the ball quickly and spread it wide where Ollie "ready to mingle" Crawford was able to step around his opposite man diving over for the Rams' first try of the afternoon. Walcha 7 Scone 7. Scone's ill-discipline meant Walcha was quickly on the attack again pressuring the Scone try line. A well worked backline move from a scrum saw Harry "the chicken guy" Locke run an excellent line to stroll over untouched under the post. Walcha 12 Scone 7. The remainder of the second half saw both teams battling for territory and dominance.

The second half begun with the Walcha Rams switching off for ten minutes and Scone capitalising, scoring two quick tries and a penalty goal straight after halftime. The Rams' handling and discipline had dropped off dramatically and Scone managed to take full advantage. Walcha 12 Scone 22. Walcha began to wake up and attempt to wrestle the momentum back from the Scone team with some excellent runs from Sam "fastest in the club" Colwell and Toby "from Congi". Lane "new guy" Clarke was having a good game at halfback providing the backs with clean ball and directing the forwards around the paddock. Edgar "mates call me bragsy" Bragg had his usual big game making plenty of metres in attack and racking up a number of tackles in defence. Late in the game a sniping run from Wally "the slippery Somerton sheep breeder" Davidson saw him offload the ball to the ever-ready workhorse Joel "joog baby" Ballon to score under the post and put Walcha back within three points with eight minutes to play. Walcha 19 Scone 22. Walcha continued to attack the Scone defensive line throwing everything at them. Unfortunately for the Rams the Scone defence held and Walcha were unable to come away with the win with the final score Walcha 19 Scone 22.

**This week the Rams take on Quirindi** at home which is set to be another exciting matchup.

**Reminder that 16 July is the Walcha Rams Ladies Day** where they take on Inverell at home. There will be plenty of bubbles and cocktails for the ladies, as well as a jersey auction in the Clubhouse.



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## Funeral Notice

**Payne; John Alan**  
23rd June 2022  
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He will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren Kim & Justin, Sam & Edwina, Nina, Olivia, James, Dougal & Elke.

Aged 86 years

Graveside Funeral to be held at the Walcha General Cemetery  
Friday, 8th July 2022  
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## Death Notice

**Leslie John Bishop**  
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**Walcha Garden Club Meeting** Friday 1 July, commencing 9.30am at the Walcha Tennis Club. Enquiries D Bazeley 0403 464 865, D Lisle 0429 799 083. New members welcome.

**NSW Farmers Walcha Branch Meeting** Walcha Bowling Club Monday 4 July at 6:30pm for dinner. Guest speaker Andrew Biddle, LLS District Vet and Team Leader for Animal Welfare and Biosecurity to speak about the implications of an exotic disease outbreak.

**RSVP essential by Friday 1 July to** sonia@norton.com.au or 0448 233 082

### Notice of Public Meeting

#### CHILDCARE IN WALCHA

Discussion of recent survey results with resolution focus.

Anglican Hall, 6.00pm Thursday 7 July.

- 👍 To the amazing support from the community at the Troy Le Strande fundraiser and to Bec and all those involved in organising the event.
- 👍 To all of the students who ran at the North West Cross Country Carnival at Coolah – great effort by all.
- 👍 To the Council staff who keep our town and its gardens and facilities neat and tidy. It doesn't go unnoticed.
- 👍 A big Thumbs Up to the new rails on the bridge and to the workers over the past cold month preparing the bridge for the rails. Well done.
- 👍 Thank you to all of our Emergency Services and hospital staff for their dedication in attending recent accidents.
- 👍 To Cameron Greig for his letter in last weeks Advocate.

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## advocate sport



### Bowls

**Triples result:** G Bird, G Carter and R Kerr defeated G Natty, K Creighton and S Bath 29-9.

The nomination sheet for this years Pennants is on the board so please put your names down ASAP as we need to select teams as pennants starts in August.

No games drawn for this weekend but if anyone wants to organise their triples game please do so.

**Dads Army:** Once again ten players nominated for Thursday afternoon Dads Army bowls, where a game of pairs and a game of triples were played.

In the Pairs, Barry Kliendienst and John McCormack played extremely well to defeat Mick Bullen and Peter Hayes 25 - 9. The Triples saw a much closer game when Brian Goodwin, Tony Asmus and Geoff Salt defeated Jason Asmus, Denis Makeham and John Watts 16 - 13. Brian, Tony and Geoff won the chooks and Garth Clare won the raffle.

### Ladies Bowls

Last week beautiful weather welcomed only eight lady bowlers for Thursday's bowls, with Debbie and Pam playing a game of Singles while the other six players played a game of Triples with Janice, Veronica and June having a win over Esther, Marg Tickle and Lyn 14-7.

Nomination forms are on the board for players wishing to nominate for the Ladies Bowls executive positions for the 2022 – 2023 season. Any player interested in nominating for District please see Lyn for forms.

### Rugby League

Tingha defeated Walcha/Uralla in both grades here at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Sunday when both games were played in good weather conditions – much better than the previous weekend.

Midway through the first half the visitors had opened up a 12-0 lead coming from two converted tries before the homeside responded with three converted tries to hit the front 18-12. Centre Jock Abraham crossed for his second try just before oranges were taken.

Goal kicker Harley Carlon raised the flags on all three occasions before Tingha equalised right on half time with their own converted try. Tingha scored another four converted tries in the first 25 minutes of the second stanza before Johnson registered his second touchdown which Carlon converted. With three minutes remaining Tingha finalised their scoring with an eighth try, all of which were converted by fullback Brayden Vickery. Just as the final hooter was about to sound, utility player Mitch Eveleigh dived over in the kiosk corner to score a consolation try for the homeside. The final score was 48 - 28.

**Group Points** Corey Torrens 3, Jock Abraham 2, Brayden Vickery 1. **Club Points** Jock Abraham 3, Bryce Johnson 2, Keiran Stiff 1. **Players' Player** Jock Abraham.

### Ladies League Tag

Walcha/Uralla went down 36-0 to Tingha last Sunday after trailing 12-0 at half time.

Tingha scored all three of their first half tries in the kiosk corner before running in a further five touchdowns during

the second session, two of which were converted. Despite the scoreline, the homeside did play well at times but at the end of the day the visitors proved too elusive and won comfortably.

Speedster Jordyn Hoy produced a couple of good attacking runs in the first half but was tagged before she could cross the try line.

Players player went to Anika McKenna who also recieved one best and fairest club point, while Rachel Green collected 3 club points and a group point. Two club points were awarded to Alisha Dillon.

This Saturday, Walcha/Uralla travel to Warialda while the club's final home game here at Peter Fenwicke Oval is 23 July against Inverell.

### At the Nineteenth

Former Walcha Council General Manager Jack O'Hara provided the trophy for a stableford round last Sunday where Pauline Carter accumulated 40 points to collect the prize. Runner-up was club life member Margaret Davidson on 39 points while the remaining sweepstakes went to Captain Willy Brennan 38, Wayne Brennan, Michael Stackman, Nixon Bird and Secretary Jenny Lisle all on 33 points. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Michael Stackman (3) and Cheryl McDonald (18).

The Manilla Open scheduled for last Sunday was called off and at this stage there is no notice of any re-scheduling.

A total of 20 players teed off in the event which was surprising considering how ideal the weather conditions were.

Last Saturday nine players turned up for the weekly 9 hole competition which was won by 'molleydooker' Allan Laurie after he completed 17 stableford points. Runner-up was John McCormack on 16 points whereas Col Higgins hit the most accurate tee shot on the third hole.

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