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Australia's first Telecottage turns 30



At the opening of Walcha's Telecottage (left to right) Gary Reynolds, Director; Joan Harris, Director; Cr Ross King, Director; Chris Weber, Chairperson and Andrew Hunter, Co-ordinator.



We are renowned for enjoying our coffee and cake at the Telecottage and we had reason to celebrate on Monday, as we mark 30 years since Australia's first Technology Centre (Telecottage) opened its doors in the Old School building in Fitzroy Street, Walcha.

The 'Old School' was home to the Telecottage for 11 years, with the business re-locating to the old Elders building in 2003 to make way for the construction of the new hospital. For the next ten years the Telecottage rented these premises before purchasing and moving into the Old CWA building in 2013.

Andrew Hunter was the first manager of the Telecottage, handing the reins to Kerry Williams before Rosalie Smith filled the role for 12 months. Current manager, Anthea Macpherson has been in the position for 22 years. Anthea has been supported by long standing employees Rosalie Gibson, Kylie Dunn, Megan Scrivener and recently Sue Jackson has joined our team.

Walcha, along with Port Cygnet in Tasmania were the two trial sites for the Telecottage project which was initially sponsored by Telecom. Telecottage facilities were operating for many years in Europe, Scandinavia and Britain, with Telecom aiming to bring the same services to Australia, with Walcha being chosen as the site for the first centre in Australia.

The aim of the Telecottage in the beginning was to provide employment for recession-stricken residents by tendering for database recording work, with locals

employed to enter data on a job-by-job basis. The Telecottage completed large projects including all data entry for the Australia-wide National Church Life Survey, Electoral Roll data entry from microfiche sheets, UNE surveys and many more.

The other role of the Telecottage was to provide computer training courses which it did for many years.

Funding for the Telecottage in the beginning was provided by Telecom and the Federal Department of Primary Industries and Energy, as well as NSW Government, and the local Council assisted with subsidised rent at the Old School.

The aim was for the Telecottage to be self funded within two years, however it took a little longer than that to become self supporting.

We have not received Government funding for 20 years now and we are reliant on your business to keep our doors open. We are often asked, 'So who owns the Telecottage?' The answer being, the Walcha community. The Telecottage is no different to Walcha Handmade or local sporting organisations. There are eight directors on the Telecottage Board who meet quarterly with the manager.

Many other centres have been started throughout Australia but have sadly closed due to lack of support from the local community. Walcha is fortunate that the residents realise that they are the principal shareholders of the Telecottage and they support us wholeheartedly.

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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Milder conditions have been the order of the day for much of the last week locally, with some useful falls of rain thrown in for good measure. Rain last Friday was useful and thankfully nowhere near what was received in the southern half of the state. Locally I have heard of falls from 12mm to 35mm which is a great result at this time of year with more falls forecast for later this week. From Newcastle south there has been another absolute deluge with five days of torrential rain received in this east coast low event. Flooding is once again inundating many areas of western Sydney and further south to the Illawarra. According to news reports some of the communities affected this week have had 4 flood events in the last two years, three of them having been in the last year. I am not sure how you would cope with that? Many communities have far from recovered from the last big event in March. Insurance companies must be run off their feet trying to get on top of claims up and down the coast. When you think about how hard it is to get tradesmen and how scarce building materials have been, the recovery effort would be nothing short of a nightmare for a lot of people. The situation is very bad, and governments at all levels will have to respond quickly for this to turn around. Communities living on low lying ground up and down the coast must be wondering how much time they have before the next weather crisis. They have certainly had their fair share this last couple of years.

The cattle market has lost momentum this last few weeks as a few more numbers and winter conditions have eased the pressure on buyers. Restockers have almost certainly become more cautious as the narrative around the cattle market has been all about market highs in relation to global values and where values might be by years end. Certainly, the seasonal outlook has not changed, so it must be about confidence in the longer term. I guess there is so much uncertainty around the globe at this moment that the appetite for risk has changed. Restockers have decided that cattle need to be cheaper than they were earlier in the year, even though the outlook is still very positive for global demand. Cattle are becoming more affordable each week and opportunities are now appearing, which is great if you are looking to replace cattle you have sold through the autumn months. With all the forecasts for a wetter than average period leading into spring, opportunities are now opening up for those wanting to restock. If you listen to the likes of market analyst Simon Quilty, his forecasts are bullish for several years out, largely due to the drought in America. Only time will tell.

Several weeks ago I mentioned the Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) outbreak through Indonesia and how serious I thought it was. According to Beef Central, the outbreak so far comprises an estimated 230,000 cattle infected through 22 provinces since it was discovered in early May. Needless to say, the consequences of this disease would be catastrophic for our cattle industry if it were to jump across into Australia, and from all points of view it must be brought under control sooner rather than later. The longer this goes on, the risk to Australia increases exponentially. I am reading that the estimated hit to the Australian economy would be around \$80bn, which is a big number. The disease has just recently been discovered in Bali which heightens the risk to Australia even further, simply because of the numbers of tourists travelling to and from both countries. If the Australian authorities are going to hold FMD at bay, in my view they should immediately put a travel ban in place until we have a plan. At the very least, I think everyone coming from that area into Australia should be directed through quarantine foot baths. Cattle roam the streets in Asia and regardless of where tourists have been, there is risk. It will be interesting to see just how serious our authorities take this outbreak, but to date there is not a lot of evidence of any heightened urgency. If they are not already doing so, the authorities need to take some serious action to ensure we do not follow the bee industry.



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Housing to arrive for hospital staff in the coming weeks

Walcha will be one of the first centres in Hunter New England Health to receive modular residential housing. The units are for visiting medical, nursing and allied health staff who cover workforce gaps in order to ensure our community continues to receive quality health care.



Each unit is worth up to \$350,000 depending on site works required at the time of install. Walcha's site works are underway with delivery of the two units expected in the middle of this month.

The units have been designed with sustainable principles in mind, featuring solar panels and water tanks to increase energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

This initiative forms part of the NSW Government's commitment to deliver critical health accommodation improvements in order to attract and retain health workers to rural and regional areas.

Gunnedah will be the first to receive two accommodation units followed by Quirindi, Walcha, Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell and Scone.

Each unit will be located on the hospital site, which has been chosen due to its proximity to the health facility, as well as for privacy reasons and comfort.

Two organisations are manufacturing the accommodation units: Modscape and Parkwood. With site works such as building, electrical, plumbing, landscape and civil works delivered by local companies in almost all locations.

Full road closure on the Oxley Highway

The Oxley Highway between Knodingbul and Forbes River roads will be closed in both directions for six days, from 7am 19 July to 5pm 24 July.

Transport for NSW is continuing major restoration work on the Oxley Highway at Mount Seaview to reinstate the road to pre-2021 flood condition. "We need to remove a significant amount of landslide debris from a landslip site before it deteriorates. To do this safely we need to close the road," Transport for NSW said.

Residents affected by this closure will be contacted by the project team. "We encourage motorists to check for traffic updates through livetraffic.com, electronic message signs and sign up for SMS alert for emergency and planned closures." To subscribe for SMS alerts please visit nswroads.work/oxleysmsalert.

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letters to the editor



Oxley Riders grateful for community support

On behalf of the Oxley Riders I would like to thank the residents in Walcha and other parts of NSW and Queensland for their outstanding support for the victims of the horrific car accident west of Walcha.

I would particularly like to thank Luke and Tam Mills and their family from the Walcha Caravan Park, who offered his own private function (birthday party) to be used by the Oxley Riders as a platform for a fundraiser for Josh, Hannah, Molly and baby Koa.

Also a big thank you to Allan Holmes who organised the raffle, manned the wood raffle, a job well done.

Because there are too many donors to mention, a big thank you to you all. I think Walcha should be very proud of their generosity, with \$7,500 being raised. Everyone wanted to help in any way they could. I would also like to thank Eric and Sheree Noakes for making a special effort to come up to our fundraiser.

I'd also like to give an accolade to the people who put together the fundraiser for Troy LeStrande. An excellent outcome, well done.

Shane Carey



Toni Griffiths was the lucky winner of the Oxley Riders raffle

thumbs



- 👍 To Marta's Kitchen. Your food has been great and we will miss you and the conversations.
- 👍 To Dallas Foster for always being a polite young man at the Hardware.
- 👍 To Emma Jeffrey's insightful and informative letter.
- 👍 To Emma Jeffrey and Cameron Greig for providing the community with factual and honest information regarding the proposed windfarms.
- 👍 To Marta and Adam of Marta's Kitchen for providing Walcha with your delicious and healthy food. You will be so missed!
- 👍 To the Council workers picking up rubbish on the sides of the road.
- 👎 To people who throw litter out of their cars.

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.

Garden Clippings

From Walcha Garden Club

July and August usually present any gardener in Walcha with a challenge. This year has made it even more of a challenge with most plants struggling due to the very wet conditions.

With only 12ml in the gauge over the weekend it certainly didn't take long for the worms to evacuate their environment for higher and drier ground. Ground roots of some plants that are waterlogged for extensive periods will in time die a slow but sure death. Therefore a major evaluation needs to take place. Is the soil clay based or just compacted over time? Maybe it is situated in a low-lying area and simply put, just unsuitable for what you are trying to grow. Moving plants, trees or shrubs is a big undertaking. It is certainly worth trying, if not to save an expensive addition to your garden. Winter is a really good time to do this. Deciduous plants respond very well to movement now. In the past I have moved various plants to optimise their growth habit. A weeping mulberry was successfully moved twice as was an October Glory Maple. Small conifers move well but for the best outcome wet down the plant and surrounding area well prior to moving. This assists with helping to minimize root disturbance and retain the tap root. Ensure the new site is well prepared ahead of time and mulch well after planting. Leave fertilising moved plants until new growth appears.



Pruning is in full swing now with most leaves having dropped off deciduous trees, shrubs, and roses. Use clean and sharp pruning tools along with a spray bottle containing 50/50 methylated spirits and water. Spray tools between plants so diseases aren't being transferred to other plants. Mosaic leaf in roses is particularly serious and can ultimately kill the whole rose bush. The

leaves have bright green veins whilst the remainder of the leaf is a lot paler. Climbing roses seem to be more susceptible to this disease. The simple answer to this problem is remove the whole plant and surrounding soil or find a completely new site for your plant. So, hygiene is very important in the garden.

In the veggie patch it is time to plant cabbage, broccolini, broccoli, garlic, onions, beetroot, asparagus crowns, Jerusalem artichokes, parsley and parsnips, peas, snow peas and shallots.

Planting onion seedlings is quite a simple task. Prepare your garden bed and create a shallow trench. Soak seedlings in water. This helps with transplant shock. Separate seedlings. Lay the onions down along the side of the trench, about 5cm apart. This may seem close but once they start growing you can harvest every second plant which gives the remaining plants more room to grow. Cover the roots with loose soil and water them in. They may look sad but in time they will pull themselves upright and grow straight.

The Walcha Garden Club has recently had some very interesting days for their members. In June we made our way up to Greenhills Orchard, Arding. Warren Youman hosted 35 members on a very chilly day. Members thoroughly enjoyed his talk and pruning demonstrations. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Top Pub in Uralla. This month we were delighted to hear from new member, Eliza Lockyer, about her experiences in growing a permaculture garden in Broome. With the challenges of high salinity and poor soils she was able to create a very productive garden from scratch.

The Walcha Garden Club lunch will be held on Friday 16th September. Bookings and information will be available in early August. We would like to encourage members to pot up plants for the plant stall.

Lament- The lesson that I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives-Gertrude Jekyll



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Mayoral Column



COMPLIANCE

At the recent June Ordinary Meeting of Walcha Council the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) Delivery Program and Operational Plan were adopted. These form part of compliance under the Independent Planning and Reporting Framework. The Long Term Financial Plan is being delayed until the outcome of our Financial Sustainability Review.

Engagement with community was extensive this year, leading to an increase in submissions

to be considered. Effective community engagement sits at the core of local governments' strategic direction and this plan looks 10 years ahead. It is what is termed a "live document" and can be reviewed at any time as direction or circumstance changes. Having said this the crux of the document does not change a lot as council's delivery of fundamental infrastructure and services (roads, rubbish, water etc) consumes most of its' income. It was very gratifying for councillors and staff to receive so much feedback from the consultation process and we would like to thank those who contributed to our future direction.

Many of the submissions, not surprisingly, related to renewable energy projects. For those who have followed this column over its course would be aware that local government plays a minor role in the path of these projects and I will expand on this later in this column.

FIRST STEP

Personally the highlight of the week (and possibly the year) has been the clearing of the land for our off creek storage. At times I wondered if we would ever actually get to the point of moving dirt, but here we are. Local contractors Marchant Bros were awarded this contract under an Engineering Procurement Construction Management negotiated by GM Barry Omundson and sees local contractors heavily involved in the associated works. The fencing and access road contracts are in the process of being negotiated and have heavy local involvement. Due to procurement processes local companies can miss out on opportunities in this area but it's gratifying that this will see money stay in town.

OXLEY HIGHWAY CLOSURE

The persistent closure of the Oxley Hwy through fire, flood and brimstone is continuing to have negative effects on our community. The closest traffic count I can find is that 600 vehicles use this road daily, but this obviously increases during holidays. If on average every vehicle spends \$30 in Walcha that equates to a loss of \$18,000 a day. Certainly not an inconsiderate amount. I understand this road needs to be fixed and this when done properly is a slow and exacting process. But, and it's a big but, will what is being done solve the long term problems? Trees removed from the edges of the roadway are regenerating and growing fast. A contractor involved in the clean up following the recent wind storm commented that there was no damage where council was involved in the bushfire cleanup and removed all hazardous trees. Hopefully what is happening now will give us a longer term solution.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

As mentioned earlier, the largest number of submissions for the CSP were around renewable energy and how it should be included. The trail of letters in this fine publication shows how emotion is starting to ramp up as project applications come to our LGA. As I have stated before council is not the determining authority for these projects. In this situation wind generation projects of this size are what is termed State Significant Development (SSD). There are criteria to meet to be a SSD but suffice to say here that these projects meet these criteria. Basically this means that whatever council has in their CSP we have no say whether these projects come to Walcha or not. As economic development forms part of Walcha Council's responsibility we would seek to collaborate with any approved renewable energy developers in the best interest of the community.

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What Council do have an input into is the effect that these projects will have on Walcha Council's infrastructure and services. What is the highest priority, and rightly so, is our transport infrastructure (roads, bridges etc). As council does not "own" the Oxley Hwy we can only comment on traffic flow and disruption to movement. Once traffic leaves that Hwy council is working on a comprehensive and detailed agreement on both short and long term dilapidation of this vital network. The disposal of waste is another topic that is regularly raised with me and while the quantity of waste is uncertain at this time this is another area where council will form a strong and long term view of this issue. It doesn't matter what income we can make from this, if we fill our landfill with outside waste and therefore shorten its life then we have gone backwards. All waste disposal is fast becoming a major issue and Councillors will take a long term view as councils have been caught before. Conversations with the developer of Winterbourne Wind centre around our waste disposal facility not being used by them. The third major issue is water. There will be very large quantities of water required for concrete batching, road construction and maintenance. There are regulations around what council can do with

their town water, but you can be assured that after the drought council will not put our residents' water security at risk. We are building our storage and our highest priority will be to fill that on completion and this will use every litre of water we have allocated from the system.

What is being termed the Community Fund, or in some cases Voluntary Planning Agreements usually refer to funds negotiated by the proponent and the community for community benefit and is a vital part of gaining long term benefit for residents. This fund stands separate to landholder agreements and its negotiation and use options are also being explored.

To this end we have joined with the four other councils that form the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to set conditions around how this will benefit these councils. I believe that if these projects are and do come to our town we need to be in a position to gain as much financially for our community as we can. We are also attempting to form a coalition of statewide renewable energy councils to share information and lobby governments for a fair outcome for us. Renewable energy is sometimes referred to as the new mining industry and I believe should be treated the same from governments with mandated compensation

and ongoing support.

For those who are taking an interest in this way forward now is a great time to inform yourself on the REZ, our local projects and the transmission lines that need to link the REZ with the Hunter Valley. This infrastructure link may run through our LGA.

The NSW Government controlled statutory authority tasked with developing the REZ, Energy Corporation, have indicated to me that they will be holding individual public meetings in the five councils this month. The purpose of these is to disseminate information in relation to the REZ and not debate renewable energy as this is not their brief. More information will come as dates and times are set.

There is so much information online in relation to the New England REZ and AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) in relation to future electricity generation and distribution and there is no doubt this will have significant impacts on our region. How we as council and wider community handle this transition and gain as much benefit from it as possible will have a substantial impact on Walcha's social and financial future. It is finding that balance that we must all work at.

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RUGBY REPORT

WALCHA V QUIRINDI



By Eric the Spider

Reserve Grade

Walcha Rams started well kicking deep and attempting to pin the Quirindi side down in their own half. As the game was 13 aside there was plenty of room to throw the ball around which both teams took full advantage of. Quirindi managed to get the better of the opening parts of the game managing to breach the Walcha defence and score a couple of early quick tries. The Rams fought back into the contest with some big carries from Will "where's he been" Chaffey and some trademark tackles from Hayden "Jamillionaire" Jarman. Walcha pressured the Quirindi try line for a number of phases eventually managing to barge over close giving the Rams their first points of the game. Tom "sausage specialist" Hoy led the boys around the park well with some good runs and a solid set piece. Tom "the other kid from Congi" Acton supplied the backs with good ball and managed to kick the Rams out of trouble on a number of occasions. Ben "the other chicken guy" Partridge had his best game of the year making a number of effective runs giving the boys excellent go forward. Zac "I.D please" Warden had a great game with some youthful darting runs as well as kicking goals off the tee. Troy "T-bone mallone" Tape had one of his best games in the red and white making a number of tackles and creating a few cheeky linebreaks. Ben "junkyard dog" Burwell also had an excellent game scoring one of the solo tries of the year. The junkyard dog managed to beat a number of defenders in close to then show a turn of pace and streak away from the would-be Quirindi defenders. Superb effort. At the end of the day Quirindi were too strong for the Rams running away winners. Walcha 24 Quirindi 43. It was great to see a reserve grade side take the park.

First grade

The game began with Walcha holding onto possession for a few phases working their way up the field. The Quirindi defence stood strong forcing Walcha to kick for territory and attempt to pin the Quirindi team down in their own end. Both teams were fighting for dominance early on with neither giving an inch in the battle. Until local lad Sione "Onie" Kamoto fielded a kick deep in the Walcha half and returned it with a towering kick of his own in which he chased through and regathered to streak away untouched under the post. Walcha scored the first points of the afternoon. Walcha 7 Quirindi 0. After the next restart the Quirindi side were invited back into the Walcha half after the Walcha flyhalf who looked to be wearing 2 left boots failed to exit. This put pressure right back on the Walcha side allowing Quirindi an excellent attacking opportunity in which they converted with a try in close to level the score. Walcha 7 Quirindi 7. The Walcha Rams began to work into their structure and game plan playing field position and continuing to turn the big Quirindi forward pack around. The Walcha forwards began to get some dominance through some big carries from Ritchie "The Wombat" Hunt and Sam "fastest in the club" Colwell. The Rams' continued pressure eventually paid off with a well worked snipe down the blind side which saw Dale "I'm running out of nicknames" Graham beat a defender and dive over in the corner for Walcha's second try. Walcha 12 Quirindi 7. The Walcha forward pack continued to assert their dominance over Quirindi laying an excellent attacking platform for the backs to attack from. Walcha soon again found themselves attacking the Quirindi try line with some close charges from the forwards stringing a number of phases together. After it had looked like the forwards had had their fun the backs decided we probably should score a try soon and called for the ball in which Dom "Skate Park Rat" Bower received an inside ball to sneak over the line. Walcha 19 Quirindi 7. The remainder of the second half saw both teams battling for field position and Walcha's lack of discipline allowing Quirindi back into the arm wrestle. Half time score Walcha 19 Quirindi 7. The second half began with Walcha looking to attack the tiring Quirindi defence. Wally "the slippery Somerton sheep breeder" Davidson had some good runs continuously getting Walcha across the advantage line. Along with Edgar "mates call me bragsy" Bragg who relentlessly charged into the Quirindi defence. Lane "new guy" Clarke had a great game making good decisions from halfback and pressuring his opposite number throughout the game. Tom "the AFL guy" Gough played well running the ball in attack and kicking Walcha out of trouble a number of times. Joel "joog baby" Ballon had another great game being effective from both sides of the ball as well as coordinating the Walcha set piece. Walcha continued to run the Quirindi team around with a number of breaks followed up by good support play. Walcha scored another 3 tries in the second half and managed to hold off Quirindi who began to pick up some momentum late in the second half. The defence of the Walcha Rams was the best it has been all year with all players throwing themselves at the contest. Walcha ended up winning the game. Walcha 38 Quirindi 19.

This weekend sees the Rams travel out to Moree. Reminder that the Walcha Ladies Day is in two weeks when Walcha take on Inverell at home. Tickets are now on sale through the Walcha Rugby Facebook page. Be sure to come along and support the boys and enjoy a champagne or a cocktail.

What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to local junior rugby player Eugene Campbell who has been selected in the NSW Barbarians squad to compete in the Australia A's U/18's trials at Knox Grammar School in Sydney, following solid performances for the NSW Country team recently. There are eight teams (4 NSW, 2 Queensland, 1 Victoria, 1 ACT) playing in the trials over the next four days with the Barbarians kicking off their campaign today at 10am against Victoria. Go Gettem Euge.

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Congratulations are also in order for Walcha Central School student Sariann Andrews on winning a bronze medallion at the NSW CHS Lawn Bowls Championships in Penrith last week. Representing North West, Sari played second bowler in the N.W. number two team helping the squad to top ranking team after the preliminary rounds. North West were defeated by Hunter in the semi finals before rounding up Western in the bronze medal play off. Next week Sariann is off to Dubbo where she will represent Zone 3 against teams from all across the state. Good luck Sari.

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Well done to the nine WCS athletes who have qualified for the State Cross Country Championships following good performances at Coolah recently. Twin sisters Anna and Georgie Blake, Ivy Pritchard, Thomas Bullen, Charlotte Mooney, Kirra-Lee Murphy, Charlize Haling, Jacob Wellings and Shaun McKenna have all made it to the next level, while Hugo Ussher and Rain Pritchard are both listed as reserves. Best of luck guys.

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Some long standing WCS athletics records have been broken during recent times including the 16 years girls 800 metre record after Charlotte Mooney sliced 14 seconds off the 2005 time set by Lisa Scherff after she stopped the clock at 2 minutes 57 seconds. In the junior boys long jump Blaine Cooney extended the 2005 Josh Lawrence leap by just under half a metre when he touched down on the 3.9 metre mark.

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Last Saturday Stephen Goodwin had a bit of a flutter on Monbaker in Race 6 at Flemington but was disappointed when his selection, which he had taken to win on the nose, was beaten on the post. Just before he left the New England Hotel 'Normie' screwed up his ticket and threw it in the bin unaware a protest had been made which was upheld in Monbaker's favour. Luckily Gregory 'Doey' Partridge had seen what was going on and searched the bin until he retrieved the winning ticket much to the relief of Normie who no doubt shouted a beverage for his effort.

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Talk about a woman's look! When I went to renew my BC Membership last Sunday, bar attendant Rebecca Taiki informed me she couldn't find the receipt book but could write down my name and take the cash as she had done quite a few times beforehand. When I pointed to what looked like the receipt book behind the bar 'Ruby' had a man's look and guess what? There it was.

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Jillaroos birthday girl Rachel Green celebrated in style last Saturday at Warialda despite playing with the losing team. Rach handed in an eye-catching performance scoring two tries which were rewarded with Players' Player, three Club B&F points and two Group B&F points. Well done Rachel and hope you enjoyed your birthday.

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After the Ladies League Tag game a presentation of gifts was made from the Warialda girls for the family of Hannah Howard – a very kind gesture which sparked plenty of emotion from Jillaroos players and support staff. A minute silence was held for Hannah before the match.

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Footing Tipping biggest wig of the week – Sea Eagles supporter Rodger 'Jagger' Jamieson picked the card at the BC. Other high scores were Newie: DG Clare, Al Smith, Liam Brennan, Ben Little 14 points. Apsley: Fred Henry, Suzie Foster, Riley Swift, Shane, AJ Cross 12 points.

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Here's one for you. Where in town is Canal Street? Although not used very much it is a designated road that the majority of local residents probably aren't aware of despite quite a few driving past the street most days. Having lived in Walcha for most of my 66 years on the planet, I certainly hadn't heard of it until last weekend when a bloke who regularly uses the passageway pointed it out.



Bowls

Draw for this Weekend: Saturday 12:00 Start. Pairs Final: D Bird & K Goodwin v G Bird & S Goodwin. Triples: J Asmus, T Asmus & I Bird v E O'Keefe, N & B Goodwin. N Dunn, A McGuffog & G Marshall v G Clare, M Hamel & F Cameron.

Dads Army: Eight players braved the elements on Thursday afternoon with two games of pairs played. In the first game Mick Bullen and Warwick Hogan defeated Barry Kliendienst and Tony Asmus 22-12, a runaway win. The second game was much closer with Noel Goodwin and John McCormack having an 18-12 win over Jason Asmus and John Watts. Noel and John Mc won the chooks and Max Holstein won the raffle.

At the Nineteenth

A Three Person Ambrose was played last Sunday for trophies donated by Simeon Cross, David Dunn and Fred Henry, where Miles Archdale, David Sweeney and Ross King carded a 58^{1/2} nett to win the event. Runners-up were Don Brooks, Barry Hoad and Col Berry – just half a shot behind on 59 – while the remaining sweepstakes balls went to Dion Bird, Gavin White and Mel Clark 60^{1/3}, Jim Nivison, John McLaren and Andrew Crawford 61^{1/4}, Lee Fletcher, his wife Ruth and their son Will 61^{2/3}. Sharpest shooters at the pins were John McLaren (3) and Don Brooks (18), while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the ninth hole. No play in the weekly 9 Hole Competition last Saturday, but organiser John McCormack hopes there will be better weather conditions this Saturday. This Sunday a stroke medal round is on offer for a trophy donated by Doug McDonald, whereas the Gunnedah Open is also scheduled for that day.

Wednesday Golf

On Wednesday we played a Stableford for the Town v Country battle for trophies donated by Julie Olrich and Julie Hoad. Winners were the Townies, 5 matches to 3. Pauline Carter again showed her true colours and was the overall Town winner with another great score of 40 points. Sally McCormack was back on track after being away travelling to the north of the country, and was the country winner with 38. Sweepstakes went to Pip Monie 37, Cark Street 36, Ruth Fletcher 36, Kerry Hollis 35, Lyn Laurie 32 and Alison Cameron 31 on a countback from Sally Rutherford. NTP on 3 was Sue Partridge and no one made the sand on Hole 16. Today we are playing the NSW Women's 4BBB Ambrose Qualifier for Penny King and Polly Locke's trophy.

Rugby League

The Walcha/Uralla Rugby League Club travelled to Wialda to play their Group 19 games against the Wombats, where the visitors won the main fixture after going down in the Ladies League match. Spectators had barely settled into their seats before Uralla/Walcha Captain Duncan Elks opened the scoring with a try which was converted by the consistent Harley Carlon. Midway through the opening stanza, the visitors had opened up a 16-0 lead through tries to hooker Bryce Johnson and fill in five eighth Shuaib Rhodes which was converted by Carlon. Wialda responded with two tries and a conversion to reduce the lead to 16-10 before halfback Keiran Stiff crossed for a try converted by Carlon. Just before half time Carlon landed a penalty goal to give the visitors a 24-10 advantage while 'oranges' were taken. Five minutes into the second session the homeside finalised the scoring at 24-16 with a converted try. Very rarely players on the losing side don't receive group best and fairest points but it happened last Saturday when referee Jay Humphries awarded all his points to Uralla/Walcha - 3 Keiran Stiff, 2 Lachlan Barden, 1 Drew Bird. Club Best & Fairest points – 3 Keiran Stiff, 2 Harley Carlon, 1 Cooper Boyd. This Saturday Uralla/Walcha travel to Newling Oval in Armidale to take on equal competition leaders Narwan who are currently on top of the ladder with Inverell where both teams are on 14 points followed by Moree Boomerangs and Tingha both on 10 points, Uralla/Walcha and Armidale Rams both on 8 points, whereas the Wialda Wombats sit on 6 points.

Ladies League Tag

Walcha/Uralla were defeated by Wialda 32-12 after the homeside led 10-4 at half time. The Jilaroos opened their account after 25 minutes through an unconverted try by Rachael Green who looked dangerous with the ball in her hands. Early in the second half speedster Jordy Hoy scored a try for the visitors closing the gap to 10-8 before Wialda bounced back with two tries of their own, one of which was converted to lead 20-8. Nine minutes from the final hooter Rachel Green recorded her second try before the homeside ran in two converted tries late in the game to finalise the scoring at 32-12.



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Group Best & Fairest points 2 Rachel Green, who also was voted Players' Player and she was rewarded for her solid all round performance with 3 Club B&F points. Remaining points were 2 Nicola Hoy, 1 Jordy Hoy. In attack Anika McKenna made some good runs before injuring her finger, Natasha Foster threw a quick pass to put Jordy Hoy over in the corner, while in defence Kirra Murphy tagged well. Ladder: Tingha 18, Armidale and Wialda 12, Inverell, Narwan and Walcha/Uralla all on 8, Moree Boomerangs 6.



Death Notice

PARTRIDGE: Leonie "Fay"

28th June 2022

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