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## Nowendoc community wants answers to communication blackouts



Frustration with the lack of communications in the Nowendoc area was the focus of a Community Meeting at Nowendoc Hall last Wednesday with the hall filled with residents wanting answers.

"This is a life and death issue for this community. We went through the recent wind storm with no service. I have two Rural Fire Service members in my house who can't respond to call-outs and people who have Vital Calls can't use them because the towers are down," resident Kath Morris exclaimed.

Representatives from Telstra and NBN were in attendance, as well as Member for New England Barnaby Joyce, Mayor Eric Noakes and Councillors Nena Hicks and Anne-Marie Pointing.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss the viability and efficiency of the Nowendoc and Black Sugarloaf Towers which service the area. Residents have been experiencing complete communication blackouts with no landline, mobile or internet for extended periods when the power is out. The backup batteries only last for 10 hours and there is presently no back up power for the towers and exchange after this time.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce told the meeting he is happy to support the community's push

for action and will keep knocking on the Communication Minister's door.

Both Barnaby Joyce and Eric Noakes pushed the Telstra representatives to commit to placing generators on these towers as a matter of urgency.

Rural Fire Service Group Officer for Walcha, James Goodwin explained at the meeting that emergency warnings were hampered during the bushfire emergency at Yarrowitch due to technical issues involved with uploading information onto the system. "The emergency warnings went out two hours too late due to technical issues with the towers," he said.

Other issues discussed at the meeting which the community wants answers regarding included:

- Why the bandwidth speed at Nowendoc has significantly reduced over the past two months
- Telstra meeting their Customer Service Guarantee which states communications problems should be fixed within three working days
- Plans for mobile coverage from Nowendoc to Gloucester

Telstra representatives are to report back to Eric Noakes in the coming week.

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# around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

It appears we may be in for a bit more winter weather with the possibility of snow included in the forecast for later in the week. It was cold enough towards the end of last week, but some milder days over the weekend have been a good respite. Thankfully the latest rainfall event has been wonderful for this part of the country, with just enough rain received as opposed to a real dump received in other areas. They certainly had a dump further south and on the coast which has resulted in more flooding and more frustration with flood mitigation in many low lying areas. It is a disaster, but I have to say that if you choose to live in a flood zone, that is a choice you make with full knowledge that it can flood. I think these latest floods have been unbelievably bad, made worse by the fact there have been several of them in a very short space in time. In many areas it is too late to be talking about relocation of populations as there are cities built in the path of these waterways. I think it is a bit rich to blame climate change though as in my view, these areas have had floods for thousands of years and will do for many more. We have been in an extreme LaNina event, which is a period of above average rainfall. This event has been going for about two years and many areas have experienced record rainfall over that period of time. As a result, just about every water storage is already at record levels and the water has nowhere to go. Hindsight is a great thing, but Governments have made a lot of poor decisions around development for many years and this is an example of another. Populations should never have been allowed to build on some of these flood plains and at the moment, residents in these areas are paying the price.

Livestock values have continued to fall this last week with many saleyard market reports making the observation that not all buyers are active in the market. This is possibly because many of them have enough product around them and simply don't need the numbers. It may also be that we are in the middle of winter and there are quality issues. There may be processing plants not working full shifts, but is also more likely that trading conditions have become more difficult. The world is on edge and the war in Ukraine is in part to blame. COVID is also playing its part with case numbers rising exponentially every day in Australia as we are in the middle of winter. Interest rates are causing many with big mortgages to pull their belts in, so not as many people are spending on meals out and the list goes on. It is not a perfect world at the moment. Livestock values are still extraordinarily good on an historical basis and values always had to come back from the highs of earlier this year. The outlook is still very positive and there are more opportunities to buy replacement stock now than there have been for a long time. Cattle in particular are starting to get very buyable again, given the strong outlook and the great season. Every week I talk with someone who has been north or west on a trip away from our winter. Very few don't make the observation that the season elsewhere is amazing and that they have not seen any livestock numbers where they have been. I think the season and the historically low numbers will stick to us for a long time yet.

I am often asked why I haven't entered the debate in this column about renewable energy locally and the answer is that I want to remain neutral. There is certainly some community discussion now taking place around wind farming proposals locally with arguments for and against being published in recent weeks. The conversation is heating up. I have to say that I am not against renewable energy principles and do believe we have to find a way of delivering reliable power away from coal fired power stations, but the thought of 500 plus wind towers scattered around the Walcha district does not appeal to me. Moderation comes to mind. (Has anyone heard of nuclear power? Just asking). We are running the risk of totally changing our landscape from the clean and green image we now have to a virtual industrial zone while several large international companies scramble around our roads and hillsides building wind towers for the next ten or fifteen years. It is not an image that appeals to me. There is at least one wind project getting to the pointy end before they start building the wind farm and I have no objection to that taking place if it is a one off and the community is behind the project. There has already been years of work, money and effort contributed by the parties involved, and in my view, it is disappointing that much of this was done without community involvement from the beginning. It appears to me there is part of this community against these projects and their voice is unlikely to be heard. It is too late. There are also those for the proposition, many of which will be the beneficiaries. As the State Government has declared these projects Critical Infrastructure, I get the sense that under that banner, these projects will be pushed through with little regard for the community view. I agree with the recent letter in the paper calling for the community to pull together on these projects, but let's be sure that is what the community wants. The strength in our community is because we have always worked together. Before the community is forever divided, if it is not too late, why not test community sentiment?



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# Mountain bikes in action this Sunday

After two years of being in hibernation, the Walcha Mountain Bike track is set to come to life this Sunday 17 July for New England Mountain Bike Club's winter race series.

"We have spent quite a bit of time blowing the track off and doing some repairs to have it in top condition for the weekend," Steven Scherff said. "It will be great to have it back in action."

The Club is inviting riders of all abilities to come and have a go at the track which is located just off Ohio North Road. "Riders of all abilities are invited to race, especially those new to the sport," Steven said.

**The races will start at 11:30am and categories are:**

- Elite male/female
- 19 – 39 male/female
- 40+ male/female
- 50+ male/female
- U19 male/female
- U17 male/female
- U15 male/female
- E-Bikes male/female
- U13 male/female – shortened loop

Plate pick up and registration starts at 10.45am and needs to be completed by 11.15am. A day licence can be purchased for \$35.00 during the online registration process. If you are new to racing you can apply for a FREE 4 Week Trial Licence on the New England Mountain Bike website. The race entry fee is \$5 per adult and \$2 per junior and all registrations must be made online at [nemtb.com.au](http://nemtb.com.au).

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# From Africa to Walcha, Destinee joins the Vet Clinic team

Walcha Vet Clinic now boasts three Veterinarians with the recent arrival of Destinee Day. A mixed animal Vet, Destinee was born and raised in Zimbabwe. "We are very spoilt in Africa with amazing landscapes. Growing up, all of my time outside of school was spent either on the back of a horse or in the bush with my family," Destinee said.

Veterinarian, Jo Bacon welcomed Destinee and commented, "We are looking at providing a better service to the community with this extra help."

Destinee started her university career in Canada where she lived for 18 months, moving to Australia in 2016. "I undertook my Veterinary studies at the University of Queensland in sunny Gatton. From there I moved down to NSW to work in a truly mixed practice that serviced Coolah, Coonabarabran and Merriwa."

Destinee decided Australia was where she wanted to call home, becoming an Australian Citizen after six years living and working here.

More recently Destinee worked in Armidale, doing mainly small animal work but she missed the mixed animal caseload. "I have always enjoyed seeing a range of different animals on a given day, getting to know clients and their animals, providing a high quality of care, surgery and being part of the bigger picture production team."

"I am by no means a Walcha local, but being engaged to one surely



*Destinee with Walcha Veterinary Clinic vets Rachel Greig and Jo Bacon*

gives me a few points," she laughed. Destinee lives at 'Millbank' with her fiancé Josh Lockyer. "We have a very spoilt dog 'Bunny' and Josh's working dogs. I am very much looking forward to working in Walcha."

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# Walcha's Annual Poultry Show

Last Sunday 10 July, the Poultry Pavilion at the Walcha Showground was filled to capacity with over 300 birds entered into the Annual Poultry Show. Judges Graeme and Ben Cleghorn from Tamworth and Brendan Hopkins from Wingham said 'the birds were in fine feather.' President Lachlan Brown thanked over 40 exhibitors and said he was very pleased with his committee and the way the show was conducted.

Frank Beggs from Gloucester won overall Hardfeather Champion and Sue Quayle from Armidale the Softfeather Champion. Overall Waterbird Champion was Briar Eckford and Tom Gallagher. The Partridge children won the Junior section while Marcus and Brayden Blake won the Junior Waterfowl. Jess Litchfield won the Joe Harrison Memorial Trophy.



Lisa with her mum Carolyn Feltham – winners in the Soft Feather classes



Above: Tom Gallagher and Briar Eckford Champion overall Water Birds. Left: Markus and Brayden Blake – Junior Waterfowl Champions. Below left: Ben Partridge and Jess Litchfield winners in the Hard Feather and Soft Feather classes. Below: Brendan Schmutter with his Champion Blue Leghorn.



Left: Archie Little winner in the Araucana Section. Right: Chris Lennon winner in the Pits Section.



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## Fun Holiday Dance workshop

On Wednesday 6 July Destiny Dance Studio ran a school holiday dance workshop. With 50 keen little dancers arriving at the hall, Bec was kept very busy.

"It was so lovely to see lots of boys and girls turn up ready to dance and have fun." said Bec.

The children practiced some dance routines, played fun dance games and had a little concert at the end showcasing what they had learnt in the classes. Bec would like to thank all the children for coming along and making it such a fun day.



## An overwhelming need for Childcare in Walcha

About 50 parents and carers gathered in Walcha on Thursday to discuss the current childcare crisis and options for a future long day care centre.

Walcha was considered "a childcare desert" and should be able to access state and federal funding to build a childcare centre in the future. Still, in the short term, the lack of early childhood care remained an "overwhelming need for the town", the meeting heard, with a further two family day care providers to close, leaving about 15 families requiring care.

Of 81 respondents to a community childcare survey assessing requirements, 63 per cent needed more care but reported insufficient availability, and 40 per cent struggled every week to find enough care to complete their work.

Nearly 47 per cent used informal arrangements, and 44.4 per cent travelled more than 20km to nearby towns for regular care.

Walcha's rental housing shortage compounded the problems of luring more early childhood educators for childcare and Preschool.

A childcare advisory committee will report to the Walcha Council on the needs of young families in the district.

"Without this, Walcha is not going to be able to sustain young families," Walcha Childcare Committee member Dr Alison Jones said.

It will advocate for childcare operators to consider opening in Walcha.

The Committee is also seeking location options for extended daycare operated by a non-government organisation.

Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes said he would take the Committee's advice on the need for childcare spots while the Council could advocate for funding on its behalf.

"Everything is on the table," he said.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said he would work with the State Government to find available funding.

His office wrote again to Early Childhood Minister Anne Aly yesterday for advice on whether a funding mechanism that would provide capital infrastructure funding for Private Provider Long Day Care would be opening for applications in 2022.

Those who wish to join Walcha's Childcare Committee should email [walchachildcare@outlook.com](mailto:walchachildcare@outlook.com)



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# A great time had by all at Walcha Council's Winter School holiday Program



## Little Lego Masters

Designed for 4 – 7 year olds, Little Lego Masters gave those younger siblings who have been dying to come to Lego Club a chance to experience the Library Lego challenges.



## Robot Soccer

On Monday 4 July from 12.00 – 1.00pm Robot Soccer was presented by CNRL. Eleven children worked in teams to control their robots around the arena to push, dribble and kick to victory. This activity still proves to be very popular at our Library.

## Kids In Business

This workshop was developed in response to discussions with the Walcha Farmers Markets about supporting our local entrepreneurial youth. Young businesswomen Sienna Wellings (of Sienna's Seedlings), Emily Powell (of Em's Sweet Treats) and Charlotte Mooney (of Lottie – homemade treats and body care) mentored participants through business plans, branding and some theatre sport games to help them gain the confidence to market their products and services.

## Walcha Puzzle Library

The Walcha Puzzle Library has also been busy these holidays, loaning lots of puzzles to keep families busy on these cold winter days. This free service is available to all members, and its free and easy to join.



## NAIDOC Storytime

Walcha families enjoyed NAIDOC Storytime on Friday 8 July at the preschool as part of Walcha Council's Winter School Holiday program. Librarian Cassie shared indigenous books, stories, songs, craft and games with the children. A great turn out of over 25 people experienced some Torres Strait Islander culture. The children cooked (and tasted) SopSop, a Torres Strait Islander vegetable dish and learnt some of her traditional language words too.



Top: Charlotte Everleigh and Millie Laurie tasting the traditional dish.  
Above: Children enjoyed story time with Librarian Cassie McKenna.

## 'Move It' Gym Session

On Wednesday 6 July the 'Move It' Gym Session from 9.00 – 11.00am, provided seven young people an opportunity to try some indoor exercises, making use of the gym facility, to keep active during the holidays. Low bookings enabled some younger siblings to join in with the games and activities, including a dance/boxing/cardio exercise DVD – which provided a lot of movement and laughs!



## The holiday program isn't finished yet!

- Board Game Tournament – Wednesday 2.00 – 5.00pm
- Walcha Handmade Sewing Session – Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm

Spaces are still available in both.



# What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



**Local Rugby player Eugene Campbell** played hooker for the NSW Barbarians at the Australia A's U/18's trials in Sydney last week, where the Baa Baas made the final against NSW Schools No 1 team last Saturday. The Barbarians defeated Victoria Schools 29-0 and the NSW Schools No 2 side 22-14 in the lead up games, before going down 24-14 in the final. Only two Baa Baa players were selected in the Australia A's U/18 squad and although Eugene wasn't one of them he was happy with the way he performed during the three games. He has received offers to play for several Sydney clubs next season according to his father Michael who reckons it will come down to either Randwick or Warringah. Good on ya Eug on making it as far as you did.

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**Congratulations to Stephen Goodwin and Gordon Bird** on winning their second Walcha Bowling Club Pairs Championship in the past three years. Last Saturday the 'Dynamic Duo' rounded up their respective sons Kyle and Dion 24-19, after the young blokes defeated the 'Old Fellas' in the final last year. As Meatloaf once sang *'Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad!'*

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**With a couple of ends remaining**, Kyle went for a power drive which was that explosive, his bowl split the 'jack' in two when it collided with it. The boys reckon they have seen bowls break up, but had never seen a jack crack up like it did last Saturday.

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**After celebrating the life of Leonie 'Fay' Partridge** at the Bowling Club last Thursday, Fay's son Gregory was organising a luncheon get-together the following day at the Apsley Arms Hotel. On arriving at the pub on Friday about lunch time and enjoying a couple of frothy ones there was no sign of 'Doey' so I gave him a call to find out what time we were eating. When he answered his phone Greg and his much better half Michelle were about to travel through Moree on their way back to Wallaroo Outback Retreat in Queensland where they work. So much for a heads up about what was going on Gregory.

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**There is little doubt some of the decisions** made by the bunker and referees in the NRL are that bad they have to be seen to be believed, but they don't hold a candle to one made during the Wallabies v England Rugby Test last Saturday night. Aussie centre Izaia Perese attempted an intercept inside his own 22 and although the ball unluckily rolled off his fingertips forward, he was sin binned for a deliberate knock on. Kiddin' Aren't They?!

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**Did you work out where in town Canal Street is?** One end of the thoroughfare starts adjacent to 126s Derby Street and runs in a westerly direction until it links up with South Street in the vicinity of 'Fairview', property of my Aunt Margaret Cross. According to Graham Marshall, who uses Canal Street to access his Derby Street residence, South Street runs right through and hooks up with the Abberbaldie Road.

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**Walcha Golf Club Champion Andrew Bowden** took an alternate route when he eagled the eight hole during a stroke medal round here on our course last Sunday. The bloke they call 'Buddha' smashed his drive onto the roof of the clubhouse before the ball ricocheted off, down adjacent to the ninth green. He then lobbed a wedge over the top of the pine trees to around five metres from the eighth green before casually strolling up and chipping in for his two under par – which entitled 'Buddha' to the contents of the 'Eagles Nest' - 24 balls sponsored by Darks Plumbing.

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**Back in 1987 the Walcha Rugby League U/18's** won the Group 19 competition under the coaching of Gary Natty. Next Saturday week the boys are holding a 35 year reunion before Walcha/Uralla take on Inverell, kicking off with a few heart starters at the Newie beforehand. A number of the premiership winning team have indicated they will be travelling back for 'Old Boys Day' including Michael Drew, Robert Wayte and Simon Hoy. As per usual 'moderation will be the key'.

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**Go the Blues tonight** – Hopefully NSW will win the State of Origin later this evening and if they do so a number of footy tipsters will pick the reduced card, including Bulldogs supporter Ray 'Choom' Foster. At the other end of the scale his wife Suzie has selected Queensland and needs the Maroons to win to open her account for this round. Queensland lose – Suzie Opts.

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# RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V MOREE

By Eric the Spider



The Walcha Rams headed to Moree over the weekend to take on the fifth placed Moree Bulls. The game began with Moree kicking off and Walcha taking possession and getting into their set up, before kicking for territory in an effort to turn the big Moree forward pack around.

The Rams defence was solid, making some big tackles and forcing a mistake from Moree in their own end. Edgar "mates call me bragy" Bragg was tackling well, forcing the Moree players backwards. Walcha began to attack the Moree defence, holding onto the ball for a number of phases and redirecting the point of attack well around the field. Toby "from Congi" was everywhere making some excellent carries and hitting a number of rucks. The Moree defence was up to the task holding out the Rams, managing to turn the ball over and kick themselves out of trouble. As both teams battled for dominance it was Moree who struck first with a break up the middle of the field to score the first try of the match. Walcha 0 Moree 7. Moree were unable to take the resuming kick-off cleanly, giving Walcha a chance to attack. Walcha converted this opportunity immediately with a strong scrum from the forwards allowing the backs to attack. Harry "the chicken guy" Locke ran an excellent line off a set play which saw him streak through the Moree defence untouched to score under the post. Walcha 7 Moree 7.

Both teams continued to throw the ball around and play attacking rugby. Henry "loved up les" Leslie controlled the set piece well, allowing a platform for Walcha to attack from. A lapse in concentration for the Rams allowed a Moree forward to pick the ball up close to the ruck and run away for Moree's second try. Moree 14 Walcha 7. Walcha managed to get themselves back into the territory battle earning a scrum deep in Moree's half. After another solid scrum Wally "the slippery Somerton sheep breeder" Davidson took the ball from

the back of the scrum, out pacing the Moree loose forwards and beating the opposing winger to score Walcha's second try. Walcha 14 Moree 14.

Late in the first half Walcha's ill discipline gave Moree another chance to attack, but some big defence from Archie "sheepman" Lawrence and Joel "joog baby" Ballon managed to hold off the Moree attack. Halftime score – Walcha 14 Moree 17.

A big second half showdown was set up with both teams failing to give an inch. Unfortunately Walcha didn't get the memo and failed to return from halftime with Moree scoring four tries in the first ten minutes of the second half, blowing the Rams off the paddock. Much to the Rams credit they didn't throw in the towel and manage to get back into the contest. A solid game from Charlie "the muscle man" Keen who defended well all game and opened up some attacking raids in the wider channels. Lane "new guy" Clarke played well supplying the Rams backs with good go forward ball and picking his forward runners well. Tom "other Congi kid" Acton and Tom "afl dude" Gough both had solid games at the back, running the ball back well and even throwing a "wild" flick pass close to their own line. Late in the game the Rams managed to get some field position and with an attacking raid down the blindside Jason "keefy" O'Keefe scored in the corner. In the end the damage was already done by Moree early in the second half and with a team of fresh reserves they continued to pressure the Rams. Moree ended up winning the match. Walcha 19 Moree 62.

This weekend The Walcha Rams take on Inverell at home for the annual Walcha Ladies Day.

## LADIES DAY

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## At the Nineteenth

A good field of 33 players teed off in a stroke medal round for a trophy donated by Doug McDonald, where John McLaren was declared the winner after a countback with the very consistent Michael Stackman, when both players registered 72 nett. No surprise A Grade went to Michael Stackman and C Grade to John McLaren, while B Grade was won by Gavin White. Although current Club Champion Andrew Bowden was a bit wayward with his drives, his eight over par was good enough to win the scratch section of the event and he also took out the putting competition after engaging his flat stick on 21 occasions. Just for good measure 'Bowdo' also robbed the Eagles Nest sponsored by Dark's Plumbing of 24 balls after he carded a three on the par five, eighth hole.

Sweepstakes to Sue Partridge, Drew Bird both 73, Margaret Davidson 74, Jamie Bowden, Deon Lawrence and Mark Hogan 76. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Sue Partridge (3) and Mel Clark (9), while no players reached the beach on 16 and 18. Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus were caressed by Lee Fletcher (A), Gavin White (B) and Mark Hogan (C).

The coveted Pink Shirt for most putts was gleefully received by Penny King, but only after she won on a countback. Runner-up was Max Holstein on 13 points, while Pauline Carter won the Ladies Division after compiling 13 points just a point ahead of her sister Sue Partridge on 12 points, who also hit the most accurate tee shot at the pin on the third hole. **Program Book Alert** – This Sunday is a 4BBB Stableford Medley for prizes supplied by Max Holstein and Bill Heazlett. A two person Ambrose Keno Qualifier will be also on offer for those players interested.

## Rugby League

For the second weekend in succession Walcha/Uralla won one Group 19 game and lost one when they played Narwan at Peter Fenwick Oval last Saturday, after the fixtures had been transferred from Newling Oval in Armidale due to the ground being deemed un-playable. Before the main game Aunty Sue Green was called on to perform 'Welcome to Country' as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Ten minutes had elapsed on the clock when the equal competition leaders drew first blood with an unconverted try, which the Tigreros responded to midway through the opening stanza after fullback Shuaib Rhodes-Swain crossed for his first touchdown. Narwan bounced back with their second unconverted try after 30 minutes, before Walcha/Uralla took a 12-8 lead just before half time when Rhodes-Swain scored off a chip kick from half back Kevin Stiff and stand in five eighth Harley Carlon landed his second conversion.

Early into the second session Narwan hit the front 14-12 with a converted try, which they held until the final ten minutes of the match before scoring two late converted tries to increase their advantage to 26-12. Late in the match Rhodes-Swain sealed his hat trick of tries and Carlon raised the flags for a third time to finalise the score 26-18. Diminutive fullback Rhodes-Swain received two Group B&F points but could count himself a bit unlucky not to have picked up 3 points as most good judges thought he was the best player on the ground, which no doubt contributed to him being judged Players Player. Club B&F points – 2 Shuaib Rhodes-Swain, 2 Bryce Johnson, 2 Brodie Dexter. Coaches award – Grant Cooper.

## League Tag

Walcha/Uralla defeated Narwan 26-4 at Peter Fenwick Oval last Sunday after holding a 14-4 lead at half time.

Speedster Jordyn Hoy looked to have opened the scoring for the Jillaroos after just a couple of minutes when she raced away to touch down from 50 metres out only to be called back for an infringement on half way.

A few minutes later Narwan scored an unconverted try before Alisha Dillon evened things up when she touched down and the Caitlin Hollis scored in a handy position for Caitlin Hollis to convert.

Just before oranges were taken Finlai Bird scored a well deserved try to give the Jillaroos their 14-4 lead.

Seven minutes into the second half Jordyn Hoy crossed for a sensational individual try after having sprinted 70 metres to touch down and then not to be outdone, her sister Nicola cruised over five minutes from the final siren. Goal kicker Harris converted both tries to finalise the scoring at 26-4 and was rewarded for her solid performance when she was awarded 3 Club B&F points, 2 Group points and Players Player. The remaining Club points went to Nicola Hoy 2 and Natasha Foster 1. This Saturday Walcha/Uralla are scheduled to play Armidale at Rugby League Park, Armidale commencing with ladies League Tag at 1pm.

## Bowls

**Pairs Final:** G Bird & S Goodwin defeated D Bird & K Goodwin 24-19. N Dunn, A McGuffog & G Marshall defeated G Clare, M Hamel & F Cameron 21-20 on an extra end.

## thumbs



- 👍 To the person who found my scarf last Saturday and tied it to the bridge and to the honest people who left it there so I could find it on Monday.
- 👍 To Adam from thebigblackbuilding for getting things going on Sunday. We all had a great day!
- 👍 To all the helpers at the Rugby League game on Saturday.
- 👍 To local people and organisations who supply the Advocate with great stories and photos, week in week out. We appreciate it.

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## Walcha & Uralla Rugby League

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Ladies League Tag ..... 1.00pm  
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