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With the new financial year now upon us, Walcha Council has introduced their updated fees and charges for the coming year which were adopted at the Council meeting held on 29 June 2022.

Residents who have been to the Landfill site this month, will have noticed a few changes, with the introduction of a charge for green waste of \$5 for a small load, and \$20 for a ute or small trailer. Walcha Council's Director of Infrastructure, Phil Hood explained that the green waste charge was implemented to cover some of the cost to Council of processing the green waste. "The new price structure was introduced with the aim of getting closer to cost recovery. We recognise that some people were caught unaware of the new charges, and we apologise," he said.

All recyclable waste which has been sorted remains free, as well as no charge for disposing of televisions, computer monitors or scrap metal.

Council are also currently working on a new Waste Strategy which Councillors will discuss at their September meeting. A part of this Strategy is the implementation of a Voucher System for rural residents. "The idea of this is that rural ratepayers would receive a set number of vouchers for free domestic bin drop offs during the year at the Landfill," Phil Hood said. If this Strategy is adopted, the vouchers will be implemented later this year.

The following table details the new gate charges for the coming year.

Walcha Landfill Gate Fees

Asbestos - over 10m2	B	Y	\$371.00
Asbestos - up to 10m2	B	Y	\$127.50
Dead Animal Disposal - Medium (goats, sheep, pigs etc)	B	Y	\$37.10
Dead Animal Disposal - Small Domestic	B	Y	\$15.90
Electrical - Fridges / Freezers / Airconditioning Units	B	Y	\$17.49
Electrical - Other	A	N	No Charge
Electrical - Televisions / Computer Monitors	A	N	No Charge
Garden / Green Waste - Bulk Waste (per cubic meter)		Y	\$20.00
Garden / Green Waste - Sedan/Wagon (per load)	B	Y	\$5.00
Garden / Green Waste - Ute or Small Trailer (per load)	B	Y	\$20.00
Lounge - 2-3 seater	B	Y	\$16.00
Mattresses - all sizes	B	Y	\$16.00
Open Walcha Waste Depot outside standard operating hours between 8am and 8pm (must pre book 28 days in advance only) + gate fees	D	Y	\$115.14
Scrap Metal	A	N	No Charge
Sorted Waste or Recycling - all Vehicles	E	N	No Charge for sorted or recyclable
Unsorted Waste - Car/Sedan - Full load	B	Y	\$10.07
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Unsorted Waste - Large Trailer/ Truck - half load	B	Y	\$201.50
Unsorted Waste - Large Trailer/ Truck - full load	B	Y	\$371.00
Unsorted Waste - Ute/ Trailer/ Wagon - full load	B	Y	\$18.60
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By SIMON NEWTON

The sun was finally shining over the weekend as we experienced the best weather we have had for weeks. We can all deal with a frosty start, but it was just nice to catch a few days of sunshine with little wind and no easterly mist. The days are slowly getting longer as we edge closer to spring, but we all know how tough the weather throughout August and September can be. Reports are that the wet weather will hang around until November which should give us a great start to spring and plenty of soil moisture heading into summer.

The biggest issue for our livestock industries now is the threat of Foot and Mouth entering the country. Don't get me wrong, if the disease manages to enter Australia the implications will be devastating for everyone, and anyone involved in the livestock industry, but reports are that our risk of contracting the disease has risen just 2%. Let's hope the government can be a bit more proactive in ensuring that it is doing everything it can in reducing that risk further. Livestock markets have responded to this threat, but it has been a storm that has been brewing for some time. The threat of Foot and Mouth is just one of the major factors affecting the subsiding values of our livestock markets. The rising cost of inputs over the past 12 months being diesel, power, grain prices and lack of labour to process the animals has had more of a huge bearing on the current market. It's the threat of Foot and Mouth which has worried producers to the extent of panic and selling large volumes of livestock before they would normally. These extra numbers have put pressure on the markets, coupled with a whole lot of dear beef still to enter the meat market from the previous 12 months of extraordinary farm gate prices and our lack of ability to kill cattle due to COVID forced labour shortages. Yes, markets have subsided and we probably won't see those prices again, but I don't think it is a time to panic, more a time to stick to your operational plan. Feeder cattle for instance have reduced in value by \$1/kg, from \$6.40 to \$5.40 for an Angus steer which we hope could be more sustainable for everyone involved in the industry.

Bull selling season is in full swing and they are selling like hotcakes with sale prices up on the previous year. These values are clearly a representation of the previous 12 months livestock values, with producers keen to acquire new genetics. Southcote Shorthorns held their second Annual Sale last Friday, with bulls selling to \$19,000, for a 100% clearance, an average of \$10,600 and semen straws selling to a whopping \$800 a straw – congratulations to the team at Southcote Shorthorns. I'd also like to wish the other local bull sales, Tummel Herefords, Yalgoo Poll Herefords, Highrent Angus and Ben Nevis Angus all the best with their up coming sales.

Tamworth yarded just over a 1,000 head of cattle on Monday with prices easing across all categories. There was only a small selection of export cattle, with cows back 30c/kg selling to a top of 322c/kg, heavy yearling feeder steers eased 26c/kg topping at 530c/kg, while domestic feeders dropped by 50c/kg. Heifers to feed sold between 410 – 430c/kg. Wagga yarded 2,200 cattle on Monday and saw similar price falls and values in the cattle suitable to feed while the better finished cattle sold to solid demand with cows topping at 355c/kg.

Less demand for sheep and lamb in Tamworth on Monday saw the yarding of 4,000 lambs and 1,500 mutton sell to a much cheaper trend, probably values we hadn't seen for quite some time. Trade weight lambs sold between \$100 – 140 depending on condition score and breed, while heavy mutton topped at \$156/hd and light mutton to kill topped at \$118. Sheep and lamb processors are on a no quote basis now with kill space booked out into September. The depressed lamb and mutton market has been blamed on the lack of kill capacity and reduced killing ability due to a lack of labour. It's quite annoying that we don't have enough workers about to process the livestock. I'm pretty sure the meat values on the supermarket shelves haven't gotten any cheaper and we need to get more labour from somewhere.

Foot and Mouth Disease update for livestock owners

From Walcha Veterinary Clinic

As most readers are aware, there has been an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Indonesia which has recently spread to Bali. This is a major cause of concern and a reminder of how vigilant we need to be, and the roles we all must play to keep exotic diseases out of Australia.

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease that affects pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, deer, camelids and buffalo. FMD does not affect humans, horses, or companion animals such as dogs and cats.

FMD virus is carried by live animals and in meat and dairy products, as well as in soil, bones, untreated hides, vehicles and equipment used with these animals. It can also be carried on people's clothing and footwear. FMD virus can survive in frozen, chilled and freeze-dried foods including meat and dairy products.

Strict quarantine, surveillance and biosecurity is already in place to prevent FMD entering Australia. A high level taskforce including industry and government members has been established to help combat the disease in Indonesia and to increase surveillance to reduce the risk of the introduction of the virus to Australia. This taskforce is directing resources towards

- helping control the disease in Indonesia
- increasing border security to reduce the likelihood of introduction of FMD to Australia
- FMD preparedness activities to ensure if there is an incursion, it can be contained and controlled as quickly as possible.

FMD is most likely to enter Australia through illegal imports of meat and dairy products infected with the FMD virus and the subsequent illegal

feeding of these products (swill) to pigs. New South Wales and all other Australian states and territories have strict laws that prohibit swill feeding.

Tourists travelling to Bali and Indonesia (or any country with FMD) also pose a risk. It is recommended that people who have been in contact with FMD-infected animals or visited infected areas DO NOT visit Australian farms or handle livestock for at least 7 days after returning to Australia.

It is critical that all livestock owners here in Australia know what FMD looks like, and that they check their animals regularly. If you suspect any signs of FMD it must be reported to the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888, NSW DPI or a Local Land Services District Veterinarian. It is imperative that any suspect cases are reported immediately – the emergency response process has allowed for compensation to livestock producers to encourage this reporting.

All livestock owners should have stringent biosecurity measures in place on their property, including accurate records of livestock movement. If there is an incursion, the aim is to control and eradicate the disease as quickly as possible so trade can resume and this is where individual biosecurity plans and stock movement records are so important.

There is good current information on the NSW DPI website (nsw.dpi.gov.au).

There was a very good webinar put on by MLA where the Minister for Agriculture and industry leaders spoke. This can be viewed on youtube. **The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dlxtgr62GD8>**

There is also further information on FMD in our next newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss any of this information.



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Nowendoc continues their push for basic communications

As we reported in *The Advocate* early in July, a meeting was held at Nowendoc Hall with representatives from Telstra to discuss power outages which leave the area with no communications via landlines or mobiles with requests to place generators on the towers as a matter of urgency.

Other issues discussed at the meeting which the community wanted 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

Back up generator

Mayor, Eric Noakes has received a letter from Telstra's Regional Engagement Manager, Ian George in response to the meeting. In relation to the Backup generator, Telstra has said they will include Nowendoc in the Backup generator ATS trial, along with Bilpin and Boban. In his reply letter, Eric Noakes said, *"The main reason for this meeting being called was in relation to the constant breakdown of telecommunications during power outages in the district. While I, and the community understand that this is a power supply problem and not Telstra's fault there appears to be a simple and commonsense solution. This outage affects both locals and also emergency situations on Thunderbolts Way. As we all understand mobile connectivity on this section of road is poor.*

I feel that the main problem has not been given the status by Telstra it deserves in your reply. Ten hours maximum battery power, and therefore connectivity under emergency situations will be severely reduced due to extra load has not been given priority. To be included in ATS trial does nothing to allay the fears and concerns of this community. I may be taking a short sighted view on this but I cannot understand why a trial is required to replace mains electricity with a generator in times of crisis. This action appears to be caught up in bureaucratic red tape at the expense of small communities. It must be remembered that Nowendoc relies on two vulnerable towers in

times of crisis, their local one plus Porters Camp. If disasters are becoming more regular these problems will only increase in severity and frequency."

Why the bandwidth speed at Nowendoc has significantly reduced over the past two months

Ian George has provided a graph to Eric Noakes of the downlink traffic on the Nowendoc tower. "It has nearly doubled in 12 months which might explain the possible loss of speeds."

Telstra meeting their Customer Service Guarantee

Ian George provided a Table from Telstra's Annual CSG Operational Performance Percentages for FY2021. It stated faults rectification for Rural Areas is 92.4% and 91.6% for Remote Areas with their target being 90%.

Eric Noakes replied: *Following the statistics on the Service Obligation Guarantee is there any figures in relation to the outages at Nowendoc? General figures are no use if you are constantly in the 7% not solved within the legislated time.*

Plans for mobile coverage from Nowendoc to Gloucester

We have a proven track record of investment in regional Australia; however, it is a joint responsibility for investment, and co-investment contribution is required to expand. We have invested over double what our competitors combined have invested.

The new Federal Government has committed \$200m - \$400m, and we are waiting to see what their commitment looks like. We are participating in two workshops with the NSW Government to explore different mechanisms to participate in their black spot program.

Eric Noakes concluded his reply letter: *On behalf of the Nowendoc, and also the Yarrowitch communities, I request you to escalate the issues being raised for both safety of locals and travellers along an isolated section of road, and an area where many farmers work alone in a sometimes challenging environment.*



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Huge jersey auction raises thousands

Walcha Rugby League held their Ladies Charity Auction over the weekend and they were thrilled to raise over \$10,000. "The charities we are supporting this year are Starlight Childrens Foundation and Walcha Support Group," organiser, Emma Hillier said.

The Jersey Auction was held after the games against Inverell in which the Ladies were victorious, winning 22-18.

"We would also like to thank Walcha Rugby Union Club who donated a few items to be auctioned off and proceeds are going to the family of Hannah Howard, our fallen Jillaroo, raising \$875."

The Club would like to pay a huge thank you to Mat Larkings for being their auctioneer for the night." Mat did a marvellous job and he also requested that our gift to him be also donated to Hannah's family of \$100," Emma said.

The leftover Uralla/Walcha mens jerseys raised \$1,500 for their charity, Ovarian Cancer.



Above: The League Tag players sporting their jerseys which were auctioned off. Top: running on to play Inverell carrying their team mate Hannah Howard's jersey. Top left: Hannah's family Josh Howard and Lisa Noble on-hand to watch the game



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Embroidery workshops coming up

Yvette Stanton is a Walcha-based internationally regarded embroidery designer, teacher and author of embroidery books, who runs embroidery workshops in Walcha.

"We moved to the beautiful and creative town of Walcha about three years ago, and since then I have been teaching embroidery locally. Walcha has been through some pretty hard times since we've been here, so when possible (COVID notwithstanding) I've been running embroidery workshops as a way to encourage tourists to visit and stay in our town. But I also love it when locals from the town and surrounding regions attend my classes!"

"My workshops are on a variety of different embroidery styles and run from 9.00am – 4.00pm both days of a weekend. The classes are at Walcha Handmade in Walcha. Included in the cost are a project kit, delicious morning teas from a local business and two days of expert tuition. On the Saturday night we arrange for all participants who are able (and their travelling companions) to have dinner with my husband and I at a local eatery. For tourists and locals alike, it's a lovely weekend with people who enjoy similar things to what they do."

Yvette has two workshops scheduled currently. On 27 and 28 August she is running a Hardanger Embroidery Workshop, which is suitable for all levels of expertise, from beginners, through to advanced stitchers. On 22 and 23 October, Yvette is re-running a popular class, teaching a

sampler in the Frisian Whitework style.

Hardanger embroidery is whitework embroidery (white stitching on white fabric) from the Hardanger region in Norway. The project for the class is a set of stitching accessories, with a needlebook, pin cushion and scissor fob. Yvette has written two books on this style of embroidery. For more information or to enrol in Yvette's embroidery classes at Walcha Handmade, visit – www.trybooking.com/eventlist/vettycreations If you are interested in purchasing any of Yvette's books or related embroidery supplies, you can go to her website at www.vettycreations.com.au



Yvette teaching her skills at Walcha Handmade

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- 👉 To the Apsley Arms Hotel for the best Barramundi lunch ever.
- 👉 To Senior Clubs who encourage and financially support Junior players to represent at higher levels.
- 👉 To Year 4 and 5 students at Walcha Central School for their excellent handmade cards to go in the next batch of 'Simon's Just 4 U Backpacks'. Rotary says a big thank you.
- 👉 To the Walcha Council for charging \$20 for a load of green clippings at the rubbish tip.

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Local Land Services board positions available – apply now

Individuals with a passion for enhancing the future of agriculture and the environment across NSW are being encouraged to apply for new board member positions at Local Land Services.

Board members are responsible for driving the strategic direction and vision of Local Land Services, connecting the agency with landholders and communities to identify the issues and services needed.

Applications can be lodged via the Local Land Services website and close on Tuesday 30 August 2022.

Local Land Services Chair, Allison Harker said there are 24 positions available and she hopes to see a wide range of candidates apply.

"We take great pride in working with people focused on the long-term sustainability of our natural resources and agricultural industries," Ms Harker said.

"It's important these boards reflect our wide-ranging customer base and the communities they serve, which is why I am encouraging people from all walks of life to apply.

"Strong local board representation is key to ensuring Local Land Services is in the best strategic position to help grow agricultural productivity and healthy environments."

Local Land Services is made up of eleven regions, each with its own board of local community representatives. They are made up of a mix of Ministerially appointed and elected board members who bring a wealth of skills, experience and commitment to the organisation.

Local Land Services has particular interest in ensuring diversity in its boards and encourages applications from women, Aboriginal people, younger people and other under-represented groups.

Ms Harker said serving on a local board is a rewarding position that lets you help make a real difference in your community.

"Becoming a board member connects you with some incredibly unique projects, from our new Aboriginal Ranger program, to building our strategic partnership with organisations like Landcare," Ms Harker said.

"If you share our commitment to growing productive and sustainable communities in NSW, we want to hear from you.

"Together we can strengthen Local Land Services for the future."

For more information on the role and responsibilities of a board member, visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/board-recruitment.



Local Land Services takes pride in working with people focused on long-term sustainability of our natural resources and agricultural industries

Helping the Youth of Walcha



Youth of Walcha's Karen Barnes being presented with a welcome donation from Commonwealth Bank employee Alice Gibson.

Commonwealth Bank Walcha branch employees have donated \$500 to the Youth of Walcha Group as part of a nationwide community donation program.

Commonwealth Bank is committed to driving positive change within the communities in which it serves to make a difference locally and for all Australians.

As part of this, the bank has again pledged to donate a further \$400,000 nationally to recognise those organisations that make a difference to the communities in which they operate. Each Commonwealth Bank branch and customer-facing team has been allocated \$500 to donate to causes important to their local community.

Commonwealth Bank's Walcha branch team voted to support the great work of the Youth of Walcha (YOW).

"After another challenging start to the year for many communities, this is one small way we can get behind local organisations who continue to do good work within our community. We are pleased to support Youth of Walcha," Anne Martin, Commonwealth Bank Walcha Branch Manager said.

"In particular, the work they do providing local children with a safe, fun place to go and learn new activities, support their future and foster behaviour that aids our community's wellbeing is amazing, so it's great to be able to support them in this great work."

What is Youth of Walcha?

Karen and Graham Barnes, along with volunteer parents, run the YOW group on Saturday evening during school terms. Local children from Year 5 to Year 12 meet at the Presbyterian Hall from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

On the night the children have lots of fun and enjoy games, talks and dinner ... and it's FREE. YOW also organises a variety of planned activities and excursions around the local area that always prove very popular.

Karen would like to thank the community, the Commonwealth Bank, local Service Clubs and Churches for the generous support given to the group. If you would like to find out more about YOW contact Karen on 6777 2539.

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RUGBY REPORT

WALCHA V PIRATES



By Eric the Spider

The Walcha Rams ventured out of the mist and rain to Tamworth last weekend to take on the Pirates in the Central North Rugby competition. The game started at a frantic pace with Walcha kicking off and the Pirates recycling the ball quickly for a number of phases. The Walcha defence was up to the task early with some desperation tackling from Toby 'from Congi' and Will 'I'm back baby' Chaffey to hold Pirates at bay for the early stages of the match. Eventually the relentless attacking waves were too much for the Rams, with Pirates crossing for the first try of the match.

After the restart Walcha managed to hold onto the ball stringing together some phases in close. Some strong carries from Ritchie 'call me Les' Hunt gave Walcha some great go forward. Unfortunately the Walcha support play was not quite up to task, with the Pirates managing to turn the ball over and through a number of penalties make their way up the field and score a try of their own off a set piece close to the Walcha tryline.

Walcha kicked the restart deep into Pirates territory forcing them to kick out of trouble. Walcha began to spread the ball in attack with Tom 'AFL guy' Gough making a nice break up the right hand touch line and getting into some space. The ball was passed out to Sione 'Ulu' Kamoto who broke a number of would be tacklers in a strong run and then ran straight over the top of the defending fullback to score Walcha's first try of the match – an excellent solo effort.

The remainder of the first half saw Walcha having to make a huge number of tackles as the Pirates continued to hold the ball well and attack the Walcha line. Archie 'sheepman' Lawrence and Ross 'more Monie more problems' Monie made a huge amount of tackles, repeatedly putting their bodies on line against the big Pirates forwards. The halftime score was Walcha 5 – Pirates 36.

The second half didn't begin as planned for the Rams as they failed to claim the kick-off and Pirates scored immediately making the score Walcha 5 – Pirates 43. This mistake kicked the Rams into gear as they started to play themselves back into the game with some aggressive defending led by Edgar 'mates call me bragsy' Bragg and Joel 'joog baby' Ballon, who both continued to line up the Pirates attack forcing a number of turnovers in the contact. Matty 'lil tissy' Tisdell had a strong game at fullback returning the ball well and kicking Walcha out of trouble on a number of occasions. Harry 'the chicken guy' Locke defended the wide channels well and straightened the Walcha attack up nicely.

Late in the second half Walcha began to pressure the Pirates line, stringing together a number of phases through the forwards making plenty of metres. Walcha were then able to play off the back of this dominance with Charlie 'muscle man' Keen running a nice line and splitting the Pirates defence to score under the post. After a tough start Walcha managed to get back into the contest and play some rugby. Jim 'sausage dog pimp' Boyd had a good game running the ball well and defending out wide. To the credit of the Walcha boys they refused to throw in the towel and never gave up all game, only conceding one try in 39 minutes in the second half. The Pirates were too strong on the day defeating the Rams. Walcha 12 – Pirates 50.

Next week the Walcha Rams have a much needed bye before they take on Narrabri at home on the 6 August.

A huge thank you must go out to the Walcha Caravan Park for washing the blood, dirt and sweat out of the boys jerseys each week. It is very much appreciated – thank you.

What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Early last week a number of locals were wondering what was going on down the street near the main roundabout as there was a fair gathering of people in that vicinity late in the day. By all accounts Miles Archdale had misplaced his mobile phone and a LARGE search party was assembled to help him find it - apparently without luck.

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Congratulations to the 10 Walcha Central School athletes who competed in the State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek last week where they represented North West. Charlotte Mooney and Ivy Pritchard were the first N.W. runners home in their respective events, Charlize Haling (2nd), Anna Blake (3rd), Preston Latham (4th), Georgina Blake (5th), while Jake Wellings, Thomas Bullen, Kirra-Lee Murphy and Shaun McKenna were the 6th N.W. runners home. Good on ya guys.

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Last Saturday night over \$10,000 was raised when the Walcha/Uralla Rugby League held an auction night at the Bowling Club where the Jillaroos guernseys were the main items on the agenda. The jumper that attracted the most interest was that of Hannah Byrne which went for \$1200. Proceeds from the girls guernseys will be divided between the Starlight Foundation and the Walcha Support Group.

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On top of that \$1500 was raised from the sale of leftover Tigerroo guernseys with proceeds going to Ovarian Cancer and also nearly \$1000 for items donated by the Walcha Rugby Union Club where proceeds went to Hannah Howard's family. Once again Nutrien Boultons auctioneer Mat Larkings did a great job as well as making a generous donation himself.

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Walcha Jillaroos captain Nicola Hoy played a 'blinder' last Saturday when she inspired her team to a 22-18 victory over Inverell here at home and was rewarded for her five star performance with Players Player, 3 Group B&F points and 3 Club B&F points. Nic received plenty of support and 'cheek' from her two uncles Craig and Simon who were in attendance as part of the Walcha Roos 1987 Under 18's premiership winning reunion.

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On the subject of the 35 year reunion it was great to catch up with a number of the players from the 1987 squad - Andrew Burnett, Robert Wayne, Simon and Craig Hoy, Peter Berry, Graeme Watts and Craig Partridge along with winning coach Gary Natty. Lets just say there would have been a few weary soldiers travelling home on Sunday.

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The Jillaroos have jumped into fourth position on the point score ladder where Tingha lead on 24 followed by Armidale 18, Wialda 15, Walcha/Uralla 12, Inverell 10, Boomerangs 9 and Narwan 8. A win against the Moree Boomerangs this Sunday would assure the Jillaroos of a semi-final position. Go Gettun Girls!

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Bad luck to golfers Kyle Goodwin and Andrew Brennan who believed they had qualified for the next round of the NSW Keno Men's Two Person Ambrose Competition when they won here at Walcha last Sunday week. An examination of the rules after a club member brought it to their attention, organisers became aware that players with a combined handicap of under 8 weren't eligible to play in the qualifier. Unfortunately Kyle (5) and Buddha (1) only had a handicap of 6 and now first reserves Dion Bird and his son Nixon take their place, with Jamie Bowden and Michael Stackman the new reserves.

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Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the week Suzie Foster who scored 14 points in all three comps. Apsley – Carly Goodwin, Suzie Foster; Bowling Club – Carly Goodwin, Tommy LeStrande, Kev Creighton, Gerry Moran, Marg Morris, Deon Lawrence, Mick Wall, Jagger Jamieson, Suzie; Newie – AL Smith, Filbert Green, Digger Lordanic, George Jamieson, Stoney Creek Jarrod and Suzie all 14 points. Special mention to Lyn Levingston who failed to get a mention last week in the Newie competition.

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Walcha bowlers spotted in Urunga

The NRL Bunker was up to its old tricks last Sunday when they made a disgraceful decision which cost the West Tigers a victory against North Queensland after the full time siren. Little wonder a lot of supporters aren't bothering to watch what used to be the 'Greatest Game of All' anymore. At least the bunker is consistent ... in being inconsistent!!

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Spotted ... Stephen Goodwin with sons Nathan and Kyle, and fellow bowlers Greg Carter, Stephen Bath and Fred Cameron enjoying some refreshments at Urunga Bowling Club after a great day of bowling. Two teams of local bowlers were in Urunga to compete in the annual Sunshine 4's Carnival. Thank you to Keryn Barnett for the photo.

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At the Nineteenth

A stableford round was played for a trophy donated by Kyle Goodwin last Sunday, where Brent Clarke was declared the winner after he accumulated 37 points, but had to survive a three-way countback with Ladies Club Champion Cheryl McDonald and Junior Club Champion Nixon Bird, before collecting the prize. Sweepstakes to the two runners-up along with John McCormack 35, Neil Dark 33, Col Berry 33, Deon Lawrence 32, Jamie Bowden 32, Max Holstein 31 on a countback from captain Willy Brennan (surprise, surprise), Pauline Carter and Caroline Street.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were John McCormack (3) and Cheryl McDonald (18).

Last Saturday John McCormack compiled 16 points to win the weekly 9 Hole Competition from Mark Hogan on 14 points, while Caroline Street took out the Ladies Division after she racked up 15 points, just one point clear of Lorraine Rennie on 14 points. No player was clever enough to reach the beach on 3.

This Sunday is a NSW Keno Mixed Ambrose Qualifier, with the winners advancing to the next round later in the year to be played at the Longyard, Tamworth.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday saw us playing a Stroke, Putting and Monthly Mug event for Marg Parsons' trophy.

Our winner on the day was Sally Rutherford with an awesome round of 64 nett. Sweepstakes then went to Pauline Carter with 73, Cark Street with 76, counting out Katie Smith on 76. Putting was won by Jenny Lisle with 24 putts and Nearest the Pin on Hole 3 was won by Robyn Salt. No one reached the green on Hole 16. Monthly mugs were won by Jenny Lisle – Division 1, Cark Street – Division 2 and Sally Rutherford – Division 3.

Today we are playing Par for a trophy donated by Lyn Laurie.

Bowls

Two Walcha sides travelled to Urunga last weekend to play in the annual Sunshine 4's Carnival. Both teams had a great weekend, finishing 12th and 16th out of a total 28 teams.

This Sunday there is a Pennants roll-up with a 12.00pm start for anyone wanting to play with this season. If you are interested the season will start very soon.

Rugby League

The Walcha/Uralla Rugby League Club won one game and lost the other when they hosted Inverell in their Group 19 fixtures at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday. In the main game the homeside made too many elementary errors during the first half and were behind the eight ball when they trailed 28 – 6 at half time.

Inverell opened the scoring after just three minutes with a converted try, before the Tigeroos responded midway through the stanza when halfback Kierin Stiff touched down and five eighth Harley Carlon converted.

From the restart kick-off the Hawks kicked the ball dead on the bounce and then scored their first of four tries shortly after, of which three were converted. The Hawks scored another two converted tries within the first seven minutes of the second session, before lock Brodie Dexter barged over from dummy half to reduce the deficit to 40 – 10.

To their credit the Tigeroos didn't toss the towel in, with centre Zac Walters and robust front rower Drew Bird scoring tries in quick succession before Dexter reached out from short range to register his second try.

Goal kicker Carlon raised the flags on two occasions to put the homeside back in the game at 40 – 26 with ten minutes remaining.

Late in the match the Hawks put the issue beyond doubt when they crossed for two converted tries to finalise the scoring at 52 – 26.

Ladies League Tag

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos defeated Inverell 22 – 18 after trailing 18 – 10 at half time at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday.

Seven minutes had elapsed on the clock when captain Nicola Hoy crossed for a try to open the scoring, before goal kicker Caitlin Hollis raised the flags to increase the lead to 6 – 0.

The visitors bounced back with a couple of unconverted tries to hit the front 8 – 6, before Kirra Murphy tip toed down the eastern sideline as she raced over 50 metres to touch down. Inverell scored two more tries, one of which was converted to give them their 18 – 10 advantage at half time.

The lead was short lived when Joscisca Matapakia found touch with her second half kick-off and within minutes skipper Hoy sidestepped her way over for her second try. When Matapakia kicked the conversion the Jillaroos trailed 18 – 16 and then midway through the second stanza speedster Jordy Hoy added her name to the try scoring list. Matapakia raised the flags again for a 22 – 18 advantage.

The Jillaroos then held on for the final ten minutes, where they were required to defend well and did so, shutting down dangerous opposition attacking runs.

Players' Player – Nicola Hoy, who scooped the pool with 3 Group and Club B&F points. Group – 1 point to Kirra Murphy who had one of her best games of the season. Club – 2 Joscisca Matapakia and 1 Jordy Hoy.

This Sunday Walcha/Uralla travel to Moree for what will be their final competition round games as they have the bye the following weekend.



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To Piddingtons Funeral Directors for the professional and caring service they provided, those who attended and those who couldn't make it on the day. What a wonderful place Walcha is to live. Please accept this as our personal thanks to all – *John, Rodney, Andrew and their families.*

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