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NARRABRI RUGBY BLUE BOARS

Country smashes City



NSW Country Under 18 prop, Eugene Campbell finished his schoolboy representative career on a high over the weekend. Eugene's team took on City in the age old battle between the *bush and the big smoke*, with the Country boys clinching the Michael Brial Cup from City in Bathurst on Sunday.

"This is the first time Country has won the trophy in more than 30 years, so it was really exciting to win this Cup," Eugene said.

A loose head prop, Eugene was really happy with how he played over the weekend and enjoyed running out alongside his TAS teammates Fred Kearney from Coonabarabran and Stirling Munsie from Guyra. "It was our last representative game together, so to come away with such a convincing win, 39-7 was sensational," Eugene said.

To top it all off, Stirling Munsie captained the side, and was awarded Player of the Series and Best Forward.

Eugene was selected in the NSW Country side back in May and they have played four games together, against the Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools(AICES) squad, as well as the GPS White team and CHS 2, with this win on

the weekend being their most successful.

On top of this, Eugene has also been playing representative rugby for the NSW Barbarians squad. In the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Championships recently they defeated Victoria and NSW Schools 2, before taking on NSW Schools 1 in the final. As runners up they were awarded the Sir Edward Weary Dunlop trophy.

Eugene will now pull on his TAS jersey to finalise his schoolboy rugby career, playing Calrossy this Friday night in the New England competition, and his final game in the navy and white will be against St Ignatius' College (Riverview) in Sydney on 13 August.

A Year 12 student, Eugene said he will then focus on completing his HSC before deciding on his rugby plans for next year with offers already received from clubs in Sydney.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

I think I speak for all when I say that we would love to see spring sooner rather than later and I can't help feeling that even though it's only 4 to 6 weeks away, these weeks are the toughest with a Walcha August being eight weeks not four! Calves and lambs are beginning to hit the ground at pace and the feed wagons getting their fair share of work until the spring growth arrives. This winter has been tough for livestock, cold and wet are the harshest conditions to contend with as livestock consume so much energy keeping warm, let alone now contending with a newborn.

Foot and mouth continues to headline the news as the Agricultural sector mounts pressure on ramping up our national biosecurity. To be honest, our fines for infringement breaches aren't dear enough. For example, a passenger who recently arrived in Darwin airport was picked up by a new biosecurity detector dog carrying undeclared products in his bag. This passenger was carrying two egg and beef sausage McMuffins from a McDonald's in Bali and a ham croissant. The products are now being tested for FMD but for goodness sake, he was only fined \$2664 for the infringement which could have an 80-billion-dollar consequence. The government is the one preaching that our biosecurity isn't a joke, well I think our infringements are. Come on Mr Albanese, your government pledged a new 14-million-dollar biosecurity package to deliver more frontline defences which look to be working. Why don't they up the consequences and start fining these people who clearly ignore the rules. At least dearer fines might help pay some of the operating costs and make people think twice about what they are carrying.

Fodder looks to be dear enough or even hard enough to buy. Numerous hay producers have told us on more than one occasion that the cost of producing hay has continued to rise in a market that is now dominated by grass in our paddocks. Plenty of people, especially in the New England tablelands feed hay during the winter months but for \$400 a ton, plus freight I think the hay market has gone a tad stale. These hay producers are telling us that the larger hay operators will be opting to put cereal grain crops in rather than hay and hay could get dearer next season which is hard to believe. If anyone is currently looking for some value for money hay, good quality oaten hay for \$200/ton, ring the team at Boultons.

Fuel prices have come off in the recent weeks which has been unpredicted with unleaded now sitting around 180c/L, while diesel is approx. 205c/L. Experts were telling us the price could get to 300c/L by Christmas without the government excise of 22.1c/L which is set to finish as of the 28 September. It's hard to know what these fuel prices are really set to do in the next six months or so but relief at the bowser is more than welcomed by everyone as the cost of living continues to rise.

Bull sales are still running red hot with averages exceeding expectations. Tummel Herefords had a great sale last Tuesday selling 25 out of 30 bulls to average \$7721 and topping at \$16,000. The Angus breed still seems to dominate the bull values with Texas Angus averaging \$28,057, topping at \$80,000, but a whopping sale gross of \$5,863,913. Knowla Angus had an exceptional day at Gloucester with a bull selling for \$190,000 and a sale average of \$26,512. Sale of the day I believe goes to the commercial Knowla Angus heifers just 12 months of age, 300kg selling for \$4800 each. Now that's some confidence in the beef industry. Yalgoo Genetics sale will be held next Monday 8 August and we wish them the best of luck.

Tamworth yarded just 692 cattle on Monday with all regular buyers present and operating in a dearer market compared to the previous week. Cows improved 10-30c/kg topping at 339c/kg, well bred younger cattle improved up to 45c/kg with some lightweight Angus steers topping at 648c/kg. Yearling steers topped at 554c/kg to average 480c/kg while yearling feeder heifers sold to a top of 504c/kg averaging 476c/kg.

1815 lambs and 435 sheep were yarded on Monday in Tamworth with all regular buyers operating in a similar to slightly dearer market on the heavier lambs. Trade weights lambs sold between \$100-140, heavy trade lambs to \$170 while extra heavy lambs topped at \$210. Light mutton sold as cheap as \$20/hd to \$90 but most of the better condition mutton sold between \$100-\$140, topping at \$160.

Walcha Childcare waiting list

From Walcha Childcare Committee

We wanted to let you know there are a few exciting developments happening in our hope for further childcare in Walcha. We will hopefully be able to share more in coming weeks.

To support these processes we have been asked to create a waitlist for more concrete numbers/ needs in Walcha. Please note your actual details will all be kept confidential and when we know more we will come back to you again to make sure you are happy with us sharing your details.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

(by return email please to walchachildcare@outlook.com):

Can you please let us know the below (if you imagine something was going open in 2023, it's ok if your plans change just let us know to the best of your knowledge)

1. child's name
2. child's date of birth
3. what days you would like if possible
4. what hours you would like (long daycare hours available from 7am until 6pm)
5. your name and best contact number

If you have any further questions please let us know via email also. Again all your details etc will remain confidential - we will just be using this information to give approximately numbers initially.

Delay to the start of Bush Fire Danger Period

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for the New England/Northern Tablelands Districts will now commence on 1 September 2022 and cover the Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Armidale, Uralla, Walcha, Glen Inness Severn, Inverell and Tenterfield.

NSW RFS Superintendent Paul Metcalfe said that due to significant rainfall and ongoing wet conditions over most of Region this year the NSW RFS, in consultation with other agencies, has announced a delay to the start of the Bush Fire Danger Period, now to begin on 1st September 2022.

Superintendent Metcalfe stated "Now is the time for residents to take action and prepare their property for the bush fire season by removing flammable materials from their yards, clearing gutters of leaves, checking the condition of their hoses and that they reach right around their house, and where appropriate, conducting burning activities.

"These preparation tips, as well as helpful information about what to do in the event of a fire, are contained in the Bush Fire Survival Plan guide, which can be downloaded from the NSW RFS website," Supt Metcalfe said.

Property owners are not required to obtain a permit until the 1st September 2022 BFDP start date but are still required to notify adjoining neighbours and the RFS at least 24 hrs prior to lighting up. Property owners can notify the RFS via the online notification portal at: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify>

Information about hazard reduction burning and required notifications is available on the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP.



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Walcha and Wind Development It's not too late

Dear Walcha Community,

Some of you maybe aware Red4NE is an incorporated entity established to promote on behalf of the community responsible energy development in the New England. We don't oppose renewable energy, nor do we oppose the logical scientific arguments in favour of the decarbonisation of our energy systems.

Simply put, we advocate for renewable energy development which is responsible and in the best interests of the whole community.

Red4NE from its regional standpoint is pleased to see more awareness filtering into the Walcha community as the development of Winterbourne Project progresses.

This is critical from 2 perspectives:

Firstly, The community will have a small 28 day window in which to assess a significant and technically detailed environmental impact statement (EIS) which is due for release in August 2022. It is crucial that the Community inquire and understand as to the future risks to the lifestyle they currently enjoy.

Secondly, it's Red4NE's read that community consultation has failed through poor process in the Winterbourne Wind Community Consultation Committee (CCC). It is Red4NE's observation that this outcome is not isolated to the Winterbourne Wind project. Similar outcomes can be witnessed at the Nundle Hill of Gold Wind Project, the Ben Lomond Rangoon Wind Project, the Kentucky Thunderbolt Wind Project.

Nonetheless, the main message Red4NE wants to leave with the Community is it's not too late to shine a light on critical issues. In the short time available before EIS is approved for exhibition the Community needs to continue to increase at every opportunity its understanding of what this project will mean to Walcha – not just in the near term but for the next 25-30 years. Similarly, the Proponent needs to be on the front foot – in a meaningful, open and transparent manner. Each of the following issues

were either given a light touch or glossed over in the failed CCC process;

- **Cumulative Impact:** Red4NE from the getgo has been banging a loud drum on this issue- we cannot wave enough red flags. Together with the Winterbourne Wind Project there is a verifiable horizon of significant emerging wind and solar development. This forecast development is either in the planning system, or in advanced and early stage feasibility. Estimates suggest that as of now – in a 70 Klm radius of Walcha on or around 550 (250-300M) wind turbines and potentially 8-9M solar panels are forecast for installation. It is clearly incumbent on the Winterbourne Proponent, in their EIS, to assess the relevant cumulative or compounding impacts – not only on and from the Winterbourne project but also on past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects. This cumulative impact assessment is critical now and for future generations who may want to call Walcha and surrounds home. Despite being the subject of new Government Guidelines, this cumulative impact was not directly contemplated within the Winterbourne CCC Process.
- **Social Impact:** Inevitably any significant transitional development such as proposed by the Renewable Energy Zone agenda will disrupt and/or divide a Communities – sadly this is maybe a reality for Walcha. Hopefully, the Winterbourne Developer – notwithstanding the legacy they have inherited -can address proactively and collaboratively social impacts in the context of Walcha and its associated communities. Social Impact Assessment can't just be an after the fact add on -a 'tick the box' component of an EIS. This is all about people in the Walcha community -their current and future relationship to each other and to the community itself. Does the Walcha community really want to host 550 wind turbines and 8-9 million solar panels and all that is associated with their Installation?
- **Economic Impact:** The New England Community through the REZ is now doing the heavy lifting for this NSW Energy Transition. It is the largest REZ . Macquarie St spin suggests there will be an economic nirvana new job – new industry etc. The Community needs to know not just on a regional basis how and where this opportunity will materialise on a project by project basis, but what will this mean for those living in and around Walcha both good and bad.

So, we implore the Community and the Developer not to wait for the 28 Day Public Exhibition of the EIS -as it's a retrospective hindsight assessment. Let's promote a transparent engagement and let's get as many answers on the table and now - before it is too late!

What you can do:

1. Walk into Walcha Energy's office and ask questions
2. Ring Winterbourne Wind Farm on 1800 252 040
3. Lodge a submission with Winterbourne Wind Farm at their webpage: <https://www.winterbournewindfarm.com.au/our-community/feedback/>
4. Email or write to the Mayor or General Manager, Walcha Council at council@walcha.nsw.gov.au
5. Talk to your Walcha Councillors about any Issues you may have
6. Promote conversation within the community. Hear what other people are thinking
7. Email Local Members of Parliament: Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall MP, northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au. Member for Tamworth, NSW Minister for Lands and Water, Hospitality and Racing, Kevin Anderson MP, Tamworth@parliament.nsw.gov.au
9. Email Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Matt Kean MP, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/treasurer>
10. Check out our Red4NE website <https://red4ne.com.au>

Red4NE

Hospital Auxiliary working hard for our community

From Vicki Mclvor, Secretary

The Walcha Hospital Auxiliary held their AGM on 21st July and President Margaret Cross welcomed our Regional Representative Sally Cronberger to our meeting along with Members and Guests. Margaret thanked all the members for their cooking and catering assistance and many odd jobs during the year and commented on the wonderful support received from the Community throughout the year.

A minutes silence was held for those families who have lost loved ones through the year.

Our donations this year include:

- 6 x iPads and cases \$3,948, 24 x headphones for TV's \$290, Outback magazine subscription \$72, Physiotherapy equipment \$970.39 (Exercise bike, Dumbbells, Bodyworx duo)
- Patients and residents Christmas Presents \$490. 58 Baby bundles donated throughout the year \$334.
- 24 plaques for TV's \$144, a new treatment bed for Community Health \$3,435.
- 2 x Toileting slings \$1,367, 5 x Wheelie Walkers for Physio \$747.

Total donations \$11,991.42

New 2022/23 Executive

PresidentMargaret Cross
1st Vice President.....Phillipa Lawrence
2nd Vice PresidentSally-ann Hoy
SecretaryVicki Mclvor
Assistant Secretary.....Charmaine Ahrens
TreasurerMarie Spink
Assistant Treasurer....Sandra Laurie
PatronessMolly Hunt
PatronEric Noakes

Regional Rep. Sally presented Two Internal Life Memberships to Carol Bird 35ys (absent) and Phillipa Lawrence 33yrs, and 30 year Bars and Certificates to Sally-Ann Hoy and Linda Cross.

Sally commented about the wonderful achievement that these members have given to the Auxiliary totalling 128 years.

Extracts from Presidents Report

Apart from cancellations forced upon by COVID, we were still able to cater for Ram and Bull sales, man the Rodeo Gates and our hold Street stalls.

Two members attended the Regional Forum in Armidale in May and two will be attending our State Conference in Sydney in October.

Since the meeting we have lost our former Treasurer Trish Partridge who succumbed to illness and our condolences go to our member Lance and his family.



Clockwise from above: Linda Cross 30 year Certificate and Bar

Sally-ann 30 year Certificate and Bar

Phillipa Lawrence Internal Life Membership

L.R Vic Mclvor, Marg Cross, Eric Noakes, Sally Cronberger, Charmaine Ahrens and Sandra Laurie.



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Preparing Moona residents for emergency situations

Who would think that in an emergency in a large rural area, a 000 operator would ask for the nearest cross street or the street number of the house, and when not knowing this, that they would ask for the number of the "house across the road"? This was the reality when Moona Plains resident, Dale Webber, was faced with when a critical health incident occurred on a nearby property in the dark of the night. "Some would think that this is not a significant issue but losing precious time in the emergency is. Trying to convince the 000 operator there is not a house across the road but nearly 2kms away and that we didn't know the house number as there was no address on the entry gate which was some 500m away anyway, was taking away time that could have been used helping the person in need. Sure, I knew the name of the property and the directions on how to get there but to do their job well and direct the emergency services to the right location, the 000 operator needed more information, and as simple and basic as it sounds, I just didn't have the important details they needed."

This experience, and after being in another couple similar situations where emergency services were needed some 40kms from town, was the impetus for Dale to reach out to the Moona community to create a neighbourhood contact list for the use in such emergencies. "This list will include basic contact details of the residents of Moona, along

with the street address and the longitude and latitude co-ordinates of their place and other important information that will help emergency services respond to an incident as efficiently as they can.

Working alongside Dale is Moona resident, Tess Johnstone, and with the support of Walcha Council, Healthwise and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, this contact list is starting to take life. It is the start of the Moona community 'getting prepared' for future emergency situations whether it be a bushfire, an accident or a critical health incident where efficient and effective communication is critical.

'Let's be Prepared Moona' is a community driven initiative to ensure all residents of Moona are kept informed and safely assisted when disaster or emergency situations arise. It is also about educating the community around disaster preparedness and understanding what emergency services may require from members of the public (eg when calling 000), and who else to contact in various situations when help is needed.

An informal afternoon tea will be held on Sunday 14 August, between 2pm and 4pm, on Rowley's Creek Road to share information on this initiative with the Moona community. Drop by for a cuppa and a chat about how Moona can be better prepared and bridge the gap between emergency services and the community at large.

Also, the way Fire Danger Ratings are determined and displayed across NSW is changing, the Rural Fire Services Inspector from Armidale will be in attendance to share this important information.

As part of a national project, led by the NSW RFS, the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) will be rolled out from 1 September 2022. There are several key changes:

- There will be four levels of fire danger (instead of six) – Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic;
- Clear action statements which are displayed to give the community advice about what to do at each level;
- A new design for roadside signs across NSW; and
- Behind the scenes, the science to determine the daily fire danger rating has also changed.

The rollout of the new system will be supported by a public education campaign from the start of September. Join us at Rowley's Creek Road and speak with representatives of the NSW Rural Fire Service about the changes including permit changes.

Drop by for a cuppa on 14 August and a chat about how Moona can be better prepared and bridge the gap between emergency services and the community. As a community, we share the same environment, let's work together to get prepared and to stay safe.

LET'S BE PREPARED MOONA!

WHEN AND WHERE?

Sunday 14 August 2022

2.00 – 4.00pm

Gravel Pit (on right)

start of Rowley's Creek Road



'Let's be Prepared Moona' is a community driven initiative to ensure all residents of Moona are kept informed and safely assisted when disaster or emergency situations arise. Whether it be bushfires, accidents or critical health incidences, efficient and effective communication is critical in these situations. This initiative aims to create a 'living' contact list of residents and land owners that can be shared with emergency services when needed. It is also about educating the community around disaster preparedness and understanding what emergency services may require from members of the public (eg when calling 000), and who else to contact in various situations when help is needed.

Drop by for a cuppa and a chat about how Moona can be better prepared and bridge the gap between emergency services and the community at large. The RFS Inspector from Armidale will also be present to discuss new fire ratings, permits and recent changes in the bushfire zones.

As a community, we share the same environment, let's work together to stay safe.

Community Contacts:

Dale Webber 6777 8191 or Tess Johnstone 0402 217 360. Email moonawalcha@gmail.com





Walcha Handmade have an exciting workshop coming up in August, making floral imprints.



"This is the first time we have offered this workshop at Walcha Handmade, so it's a great opportunity to get your friends together and be creative and cosy by the fire," WHM member, Kimberlee Pascoe said.

The workshop will be run by Skye Petho from Arthouse Industries. To be held at Walcha Handmade on Saturday 20 August from 11am to 12:30pm, cost is \$95.

You will create a 20cm wall hanging using gorgeous foliage, clay and resin, then finish it in a colour of your choice.

Bookings are being taken at trybooking.com/CAVLA



Nicola Hoy and Josh Lordanic congratulate Bonnie Smith on playing 100 matches for Walcha League Tag on the weekend

thumbs



- Mr Hyatt for being an awesome Principal at St Patrick's, and a great soccer coach. We appreciate the extra effort you put in for our children.
- To the staff at the Doctor's surgery and Chemist who sourced insulin for my husband.

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What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to the Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos on qualifying for the 2022 Group 19 Rugby League Ladies Tag semi finals after they rounded up the Moree Boomerangs 32-6 at Moree last Sunday. The Jillaroos are currently on 14 points in fourth position on the points score ladder behind Tingha 26, Armidale 18 and Wyallda 17. With a bye this weekend the Jillaroos will move to 16 points and then will wait to see who wins between Armidale and Wyallda this Saturday to determine who their next opponents are in a fortnights time.

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Jillaroos captain Nicola Hoy handed in a five star performance for the second week in succession highlighted by touching down for four tries, including a length of the field effort midway through the first half. Once again Nicola scooped the awards pool when she received three Group and Club Best and Fairest points, along with Players Player. To top that off Moree held their 'Naidoc' round last Sunday where Nic received a trophy after she was judged to be 'Player of the Match'. Not a bad day at the office Nic!

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Congratulations to Jillaroos veteran Bonnie Leigh Smith who played her 100th match for the club last Sunday. Bonnie has been a member of the Jillaroos since 2013 and was lined up to coach the team in 2019 and 2020 but Covid interfered with that. Before signing up with the Jillaroos Bonnie played for both Armidale and Uralla Ladies League Tag teams and although having played just a few games during recent times has now reached the '100' milestone. Good on ya Bon.

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Versatility is a handy string to have on your bow which would certainly apply to Tigeroos player Drew Bird who has been packing down in the front row for the majority of the season. Last Sunday Drew pulled on the number one guernsey after he was selected to play fullback against the Boomerangs. Talk about one end of the scale to the other.

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Last week between the time I sent 'What's the Goss?' to the Telecottage and the time the Apsley Advocate went to print somehow Andrew Bowden turned into Andrew Brennan in the story about the NSW Keno Golf qualifier hiccup. Anyone who read the paragraph carefully would have picked up it was 'Bowdo' after seeing 'Buddha' mentioned towards the end of the article. My humblest apologies about any confusion.

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Local axeman Mitchell Scrivener has qualified for the Stihl Timbersports Australian Rookies series finals at Broadbeach QLD in mid September. Qualifiers were held in NSW, Tasmania, Queensland and Victoria with the top six point scorers heading to the final. Mitch finished in fourth place to move forward, while his younger brother Austin was unlucky to miss out after he ended up in tenth position.

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Best of luck to the Walcha Rams who will certainly have their hands full for the remaining two games of the Central North Season. This Saturday the Rams do battle with second placed Narrabri here at home before travelling to Gunnedah a week later to take on the competition leaders. Ladder - Gunnedah 72, Narrabri 60, Inverell 57, Pirates 55, Moree 50, Walcha 33, Quirindi 31, Scone 24.

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The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Walcha Volunteer Support Group are conducting a Charity Bowls Day on Sunday 21 August, kicking-off at 10.30am for an 11.00am start. Cost is \$20 per bowler which includes morning tea and lunch. There will be raffles on the day, with non-bowlers more than welcome to participate. RSVP by Saturday 13 August at the Bowling Club or with Pam Makeham please. Your support helps the Westpac Chopper keep flying 24/7.

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Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the Week: Bowling Club – Darren Bird; Apsley – Ian Cameron; Newie – Peter Hayes. All three of these tipsters scored 14 points. Leaders after 20 rounds are Bowling Club – Tommy LeStrande 228, Gerry Moran 224, Jenny Haslem and Jagger Jamieson 222. Apsley – Neil GP 220, Ian Cameron 216 and AJ Cross 214. Newie – Filbert Green 230, Ben Little 228 and Jack O'Hara 226.

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Sincere condolences to Lance Partridge and his children Erin, Danny, Brooke, Abby and Brad on the loss of his wife and their mother Trish who will be farewelled this Thursday at St Patrick's Catholic Church from 12 noon. Trish was heavily involved throughout our community and will be sadly missed. May Patricia Anne Partridge rest in peace.



The Telecottage girls would like to wish the one and only 'What's the Goss' writer AJ Cross a happy birthday for yesterday (Tuesday). We hope you managed to eat a few slices of cake in between compiling this column.

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Wednesday Golf

A par event was played for a trophy donated by Lyn Laurie last Wednesday. Our winner on the day was Alison Cameron coming in with a great score of +3 and sweepstakes went to Cark Street with square. Jill Burnell was the winner of NTP on Hole 3 and Sally McCormack came up trumps with the best second shot on Hole 18. Today we are playing the first round of the Two Ball Stroke Aggregate Championship and the second round will take place next Wednesday.

At the Nineteenth

A two person NSW Keno Mixed Ambrose qualifier was played last Sunday, where Lee Fletcher and his wife Ruth ran out comfortable winners after they carded a 61 nett. Runners-up were David Sweeney and his wife Simone three shots away on 64, which puts them in the first reserves position. The remaining sweepstakes prizes went to Angus and Pip Monie 65^{3/4}, Willy Brennan and Cheryl McDonald 65^{3/4}, while Michael Stackman and Nixon Bird also collected a ball each after registering 63 nett despite not playing in the qualifier. Sharpest shooter at the sixteenth pin was Mel Clark, while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the ninth hole. In match play Andrew Crawford defeated Don Brooks 3 and 2. Last Saturday nine players teed off in the weekly 9 Hole Competition and it was Junior Club Champion Nixon Bird who won the event after he accumulated 20 stableford points. Runner-up was Lorraine Walshe after she racked up 17 points whereas no player hit a tee shot on the third hole accurate enough to register for the N.T.P. This Sunday a stableford round is on offer for a prize supplied by Bill Fletcher while the annual Boggabri Open is also scheduled for the same day.

Rugby League

Walcha/Uralla played their final game of the 2022 Group 19 Rugby League competition where they were defeated 52 – 4 by the Boomerangs at Moree last Sunday.

The Tigeroos trailed 22 – 0 when half time oranges were taken and they had to wait until the 62nd minute before opening their account through a try to centre Zac Walters. Boomerangs fullback Lachlan McGrady scored a hat trick of tries while centre Tristan Duncan scored a couple of his own and landed eight goals for the pair to contribute 36 points between them.

They received the 3 and 2 Group Best and Fairest points respectively from the referee, whereas Tigeroos lock Duncan Elks picked up 1 point for his solid all round performance in both attack and defence. Club B&F points went to coach Scott Swain 3, Nick Pascoe 2 and Harley Cox 1.

Well done to all the players who have pulled on a Tigeroos guernsey this season and a special mention for Scott Swain, who not only has coached the team but filled in as a player when required.

Injuries to key players at different stages throughout the season certainly hasn't helped the Tigeroos cause, but it was great to see the boys stick to the task at hand giving it their all every time they ran onto the field.

Ladies League Tag

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos have qualified for the 2022 Group 19 Ladies League Tag semi-finals after they defeated the Moree Boomerangs 32 – 6 last Sunday after leading 20 – 0 at half time.



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Captain Nicola Hoy put on a masterclass in the first half, touching down for a hat trick of tries, one a length of the field special and one from 50 metres out.

Nine minutes had elapsed on the clock when Kirra Murphy opened the scoring with a try whereas the other Jillaroos points came from goal kicker Joscisca Matapakia who landed two conversions.

Early in the second stanza Annabelle Green scored a try to increase the visitors lead to 24-0, before the home side responded with a converted try midway through the second session. With nine minutes remaining Joscisca Matapakia crossed for a try and then raised the flags with her conversion attempt before 'Player of the Match' Nicola Hoy registered her fourth try of the match. The Jillaroos will finish in fourth position on the points score ladder, but now have to wait until Armidale and Inverell play each other in the final competition round this Saturday to determine who their minor semi-final opponents will be. Players' Player – Nicola Hoy, who also received 3 Group and Club B&F for her second week in a row. Group B&F – 2 JoJo Matapakia. Club B&F – 2 Annabelle Green, 1 JoJo Matapakia and Caitlin Harris.

This weekend Walcha/Uralla receive the bye in the final competition round of the season in both grades.

Bowls

Draw for Saturday 1:00 start: Triples Semi Final, N Dunn, G Marshall & A McGuffog v E O'Keefe, N & B Goodwin Pennants roll-up Sunday at 12 o'clock.

Westpac Charity Bowls day on the 21 August 10:30am for 11.00am start. \$20/player. Names to go on the board so ladies bowls can organise catering.

Dads Army: After a few weeks of no bowls due to the inclement weather eleven bowlers played last Thursday in glorious sunshine. Two games of triples were played with Dennis Makeham playing twice.

The first game saw Noel Goodwin, John Watts and Dennis def Barry Kliendienst, Geoff Salt and Dennis 17 – 16 after an extra end had to be played due to a draw after the allotted ends. The "chook" winners Jason Asmus, Peter Hayes and Eric O'Keefe defeated Mick Bullen, Tony Asmus and John McCormack 18 – 12 in the second game. The raffle was won by Barry Kliendienst.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday there were six ladies who played a game of triples. Lyn, Janice and Esther had a 16 – 11 win over Veronica, Jan and Debbie. This Thursday nominations close for the Club Executive positions for the 2022 – 2023 year. The nominations box is behind the bar.

Don't forget the bowls fundraiser day is Sunday 21 August for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

church notices



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Resume and letter of interest including any further details to Samantha Hussain –

Your Dream School Programs
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Applications close Wed 10 August 2022

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DISABILITY INCLUSION
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Public Exhibition until
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Council at its July 2022 Ordinary Meeting approved the Draft 2022 Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) to be placed on public exhibition. The DIAP will be on public exhibition on Council's website: <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news/public-exhibition-draft-disability-inclusion-action-plan.aspx> until 5pm Thursday 25 August 2022. A copy is also available for viewing at Council's offices during business hours. During this time written submission on the Draft DIAP will be received by Council.

Barry Omundson, General Manager
Walcha Council PO Box 2 Walcha NSW 2354

Public Notices cont.

Barber Shop will be closed from lunch time Friday 5 August, re-open Tuesday 9 August.

Kentucky Country Dance Revival

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Meetings

Walcha Womens Bowling Assoc. AGM.
Thursday 18 August at Walcha Bowling Club.
Following monthly meeting at 1pm.

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Cathie Brennan

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Cathie Brennan

31.7.1967 – 6.8.2018

Miss you mum, love you heaps – Andrew

Thank You

Hannah Howard – Molly Peachey

I would like to offer my sincere thank you to the
emergency services who assisted at the road
accident in which two of my family members
were fatally injured.

I wish also to acknowledge that without the
assistance of police, RFS, NSW SES Walcha
unit, Westpac and council personnel my son
Joshua would not have survived.

To the community of Walcha, who through
personal support, arranged and held
fundraising which provided both welfare
assistance and emotional support during a
time of extreme need. Without the help of
every single individual we, as a family, would
not have gotten to where we are today.

To those who travelled to Hannah's funeral I
was overwhelmed at your response for my
baby girl (family pet name). It meant a lot to me
and my family.

I will always be indebted for your kindness and
generosity ~ Lisa

The family of Brian Wall

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messages, cooking, phone calls and flowers.
A heartfelt thank you to the Walcha Golf Club
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