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The Walcha Westpac Helicopter Volunteer Support Group and Walcha Bowling and Recreation Club are joining forces to have a Fun Bowls Day (no experience required) at the Walcha Bowling Club for all ages on Sunday 21 August.

All the action and laughs will start at 10.30am for morning tea and then a sausage sizzle for lunch. Entry fee will be \$20 per head which will include Bowls and activities, as well as

morning tea and lunch. If bowls really isn't your thing, then just head along for a great day out and enjoy morning tea and lunch for a \$10 fee.

All funds raised will be donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. So what are you waiting for, call the Bowling Club on 6777 2077 Monday to Wednesday after 4.00pm to book in, Thursday to Sunday after 2.00pm, or email pamelamakeham@bigpond.com

If you are unable to attend the fundraiser there will be a donation point at the Club.

Become a friend of the Walcha Motorcycle Rally

An absolutely jam-packed weekend is planned for when the Walcha Motorcycle Rally returns on 18-19 November. Walcha Tourism Officer, Lisa Kirton has put the call out for interested volunteers for the weekend. "If you're interested in helping out and volunteering a few hours of your time, we would really appreciate your assistance. You will receive free entry for the weekend, a Rally T-shirt and meal voucher in return," Lisa said.

'Friends of the Motorcycle Rally' is a team of volunteers who can give four or more hours to help out when the Motorcycle Rally is on. Roles and responsibilities will vary, from being at the entry gates or marshal checkpoints, to driving the shuttle bus

around town, depending on the person's preferences and experience. "A few hours of your time will go a long way to ensuring the event runs smoothly, and you will then be free to enjoy your time at the event without having to pay entry," Lisa commented.

The Saturday morning street procession route and the discounted ticket price for locals will be advertised in *The Advocate* closer to the event.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Friend of the Motorcycle Rally' please get in touch by email: tourism@walcha.nsw.gov.au or phone the Visitor Information Centre on 6774 2460. "We'd love to hear from you."

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All welcome – this event is to provide more information to the Walcha Community.

SAVE THE DATE Spread the Word

around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Well, if it wasn't already wet enough the widespread rainfall event that swept through the state last Thursday and Friday filled it to the brim. Widespread falls of between 30 to 60mm around our district had all the creeks running with the Apsley River taking out a few flood fences with it. It didn't seem like a lot of rain, but the already full soil moisture profiles showed us how vulnerable we are to flooding now. The worrying part is that these wet conditions are set to continue into the spring, coupled with some spring and summer storm activity, it just might be the recipe for more major flooding.

The wet winter has really set us up for a huge spring, a spring fully loaded with clover, worms and those darn nodding thistles. I swear nodding thistles are adapting to frost or the chemical is gradually becoming less effective as some of those little bad boys haven't stopped growing all winter. Chemical prices went through the roof last year with China holding onto more product than usual for their own use, but prices have eased somewhat over the winter months. Just being able to get around the country during spring to spray weeds will be difficult enough. The use of drones in agriculture for such things like spraying in inaccessible areas are becoming more relevant and cost effective. LyonAg Drone solutions at Nowendoc is a local business using drone technology for spraying around the district and I encourage you all to make contact to see if they can help you out.

Rural property is still in red hot demand considering the softening of both the beef and sheep markets over the past six weeks. The long term forecast for the red meat industry is looking very positive if we can keep Foot and Mouth out.

We have seen a fall in the residential market values due to the increasing cost of living and rise in interest rates, but the rural property remains strong for the foreseeable future. What a lot of us don't realise is that the push for Carbon farming could be the other string in the bow for the continual rise of rural land values. There are so many unknowns with Carbon farming, but I think it is a way of the future and a way for graziers, especially those with cattle to create an alternative revenue stream in the future. How that looks in terms of values, obviously depends on numerous factors and methods of assessment that aren't clear. Carbon farming has really put a floor in the rural property industry with large industry-based companies trying to invest to offset their Carbon footprint. Carbon farming in regions such as our could be more beneficial than we think as grazing systems can sequester carbon through every kilo of production and this can be increased using deep-rooted perennials and legumes. Carbon Farming is an interesting market that will no doubt evolve over the next decade, and I think all graziers need to keep a close eye on this market.

A week closer to spring and the widespread rain through NSW and Victoria held cattle and sheep numbers back from the online selling platforms and the physical saleyard markets. AuctionsPlus had a reduction of 25% listings resulting in the strongest market seen for two months. Restocking steers lifted on average by \$133/hd, while the market for quality joinable Angus females bounced with 307kg Angus heifers topping at \$2430 each. PTIC cows stole the limelight jumping on average in value by nearly \$500/hd, while young Angus females with Autumn drop calves at foot reached \$4500 a unit. Saleyard numbers have dropped off considerably with just 217 cattle yarded on Monday in Tamworth and 740 cattle drawn for in Gunnedah. All categories improved in value and hard to compare due to the low numbers but finished cows topped at 364c/kg, up 30c/kg on the week previous. Tamworth yarded 2000 lambs and 826 sheep on Monday with a rise in quality and a lift in prices. Trade weight lambs averaged \$147, selling to a top of \$162, while heavy export lambs averaged \$187 and sold to \$228. Hoggots averaged \$157, mutton averaged \$140 and heavy mutton topped at \$178.

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Rotarians contribute so much to our community and region

Rotarians and their friends from across the region gathered last Tuesday to celebrate what was a very successful year under the Presidency of Andrew Corlette at their annual Changeover Dinner.

The Club has donated around \$15,000 to various organisations serving the Walcha community, directly and indirectly, as well as other humanitarian causes around Australia and internationally in the past year which is an outstanding achievement. On top of this, the Club has co-ordinated and packed 320 backpacks for children entering foster care. It was fitting that one of the main co-ordinators of this project as well as Club Secretary, Lois Hoare, was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for her exceptional work on this project and dedication in all areas of club activities. This is the highest award a Rotarian can receive, and a very fitting one for the work Lois undertakes for our community and the Rotary Club.

Residents will also have noticed the new Travellers' Rest Shelter at Ohio North Road Rest Area which is put to very good use by travellers. The Club undertook this as one of their main projects over the past year – numerous meaningful youth advancement activities, many enjoyable catering events and a range of other successful fundraising initiatives. Steve McCoy was instrumental in getting this project completed, and this was recognised by the Club when they presented him with the Lunen Plate for outstanding service to the club.

Dan Micallef was the worthy recipient of the coveted Stirrer's Paddle for always finding the lighter side in club activities.

"As a Club we would particularly like to acknowledge with gratitude the continued support of the people of Walcha towards our fundraising activities," outgoing President, Andrew Corlette said. Andrew then handed over the role of President to Dan Micallef for 2022 – 23. Around fifty Rotarians and supporters celebrated together and enjoyed live

music from Uralla band Arrawatta.

Guests travelled from Inverell, Tamworth, Port Macquarie and Uralla, including Past District Governor, David Mayne and Area Governor, Bruce George. Matthew Palmer represented Walcha Central School and representing the Department of Communities and Justice was Kim Gross who has been instrumental in the distribution of Simon's Just 4 U Backpacks across New England and the Northwest.

New President Dan Micallef said he is looking ahead to another year of accomplishments, friendship and meaningful service to the Walcha community and the wider world.



Above: Rotary incoming board. Far left: Ian Cameron presenting the Lunen Plate to Steve McCoy. Left: Dan Micallef receiving the coveted Stirrer's Paddle.



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WALCHA Town & Country CLUB

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Ladies Luncheon makes a long awaited return

The Walcha Town and Country Club Committee are so excited to be organising the first Ladies Luncheon in many years. They have a gorgeous, 'Ladies Day Out' planned in the stunning garden of Norm and Di Bazeley on the edge of town on Saturday 22 October.

The Committee is extending an invitation to all ladies, with bookings now open for the event. "It promises to be a fantastic day after a break due to COVID," Club President, Bec Whillock commented.

A luncheon ticket includes a three-course meal and drinks for \$100 per person. The canapes and main meal are superbly crafted by the talented team at Little Coco's, with the desserts being created by the dedicated committee.

"As guests you will have the opportunity to listen to our inspirational speaker, enjoy shopping and browsing through the market stalls and explore the garden surrounds," Bec said.

The Town and Country Committee are extremely grateful to Norm and Di for hosting the event this year. "The committee are always humbled by the support we receive and would like to send out our heart felt thanks for your continued support," Bec said.

Booking details can be seen on the adjacent advertisement. If you would like to get in contact, or are interested in having a stall, please email walchatandc@hotmail.com.



Walcha Town & Country Club's Ladies Luncheon is back.

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The Walcha Farmers' Market will soon be back! The committee are looking forward to welcoming you back to the first market for the new season on Saturday 17 September.

The Walcha Farmers' Market runs on the third Saturday of each month, from 8.30am to 12.30pm at McHattan Park, all year except for during winter. There are a range of stalls based around the theme of "Make it, Bake it, Grow it". It is regarded by many as one of the best Farmers' Markets around and people come from far and wide to visit our lovely community market.

If you would like to have a stall at the Farmers' Market, you can find all the details you need including application forms on our website: www.walchafarmersmarket.org.au

Particularly as we soon move into our warmer, growing season, if you have a green thumb and have excess produce you would like to sell, you can take it along on market day to the Community Stall, who will sell it for you, for a small commission.

If you are part of a community group or club which would like to have a promotional stall at the Farmers' Market, please contact the



It won't be long McHattan Park will come alive with Walcha's monthly Farmers' Markets

committee through the website. The Walcha Farmers' Market committee is keen to have community involvement in the market, and to help promote worthy community activities in Walcha.

If you have a few spare hours on Saturdays and would like to volunteer on the community stall once every few months, the committee would also love to hear from you. The commitment is not at all onerous, and is a great way to be involved in a fabulous community activity. Volunteering on the stall is usually a two hour block, and help setting up and packing away is also welcome.

The Walcha Farmers' Market website has a wealth of information for

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For those early birds who arrive at Before School Care before 8.00am, a delicious breakfast will be on offer to get them energised for school.

Big Childcare have a variety of cereals, breads and spreads on offer as well as special mornings, featuring pancakes, eggs and plenty of other appetising options.

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Walcha hosts Lions from across the region

The heads of Lions Clubs throughout the region gathered in Walcha for a weekend recently for their quarterly Cabinet meeting.

This was the first Cabinet meeting for incoming District Governor Rosalie Davis and with quite a lot of business to discuss, it was a very productive time for the 50 members in attendance.

Walcha Lions assisted with the catering and logistics for the weekend, as well as many hospitality businesses in Walcha.

Zone Chairman, Lloyd Levingston was grateful for the support from all in Walcha who made the Lions members feel welcome. "Many of the visitors were surprised at what Walcha had to offer, and really enjoyed their weekend here," he said.



*Pictured above: Bill Burgess By-Laws, District Governor Rosalie Davis, Secretary Nora Brooks and Treasurer David O'Hara
Left: Past District Governor Robyn Parker with current District Governor Rosalie Davis at the Cabinet meeting in Walcha.
Below: Cabinet Meeting in action*



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What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to the Walcha Central School kids who have qualified for the State Athletics Championships after performing well at the North West trials in less than ideal weather conditions at Tamworth early last week. Individually, Ivy Pritchard made it through in the 400, 800, 1500 and 3000 metre events, Charlotte Mooney in 400, 800 and 1500 metres, Charlize Haling in the 1500 metres, whereas Jacob Wellings progressed in the long jump.

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The 17 years boys relay team, Teraia Marsters, Thomas Bullen, Tyla and Riley Bloomfield won their event comfortably to gain N.W. selection, whereas the 16 years girls relay team Charlotte Mooney, Charlize Haling, Kirra-Lee Murphy and Joscisca Matapakia finished second to also make the N.W. team. Good on ya guys. Best of luck when you go to state.

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Best of luck to the Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos when they travel to Guma-Li Salvation Army ground at Moree this Saturday to do battle with the Warialda Wombatettes from 12:30pm. A bus has been organised free of cost for players and supporters with pick-up at the Walcha Showground at 7:30am and Uralla at 8am. The Walcha/Uralla Club would like to thank the NSW Rugby League for the gesture of paying for the bus, which they apparently do for isolated teams who are required to travel a certain amount of kilometres to play their matches.

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Group 19 Rugby League certainly finalised their competition rounds in a different way last weekend when they cancelled all games due to some grounds being deemed unplayable and awarded no points to any of the clubs scheduled to play. They did however award two competition points to the Walcha/Uralla team who had the bye.

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Next Saturday the Moree Boomerangs will host the Tingha Tigers in the Minor Semi Final before Narwan take on Inverell in the Major semi in Armidale on Sunday. Final points score – Narwan and Inverell Hawks 19, Moree Boomerangs 17, Tingha 16, Armidale 12, Warialda 11, Tigeroos 10.

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During the past few weeks former Walcha Golf Club Champion Wayne Brennan, former Walcha Council CEO Jack O'Hara and former Walcha Council office employee in the finance department (during the 1980's) Jon Dundas, have been competing in the Queensland Outback Masters Golf competition at Winton, Mt Isa and Birdsville with varying success.

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Overall Brenno finished on top with 94 stableford points and won N.T.P's at Winton and Mt Isa and Jon picked up one at Birdsville. On the final day at Birdsville a \$1,000,000 hole-in-one competition was held where all players got to see each other hit their shot at glory. No-one collected the cash but Jack took out bragging rights because he was the closest of the 'Travelling Trio' with his tee shot.

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A gentle reminder that the Westpac 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. Non-bowlers are more than welcome to play. Cost is \$20 per bowler which includes morning tea and lunch. Please inform the Bowling Club for catering purposes. RSVP's by this Saturday 13 August at the Bowling Club or with Pam Makeham please.

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Veteran Walcha athlete Taddy Macfarlane competed in the annual 'Tamworth 10' last weekend where he stopped the clock in 51:35 minutes to win his 70 years + division after he finished the course an incredible two minutes quicker than his effort last year. Taddy was placed 45th of the 223 competitors and now the 78 year old has bigger fish to fry this Sunday when he lines up for the annual Sydney 'City2Surf' over 14 kilometres. Talk about getting better with age Taddy.

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Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the Week: Bowling Club – Michael Aspinall; Newie – Liam Brennan; Apsley – Drew Bird. Somehow all three managed to pick the card. Good on ya Boys.

RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V NARRABRI



By Eric the Spider

The Walcha Rams took on the Narrabri Blue Boars last weekend at Walcha in the final home game of the year for First Grade. The game started with both teams unable to hold onto the ball for too many phases under slippery conditions.

The Narrabri team were first to crack the Walcha defence making a break up the left edge, only to be denied a try by some desperation defence by Toby 'from Congi' Marshall. Walcha were forced to make a number of tackles as Narrabri started to get into to their structure and put together some phases.

The Walcha defence eventually cracked with Narrabri piercing through to score the first try of the match. Walcha were forced to defend for long periods during the first half with some strong tackling in the middle coming from Archie 'sheepman' Lawrence and Tom 'sausage specialist' Hoy. Narrabri were able to score a couple of unanswered tries before halftime as the Walcha defence tired. Halftime score Walcha 0 Narrabri 30.

The second half saw Walcha holding onto the ball and putting some pressure back onto the Narrabri defence. A break up the right wing from Tom 'AFL guy' Gough gave Walcha some good field position which the forwards used well wearing down the Narrabri forwards defence. Henry 'loved up les' Leslie managed to wiggle his way over for Walcha's first try of the day. Charlie 'the muscle man' Keen carried the ball strong throughout the game, consistently putting the Rams in good position. Lane 'new guy' Clarke had a strong game directing the forwards around in attack. Sione 'Ulu' Kamoto was destructive on both sides of the ball, proving difficult to take down in defence making plenty of metres.

As the half wore on the Rams managed to gain some territory and hold onto the ball for a number of phases. A hard run from Edgar 'mates call me Bragsy' Bragg close to the ruck saw him wrestle his way over, dispatching some would be Narrabri defenders and scoring Walcha's second try of the afternoon. Jim 'sausage dog pimp' Boyd had a good game carrying the ball back well and making metres out wide. Troy 'T-bone malone' Tape came off the bench and injected some venom into the Rams' attack, growling into contact and showing his dominance at the collision zone. Joel 'joog baby' Ballon was the Rams best player of the afternoon getting through a huge amount of work across the paddock in both attack and defence, with strong carries when needed and relentless defence. In the end the Rams were outplayed with Narrabri ending up eventual winners. Walcha 12 Narrabri 42.

Next weekend the Rams head to Gunnedah to take on the Red Devils.



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Wednesday Golf

Wednesday saw the Ladies playing the first round of the 2 Ball stroke Aggregate Championships for a trophy donated by Drummond Golf.

The winners were Lorraine Walshe and Jill Burnell with a combined nett score of 143, closely followed by Cheryl McDonald and Julie Olrich also on 143. The next sweepstakes went to Pauline Carter and Sue Partridge with 146.

Pauline Carter also was NTP on Hole 3 and Cheryl McDonald took out the second shot on Hole 18.

Today is the second and final round of the 2 Ball stroke Aggregate Championships for a trophy donated by Drummond Golf and an overall trophy donated by Katie Smith.

and it was Deon Lawrence who won the event after accumulating 38 points. Runner-up was Jeff Etheridge on 36 while the remaining sweepstake prizes went to Angus McDouall, Alex Gill and Nixon Bird all on 34. Mick Stackman, Wayne 'Outback Traveller' Brennan and Miles Archdale all on 33, Guy Lord and Lee Fletcher both 30. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Jamie Bowden (3), Andrew Crawford (9), Alex Gill (16) and Jeff Etheridge (18).

There was no nine hole competition last Saturday due to the inclement weather although two or three diehards did turn up before deciding better of it.

The Boggabri Open scheduled for last Sunday was called off due to the wet state of the course.

This Sunday is a stroke medal round here at home where Mitch Crawford is in charge of supplying the prize.

So far this season both teams have won one game and lost one when they have gone head to head after the Jillaroos won 24-4 in the opening round before going down 32-12 in the return match.

The Jillaroos finished the competition on 16 points behind Tingha 26, Armidale 18, Warialda 17 and in front of Inverell 12, Boomerangs 9 and Narwan 8.

Coach Josh Lordanic is confident his team can get the job done this Saturday especially if the girls turn up in the right frame of mind and hand in a performance like the one against Inverell recently.

Captain Nicola Hoy will be out to lead the way after turning in inspirational efforts in her last couple of games and will rely on back up from her experienced sister Jordy, along with the Green sisters Annabelle and Rachel.

There is plenty of talent throughout the rest of the squad. Anika McKenna, Caitlin Hollis, Caitlin Harris, Jo Jo Matapakia, Kirra-Lee Murphy, Alisha Dillon, Jorjie Ledingham, Olivia Haslem, Finlai Bird, Marissa Sheelah, Natasha Foster, Hannah Byrne, Bonnie Leigh Smith, Karin Wameminda-Green and Jess Swanton. Go gettum girls!

At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday a stableford round was played where 34 players teed off for a trophy donated by Bill Fletcher

Ladies League Tag

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos travel to Moree this Saturday to take on the Warialda Wombats in the minor semi final of the Group 19 Ladies League Tag competition.

Historical Society Report

2021 – 2022 President's Report, by Kate Hoy

It is my pleasure to present the report for the Historical Society in the year of our 60th Anniversary. We exhibited tea related items at the Australia Day, a lot of interest shown. Two Street stalls were held thanks to those who contributed and helped.

Several bus tours visited and made lovely comments. One from Maitland lunched in the Wool Hall catered by the Hospital Auxiliary then took an escorted town tour.

All School groups showed interest. The History Group from Central School have completed assignments and will display them in the Wool Hall in August. Years 1 and 2 from Central School had lots of fun. St Patrick's School visited during the 60th Anniversary, and finished their tour with a patty cake & candle to celebrate our birthday and sang a beautiful Happy Birthday to the Museum.

The dead trees were removed from the yard. We are waiting for a quote for removal of more. DA approval was received for a Storage Container which will house the Bob Beer Collection, just waiting for cement pads to be put down. DA approval was received for a shed, we would like. Kerry has sent in the grant application, hopefully we will be lucky this time. The Photo Room has been lined and extra photos have been hung. The rest of the lining will be a work in progress.

Family History enquiries kept Vic busy. Mary and Shelley are now helping at the History Centre also our other new member Sally. Mary started a new Facebook page for the Museum Complex, lovely photos thanks Mary.

Sadly, in the last year we have lost valued members of our Society: Life Members – Liz Harris, Members: Anne Kermode, Don Lisle and John Payne. They will be sadly missed.

During our April 60th Anniversary Celebrations, each Saturday (except Easter), we held open days with some form of display. Costumes display, Vintage, Classic and Historic cars, utes and bikes. We thank Mike Faulkner and Shane Corey for arranging this. The High Tea, numbers due to COVID and weather, were still a success. The display of Men's Attire was explained by Jane and all enjoyed the High Tea thanks to Nerida and her helpers.

Some Saturdays as well Devonshire teas a sausage sizzle was available. The last weekend the girls and boys in the kitchen had a full time job keeping up with demand. The talks at the Library were well attended and lots of interest was shown.

One traveller who stopped to look at the Complex congratulated the Committee on a beautifully clean and well-presented Museum one of the best they had seen.

Thanks to all who helped in anyway: gardening, mowing etc. My special thanks and appreciation to Jane and Kerry who work hard to see everything is in order.

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Funeral Notice

CROSS: Margaret
nee Fletcher
7th August 2022

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Dearly beloved wife of Max.
Loving mother & mother-in-law of
Linda & Doug Allen,
Peter & Cheryl, Tim & Sherene and
loved grandmother
& great-grandmother of their families.

Aged 92 years

Funeral Service to be held at St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Walcha, tomorrow Thursday, 11th August 2022 commencing at 10:30am, followed by interment at the Walcha Cemetery.

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JOYCE, James Michael
"Jim"

Passed peacefully into eternal life Tuesday, 26th July, 2022

Aged 98 years

Dearly loved Husband of Marie (dec).
Beloved Father of Michael, Christopher, Anastasia, Patrick, Barnaby and Timothy (dec). Cherished Father-in-law, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Cousin.

A Man of service and faith, much loved by his family and friends.

Relatives and friends of the late Jim Joyce are respectfully invited to attend his funeral. The cortege will leave St Patrick's Catholic Church, Walcha, after a Funeral Mass set to commence at 10.00am, Saturday 13th August, 2022, thence for Private Burial with his cherished wife Marie.

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Aged 80 years

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The public is invited to comment on Alcohol Free-Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area Proposals

Council at its July 2022 meeting proposed to declare the following public road and footpath locations Alcohol-Free Zones:

- a) Meridian Street between Commercial Lane and Fitzroy Street,
 - b) Fitzroy Street between Meridian Street and Pakington Street,
 - c) Derby Street between Walsh Street and Apsley Street,
 - d) Croudace Street between Pakington Street and Derby Street, and
 - e) Levy bank path east between Croudace Street and Fitzroy Street
- Along with McHattan Park, during the hours of 9:00pm to 7:00am each day, an Alcohol Prohibited Area.

The Proposals are available for viewing on Council's website www.walcha.nsw.gov.au. Submissions are encouraged and will be considered by Council to inform the final establishment of the Zones.

Written submissions will be received until close of business on Friday 9 September 2022, and should be addressed to the General Manager, Walcha Council, PO Box 2 Walcha NSW 2354 or email council@walcha.nsw.gov.au.

For further information or assistance with accessing the Proposals, please phone 02 6774 2500.

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