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Austin chops his way to two titles in a row



Left: Austin jumping over it in the Tree Felling at the Royal Queensland Show. Right: Austin receiving the sash for the Most Successful Competitor from Queensland Axemen's Association President, Mr Craig Wagner.

Winning the Most Successful Competitor at one Royal Show isn't an easy feat, but to win it at two consecutive Royals is nearly unheard of.

That is what young Walcha axeman Austin Scrivener achieved on the weekend at the Royal Queensland Show, otherwise known as the Ekka.

From Saturday 6 August, Austin along with his older brother Mitch competed for eight consecutive days against axemen from across the country and New Zealand. All axemen competing at the Ekka receive points for places they attain in finals, and at the end of the show the competitor with the highest accrued points is named the Most Successful Competitor.

To take out this title Austin placed first in the 275mm Standing Block, 300mm Underhand and 300mm Tree Felling handicaps, third in the 275mm Standing block and 275mm Tree Felling handicaps, and third in the Three-Man Relay with his brother Mitch and South Coast axeman David Reumer. He also picked up the minor placing of fourth in the 275mm Underhand

Handicap and made five other finals.

Besides the title win, one of the highlights at the Ekka for Austin and Mitch was making their first Double Handed Sawing Championship final at a Royal Show as a pair. In a close final, they placed sixth against a quality field of experienced sawing combinations.

Mitch also spent a little time on the podium bringing home second place in the Open 300mm Jack, Marina and Destiny Pink Memorial Trophy, the 275mm Standing Block, Second Division 275mm Underhand, and the 275mm B Grade Elimination Handicap.

The brothers now have their sights set on the Royal Adelaide Show in early September, where Austin is a member of the Australian U21s team to take on New Zealand. On return it will be a trip to the Gold Coast for Mitch in mid September to compete in the Stihl Timbersports Rookie Series, then a quick turnaround will see them head south for the Melbourne Royal at the end of the month. The brothers definitely have a busy few months of chopping ahead of them.

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We are focusing on the community impact, and the importance of community involvement in the EIS process. There is an imminent and short lived opportunity to contribute your input, either for or against the project, or to request modifications.

We are keen to gain experience from previous projects, both their positive and negative impacts on the community.

It is imperative that our community is informed and engaged through our 28 day EIS response period. Please save the date.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Simone Timbs 0428 772 307 or Cameron Greig 0428 534 270

around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

If they are not saying it, there are people thinking it, and that is, wouldn't it be good to see some fine weather for the last few weeks of winter? Rainfall over the last few days is just sitting on top of the ground and with livestock already sloshing around in wet paddocks from rain the previous week, the problem is exponentially worse. I am having so many conversations around how wet the country is and how difficult it is to get across many low lying areas with machinery or in a vehicle. Many are having trouble crossing paddocks in side by side buggies let alone in a ute or bigger ATV. The country is saturated and another 30 plus mls on the weekend just added to it. Which brings me to the point that spring is not too far away, and it should be a cracker if we can get a bit of sunshine.

To me this winter has been a long one, although we have not yet been exposed to some of those terrible August days we can get. Livestock are certainly not liking these more than wet conditions with poor quality feed and stock standing in water there are all sorts of problems coming forward. For those trying to manage livestock, feeding them is not easy. Paddocks are so wet that vehicles with extra weight are getting very stuck, making feeding almost impossible in some cases. So hopefully with about another 4 weeks of winter left, livestock will hang in there without getting into too much trouble.

I have been travelling to and from the central west a bit lately and have to say conditions are very similar all the way. Water everywhere and winter biting hard. One noticeable difference is that the wattle has been in flower in the central tablelands for the last few weeks. Spring is erupting earlier down that way with clover very prominent and that familiar smell of blossom in the air.

In the 40 plus years in the agency business I can't remember a time when livestock values have jumped as quickly as they have done over the last fortnight. With restockers waving the white flag through July under the weight of the threat of FMD, livestock values tumbled. They were in free fall. The EYCI dropped smartly from 1130 c/kg CW in early June to 885 c/kg CW in the last week of July. Buyers had left the market in fear of an outbreak of FMD. Then we had that significant widespread rain event in the first week of August and it was game on again! The EYCI now sits at around 961 c/kg CW heralding a significant rise in a short space of time. Buyers are back and focused.

I think the market was really spooked by the very real threat of FMD entering our country, but the fundamentals of the cattle market had not changed. Since the rain, many producers have thought about that and were also conscious of just how much feed they are about to produce in spring. We have all learned in recent years that you can't make money out of empty paddocks. I was listening to market reports last week while driving and the increases week on week for some sheep and lambs was in the order of \$50 to \$60 in places, while the improvement in cattle markets was just as amazing. Some restocker types were quoted up to 120 c/kg dearer week on week with all descriptions quoted significantly dearer. It has been a remarkable few weeks in the market and I hope you weren't one of the unfortunate ones who sold in that market down turn. We were highlighting just how buyable cattle had become and maybe you saw that too by taking a plunge into some numbers. The threat of FMD remains, but so does the need for protein. We can only hope that FMD doesn't find its way here.

The other incredible market event we are seeing unfold is the values being paid for bulls this selling season. I certainly have never seen anything like this level of activity and interest in bull sales. It is wonderful for the studs, to see them being rewarded for many years of hard work. Just looking through some of the results and there are a lot of Angus sales with averages in excess of \$20,000, some with big numbers in individual sales on offer. I am also amazed at the number of volume buyers fronting up and buying numbers of bulls in these sales. There are certainly some big operations out there buying bulls. I hope there is just as much enthusiasm this Friday when Highrent and Full Circle sell their catalogue of bulls. There is a lot of breeding in these bulls and some very good young bulls if you are in the market. Not too far away is the Ben Nevis sale on 7 September, so keep that in mind as well.

Farmers bring together renewable voices

NSW Farmers is hosting a series of renewable energy forums that will bring together landholders and government bodies to discuss the state's Renewable Energy Zones.

With the federal government setting a 43 per cent emissions reduction target for 2030, there is increased pressure to build renewable energy installations. While some proponents see regional and rural land as a cheap alternative to urban or offshore developments, farmers and community groups are concerned about the long-term impact on agricultural productivity.

NSW Farmers Energy Transition Working Group chair Reg Kidd said it was a matter of making sure future developments such as renewables did not come at the expense of agricultural productivity.

"There is a finite amount of productive agricultural land in NSW, so we need to make sure it is used wisely," Mr Kidd said.

"It's important that people build the right thing in the right place, and in the right way – whether that's urban expansion, renewable energy generation or even the power transmission lines those renewables require.

"We know there's an interest in building renewables on ag land, both from farmers looking to diversify and from developers, so what we want to facilitate is an open line of communication there so agricultural productivity, economic opportunity and social benefit are all balanced."

The Renewable Energy Zone Forums will feature speakers from the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) and the Department of Planning and Environment and will cover the planning and assessment process for renewables developments, protections for agricultural land and how to find information and provide input.

"This is one of the key emerging issues for regional communities and we want to ensure the energy transition is done well," Mr Kidd said.

"Ultimately we need to work out how renewable energy projects fit in

with agricultural production – preferably built on less productive land – so future electricity supply does not come at the expense of food and fibre.

"It's critical any renewable development is done with farmers, not simply imposed upon them."

This event is open to the public, not just members of NSW Farmers, but as it will be focused on landholder issues we do ask that only those with agricultural interests register and attend.

Go to <https://form.jotform.com/holleyt/energy-co-forums-rsvp-form> to RSVP or call NSW Farmers Regional Service Manager Mark Bulley on 0429 330 348 for more information.

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Community Partnership Program success celebrated far and wide

A range of Walcha organisations were presented with cheques recently as a part of Regional Australia Bank's Community Partnership Program.

To mark off another successful year of the popular program, Regional Australia Bank held its Walcha event last Tuesday donating over \$29,975 directly to the Walcha community.

Regional Australia Bank Chief Executive Officer, Dave Heine, said it has been wonderful to finally celebrate with these worthy organisations in person, with COVID forcing the cancellation of all events last year.

"It was such a shame to not get the opportunity to show our appreciation to each and every one of these organisations last year. It's been even more special this year to give these groups the recognition they deserve and congratulate them in person," he said.

"As a customer owned bank, we are really passionate about supporting our regional communities and we're delighted to see the Community Partnership Program go from strength to strength."

Now in its 14th year, the Community Partnership Program has donated over \$2 million across regional Australia in the past 12 months, and assisted over 1600 community groups with much needed funds.



"With COVID restrictions preventing many organisations from holding fundraising events over the last 12 months, initiatives like the CPP play a vital role in ensuring they can continue the important work that they do," said Mr Heine.

The Community Partnership Program allows Regional Australia Bank members to support their local community simply by transacting with a selected savings account and nominating their choice of organisation from the list. Regional Australia Bank then calculates the average annual balance and donates the equivalent of 0.75% to the chosen group.

"While we're fortunate to have 1,600 registered organisations on our list, we're always looking to add more. If you'd like to register, visit your local branch or call our Service Support Centre."

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Almost \$400,000 available for Walcha in latest funding

Applications opened in the first week of August for Round Five of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) with Walcha Council encouraging local organisations to apply now.

This round will provide an additional \$160 million for community projects in regional NSW, including up to \$50 million for projects delivered by community organisations. This brings the total funding for the SCCF to \$660 million.

The funding available for projects in the Walcha Local Government Area (LGA) is \$1,251,697. Of this \$391,000 will be available to eligible community organisations.

"The Stronger Country Communities Fund means big investment in projects that really matter to our communities," Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson said.

"Previous rounds have funded great projects like the ongoing Barraba Rugby Clubhouse renovations, lighting at Dungowan and Kootingal Recreation Grounds, and upgrades to Kootingal and District Pony Club.

"The fund invests directly into the community projects that make a real difference in the lives of people living in rural and regional NSW so I would encourage anyone with a great idea for a project, to start pulling together all the required information now."

Round Five of the SCCF will open to all eligible applicants on 5 August 2022. Applications will close at 5pm AEST on 23 September 2022.

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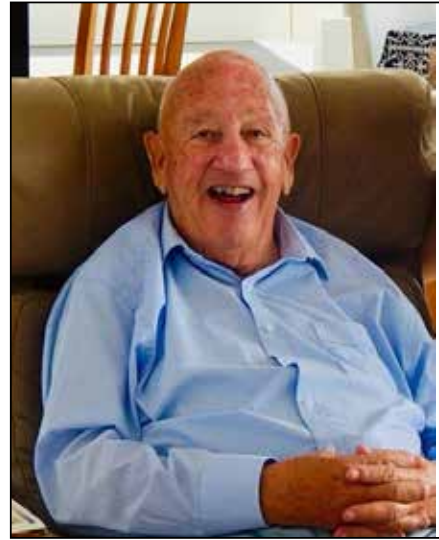
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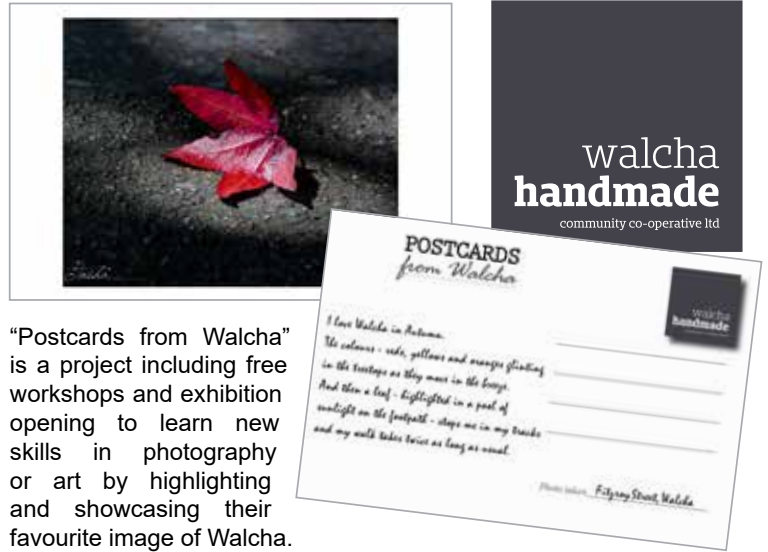


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POSTCARDS from Walcha



"Postcards from Walcha" is a project including free workshops and exhibition opening to learn new skills in photography or art by highlighting and showcasing their favourite image of Walcha.

Walcha Handmade Community Co-operative, along with local photographer Tasha Chawner, Visual Arts teacher Michelle Bruton and artist Sue Jackson will combine forces to deliver workshops to produce postcards.

Workshops will be conducted during September and October with installation and openings occurring on Friday 25 November at 6.00pm.

Workshop participants will have the option of one of the workshops taught by local professionals. Contributions will also be gathered from the wider community for those who cannot attend workshops.

Contributors will be asked to place their postcard artwork (front) and artist statement/message (back) on the map of Walcha installed on the Studio wall. The final display will be filled with a variety of artworks from the mediums of photography, watercolour and acrylic, all of postcard size.

This site-specific installation brings in the community to share and also bring awareness to other areas of their home town. The map will include surrounding areas of Yarrowitch, Nowendoc, Niangala, Kentucky, Woolbrook and Walcha Road.

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Mayoral column



RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE FORUM

Somewhere in this fine publication (Page 3) is a press release for a Renewable Energy Zone Forum next Wednesday 24th August at 12:30pm. To simplify this release the meeting will engage Energy Corporation and Dept. Planning and Environment to give information around the New England Renewable Energy Zone, but DPE will also present on the Environment Impact

Statement process for projects. This is an information session and not a debate on the merits of renewable energy. Personally after my conversations with Energy Co I disagree that this should only be focused on landholders as alluded to in the release and anyone interested in the pathway of projects should attend. While the start time is far from ideal I encourage every interested person to read the release and attend if possible. There is a link there to RSVP and register a question.

OLD HOSPITAL

The remainder of this column is once again devoted to the "Old Hospital". I still receive many question and comments around its future. Quite often there is a Thumbs Down to its condition. The following email chain sums up the lack of enthusiasm by the State Government to assist. I believe it speaks for itself. I could include all the letters written over the years in relation to it but suffice to say the most recent will do. Maybe we need a concerted effort on behalf of the community for some progress. At this stage I'm not sure what that will be, but everything until now has not worked.

Dear Kevin,

I'm writing again in relation to the "Old Hospital" in Walcha. Over 5 years of pushing and trying to have an outcome for this abandoned infrastructure I feel I have gotten nowhere.

I won't reiterate the issues and problems that have been raised in that time except to say that my community and myself are extremely frustrated. Surely there must be a pathway to solve this ongoing problem. The building continues to deteriorate and cause both social and health issues to our community. On top of this it still costs our local MPS. I struggle to make any traction with this issue that has been ongoing for 12 years. There must be a pathway forward and I ask you to assist us along that path.

Clr Eric Noakes

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The Hon Brad Hazzard MP

Minister for Health

I am making representation on behalf of Councillor Eric Noakes, Mayor of Walcha Council regarding the 'old Walcha Hospital site', Walcha.

The Walcha Hospital closed in 2007 when a modern and purpose built Multi Purpose Service opened on a new site. The old hospital was decommissioned and became the focus of a Local Aboriginal Land Claim under the Native Title Act.

Since the decommissioning, the buildings have been severely vandalised as well as a significant amount of disturbed asbestos has been identified on the site. The building and the site are becoming more derelict, and the cost to restore and monitor activity at the site will be increasing.

I am informed that the repair of the damage to the site is the responsibility of the Multi-Purpose Service and this will be draining funds and resources that could be put to better use.

The Walcha Council Mayor fully understands the complexities of an Aboriginal Land Claim and the sensitivity around these issues, however from a community viewpoint there has been no action for 11 years and the Mayor believes there could be commercial options for the use of this site should that possibility arise.

On behalf of Walcha Council, it would be appreciated if an update on the 'old Walcha Hospital site' could be provided.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to your reply.

Hon Kevin Anderson MP

30 June 2022

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Mayoral column

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Dear Kevin

Thank you for writing on behalf of Councillor Eric Noakes, Mayor of Walcha Council, about the former Walcha Hospital site.

I acknowledge Councillor Noakes' concerns about the site and appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

Mr Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive, Hunter New England Local Health District, confirms an Aboriginal land claim was lodged against the site a number of years ago and remains undetermined.

Mr DiRienzo acknowledges the long delay in the land claim being resolved. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment is managing the land claim and consulting with the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council. Regrettably, the District is unable to negotiate the sale or transfer of the site until the land claim is determined.

I am assured the District is maintaining the old hospital buildings and grounds as safely and securely as possible but do acknowledge that the long period of non-use may be making them unsightly. I am sure that the District is doing whatever it can to facilitate a conclusion to the land claim process.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact Mr Eddie Pirillo,

Property Manager, Hunter New England Local Health District, at eddie.pirillo@health.nsw.gov.au or on 4921 4917.

Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health

3 August 2022

Dear Kevin

Thank you for passing on the reply from Minister for Health Hazzards' Office. As stated in your email this is an ongoing issue over 15 years and despite my, and previous Mayor's efforts has gone nowhere. I find the Ministers' response to show a lack of understanding that this is having on my community and dismissive of the real issue. In my 6 years of interaction over this no one has been able to tell me where the delay is coming from, except it's under a land claim. I have been from Health to Housing and Crown Lands and around again yet no outcome. There must be some avenue for a determination. I reiterate that this is a dilapidated building in a prime visible location and not just a block of land.

As I said I have contacted every department of the current government that I can, to try and have a resolution and I am no further ahead. The frustration for both myself, our council and the community of Walcha that there is no forward movement in 15 years is disappointing in the least.

The constant call from governments at all level for housing and accommodation is being felt in Walcha too, yet we have a facility including the hospital, a house and building blocks laying idle that could be utilised to alleviate this problem.

The community of Walcha asks you to escalate this issue to an authority that can bring forward a resolution.

Clr Eric Noakes

11 August 2022

What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to the Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos on finishing the most successful local footy team in 2022. Although the Jillaroos went down to Warialda 20-10 in their Group 19 Ladies League Tag minor semi-final last Saturday the girls can certainly hold their heads high after trying hard until the final whistle.

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Considering half the team hadn't played before this season, to make the semi-finals is a great effort by the girls. Captain Nicola Hoy lead by example and received valuable assistance from her sister Jordy and Bonnie-Leigh Smith along with the experienced Green sisters Rachel and Annabelle.

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Youngsters Anika McKenna, Finlai Bird, Joscisca Matapakia and Kirra-Lee Murphy gained valuable experience during the season and hopefully will back up again in 2023. Unfortunately Kirra-Lee broke one of her little fingers at training early last week and needed surgery at John Hunter hospital to fix the injury which forced her to miss the minor semi-final.

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The remaining members of the Jillaroo squad Caitlin Hollis, Caitlin Harris, Alisha Dillon, Natasha Foster, Jorjie Ledingham, Hannah Byrne, Marissa Sheela and Olivia Haslem all played well at times during the season and deserve a pat on the back for their efforts. Coach Josh Lordanic was happy with the way the team improved throughout the season and hopes the team sticks together in 2023.

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Walcha Roos President Michael Aspinall would like to thank everyone who has helped with the running of the combined Walcha/Uralla Club this season. 'Aspro' said it was great to have footy back in town and is glad we joined up with Uralla under the guidance of Scotty Swain. He also wanted to thank Jillaroos coach Josh Lordanic for his efforts and also Kev Creighton who kicked off the girls training before the season commenced with very few numbers.

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Last week I missed a phone call from my cousin Christopher 'Pommy' Cross and because we haven't been in touch with each other for quite a while I made a return call thinking something important might be up. Anyway 1 hour and 38 minutes later that wasn't the case but we did quite a bit of reminiscing about old times. Probably lucky it wasn't important really - could have been a whole lot longer.

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During recent times New England Hotel publican Peter Berry looked at his time piece and suggested 'I bet she has forgotten about the change in shifts' with regard to his 21C Michelle Wayte agreeing to start an hour earlier than what she usually did on that particular day. Nothing that a quick phone call from Perc couldn't fix, but the response he received from Michelle can't be printed here. By all accounts 'Shell' was sitting at home eating ice cream and had totally forgotten about the shift switch, but it wasn't long before she arrived at the pub - all within the speed limits of course.

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Congratulations to local axeman Austin Scrivener on winning the overall pointscore trophy for most successful axeman at the recent Ekka Show in Brisbane. Austin also took out the pointscore at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and now has Adelaide in his sights where he will represent the Australian U/21 team. Go gettum Austin.

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Footy Tipsters of the Week - Newie - John McCormack and Mick Steep both 14pts; B.C. - Aspro, Wilba, Jules Hall, Cheryl and Di (the kitchen ladies), Ben Cross, Jonnie Cross, Mary Haines and Marg Morris 12pts; Apsley - Shane Britton 12pts. With three rounds remaining Filbert Green 250 leads at the Newie from Ben Little and Johnny O'Hara 248, at the B.C. Tommy LeStrande 252 is in the drivers seat from Gerry Moran 246 while at the Apsley, Neil GP 242 holds a four point advantage over Ian Cameron 238.

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Veteran Walcha athlete Taddy Macfarlane competed in the Sydney 'City 2 Surf' on Sunday completing the 14 kilometre course in 73.10 minutes at an average of 5.15 minutes per kilometre.

Taddy finished 6th out of 318 competitors in his 70 - 79 years age group and 8,353rd out of 46,474 competitors. Due to COVID Taddy hasn't competed in the annual event since 2018 and was happy with his run after he finished the race just a minute slower than his last effort. Not bad for a 78 year old.



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thumbs



- 👍 This really made us smile. Thumbs up to Malcolm Ballard, with hazard lights on, out stopping traffic in Fitzroy Street near the bridge to allow an echidna to cross the road safely. Echidnas are not often seen near the Walcha CBD.
- 👍 To all the wonderful drivers for Walcha Council Community Care who take elderly people to appointments. They are so caring, the best service ever, thank you.
- 👍 To Sam at IGA for being so helpful and happy. Makes shopping a pleasure. Thank you Sam.
- 👍 Thanks to the staff at Walcha Council for removing leaves in Croudace Street.
- 👍 To the team at Mountain Motors! A mouse nibbled my engine, they fixed my vehicle the next day, squeezed in a full service AND delivered it to my home as they knew I was without a car! You don't get service like that in big cities!
- 👍 To Dale and Tess for showing initiative in organising the informative 'Get Ready Moona' session. Well done.
- 👍 To Walcha Council for the solar powered lights on the river walk – impressive with motion sensors for added brightness.
- 👍 A massive thumbs up to the wonderful staff at Riverview doing an amazing job under difficult circumstances.

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Ladies League Tag

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos were defeated 20-10 by the Warialda Wombats in their Group 9 minor semi-final match at Moree last Saturday. Spectators would have barely got comfortable in their seats when veteran speedster Jordy Hoy raced over to touch down after just two minutes.

Warialda responded with an unconverted try to equalise the scoring at 4 all and that's the way it stayed until just before half time when Annabelle Green tiptoed over for a try. Goal kicker Joscisca Matapakia raised the flags with her conversion attempt to give the Jillaroos a 10 - 4 advantage when oranges were taken.

Early in the second session the Jillaroos were under the pump when they were called on to defend several back to back sets and found it difficult to get outside their own quarter.

Warialda scored a couple of unconverted tries to take the lead 12 - 10 but the Jillaroos were still well and truly in the match with 10 minutes remaining until a length of the field runaway Wombats try just about decided the result.

As the full time siren was sounding in the background Warialda scored their fifth unconverted try to finalise the scoring at 20-10.

Warialda now take on Armidale this Sunday at Inverell after Tingha defeated Armidale 14-4 in the major semi-final.

Wednesday Golf

The second round of the Two Ball Stroke Aggregate Championships were played on Wednesday. The trophies were donated by Deb Richards and Kerry Hollis.

The nett winners for the second round were Kerry Hollis and Katie Smith with 145 and sweepstakes went to Cheryl McDonald and Julie Olrich with 146, and Alison Cameron

and Sally McCormack on 148.

NTP on 3 was Pauline Carter and the two second shots on 7 and 18 both went to Cheryl McDonald. No-one reached the sand on 16.

The overall scratch winners for the Championships were Cheryl McDonald and Julie Olrich with a total of 356 and the runners-up were Simone Sweeney and Polly Locke with 393.

The overall nett winners were Katie Smith and Kerry Hollis with 293 and the runners up were Lorraine Walshe and Jill Burnell on 297. Nett winners trophy donated by Katie Smith.

Today is the 4BBB Keno qualifier playing for trophies donated by Penny King and Polly Locke.

At the Nineteenth

The New England publican Peter Berry carded a 73 nett to win the monthly stroke medal round last Sunday and collect a trophy donated by Mitch Crawford but only after surviving a countback with Michael Stackman who won the A Grade division of the event.

B Grade went to the overall winner while C Grade was won by Sue Partridge after she registered a 76 nett.

Club Champion Andrew Bowden produced the best scratch score when he recorded a 79 off the stick. Sweepstakes to Tim Beaumont 75, Willy Brennan and Simone Sweeney both on 76. Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus were caressed by Kyle Goodwin (A) Peter Berry (B) and Neil Dark (C). Sharpest shooters at the pins were Pauline Carter (3) and Allan Green (16) while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on both 9 and 18.

In match play Michael Stackman defeated Peter Berry on the 19th after an extra hole was required to decide the issue whereas David Sweeney rounded up Kyle Goodwin 2 and 1.

The putting competition was taken out by Sue Partridge on countback from Miles Archdale and Andrew Bowden after all three players registered 25 putts each.

On the other end of the scale Pauline Carter collected the

coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts after she recorded 33 jabs.

This Sunday the annual Mixed Foursomes Championships is scheduled where Col King is in charge of supplying the prizes for the Mr & Mrs T.C. Fenwicke memorial event.

Bowls

Walcha went down to Uralla 10 - nil, 68 to 38. Teams for next weekend against Glen Innes: Saturday Fred Cameron, Terry Parker, Willie Makeham, Kevin Creighton. Brian Goodwin, Graham Marshall, Barry Kliendienst, Mick Bullen. RJK, Greg Carter, Andrew McGuffog, Eric O'Keefe. 10:45 roll-up, 11 o'clock start.

Dads Army: Ten crew members were present on Thursday afternoon for Dads Army where a game of triples and a game of pairs were played. In the triples Denis Makeham, Geoff Salt and Mick Steep defeated Barry Kliendienst, Peter Hayes and Tony Asmus 21 - 11. The winners led 13 - 9 after 11 ends but then scored 8 - 2 over the remaining 5 ends.

Noel Goodwin and John Watts defeated Mick Bullen and Warwick Hogan 28 - 10 in their big win which they scored a 6 and a 5. Noel and John won the chooks and the raffle was won by Max Holstein

Tennis

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Eskimo Comp starting on Tues 30 August. Nominations must be in by Friday 26 August. It will be an individual score graded doubles comp played on Tuesday nights starting at 6.30pm sharp and will run over four weeks. Names to Hyde 0427 780 391, Trev 0459 799 119 or post on our Facebook page.

We are asking for expressions of interest in a Tennis Community Play Program for Children aged 5-12 years designed to improve their Tennis skills. It will run on Saturday mornings starting Term 4. Names to Emma Wauch 0429 958 881 or Hyde Thomson 0427780391.

The next club meeting Monday 12 September at 6.30pm.



Funeral Notice

NAYLOR: Beryl "Linda"
5th August 2022

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A Funeral Service to be held at St Andrews Anglican Church, Walcha Thursday, 18th August 2022 commencing at 2pm. Followed by burial at the Walcha General Cemetery.

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The Walcha Men's Shed is currently organising an official opening together with some Open Days for the community, however, in the mean time if you would like to have a look through the facility just visit us on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and you will be made most welcome.

Walcha Council
DISABILITY INCLUSION
ACTION PLAN –
Public Exhibition until
25 August 2022



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

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What is Cyberbullying and what can I do about it?

By Fiona McCormack

Cyberbullies use the internet and social media to embarrass, upset, scare, or exclude a person. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

If you are being bullied online, you can take some steps to help stop the bullying. The first thing is to take a screenshot of the bullying post. The next is to block calls and texts from the bully. It is best not to respond to the bullying as it is the attention the bully wants.

If the bullying continues. Report the bullying to your child's school and show them the saved proof. The school will develop a plan to help alleviate the bullying. If the bullying endures then you should take your complaint, with evidence, to the Police and it will be dealt with through the courts.

Another support is to put the computer in a high-traffic area of the house. This allows you to monitor their activity without issue. It is better not to confiscate their mobile phones and internet access. This will make them less likely to speak to you about their problems, as they will be afraid you will take away an important social outlet for them.

Bullying harassment takes away security and safety and it makes the person feel vulnerable. It is important to provide a safe place for them to talk about what has happened.



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