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## Party time for Paperdolls

The party hats are out, balloons are filled, and party horns are sounding to herald the eighth birthday of Paperdolls House this week.

And what a party it will be with the store absolutely bursting with clothing and giftware. "Our sale room is overflowing with giftware that has prices slashed, as well as taking 60% off winter fashions for one week, starting today," owner Janelle Archdale said. So it is the perfect opportunity to get something to spoil Dad for Father's Day, and to put some goodies away for Christmas!

Janelle thinks back to when she opened the store on 29 August 2014, with around four tables of giftware and some racks of clothing. "Now I can't fit anymore in," she laughed!

One of Janelle's customers recently said to her that they can come into the store and buy something for their mother, daughter, husband and themselves. "You certainly couldn't do that when we first started, and it has been wonderful to see the store grow and evolve, which wouldn't have been possible without the support of the local shoppers," Janelle said.

Janelle is proud of the fact that the business attracts people to Walcha. "It gives people another reason to travel to Walcha, and it also gives locals a reason not to go out of town."

With the store now for sale to make way for Janelle's retirement, we asked her what plans she has in store for life post Paperdolls House? "I am really looking forward to spending time with my family," she said.

"I have always worked since I was 18. I had three babies in quick succession and the longest time I have had off is eight months after my third child, so I am at the age and stage of wanting to spend time with my family."

Janelle explained that her mother is now 95<sup>1/2</sup> and her sisters and children all live away, so she is looking forward to freeing up her time to be able to do things with them all.

Getting back on the golf course is also high on Janelle's priority list, as well as spending time in her



garden. "When I first started Paperdolls House I was also Mayor, and there are parts of my garden that I didn't touch for four years, so I can't wait to relax in the garden," she said.

Janelle is extremely grateful to her husband Milo for all of his support over the past eight years in the business. "He has helped me stay on track with his expert fashion advice!"

He might be changing implements from drills and hooks to putting up fences though with Janelle's sights on collecting a menagerie of animals during retirement. "I would love to breed dogs, to have an alpaca and also a donkey, I just love being surrounded by animals."

Janelle thinks back over the eight years and has loved the fact that people feel comfortable coming into the store for a chat and knowing they don't have to buy something. "It's been an absolute pleasure having the store, and even though I am retiring, I'm sure that Paperdolls House will always be in Walcha."

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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

It is amazing how only two weeks ago the paddocks were saturated and now after a few frosts and a couple of nice days the country has dried a little. Springs are oozing water and ducks are still getting bogged in the gullies! The grass is trying to grow, green shoots are everywhere and just like the livestock, everyone has been so much happier with the sunny weather we experienced last week, let's hope this cold, wet front passes through quickly.

I took a trip to Dorrig on the weekend and the New England looks all the same, short, wet and the livestock look like they have had a long winter. The country is going to bounce in the spring and come away with the heat which I think is why we are seeing some renewed interest back in the cattle market. The EYCI finished last week at 1014c/kg, that's a staggering 129c/kg jump in just 3 weeks since the end of July. The EYCI has recovered over 50% of the loss we saw in the dramatic slide during June and July. Primarily this has been driven due to the lack of supply throughout August, nearly halving throughout the eastern seaboard compared to totals during July. AuctionsPlus numbers sunk to a 27 month low last week and we saw evidence of some sales selling well above reserves due to the lack of numbers. Feeder cattle have been slower than young cattle to regain the ground that was lost during the same period, but it would also make sense as grain fed export plants close between December/January and prefer not to be purchasing 100 day grain fed cattle at present. I think we will see the feeder market continue to get stronger as we head into spring with producers holding feeder cattle back to get as much weight into them as the grids will allow and the season continues.

A couple of weeks ago I spoke about labour shortages throughout the Agricultural sector and now new data has been released stating that the sector is short 172,000 workers which I still think could be under estimated. This massive labour shortage can only mean one thing, increased cost of living pressures. Farmers are currently make difficult choices not to plant some crops as they can't guarantee labour for harvest. The government needs to get on the front foot and get suitable overseas workers on the ground here to stem the worker shortage. I do believe if retirees are able to work and would like to do so, that the government need to be able to allow them to do so without affecting their pension or super schemes. After all, if you are more than capable of working, why not if the desire is to do so.

Bull sales are still in full swing and values haven't taken a backwards step by any means. Highrent Angus held its second annual sale last Friday with 100% clearance, averaging over \$12,000 and topping at \$25,000 for a yearling bull. Ben Nevis Angus will be the last local bull sale on the 7th September with 90 bulls up for grabs, do yourself a favour and go inspect this exceptional lineup of young bulls. An elite Wagyu seedstock sale last week sold 17 elite females to average \$99,853 a head, with a single female topping at a whopping \$270,000. Eight bulls sold to an average of \$62,813 topping at \$105,000, talk about confidence in an industry.

Tamworth yarded just over 700 cattle on Monday with market trends responding to higher demand with some categories experiencing strong gains due to breed and quality. Angus steers to restock consigned from Barraba sold to a top of 734c/kg, yearling heifers sold to a top of 580c/kg. Feeder steers sold to a top of 584c/kg, heavy kill heifers sold to 458c/kg for 616kg while cows passed the 400c/kg mark again selling to a top of 418c/kg for 680kg.

Tamworth yarded 4800 sheep and lambs in a market that saw prices ease by at least \$20-30/hd, lambs topped at \$208 for 68kg+. Demand from processors was quoted as being weak in the mutton section resulting in cheaper trends.



# Moona gets prepared

Braving chilly August winds at the gravel pit on Rowley's Creek Road, the Moona community recently came together to chat over a cuppa about how they can be better prepared in an emergency and bridge the gap between emergency services and the community.

It was a good start to the 'Let's Be Prepared Moona' 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.

The community took the opportunity to update a Moona district map, plotting the location of residential dwellings and other information that would be important in an emergency. When completed, a copy of this map will be laminated and provided to each of the emergency services in Walcha including the SES, RFS, NSW Fire and Rescue, Police and Ambulance. Attendees also provided their information for the community emergency contact list which will be vital in an emergency. They were given a handout on what happens when calling 000 and also a list of important telephone numbers of who else to contact in various situations when help is needed. This also included the location of the nearest evacuation centre and a list of helpful APPS such as Emergency + and Fires Near Me NSW. To identify and share exact locations vital in an emergency, the What3words APP divides the world into 3m squares and identifies each of these squares by a unique combination of 3 words.

A representative from the NSW Rural Fire Service, Steve Carmichael, was in attendance and shared important information about the upcoming changes to the Australian Fire Danger Rating System which will be rolled out from 1 September 2022. This is part of a national project led by the NSW RFS. Steve also brought to light the new Fire Permit requirements.

Moona residents, Tess Johnstone and Dale Webber, are co-ordinating the 'Let's Be Prepared Moona' initiative and are happy to answer any questions the community may have. A Facebook page will be coming soon which will provide a channel for communication and updates on the progress of the project.

Thank you to the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, Resilience NSW, Walcha Council, HealthWISE and the NSW Rural Fire Service for supporting this community-based initiative.

For more information: NSW Rural Fire Service: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/newfdr](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/newfdr)

Moona Community Contacts: Dale Webber 6777 8191 or Tess Johnstone 0402 217 360, or get in touch by email: [moonawalcha@gmail.com](mailto:moonawalcha@gmail.com)

# Mayoral column

## OXLEY HIGHWAY CLOSURE

Following a meeting between our General Manager Barry Omundson, Director Infrastructure Phil Hood and myself two weeks ago with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to the constant closure of the Oxley Hwy in an area we term "the mountain" we were given some bad news. The constant heavy rain following drought and bushfires has caused major damage to the road. I believe we came away from the meeting feeling that TfNSW is doing everything they can to minimise the impact to Walcha and businesses that rely on this route. The bulk of the work that can be done from the lower side of the road has been done and the remaining work will need to be performed from the roadway. This will require the complete closure of the road due to machinery on the road and workers being suspended over the edge. They were very receptive to trying to make access easier on Fridays to allow tourist access to the coast for weekends and to fit in on our motorcycle weekend.

A quicker fix would be ideal, but it's

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"What the council has done, is doing and what it expects of the developer"

**Mark Foggarty** - Lawyer, Bushtricity

"Disabling Social Licence" - the NSW planning process explaining the EIS process and what WALCHA can do

**Karen Zirkler** - Kentucky Farmer & Community Member

"Living in an EIS environment : What the community is doing, has done"

**Peter Barton** - Wellington Farmer & Community Member

"A conversation of what large scale renewables look like and the impact on community five years on"

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### OXLEY HIGHWAY CLOSURE

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also understandable that the focus of the repairs to transport links has been shifted to areas around Lismore and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Rivers systems which in some places don't yet have access. At this stage closures will be:

- 13 September to 6 October CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7am to 4pm.
- 11 October to 16 December CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7am to 4:30pm AND Friday 7am to 3pm.

It will be open on 17 and 18 November for the Motorcycle Rally.

No closure is ideal, but the longer it is delayed the longer until the work is completed. Apparently they have to drill horizontally into the road base and place ties and grout to hold the reinforcement in place. An engineer can probably give you a more technical answer here but hopefully you understand the issue. When I visited the site last year Pablo the Project Manager explained that when the road was originally built that most of the outer lane was just the excess material from the cut that worked well for a long time, but heavier vehicles and changes in risk require a more substantial solution. The tough part of this is that this work will not be completed until mid 2025.

TfNSW have committed to keeping us up-to-date on any changes. Hopefully Live Traffic can be tweaked to give motorists better information, and of course these timelines are weather dependent.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

I alluded to the Energy Corporation and Department Planning and Environment (DPE) in last weeks column and hopefully those interested have read the press release in relation to it. Many may know that Energy Co are tasked with building the New England Renewable Energy Zone. This basically takes in the Council areas of Walcha, Armidale, Inverell, Uralla and Glen Innes, but reaching into other neighbouring Councils. Much of their scope is the transmission of the electricity to connect with the current grid. The urgency to build renewable energy projects to replace ageing coal fired generation, I believe sees many communities struggling to keep up with the pace of this change. It appears Walcha will be in the middle of this expansion, both with projects and transmission.

The Wednesday 24 August meeting (today) at 12:30pm at the Walcha Bowling Club, and organised by Energy Co offers an opportunity to learn and ask questions around what is coming and the impacts it will have on our community. With the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Winterbourne Wind project nearing release from the DPE and going on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days it gives community members the chance to be part of the process through a submission. DPE will attend to explain this process. In the words of Molly Meldrum "do yourself a favour" and engage in this process. There is always a lot of conjecture around what is happening so you won't get a better opportunity to engage with those in the know. Just register and ask a question if you have one, on the link in the press release.

The following week 31 August, which has also been advertised in the Apsley Advocate, is an information forum, once again around renewable energy and its impacts. Focused more on a local level it will also be a good opportunity to understand and discuss these projects moving forward.

### COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

In light of the of what could be a changing environment around renewable energy projects for Walcha, Council is engaging with as many councils having been and currently being impacted by these projects as possible. The first is New England Renewable Energy Zone Councils, instigated by Mayor of Armidale Regional Council, Sam Coupland, and centres on State Government mandating the Community Contribution Fee, Decommissioning Bond and Demonstrated Authentic Community Engagement.

The second, which has been instigated by Walcha Council is the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM). The added purpose of this group is to engage with other councils who have experienced renewable energy projects come to their Local Government Area. The information coming out of this group will assist in the writing of effective Road Infrastructure Agreements, traffic management, water requirements, and all other infrastructure issues. On top of this we hope to gain a better understanding of social impacts including accommodation, short term population increase and community sentiment. Both groups will hopefully give us better advocacy with Government.

### OFFICE CHANGES

Anyone who has visited the Council Office over the last month will have noticed the changes to the front office. Easier access to Service NSW and seeing a smiling face as you walk in the front door gives a more welcoming feel. With limited space to work with I believe it's a great outcome for customers. The funding for this came from a grant from Service NSW and came at no cost to Council.



# Remembering Justin

The King family gathered in Walcha over the weekend to farewell Justin, one year on from his passing.

COVID restrictions didn't allow for funeral gatherings last year, so the family celebrated Justin's life over the weekend with a number of events. Saturday saw family photos in the morning before the kick off between Walcha and Barraba at Peter Fenwicke oval where Justin's family and friends gathered to watch the game and reminisce over drinks.

The evening saw the King family celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Church before a family function at the Showground.



*Pictured above from left granddaughter Sally Plunkett, Heidi Cathels, Justin's grandsons Jack and Toby King, and Xavier Plunkett.*

*Left: Matt Onslow and Julian King relive old times.*

*Below: Guy Lord with Toby King, Eliza Yarnold and Peter King.*



*Left: Family enjoying a meal at the Showground.*

*Below left: Polly Locke, Judy Plunkett and Andrew Crawford catch up at the rugby.*

*Below: Lena King with Sue Fortescue, Ange Berry and Amy Sutherland.*





# Rolling in the dollars for the chopper

Walcha's Westpac Rescue Helicopter Volunteer Support Group teamed up with the Bowling Club on Sunday for a huge Bowls Fun Day which saw over 70 people take to the greens all for a good cause raising \$5039 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

"We would like to extend a big thank you to the Bowling Club for hosting this day and for the invaluable help which was provided by them leading up to and on the day, along with their very generous donation," Secretary, Olive Chandler said.

"We are also very appreciative of the Lady Bowlers for their help on the day and a very generous donation."

What a day it was with bowls going where they should be and paths they've probably never travelled before, followed by lots of chatter and laughter, all under a beautiful sunny sky.

"To our wonderful community for supporting the day with their presence and donations, and the wider communities of Uralla and Armidale for coming along to enjoy the day, thank you," Olive said.

The day could also not have been possible without the assistance from Anne, Margaret and Alice from the Commonwealth Bank for volunteering their time; as well as Di and Cheryl for allowing the use of the kitchen; and Tony, Pam, Debbie and Noel.

To the following for their generous donations towards our raffle, a huge thank you:

Peter Norbury Motors 1st Pam Drew, Cross Bros Butchery 2nd Herbert Higgins, Commercial Hotel 3rd Esther Hunt, Paperdolls House 4th Vicki McIvor, King's Guardian Pharmacy 5th Coll King, and Hazel Cameron 6th Margie Carter.

The Volunteer Support Group recently held their AGM with their executive for 2022 elected:

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There is no pressure to participate in the session, you can just come along and listen and ask your questions.

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# Encouraging newborns to enjoy books

From Cassie McKenna

Walcha Council's Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in all children. To support the mums and dads out there, and connect with the newest additions to our community, the 'Baby's First Library Bag' program was initiated in 2020 and is about to deliver for the third year running. This is a real community inspired program! With the support and dedication of locals, beautiful handmade library bags were sewn, and baby friendly books and helpful information, has been provided by Walcha Council.

This program is free of charge, and available for all newborns in and around Walcha. Child and Family Health nurses from Walcha Health Service will continue to assist in the delivery of these bags to all new babies born in the Walcha district.

Through this program, we wanted to give families an opportunity to teach baby about communication, introduce new concepts in a fun way, and build on listening, memory, and vocabulary skills and to give baby information about the world around them. The information provided will also help care givers to feel supported in their parenthood journey.

Through this program, the library also extends a welcome to all new members, and encourages baby and caregivers to join and visit, especially for Storytime and Baby Book Time. It is wonderful to see so many people contributing to this community driven initiative with the Walcha Council Library. Library Services Coordinator Cassie McKenna would like to thank all the generous volunteers who have sewn and donated the beautiful bags, as without them the program wouldn't be so special. The library can be contacted on 67742550 for any enquiries relating to this program.



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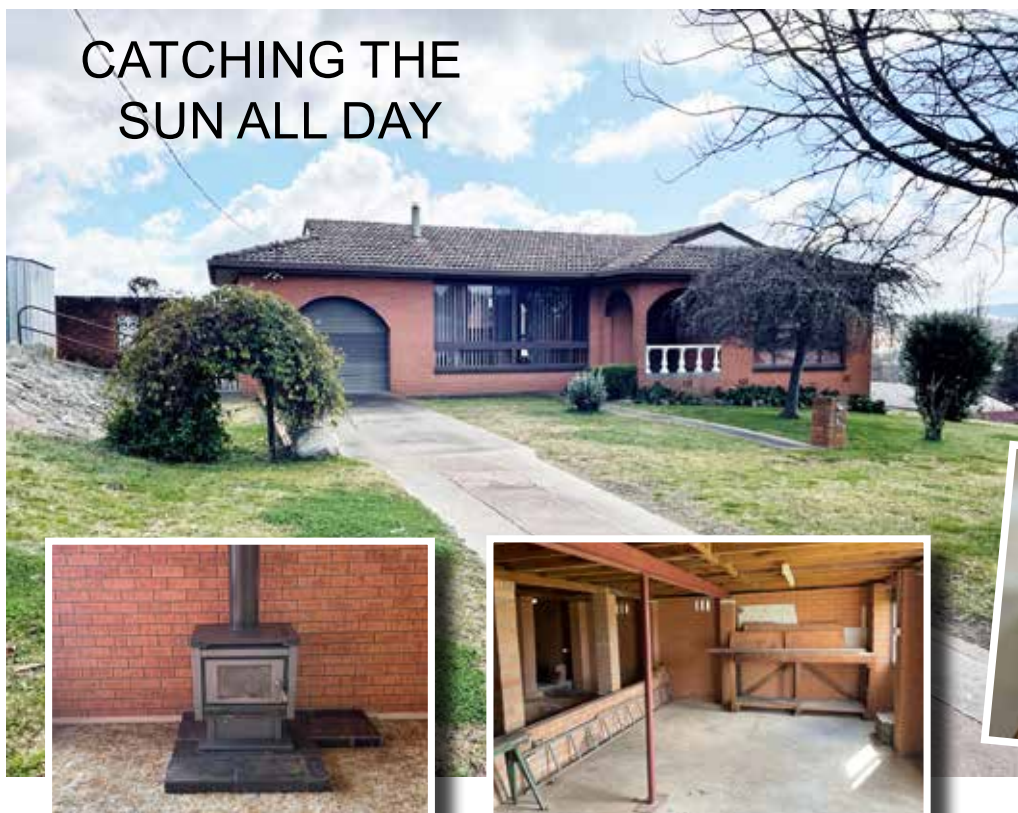
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- 👉 To Jess and Meg at Community Care for a fantastic trip to Tamworth for shopping. The drivers were terrific.
- 👉 To our Council Gardeners keeping our CBD looking nice
- 👉 To the new Service NSW area in the Walcha Council office.

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## Grants to realise big ideas for agriculture from young rural innovators

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### Who can apply?

The Science Awards support young innovators, scientists, researchers, extension officers, industry advisers and others actively engaged in the agriculture sector who have an original project that will contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of Australia's agriculture industries.

### What are the Award categories?

There are 12 industry award categories: adoption ready innovation and technology; biosecurity and digital innovation; cotton; eggs and poultry (layers); fisheries and aquaculture; forest and wood products; grains; horticulture; pork; red meat processing; viticulture and oenology; and wool.

Each category includes a \$22,000 grant.

### How do I apply?

Log in to GrantConnect and search for GO5686 for more information and the link to apply online.

### When do applications close?

Applications close 5pm AEST Friday 23 September 2022.

## What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Both the Walcha Jillaroos and Rams let their hair down after finalizing their playing seasons with Silly Saturday and Sunday respectively last weekend. Well done to both clubs for keeping footy alive in Walcha. Good on ya Guys.

**Congratulations to local gymnast Iona Stanton** on being crowned North West Level 10 Artistic Gymnastics Champion following a competition at Armidale recently. Iona placed 1st on floor vault and bars along with 2nd on Beam which gained her 1st overall and Level 10 Regional Champion for 2022. Way to go Iona.

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**Walcha/Uralla Tigeroos fullback Shuaib Rhodes-Swain** was rewarded for his outstanding season when he was named Group 19 A Grade Rookie of the Year when the Group held their presentations night at Inverell last week. Great to see both the Walcha and Uralla Clubs represented at the prize giving evening. Great effort Shuaib.

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**The Walcha/Uralla presentation night** will be held 23rd September at the Uralla Golf Club kicking off at 6.30ish. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a main meal and dessert. Payment can be made at the Uralla Rugby League Football Club. BSB: 932000 A/C 100063092. Please put your full name as a reference. The dress code is Cocktail.

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**During a recent round of golf director of the Club Miles Archdale** received a surprise on the 14th hole when after hitting his ball out of long grass he could only find half the ball. On investigation the half ball didn't belong to Miles and his was still positioned where he originally hit it to. Surely Milo wasn't penalized for his minor indiscretion? The best way to find out is ask the man himself.

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**The weekly 777's competition at the New England Hotel** has been going for quite a while now where punters are invited to attempt selecting the winner of race 7 in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne each Saturday. Up until the other day tipsters have just written down the number of their selections but Oxley Drive resident Billy Cameron changed all that when he decided to write down the name of the horses as well. Unfortunately for Billy it still didn't help.

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**On the subject of the Newie** they are once again sponsoring the annual Workplace Challenge 3 person Ambrose to be held this Sunday from 10.30am. After registering any team that can find another team to go around with are invited to commence playing straight away. Final registrations by 11am please. Come on grab a couple of mates for an entertaining day out.

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**Bowling Club barperson Rebecca Taiki** received an interesting text message not long back, which read 'Hi Bec is it possible for you to fit me in ... hair cut and colour please' which prompted the following reply from 'Ruby' 'No problems Toni, I don't know how good I'll be though, I've only ever cut my dogs hair before. Happy to have a go though. I think you've got the wrong Bec,' signed off with a smiley face. Toni who is associated with the Royal Cafe countered with a few smiley faces of her own followed with OMG!!

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**With two rounds of footy tipping remaining** the respective leaders are Newie - Ben Little 268 'Filbert' Green 264, Johnny O'Hara 262, 'Paddles' Chandler 260; Apsley - Neil G.P. 256, Ian Cameron 252, AJC 248, Riley Swift Bird 242, Carly Goodwin 240; BC - Tommy LeStrande 270, Gerry Moran 260, Jenny Haslem 258 & Kev Creighton 256.



## Busy time for Walcha Gun Club members



Left: John Lisle, Archie Davidson and Bill Fletcher at the recent meet .

Right: Lyster Hart President of the Richmond River Gun Club with Archie Davidson



Walcha Gun Club shooters recently travelled to Lismore to shoot with other clay target clubs in the Northern Zone of NSW.

Archie Davidson was very successful over the weekend with Overall first in the handicap event B Grade. He was also first in the pointscore event, B Grade Hi Gun and making the three person Northern Zone Junior team. Archie is the grandson of locals Bruce and Margaret Davidson.

John Lisle the Gun Club's very reliable groundsman was also successful, making the

veterans three person Northern Zone team. These teams will compete against all the other NSW Zones at the NSW titles to be held at Wagga Wagga over the long weekend in October.

The September shoot is the second Saturday of the month, starting at 9.30am at the grounds on Bergen Road. All welcome to come and have a go. Follow the Walcha Gun Club on facebook. This months shoot was sponsored by ETE Services.

### 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 0427 780 391. The next club meeting Monday 12 September at 6.30pm.

### Bowls

Dads Army: On a fine sunny Thursday afternoon fourteen players rolled up for Dads Army. This allowed for two games of pairs and a game of triples. Two easy wins in the pairs game while the triples was a little closer.

In the first game Barry Hoad and Mark Hogan defeated Mick Bullen and Geoff Salt and in the second the chook winners Noel Goodwin and Neil Dark were ten point winners over Tony Asmus and Peter Hayes.

The triples - Brian Goodwin, John Watts and Barry Kliendienst defeated Eric O'Keefe, John McCormack and Warwick Hogan 13-6.

Raffles won by Max Holstein and John Watts.

### Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday eight lady bowlers attended and they played two games of pairs with the results being Debbie and Janice d Veronica and Jan 21-9. The other game - June and Wendy d Esther and Marg Tickle 19-9.

Our Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday and the following executives for the 22-23 year are: Patron Jean Cross, President Debbie Richards, Vice President Phyllis Hoy, Secretary Pam Makeham, Treasurer Marg Tickle. Match Committee June Hayes ,Phyllis Hoy, Lyn Burnell and Wendy Moore.

### Wednesdays Golf

Last Wednesday's golf was the NSW Women's 4BBB Ambrose qualifier playing for Penny King and Polly Locke's trophy. The winners on the day were David and Simone Sweeney coming in with a 65 nett.

The Keno winners were Katie Smith and Sally Rutherford, 70 nett. They go on to play the final in Tamworth and the reserve pair will be Penny King and Polly Locke who scored a 70 3/4 nett. The above two pairs were the sweepstake winners. Robyn Salt claimed NTP on Hole 3 and Polly Locke on Hole 16.

Today we are playing stroke, putting, monthly mug, and Golden Jubilee, 5th Medal round for the Presidents trophy.

### At the 19th

The annual Mixed Foursomes Championships were played last Sunday for the Mr and Mrs T C Fenwicke Memorial trophies donated by Col King where David Sweeney and his wife Simone carded 89 off the stick to take out the scratch section of the event.

Runners up were Deon Lawrence and Donna Martin just one stroke off the pace on 90 which equated to the winning nett score of 71<sup>1/2</sup>.

Sweepstakes went to Ross and Penny King 72, Miles Archdale and Polly Locke 74<sup>1/2</sup>. Neil Dark and Rose Baumer 75<sup>1/2</sup>.

An individual event was played in conjunction for players

who couldn't find a mixed partner and it was Drew Bird who collected the chocolates after he accumulated 39 stableford points, which included N.T.P. on the 18th hole. Sharpest shooter at the third pin was Polly Locke.

Last Saturday the weekly 9 hole competition was finally contested for the first time this month due to previous inclement weather where club Secretary Jenny Lisle survived a three way countback with Pauline Carter and Mark Hogan to win the event after compiling 16 stableford points. N.T.P on 3 went to Gary Brennan.

This Sunday is the annual Workplace Challenge to be played under a 3 person Ambrose format from 10.30am where trophies once again will be sponsored by the New England Hotel.

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## Death & Funeral Notices

### **GEGIER: Philip Raymond** 16th August 2022

of Apsley Riverview, Walcha.  
Dearly loved wife of Sheuvauneen.  
Loving father of Heidi and Anna.  
Loved father-in-law and grandfather of their families.

**Aged 81 years**

A private cremation was held.

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### **BLAKE: Heather Elizabeth** 20th August 2022

of "Millbank" Walcha.  
Dearly beloved wife of Keith (Dec).  
Loving mother & mother-in-law of Ross  
& Rebecca, Stuart & Alex and loved  
grandmother of Kimberley, Timothy & Lisa,  
Emily, Stephanie, Anna & Georgie.

**Aged 72 years**

A memorial service of thanksgiving to be held for both Keith & Heather at St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Walcha on Monday 29th August 2022 commencing at 11am.

The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend, the link can be found on Piddingtons website.

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## Death & Funeral Notices

### **TICKLE: Cheryl Anne** 20th August 2022

of Apsley Street, Walcha.  
Dearly loved wife of Graham.  
A loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

**Aged 70 years**

Graveside funeral to be held at the Walcha Beam Cemetery today Wednesday 24th August 2022 commencing at 10.30am.

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## In Memoriam

*Janice Kathleen Simpson*  
**27th August 2021**

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**Tim Sutton** (New England IT) will be unavailable from tomorrow until Mon 5 Sept.

## Meetings

**Yarrowitch Campdraft** AGM & General Meeting Tuesday 6th September 2022, 6pm. At Yarrowitch Hall.

**Walcha Bowling and Recreation Club** AGM will be held at the Club, commencing at 10am on Sunday 18th September 2022.

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To apply, full details are available on Councils website at <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant>.

For further information about the position, please contact Council's Corporate & Finance, Christian Martin on 6774 2500.

Applications close Thursday 8th September 2022.

Barry Omundson, GENERAL MANAGER  
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