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# Blue Tree Project coming to Walcha

Walcha will soon have a blue tree on the outskirts of town thanks to the foresight of young local, Angus Scrivener. "In February this year I saw a Blue Tree on the side of the road and that led to the rest of the drive home talking about mental health and how Walcha should have one of these trees. Since then I have worked with Relationships Australia, Rotary, Walcha Council and several other organisations in and around Walcha to make this possible," Angus

So what is the Blue Tree Project? The idea is to help spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns. By spreading the paint and spreading the message that "it's OK to not be OK", we can help break down the stigma that's still largely attached to mental health.

The Blue Tree Project has flourished into a charity helping change the way we talk about mental health after Jayden Whyte took his own life in 2018. The blue trees now dotted across Australia and other parts of the world, with 829 at last count. They act as beacons of hope and conversation starters.

"I am delighted to announce that on Saturday 10 September between 11am and 1pm we are inviting everyone from Walcha to join me at Ohio North Road Rest Stop (on the way to Uralla on the right just before John Oxley Oval) for the community event of painting a tree blue," Angus commented. There will be kids activities as well as a BBQ operating, with all welcome to the event.

"Walcha has over the past five years experienced a wave of disasters, both natural and social, loss, grief and tragedy and that's why I've worked to do this. I would like The Blue Tree Project to be a symbol of our community's strength and resilience to openly talk about mental wellness and awareness. It's an important project that promotes an even more important agenda," Angus said.





Angus can be contacted for more information on bluetreewalcha@gmail.com. Or simply turn up on the day with your enthusiasm and painting clothes to join in.

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# around the traps 😝



### By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

I think the story is rain, rain and more rain this spring and summer if the forecasts are on target. That may be interesting in some areas where it is already sodden to the point of no return. Just getting around to check on livestock has become very difficult in some country, and if you are trying to supplement your livestock with some hay or grain, it is nearly impossible. I was walking around one hilly paddock last week, because it was too wet to take a vehicle and the cattle have cut it up so badly in softer patches that it will be a long time before we can take any sort of vehicle across those areas. The cattle have been put in the hilly country because it is harder and less likely to get boggy. You can only imagine what it is like for someone with a lot of lower country where the water is sitting on top. Spring is just a couple of days away and on the moisture side of the equation it will be one of the best starts to spring we have seen, but what is really required is some sunshine.

I have been talking to people around the central west and they are having the same trouble, trying to keep livestock out of the mud. The country is beyond saturated, and livestock have done it tough this winter. One grazier was saying they have had some cattle losses where they simply don't have enough quality in the feed to keep them going and they can't get near mobs to feed them. A media report down there last week highlighted the problem and said there had been significant losses reported across the central tablelands. That is one expense you don't want.

The problem for the grain farmers out that way will undoubtedly be drying out the country in time for harvest. Many farmers have had to replant cereal crops as the first planting drowned. You must hope for those farmers that they get a good result with the second attempt. On the other side of the coin, it must be better this way than having a rip roaring drought. We have done that.

Livestock markets have been on a ride that would frighten most if it was a roller coaster. The sheep and lamb market has fallen off a cliff a few weeks ago, to come back just as suddenly and then fall again. The cattle market has been less volatile but has seen significant price movements as well over a short space of time. There have been a number of reasons for this volatility put forward and they all seem reasonable, but it if you were a livestock producer it makes marketing your stock very difficult. It is a tough day when you send your stock to market and get a phone call to tell you the market was off by \$50 for a lamb or 30c/kg for a cow. It is even harder to swallow when the next week they recover much of that loss. At one point the market was being spooked by all the publicity around Foot and Mouth, which is reasonable given the risk and dollars involved. The market is also struggling with productivity issues in processing plants with workers unable to attend work because of COVID restrictions. You can only imagine what it is like for the processors when they have no idea how many staff are going to be on deck from day to day. It is a nightmare for them. Hopefully we are now coming out the other side of this latest variant of the Omicron wave, but who knows where this will end? We have been told on several occasions that the end of the epidemic is in sight, but right now that moment seems a long way off.

Next Wednesday the Boulton's stockies will be conducting the Ben Nevis annual bull sale with around 80 bulls on offer. There is a great line up of both yearling and 18 month old autumn drop bulls on offer stamped with that typical quality of the Ben Nevis herd. I really commend anyone looking for bulls to have a look at these cattle. It is one of the last bull sales to be held in the northern region and a great opportunity to buy local acclimatised cattle. We all know how passionate Erica and Stu Halliday are about their cattle.

To date the bull sales have been amazing from north to south with a lot of sales having averages over \$20,000. The highlight for me is the strength right through the catalogue with any sales I have had a look at. By that I mean there are not many bulls selling above \$40,000 and not many selling much below \$12,000. The vast majority of the bulls are selling between \$16,000 and \$25,000 which highlights an appetite for replacement bulls like we have never seen. It seems to me that a lot of producers have held off buying surplus bulls and have now got to the point they need to buy replacement bulls. It has surprised me how many people I have spoken with from all areas who this year require half a dozen bulls as opposed to the normal 1 or 2 and with that in mind it will be interesting to see where the national herd numbers have grown to by the middle of next year.

# The Lucky Black Cat visits Walcha

Bill Duncan from Walcha Newsagency is so excited for one of their loyal customers who pocketed \$101,000 last week when they won a prize in the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot.

A generous Walcha man can't wait to share the love and spoil his family following his win in the guaranteed first prize of \$100,000 in Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot draw 10655, drawn last Tuesday 23 August.

As well as winning the first prize, the Walcha resident also won a consolation prize of \$1,000, bolstering his windfall to \$101,000.

Straight after the draw, an official from The Lott reached out to the man, who was going about his day completely oblivious to his life-enhancing prize.

"Wow, that's pretty exciting!" he laughed. "Thank you so much. One hundred and one thousand dollars? How good!"

"I've been playing for more than 30 years. While it's not the jackpot prize, I'm still pretty happy!

"It goes to show that you have to be in it for your chance to win it! I'll have

to tell a few family members today but try to keep it on the down low!

"I know I'll help my family and pay off some bills. It's a nice boost!"

His winning entry of 10 consecutive numbers was purchased at Walcha Newsagency.

"We're overjoyed to have sold a first prize winning entry in Lucky Lotteries! It's the first time we've sold a major prize in the game," Newsagency owner, Bill Duncan said

"We've been here for only two and a half years, This win is the start of many more!

"Congratulations to the local man, and we wish him all the best with his prize!"

Last financial year, Australia's official lotteries contributed more than \$1.5 billion via state lottery taxes and donations to help community initiatives, such as hospitals, health research, disaster relief and education.





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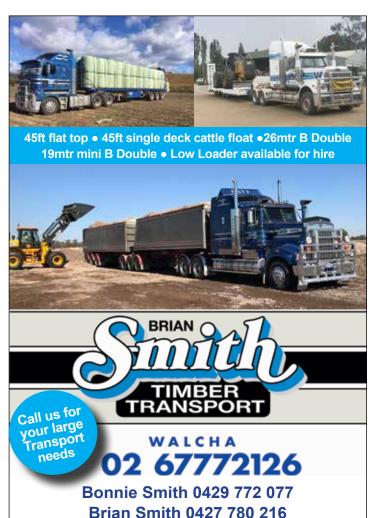
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# letters to the editor

# Get informed and educated on renewables in Walcha

I generally avoid the limelight when it comes to my personal position on divisive interests, but after attending the NSW Farmers Renewable Energy Forum last week — I'm absolutely horrified by what's approaching. For the record, I am definitely in favour of renewables, however I'm frustrated at the lack of 'real' planning shown, given that it seems the NSW Government has already decided we're getting a "huge amount" (their words) of renewable projects in our area — whether we like it or not.

It was also pretty apparent that the well polished Government representatives had no real idea about Walcha – the EnergyCo rep was surprised to learn that Walcha was at 1060 metres – and the Dept of Planning rep essentially gave us his 'Armidale' presentation (heavily based on solar projects) and indicated that they'd had "loads of meetings in Armidale" – pretty sure we're not Armidale ... During the forum the New England was often referred to (quite flatly) as "such a large area" and our town and surrounds was seemingly renamed simply "the area in the bottom corner" of the REZ (Renewable Energy Zone) map, and "that area" was being heavily earmarked for renewables that, based on the numbers quoted, could be over 1,000 wind towers and a seemingly endless maze of new powerlines. To be honest, it felt very reminiscent of the dismissive language used in the past council amalgamation discussions, only difference now is that we're not a united community and the stakes are much higher.

Whether you're for, against or indifferent to the renewable projects in our area, I implore you to get informed and educated – please if you can, come along to the Community Forum (tonight 5.30pm at the Bowlo), go to Department of Planning website and talk to the various wind projects developers in our area. Be assured this **WILL** change Walcha, whether it's the divisions in the community, or the changing landscape, it will have an effect.

**Kate Durack** 

# Government representatives explain renewables in Walcha

NSW Farmers hosted a Renewable Energy Zone forum last Wednesday at the Bowling Club which brought together community members and Government bodies to discuss the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) which encompasses Walcha and district.

Around 60 people were in attendance with the afternoon split into two sessions with the first speaker, Mike Young, the Executive Director of Planning and Communities from Energy Corporation of NSW.

### What is Energy Corporation responsible for?

- They lead the design, delivery and co-ordination of NSW Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's)
- Renewable Energy Zones in NSW are targeted to provide 12GW of power which is equivalent to 2 – 3 coal fired power stations
- Design and deliver transmission lines

### **NSW Government Energy Transition Plan**

Mike explained that five coal fired power stations presently provide 75-80% of the state's electricity. They are scheduled to close by 2033. He also said that the transmission lines do not have enough capacity and at present they aren't located near the REZ's where the electricity will be produced, so the Government is looking at developing a new network of transmission lines as well as utilising the current network.

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# Kids Games for all school ages in the holidays

From September 27 to 30 there will be FREE school holiday programs for children in school years K-10. Run by Walcha Anglican andf Presbyterian churches, along with a team of helpers from Sydney, Kids Games and Walcha Jumanji Games will be on each day, 9.30am -12.30pm.

Kids Games Egyptian Adventure is for school years K-4 at the Anglican Church Hall in South Street. Walcha Jumanji Games is for school years 5-10 at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Hill Street.

The programs introduce kids and youth to Christ Jesus as we meet him in the Bible, and include games, craft, hobbies and morning tea.

Registrations are now open and can be done using Registration QR codes on either church's Facebook pages. For a printed registration form or more information please contact Ben France, Walcha Anglican Church 6777 2543 or Graham Barnes, Walcha Presbyterian Church 6777 2539.



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# Annual Land and Stock Returns close today

Have you submitted your 2022 Annual Land and Stock Return yet?

The online portal closes 31 August. That's your last chance to complete your return, to ensure Local Land Services knows if you have livestock on your property.

We rely on this data when emergencies like floods or bushfires occur, and it's crucial we know where stock are kept in the event of a biosecurity outbreak to help protect our agricultural industries.

Local Land Services CEO Steve Orr said with the current risk of footand-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease, completing your return has never been more important.

"During August we're running more than 40 Emergency Animal Disease information sessions right across the state to help landholders and livestock producers understand their biosecurity responsibilities, how to identify emergency animal diseases like foot-and-mouth or lumpy skin disease and how their vigilance can help protect our agricultural sector," he said.

"Completing your Annual Land and Stock Return is an important part of meeting your biosecurity responsibilities and paints a statewide picture of farm animal numbers we rely on when disaster strikes. It also helps us with planning and resourcing so that we can deliver our services where they are needed most.

"We have upgraded the online portal with a fast and secure new form to save you time when submitting your data – or if you can't access our online services, there's still time to post back your return."

Submitting your Annual Land and Stock Return is just as important for landholders who don't own livestock.

"By letting us know you don't have any livestock you can save money on your Local Land Services rates next year," said Mr Orr.

"Livestock owners are charged an Animal Health rate and Meat Industry Levy. If you don't have any livestock, please still complete your return and tick 'no livestock' - then this additional rate will not be applied to your next rates notice."

We appreciate the more than 80,000 landholders across the state who have already completed their returns this year.

It's easy and quick to do online via our dedicated web hub: http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/alsr.

Don't forget to submit your return by Wednesday, 31 August – it could help you avoid additional fees and levies being applied to your rates.

# A great morning at Walcha Central School

Last Friday fathers, grandfathers, uncles and friends enjoyed delicious pancakes, bacon and egg sandwiches as well as a hot cuppa at the Walcha Central School's Shed Breakfast. Mums, grandmothers and aunties also attended.

After the breakfast students proudly showed off their classrooms and their work to parents. The much awaited Book Character Parade was a great success with lots of interesting costumes. The teachers also had some fun getting into the swing of things with more fantastic costumes.













Children were very excited to have visitors at the school and to show their work too.







A colourful parade of characters. Can you pick the favourite book characters the students have chosen?









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# Government explains plans for electricity generation in Walcha area

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### **New England Renewable Energy Zone**

- Of the five REZ's in NSW, the New England REZ will be by far the largest.
- The New England REZ will be required to generate 8GW of transfer capacity. Generation will be larger, and could even be double 8GW (16GW) to guarantee 8GW of transferred energy to the grid.
- Within the New England REZ there is already wind generation at White Rock and Sapphire in the Glen Innes area (approx. 80-100 towers at each). Solar farms are being built in Uralla and Walcha has been earmarked for wind generation. Mike said that approx. 60% of generation in the New England will be from wind farms. He also said that the southern part of the NE REZ (Walcha) "I suspect will have higher generation than other parts of the New England because of its proximity to the grid in the Hunter Valley."
- Mike explained that the NSW Government is responsible for transmission (poles and wires). The Government builds the transmission network and there is a cost to the generator to hook into the transmission lines. To compensate communities affected by the transmission lines, the NSW Government has a Community Benefit Scheme. This is completely separate to any Benefit Schemes that developers may be offering hosts, neighbours or Councils. The new transmission network is in the planning stage currently and is expected to be released by the end of this year.

Following a question and answer session with Energy Corporation, Matthew Riley, Director of Energy and Resources Policy at NSW Department of Planning made a presentation.

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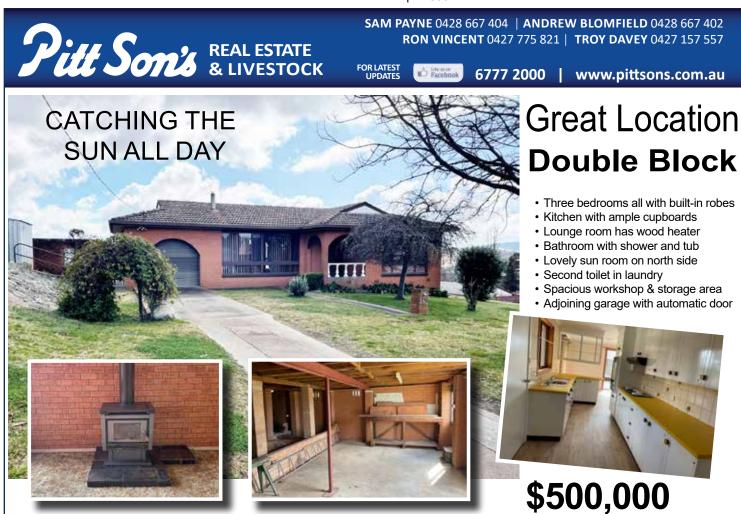
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In the question and answer session following the presentation, Charlie Koebel asked the question about when a landholder finds out about where the towers will be? The Government representatives commented, "If you're nearby they should consult with you early, let you know where they will be and take you to existing sites." (With the same sized towers). They also recommended people signing up to the NSW Planning Portal where you are able to see all projects that have been submitted.

The issue of Decommissioning Towers was discussed. "The Department requires the land to be returned to its former condition. It is a joint responsibility with the land owner and developer." When asked about what happens if the developer declares themselves bankrupt, "The Development Consent runs with the land, so in this case it would be the land owner," the Government representatives explained.

New transmission is expected within the next 5 – 6 years they explained. The number of turbines are yet to be determined, but calculations could be up to 800 or more in our area.





Congratulations to a couple of former Walcha golfers on their performances at the local Lawyer and Conveyancer Kew Country Club 2022 Pro-Am last week. In a three way tie A.J. Brennan finished equal with Corey Lamb and Brett Rankin as leading professionals after carding three under par totals of 67.

**Builder Jarryd Bird** not only won the amatuer scratch score of the event, but he also was a member of the four player combination who took out the teams event with Reid Brown, Blake Proverbs and Tommy Bateman. Well done AJ and Jarryd.

Best of luck to a couple of Walcha Roos, Brody Smith and Fraser Evans, when they line up for the Denman Devils in the Group 21 Rugby League Grand Final against minor premiers Scone this Sunday. Brody is the smallest front rower in the Group while Fraser, who also plays prop, made his return from a broken ankle in the major semifinal against Scone a couple of weeks ago. Denman defeated Greta Branxton 38-10 in the Preliminary Final last Sunday, but will need to be right on their game against Scone after the Devils were belted 68-6 the last time the two teams played each other.

**Narwan Rugby League Club** were up to their old tricks when they defeated the Moree Boomerangs 22-20 in the Group 19 Grand Final last weekend, after trailing 20-16 with a minute remaining on the clock. Eels player Duane Button then crashed over to score a try next to the posts before Mark Walker sealed the deal with his successful conversion attempt.

No doubt the result will bring back some old memories, sadly unpleasant for some from 39 years ago when Narwan scored a try with just 23 seconds left on the clock to defeat the Walcha Roos here at 'The Park' in 1983. That was the only time we were behind on the score board which goes to show there are 80 minutes in a game of footy, nothing less. It is still head and shoulders above any disappointment I have experienced in sport, let alone Rugby League.

**Walcha Central School** is being represented in a number of sports at a Central Schools Carnival in Dubbo this week, including lawn bowls. Sari-Ann Andrews was joined by her brother Dacian and sister Dakota in a triples team that finished their competition in third spot. Walcha lost to eventual winners Peak Hill 10 – 7 in their opening match before playing a draw with runners-up Dunedoo. The Andrews kids' grandfather, Col Berry was chauffer, coach, manager and was nicknamed 'Deputy Pop' by Dakota. Col reckons his grandkids all played well.

Roosters supporter Lachlan 'Filbert' Green is probably feeling a bit sorry for himself after he selected the Melbourne Storm to defeat his beloved 'Chooks' in the Newie Footy Tipping Competition last weekend. When the Roosters won any chance of picking the full card flew out the window for 'Filbert', although he did correctly pick the other seven winners.

**At the Newie** if a tipster picks the full card they receive a bonus four points for doing so, which means Lachlan would have jumped to the lead going into the final round. Newie leaders – Ben Little 282, Filbert 278, Johnny O'Hara 276. Big Wigs of the Week – Ross Green, Blowie, C.W.N. and Steepy all picked the card.

Other Big Wigs of the Week were Bowling Club – Barb Jamieson and Mick Wall both picked the card, which means Barb has jumped into third spot on 270 behind Tommy Lestrande 284 and Gerry Moran on 274. Around at the Apsley Carly Goodwin, Neil G.P and A.J.C. all scored 14 points. Leaders Neil G.P. on 270, Ian Cameron and A.J.C. both on 262.

# Walcha Garden Club President's Report for 2021 – 2022

Once again our activities have been restricted by the COVID-19 virus, which seems now to be something we have to manage and live with. Regardless of this we seem to have been able to fulfil a pretty full calendar.

We were able to attend our community day a Riverview which extended over the weekend, where a huge difference was made to the garden. Thank you to all who attended and worked so hard. Our men folk certainly made the pruning and heavier work easier.

Julie and Max Ireland's garden is always a pleasure to visit. Such a beautiful garden for all seasons. Certainly, well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you, Julie and Max.

Our Christmas luncheon is always well attended, and Norm and I loved hosting it in our garden. As usual the food was absolutely delicious and we were able to exchange our gifts on a fine day after so much rain. Many thanks to those who served the food and helped the day go smoothly.

All who attended the lovely garden of Nettie and Marley Brown's had a great day and enjoyed the wonderful features of the garden. Thank you Nettie and Marley.

Once again, our show days were a huge success. It is so pleasing to have such a large complement of garden club members participating and contributing over these days. To Phyllis, a huge thank you for your enthusiasm and encouragement. Your work and organisational skills certainly do not go unnoticed. Workshops and learning days are really enjoyed. Many, many thanks to those who have helped in any way.

Many thanks to Babs Fawcett and Richard for sharing their garden with us. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Our trip in June to Greenhills Orchard at Arding was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, on a very chilly day. Warren Yeoman shared his vast knowledge and pruning skills with us and lunch at The Top Pub in Uralla was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to our new member Eliza Lockyer who spoke to us about her experiences in growing a permaculture garden in Broome. A very challenging but rewarding time.

At last, we can have our Spring Luncheon in September – an event I am so looking forward to with Simon Rickard as our guest speaker.

I would like to sincerely thank Diana, our secretary and Marg our Treasurer, who have made life so much easier for me when I have been unable to attend meetings. They certainly do the bulk of the work. To Gwen, many thanks for always providing your beautiful flower arrangements.

In conclusion, on a personal note, this year has been a very difficult time for me. I thank all members for their compassion, friendship, and support. What a wonderful community in which we live.

Yours in gardening

### Di Bazeley

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# advocate **sport**

### At the 19th

The annual Workplace Challenge sponsored by the New England Hotel was played under a three person ambrose format where the Crawford Brothers Angus and Ollie teamed up with DA Locke to win the event after carding a  $56^{1/2}$  nett. Runners-up were Drew Bird, Mel Clark and Michael Stackman over two shots off the pace on  $58^{5/6}$  while Peter Norbury, Willy and Wayne Brennan finished third on  $59^{5/6}$ .

The remaining sweepstakes went to Kyle Goodwin, Dion Bird and his son Nixon  $61^{1/2}$ , Jim Nivison, John McLaren and his son Jock  $61^{2/3}$ , Miles Archdale, Jeff Etheridge and Ross King  $61^{5/6}$ .

Longest drive by a member was caressed by Nixon Bird whereas no ladies or non-members were accurate enough to land their tee shot on the fairway. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Lee Fletcher (3), Ross King (9), Julie Hoad (16) and Vic Coulter (18).

Bradmans Bat for highest total was taken out by Sue Partridge, Pauline Carter and her son Shane after they registered a  $70^{13}$  nett.

A field of 51 players teed off in the Workplace Challenge while a good field of 21 competitors hit off in the weekly 9 hole competition last Saturday.

Best score on the day went to Pauline Carter after she accumulated 20 stableford points comfortably clear of runner-up Lorraine Rennie on 16pts. Men's winner was Brian Lynch on 18pts just a point ahead of Deon Lawrence who counted out Max Holstien on 17pts. N.T.P. on 3 was won by Jill Burnell. This Sunday is the first round of the men's 4BBB championships for prizes supplied by Jim Nivison and Jock McLaren. Please note the second round of the championships are re-scheduled for the following Sunday not as per program book.

Pictured right: Top – Newie Reps Bob Denniss and Peter Berry presenting Workplace Challenge winners D.A. Locke and Ollie Crawford with their trophies. Bottom – Workplace Challenge R/U Mel Clark, Drew Bird and Michael Stackman with Newie 'Head Honcho' Perc Berry.

### Bowls

Walcha went down to Guyra 9 - 1, 76 - 49.

<u>Teams for this weekend:</u> Kevin Creighton, Noel Goodwin, Terry Parker, Fred Cameron. Mick Bullen, Andrew McGuffog, Matt Hamel, Brian Goodwin. Gordon Bird, Eric O'Keefe, Greg Carter, Robert Kerr.

**Dads Army:** Agame of triples and a game of pairs were played on Thursday afternoon. The triples saw Brian Goodwin, Gary Brennan and Peter Hayes defeat Brian Lockyer, Barry Hoad and Eric O'Keefe 17 – 16 and in the pairs John McCormack and Mark Hogan defeat John Watts and Geoff Salt 20 – 15. John McCormack and Mark Hogan won the chooks and John Watts and Barry Hoad won the raffles.





### **Ladies Bowls**

Last Thursday on a nice sunny day only six lady bowlers attended bowls and played a game of triples in a close game Jan, Veronica and Wendy def June, Janice and Esther 16-13.

The club boxes to see more ladies playing this Thursday, As on Thursday, and Friday, 8th and 0th

The club hopes to see more ladies playing this Thursday. As on Thursday and Friday 8th and 9th September the New England District Senior Pairs will be played in Walcha. Spectators are welcome.





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#### Starter

Chicken wings Salt and Pepper Calamari Tandoori Chicken Skewers

#### Mains

Served with your choice of mash and veg or chips and salad

Grilled Salmon Chicken Maryland Eye Fillet Steak Roast Lamb

#### Dessert

Creme Brulee Sticky Date Pudding

# advocate classifieds

### **Public Notices**

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### **Public Notices**

**New England Accounting** will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 31/8 to 2/9.

Destiny Dance Studio – Classes running from October to December. Times, dates and venue to be confirmed. Active kids and creative kids vouchers welcomed. Classes will fill quickly so please get names and age of student down asap. Can't wait to dance with you all again. Phone 0400 881 775.

**Pony Club Camp** – if you did not receive a camp form contact Maria on 0428 141 187.

**Walcha/Uralla Rugby League** 80's dress up night, 10 September at Walcha Bowling Club. Terra Firma from 7.30pm. See you there!!

### Meetings

**Yarrowitch Campdraft** AGM and General Meeting Tuesday 6 September 2022, 6.00pm. At Yarrowitch Hall.

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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.

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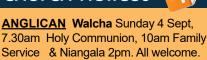
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6.00pm Bistro

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