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Grand champion judge

A bright career in the beef industry awaits Meg Kealey who arrived home in Walcha on Monday morning sporting the trophy for Grand Champion Junior Judge of the NH Foods Angus Youth National Roundup.

The four day event was held in Wodonga on the Victorian border this year after a two year break due to COVID. One hundred enthusiastic participants aged from 8 to 26 years attended sessions on feedlot nutrition, auctioneering, retail meat cuts, breeding and genetics, as well as a beef industry career question and answer session.

In addition to this, they competed in Junior Judging, Parading, Cattle classes and Herdsmen competitions.

On Friday Meg judged four groups of cattle, which included stud and commercial lines, to be named in the top group of judges for her Intermediate age group. She then went on to compete in the Intermediate final, judging four heifers. "We put them in charge of their ring, and they tell the stewards how they would like the ring to run. They are judged on their ring craft, as well as their knowledge, judging ability and speaking on the microphone," Roundup Co-ordinator, Toni Nugent said.

Meg was named Champion Intermediate Judge, and then went on to compete against the Sub-Intermediate, and Senior judges to clinch the top prize of Grand Champion Junior Judge of the Roundup.



In addition to this she was also named Reserve Champion Intermediate Herdsman of the Roundup. This is judged on such things as teamwork and involvement in the four-day program.

"It was a very successful Roundup. I was very happy," Meg commented.

Meg will now be invited to the 2023 National Roundup as an Associate Cattle Judge. "This will be an awesome opportunity as I can shadow the judges and assist them in judging the classes," Meg said. "I hope to learn a lot from this experience."

Meg begins Year 12 this week and has her sights set on a career in agriculture. "I plan to have a gap year, or two, in the Top End before embarking on a Rural Science or Agribusiness degree."

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The fronts keep rolling in across NSW and the rain continues to fall over our already soaked state as the river systems struggle to contain the run off. The latest front brought anywhere from 30 to 100mm to large parts of NSW that produced major flooding throughout the north and central west. Regional NSW water storage levels are beyond full and a dam such as Burrendong has risen 20% in the last week alone to be at 140% capacity, which is raising major concerns for towns below the dam along the Macquarie River. The state's water storage level sits at an average of 102% this week as our dams begin to spill, rivers continue to run high and the threat of major flooding set to continue with the la Nina expected to last for another 6 months.

Tattykeel Australian White ram sale blew everyone's expectations away selling a ram for \$240,000 which was purchased by a syndicate of Aussie White seed stock producers. Demand is growing for shedding sheep with the rising cost of shearing, lack of shearers availability and the overall strength in the demand for sheep meat. Tattykeel sale grossed \$4.9 million with their 306 flock rams averaging \$8,704 and their 30 stud rams averaged \$42,666. Regardless if you produce meat, wool or both, there is definitely some serious confidence throughout the sheep industry.

The continual wet weather is playing havoc with livestock supply with numerous amounts of consigned cattle, whether it is to feedlot or abattoirs unable to leave many farms due to the wet weather. Numerous farms have poor wet weather access which makes it difficult to get trucks in and out. Opportunity presents itself at these times for those producers who have all weather access and often a premium paid for livestock that are ready and able to be supplied. If you're considering updating your access then I think it is a wise move as you can not only take advantage of these sharp price spikes at short notice but you can supply your livestock at the designated date as we all have financial commitments to meet.

LDV is set to release an Electric powered Ute later in the year which it supposed to be one of many tools for Australia to meet its net zero emissions target by 2050. Yes there are already electric powered vehicles available but as far as I'm aware this will be the first Ute and I'm holding my judgment on just how these would work for the rural community of Australia. Obviously these vehicles are a way of the future but why aren't we considering hydrogen powered technology over electric power, makes sense since we are supposedly heading towards net zero emissions.

Store markets continued to meet strong demand from restockers as Tamworth yarded over 4000 cattle on Friday with breeder quality Angus heifers the flavour of the day. A consignment of vendor bred Angus heifers ready to join the bull met strong competition topping at \$2920, while well bred weaner Angus steers made from \$2100-\$2250. It was slim pickings in the cow and calf section with Angus cows with fresh calves topping at \$4025 and PTIC topped at \$2675.

AuctionsPlus seemed to run for an extended period last Friday as buyers continued to chase suitable cattle and have one more bid. Angus weaner steers are hard to acquire at the moment and the prices were indicative of just that with steers selling between 750c/kg and 900c/kg depending on weight and quality. Feeder steers topped at 584c/kg for 450kg Angus steers and top quality Angus breeder heifers sold to \$2700. Young cows and calves at Glen Innes topped at \$4520 a unit and local 3 year old PTIC Angus cows sold to \$3310.

Riverview thanks Toni for 30 years of amazing care



When Toni Brazel walked into Apsley Riverview on Monday morning, it marked 30 years and one day of caring for the elderly in our community.

Toni began work at Riverview just after it opened on 9 October 1992, with residents and fellow staff alike describing Toni as nothing short of amazing! "Toni has one of the biggest hearts in the industry, we are very blessed to have her here with us. Thank you for caring, and going above and beyond in everything you do," Presbyterian Aged Care CEO, Olivia Wood said.

When Toni first arrived in Walcha she did some retail work but knew it was not the career for her. "I started looking after an elderly lady in her house, and was approached from there by Narelle Marshall who was the Manager at Riverview to come and work here, and I have been here ever since," Toni said.

A presentation and BBQ lunch was held on Monday at Riverview to celebrate and thank Toni for everything she has done in her 30 years at Riverview. "When I first started, Riverview was a low care facility and the residents would come into the kitchen with us, and help us prepare the meals," Toni recalled.

Lyn Burnell worked with Toni for 22 years, and spoke at the

presentation of what a great team mate Toni

was to work with. "Toni is very kind, and always comes in at short notice. She has always been very passionate about giving residents the very best life she could," Lyn said.

Riverview Manager, Julie Blake thanked Toni's family for being so supportive when she has been called in at short notice. "Toby and Taylah basically grew up here and it was their second home, and Rick has taken up the extra responsibilities at home to allow Toni to care for the residents." In days gone by, Riverview closed down for Christmas, and any residents who didn't have family to spend Christmas with would go to staff houses for the day!

"I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks for all of your time and love," resident Gwen Lisle said. "When you're here we know everything will be okay."



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Call for applications to help boost the resilience of youth



Small and large grants are still available for community projects through the NSW Government's \$10.3 million Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative.

Funding is available to local councils, schools, not-for-profit organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils providing programs to enhance the wellbeing and resilience of young people in regional NSW.

The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative supports local programs that help young people develop resilience, build community connection and improve their wellbeing.

Grants up to \$50,000 are available.

Applications close 31 December 2022 or when funding is fully allocated.

For more information about eligibility and the Program Guidelines, go to: nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth/children-and-young-people-wellbeing-recovery-initiative



Races Kid's Day

The Walcha Races Kid's Day has been running since 2005, but it has been some time since the day was actually held. Washed out in 2021 and not held this year due to COVID, it is hopeful that the day will once again go ahead in 2023.

The Race Committee are very grateful for the overwhelming support from local businesses which have made running the day possible since its inception. But, with the mountain of work required to organise the races each year, the search is on to find a new 'Kid's Day Committee' to relieve others on the social committee and ensure that this tradition continues into the future.

If you are interested, or have a group of enthusiastic friends, please get in touch with Anthea on 0428 498 088 or email walchajc@gmail.com. "We will provide assistance and contact information for all of the ride companies, and it is fun organising this with a group of friends, so please consider helping out if you have young children, as it makes Saturday's race day a great day out for all of your family," Anthea said.

Walcha Races are scheduled for 3/4 February 2023.

What do you think about the proposed wind farms?

Wondering about those Wind Farms? Don't know what to think? Or maybe you know exactly what to think and want to tell others. Here's a chance to get your thoughts across on a matter that really does matter, or just to dig deeper.

Contact John Heffernan on 0429 776 452 to find out more.

Coffee van open and selling Walcha coffee

Walcha has a new coffee outlet, the Extreme Bean Machine operating from the front of Walcha Caravan Park.

The coffee van is operated by Luke and Tam, and they are using the popular Thunderbolts blend from Walcha Roasted Coffee. They also offer a full range of soft drinks, hot chocolates, and if you are hungry, grab a pie or sausage roll.

The coffee van is open to the public, it is not just for caravan park residents. "We have seating, some rock-a-billy music playing and full toilet facilities available," Luke said.

The coffee van is open 7 days from 6am to 2:30pm. "Why not sit and have a coffee and something to eat while you do your washing," Luke said. The park is also pet friendly, so you can go for a walk on the levee banks with your pet and then stop in for a coffee on the way home.



INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILD PLAYING CRICKET THIS SUMMER?



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TRAINING – Most teams Thursday afternoon 3:30pm onwards at John Oxley.

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WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST is running Thursday afternoons, starting October 27th from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

This program is for children wanting to learn basic cricket skills and develop their skills with a view to playing Saturday cricket in the future.

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If you have any questions or need help with the process, please contact Ben France at bandfrance@gmail.com

GATHER THIS SATURDAY

10am – John Oxley cricket nets for a pre-season net session for anyone interested.

Local massage therapist helps Joeys through to AFC finals



Recently massage therapist Brett Dwyer travelled to Victoria with the Australian Joey's (under 17) soccer team for an intensive two week training camp before three international matches in the AFC Under 17 Asian Cup Qualifiers.

The squad of 30 players were handpicked from all over Australia and are the best in the country for their age group.

Three friendly matches in Melbourne were played against South Melbourne (Joey's won 3-1, Melbourne City FC (Joey's won 5-0) and Melbourne Victoria FC (Joey's won 3-1) from these three matches a squad of 23 was named for the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers.

The team then travelled to Shepparton who were hosting the qualifiers to play against Northern Mariana Islands (Joey's won 23-0) under terrible conditions with rain and strong winds. The second qualifier against Cambodia the boys showed how talented this team was by winning 10-0.

The deciding match of the AFC qualifiers pitted the Joey's against China. An intense match was played with the Joey's showing great courage and coming away with a 3-1 victory. The Joey's now move into the AFC finals for 2023.

This was a very successful tournament for these players who gained valuable International experience after a long hiatus from this top level of soccer due to COVID and the inability to travel during this time. The support staff consisted of head coach, assistant coach, Doctor, two physiotherapists, goal keeper coach, strength and conditioning coach, analysis expert and massage therapist (Brett Dwyer).

Brett works in Walcha on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 5.00pm. For appointments call 0414 349 625.

Pictured at top: Joey's celebrating after defeating China. Brett Dwyer pictured on the far left.

Quota Markets CANCELLED

From Pam Makeham

Due to the current weather conditions and the forecast of further rain events, the Walcha Quota Club members have made the difficult decision to cancel their Christmas Market this year.

We understand that this will be a disappointment for many people, as it is for us.

Quota members would like to thank the many stall holders and the Walcha community for their ongoing support and look forward to a great market in 2023.



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Central School 2023 Captains

On Wednesday 21 September, Walcha Central School's 2023 senior school captains were inducted. Congratulations to Troy Hawkins and Anika McKenna who will be assisted by vice captains Marlee Wall and Chloe Cox. Three Prefects were also inducted for Term 1 – Finlai Wilson-Bird, Kirra-Lee Murphy and Olivia Haslem.



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Under 7 Boys: Champion Jack Provost (right), Reserve Freddie O'Brien.



7 & U9 Girls: Champion Millie Laurie.



7 & U9 Boys: Champion Benji Provost (right), Reserve Tyler McKinnon.



9 & U11 Girls: Champion Cleo Carter, Reserve Jess Patterson-Kane.



9 & U11 Boys: Champion Lachie Provost, Reserve Ben Lockyer.



11 & U13 Boys: Champion Hugo Blomfield.



Above 11 & U13 Girls: Champion Mia Goodwin, Reserve Tori Carter.



13 & U15 Girls: Champion Sybella Miller (right), Reserve Kirsten Britten.



13 & U15 Boys: Champion Ben Patterson, Reserve Harry Kelly.



Above left Associate Man Champion Dominic Maggan. **Below Associate Lady** Champion Annabelle Green, Reserve Tyler Sutton.



15 & U17 Girls: Champion Isabelle Kelly (right), Reserve Jess Swanton.



15 & U17 Boys: Champion Roy Lawler, Reserve Stuart Lawrence.



Welcome to our latest project update

In this edition, read about:

- the upcoming exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- key benefits of the project
- a summary of EIS findings.

Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The next project milestone is the submission of the EIS to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

We are working to finalise the EIS and lodge it in October. Once lodged, DPE will place the EIS on public exhibition for at least 28 days. DPE determines the length of the exhibition. During the exhibition period, which we expect will be in November and early December, the EIS and all supporting documents will be publicly available on DPE's Planning Portal (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects).

We look forward to hosting another community information event in Walcha during the exhibition period, to provide information about the project and the EIS, and share with you how you can make a submission. We will advertise the exhibition period on our website and through local media.

All feedback, both positive and negative, will be carefully considered and responded to in a Submissions Report to DPE.

Key project benefits



2,100,000 MWh generated per year of clean, renewable energy.



375,000 average NSW homes could be powered by the energy produced annually from the project.



400 estimated full-time equivalent construction jobs at the peak of project construction, creating approximately **\$310 million** in wages and profits, per year of construction.



16 full-time equivalent operational jobs to be based in Walcha or surrounding communities.

Community Benefit Fund

\$1,000,000 to the Community Benefit Fund prior to the start of project construction.

\$750,000 annually to the Community Benefit Fund from the start of commercial operations through to project decommissioning. The annual payments will be escalated at CPI.*

The Community Benefit Fund will be managed by Walcha Council. Funding will be utilised to support community programs, events and facilities, as well as local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, and services and infrastructure in the Walcha and Uralla Council areas. An advisory committee including community members and representatives from local councils will review and recommend funding applications to support community initiatives.

* Based on a delivered project up to 600 MW capacity. For every megawatt over 600 MW, an extra \$1,000 per MW will be contributed annually to the Community Benefit Fund.



Environmental Impact Statement

Over the last two years, we have conducted rigorous environmental studies in accordance with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project. The studies have been across several technical disciplines and include, but are not limited to:



Biodiversity assessment involving 2,633 hours of surveying across 12 field investigations.



Heritage assessment involving 600 hours of field surveying by archaeologists in partnership with Registered Aboriginal Parties.



Noise assessment involving background noise monitoring and technical modelling to predict the expected levels of noise and vibration during wind farm construction and operation.



Visual assessment involving an evaluation of the visual impact of wind farm infrastructure in the context of dwelling locations, topography, vegetation and the overall landscape.



Social assessment involving targeted stakeholder interviews with a cross-section of the local community to hear views and further understand potential social impacts and benefits.

The assessments have led to extensive changes to the design and delivery of the project to minimise potential environmental and social impacts. A brief summary of some key findings is presented below. There will be much more information in the EIS and we look forward to presenting those findings at the community information session during the exhibition period.

- **Biodiversity:** The project site mostly consists of exotic grasslands with sparse woodland and scattered trees. Extensive flora and fauna studies have been undertaken since 2019 to identify, and then to avoid and minimise, potential biodiversity impacts. Vegetation clearing will be offset through the NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme. A Bird and Bat Management Plan will be developed prior to construction to define measures for reducing potential impact to avifauna during project construction and operation.
- **Heritage:** Eleven sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage value may be impacted during the project. Archaeological management strategies will manage and mitigate the potential impacts. The sites will be either protected (e.g. fenced off); avoided where possible by changes to the project design; or, if impacts are likely, managed appropriately in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties prior to construction.
- **Noise:** The operational noise at all non-associated residences near the project is predicted to be lower than the NSW Government guidelines. Construction noise will be managed through a combination of work scheduling, community notifications, sound enclosures, and acoustic screens.
- **Visual:** The project layout was designed to minimise visual impacts as much as possible to nearby residences. However, the project will result in changes to the landscape during the construction and operational phases. Planting of vegetation is proposed at various non-associated residences to reduce the visibility of project infrastructure.
- **Traffic:** There will be adequate capacity in the road network to accommodate the project. A detailed Traffic Management Plan will be prepared prior to project construction, and individual transport permits will be required for all oversize and heavy load vehicles. We are also working with Walcha Council to develop a road upgrade and maintenance plan so that we can maintain the integrity of Council roads used for project traffic.
- **Social:** Stakeholder interviews identified that there may be minor impacts to daily life and farming practices during construction, which will be carefully managed in consultation with affected stakeholders. The project will create direct and indirect employment opportunities for the local community. Regional businesses will also benefit from localised procurement and from meals, accommodation and services for the workforce.

Do you have feedback or questions about the project?

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Digging in for improved town water security

Our new \$11 million Walcha storage dam is well underway and is set to be complete on time in March 2023.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall along with the Member for New England Barnaby Joyce and Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes (pictured) were on hand to celebrate the formal commencement of this jointly-funded project last Friday at the dam.

The first ceremonial sod of soil was turned on the dam which will have a capacity of 300ML. "This will allow Council to store two years worth of average town consumption off stream," Adam Marshall said.

The project is a joint initiative between the Australian and NSW Governments, with the federal funding portion of \$2 million delivered from the National Water Grid Fund Connections Pathway and the State committing \$9 million from the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Mayor, Eric Noakes said it has been a six year journey to get to this point where construction has begun. "This is a game changer for



Walcha and should never see us go into such high water restrictions as what we faced in 2019," he said.

The major phase of this project includes roadworks, increasing the capacity of the river offtake pumping station, upgraded water inlets, fencing and pipework connecting the storage dam to the water treatment plant 16 km away. "We have been able to keep money in our town by using local contractors for these jobs, as well as upskilling Council staff," Eric said.

"This is an incredibly important project for Walcha.

"The Government has changed, but work in the New England is still going," Member for Northern Tablelands, Barnaby Joyce said. "We need to make the place strong and resilient, and move on from rolling water restrictions.

"I would like to commend Eric for his incredible patience and perseverance. It is a great day for Walcha and I look forward to having the dam built," Barnaby concluded.

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What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Each year since 2007 Northbridge Senior Anglican Minister Simon Flinders brings a team of Youth Workers and church representatives to run the Walcha Kids Games in the September school holidays, but unfortunately won't be able to carry out his leadership duties anymore. Simon has been elevated to 'Chief of Staff' to the Archbishop of Sydney, a position he takes on from early next year.

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On most occasions Simon has been accompanied by his wife Tamara and during their visits have stayed at the 'My Gonyah' farm house owned by Brian and Marg Wellings. Simon did indicate that although he won't be involved with the Kids Games from now on, he and his wife will certainly come back to Walcha sometime as they both enjoy visiting here.

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Since 2004 Simon has been NSW Cricket Chaplain and hopes to continue in that position, but that will depend on how it fits in with his new job. One of his offsidiers Steve Hayes has attended all the Kids Games which have run every year, except a couple due to Covid.

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Congratulations to everyone involved in running the Kids Games which keep plenty of youngsters entertained for a week both at the Anglican Church (Kindy to year 4) and the Presbyterian Church (Years 5 – 10). The Kids Games concluded with a combined church service last Sunday week, conducted by team leader Simon.



Simon and Tamara Flinders, Brian and Marg Wellings and Steve Hayes wind down after 'Kids Games'.

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Best of luck to talented local Rugby League player Troy Hawkins who was invited to trial with the Illawarra Steelers last weekend at Shellharbour. Although Troy reckons his fitness was a bit down, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and thought he held his own during the trials. The Steelers S.G. Ball squad for the 2023 season will be announced shortly. Hopefully your name is read out big fella.

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Last Sunday four locals represented Walcha at the Quirindi Golf Open – Col Berry and Owen Presnell who racked up 37 stableford points, along with Don Brooks and Neil Dark who managed 32 points, well according to Darcy anyway. On further investigation Darcy and Brooks combined to score a 'phenomenal' 20 points (10,10) over the 18 holes, but did manage to bring home a prize each. One of the blokes the 'Dynamic Duo' played with was the Open organiser who felt that sorry for Neil and Don to the point where he gave them some tools and a torch respectively to ease their pain on the day.

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Despite threatening weather conditions a good field of 54 players teed off in the inaugural Vicki Szpitalak Memorial Golf event last Saturday where Tim Stackman, his son Isaac and Tim Baumer were crowned the winners. A nice touch was that last Saturday would have been Vicki's 63rd birthday. Both Szpitalak and Bowden families would like to thank everyone who attended.

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The New England over 60's Veterans Cricket team travelled to Toowoomba recently where they took on the homeside in a match to kick start their upcoming season. Toowoomba batted first amassing 163 runs at a loss of four wickets off their 40 overs, before New England passed their assignment in just 30 overs.

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Man of the Match was Stephen 'Wilba' Haslem after he belted three 6's on his way to an unbeaten 30 runs batting at number nine. North Haven 'Import' Steph Sweeney contributed 28 not out, former Walcharite Craig Stoddart made 20 not out, Bill Duncan scored an unconquered 10 runs and took two catches while Wayne Boyd hit five runs. The boys are hoping the match will become an annual event.

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Still on cricket, a special meeting has been called for to sort out and finalise the local 2022/23 season which is being held at the Bowling Club tonight from 6:30pm. If you have any intention of playing this season and can possibly be there, please attend this very important meeting to determine the future of the game in Walcha.

sport



Gun Club

Archie wins Junior High Gun at State

Age and experience with youth and talent was on display at the NSW Clay Target Association's State Titles held in Wagga Wagga over the long weekend.

John Lisle as Veteran Northern Zone team member along with Archie Davidson in the Junior Northern Zone team competed. Both these teams finished first against all other zones.

Archie also was in the Top 5 Juniors to shoot a score to compete against all other states. Archie posted the highest score of the team, earning him the team Red High Gun Sash. Other members of the club competed at Chinchilla QLD in their two day shoot with Bill Fletcher and Craig Rogers both having wins.



Top: Archie Davidson congratulated by Greg Watson – President of Northern Zone Assoc. Below: Archie with Veterans Winner John Lisle. Bottom: Kevin Bourke – President of Walcha Gun Club in action at the NSW State Titles



Club shoot results - 8 October sponsored by Betts Transport
Event 1 - 50 Target Double Barrell: A Grade 1st Kevin Bourke, B Grade 1st Craig Rogers, C Grade 1st Hans Model
Event 2 - 50 Target Handicap: 1st Craig Rogers from 17m, 2nd Kevin Bourke from 24m
Event 3 - 25 Pair Double Rise: A Grade 1st Kevin Bourke, B Grade 1st John Lisle, C Grade 1st Archie Davidson
Overall High Gun – Kevin Bourke.

There will be a general club meeting then practice on Saturday 22 October starting at 9:30am. All encouraged to come and have a say. Next club shoot 12 November 9:30 start.

At the Nineteenth

The inaugural Vicki Szpitalak Memorial 3 Person Ambrose was played last Saturday where former Walcha Club Champion Tim Stackman teamed up with his 12 year old lefthanded son Isaac and Tim Baumer to win the event after carding a 56^{1/2} nett.

Runners-up were Dion Bird, his son Nixon and Gavin White just a third of a shot away on 56^{5/6}.

First 9 hole winners were Lee Fletcher, his wife Ruth and Craig Morgan while the second 9 holes went to Angus Monie, his wife Pip and Penny King. Only the front 9 holes were played after the back nine were deemed unplayable. Sweepstakes to former club champion Simone Sweeney, her husband David, and Caroline Street, club handicapper Don Brooks, Neil Dark and Barry Hoad, current ladies champion Cheryl McDonald, her husband Doug and sister Donna Martin.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Lee Fletcher and Penny King (1 first nine) while no players reached the beach on the second nine holes. Jonnie Cross and Simone Sweeney (3 first nine) Harley Carlon and Penny King (3 second nine), Owen Presnell and Penny King (9 first 9) Nixon Bird and Polly Locke (9 second nine).

Best second men's shot at the fourth hole went to Harley Carlon while the most accurate second ladies shot on the seventh was played by Simone Sweeney.

Mens long drive handicap 0-20 was caressed by Tim Stackman 21-36 no player found the fairway while in the ladies long drive Simone Sweeney took out the 0-20 and Polly Locke 21-45.

The Bradmans Bat for worst score was eagerly accepted by former club champion Simeon Cross and his son Jonathon and coastal visitor Stuart Kirkman after they registered a 78 nett.

Last Sunday a stableford round was played for a trophy donated by David Sweeney where a modest field of 14 players teed off and it was local electrician Drew Bird who

won the event after accumulating 37 points. Sweepstakes prizes went to Penny King and Jenny Lisle both on 35 points while the last ball went to 'Countback King' Willy Brennan after he counted out Michael Stackman and Lee Fletcher on 33 points. NTP on 3 was taken out by John McCormack.

Four players represented Walcha at Quirindi Open last Sunday, Owen Presnell and Col Berry who scored 37 points along with Don Brooks and Neil Dark who racked up 20 points.

This weekend is the annual three days of Walcha Golf Club beginning with the Veterans Open on Friday followed by the Mixed Open on Saturday and then the Mens Open on Sunday.

Ladies Bowls

The draw for the Ivy Makeham Memorial Trophy commencing tomorrow is Margaret Tickle v's Janice Rizzi, Jan Cross v's Pat Laurie, Esther Hunt v's Lyn Burnell, Veronica Jamieson v's Wendy Moore. 9am for a 9.30am start. 4 bowls 18 ends. Thank you to the markers for these games.

Jan Cross, Lyn Burnell & Veronica Jamieson came in second place to Marg Tickle, Esther Hunt & Janice Rizzi 20-15. We wish June Hayes and Joy Sly a speedy recovery from their recent operations.

Bowls

No bowls drawn for this weekend but the remainder of this year's championship games will start to be drawn next weekend to finish it all off.

Dads Army: Although our numbers were down on previous weeks a very enjoyable time was had by the eight players present.

Two games of pairs were played, Barry Kliendienst and

John Watts had an easy 20-9 win over Noel Goodwin and Geoff Salt.

In the second game Peter Hayes and Eric O'Keefe scored two shots on the last end to defeat John McCormack and Warwick Hogan 13-12.

Barry and John Watts won the chooks and Garth Clare won the raffle.

Wednesday Golf

The first round of the Secretary's Eclectic was played on Wednesday. We played for a trophy donated by Jenny Lisle and our winner was none other than our captain Cheryl McDonald with a 70 nett. Sweepstakes went to Jenny Lisle with a 71 nett and Margaret Davidson also with a 71 nett.

The closest to the pin on Hole 3 was Cheryl McDonald and the second shot on Hole 18 was claimed by Lorraine Walshe.

On Saturday a memorial day was held in honour of Vicki Szpitalak and how lucky we were that the rain held off and the day went ahead. It was great to see a good number of teams playing in the three person ambrose and by the amount of noise heard around the course, a lot of fun was had by all. A big thank you to Charlie and his family for providing a sausage sizzle lunch and the golfing girls for the sweet treats.

Today is the second round of the Secretary's Eclectic playing for Janie Fenwick's trophy.

We have now completed our medal rounds and our winners in the 3 grades were Cheryl McDonald, Sue Partridge, and Pauline Carter. They head to Tenterfield on the 19th October to battle it out in the final. Best of luck girls.

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Funeral Notice

Richard George LAKE
Friday 14 October, 12pm at
St Patrick's Church Walcha.

In Memoriam

Denise Rena Morris (nee Fairthbrother)
18th Oct, 2022

Thinking of you on your 80th Heavenly Birthday dear Mum, Grandmother and sister. You always had a smile to share, love to give and time to care.

A wonderful nature warm and true, these are the memories we have of you.

Loved always Mark and Karen, Garry and Lorraine and brother Brian and their families.

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Thank You

Personal thanks from Lance Partridge and family for all the cards, condolences and support received. Also for all the incredible care Trish received at the John Hunter, Tamworth and especially Walcha Hospitals by all the carers, nurses and doctors. Please accept as our personal thanks. *Lance, Erin, Danny, Brooke, Abby, Brad and partners.*

To **Betts Transport** for their very generous donation of a truck for the Walcha Pony Club Campdraft. Thank you.

Meetings

Woolbrook Hall & Park Committee AGM, Tuesday 18 October, 7.00pm in the supper room. All welcome.

Walcha Rugby League AGM on Sunday 30 October, 4.00pm at the Walcha Bowling Club. Please come along.

Meetings cont.

Woolbrook & District Progress Association AGM, Tuesday 18 October, 8.00pm at Woolbrook Hall supper room. All welcome.

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- 👍 The Men's Shed for their magnificent work on restoring an old door to its former glory.

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Public Notices

Walcha Council Application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV)

****PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME****

The need for a SRV responds to a structural imbalance in the operating budget that has persisted for at least a decade. Quite simply, Council's required expenditure for staff, materials, and contracts exceeds its revenue in most years. If we don't get the SRV approved then it is unlikely that Walcha Council can become financially sustainable.

Accordingly, we have arranged for a number of different kinds of community engagement events, mostly at the Regional Meetings as well as:

- Walcha Bowling Club: Wednesday 19 October 2022 **at 5.30pm.**

Council will conduct two listening posts at the Walcha Street Stall Booth:

- Monday 17 October 2022 from 10am to 2pm, and
- Tuesday 18 October 2022 from 10am to 2pm

Further information on Council's financial sustainability can be found at <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/council/financial-sustainability-review.aspx>.

We have also engaged the community with a letter drop which included a survey. Would you mind returning this to our Council Office at 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha as soon as you can.

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

Pesticide Use Notice

Forestry Corporation of NSW Walcha Management Area

Forestry Corporation of NSW advises that herbicide use is proposed for the control of weeds within State Forests.

Herbicides will be used in parts of Hanging Rock, Nundle and Riamukka State Forests from October 2022.

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For further information regarding this notice, contact

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