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### FRIENDS OF THE RALLY (Volunteers)

Thank you to all those who have come on board as "Friends of the Rally", donating four or more hours to assist with manning gates and driving the shuttle bus. We really appreciate the assistance. If anyone else is interested in volunteering please leave your name with the Visitor Information Centre. All "Friends of the Rally" will receive free entry, a T-shirt, meal and drink.

### THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

There will be welcome drinks, food, bar and a performance by our MC, Ben Mingay, with local band Pale Ailments at the showground from 6pm to 9pm. All Rally ticketholders are welcome to attend this evening as part of their ticket.

### FRIDAY 18 and SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

At the showground from 12 noon both days there will be exhibitors, a variety of delicious food stalls, bar, Eljay Freestyle stunt shows, woodchop demos, chainsaw racing, vintage chainsaws, antique machinery and engines, tyre throwing and burnout competitions. On Friday we also have the BackTrack dog jumping, sidecar gymkhana and evening music by Terra Firma. Saturday extras include the motorcycle show and shine, postie bike soccer and grass track derby, classic car display, demolition derby and evening music by Al Buchan & the Buchaneers.

The full program and street procession route will be printed in the Advocate on November 16.

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## New shop in town

A new pop up shop, Zenziwear, has opened in Walcha. Woolbrook local, Janine Wright has brought her handmade goods to Derby Street (next door to Kings Pharmacy) and is open for the next four months, selling her Eco dyed, hand felted and painted products.

There is a wide range of items available and she is also supported by local artisans, such as Sunhill Dairy Goats as well as products from the Nundle Woollen Mill. Janine uses all-natural materials found in the New England region to create her designs and each piece is one of a kind.

"Come and visit, it is the perfect option for Christmas gifts that represent our local area," she said.

Opening hours are Wednesday to Friday, 10am-4pm.



## Ham and all the trimmings at Yarrowitch

Forty five residents of the Yarrowitch community hosted a long lunch last Friday in the Yarrowitch Hall. This was a hands-on cooking experience led by *The Wholesome Collective* and funded by a grant from the PHN for communities impacted by COVID-19.

This is the second time *The Wholesome Collective* has visited Yarrowitch to support the small community. Participants learnt how to Glaze a ham and prepare a healthy Christmas lunch on a minimum budget. The local Yarrowitch School joined the lunch which was the culmination of everyone getting in and preparing the food.

Thank you to Anne Marie Pointing and Brooke Jeffery for organising the event.





# Turbines on my mind

By John Heffernan

I don't go out of my way to talk to people. Apparently that's what authors are like. Not that people go out of their way to talk to me either, and I don't blame them. "He's just that funny little bloke who writes books and stuff." But occasionally they do, and that's exactly what happened recently. Quite a few people called me, on their phones. About wind farms. I won't say I was swamped, but the calls did come thick and fast for a couple of days. I was blown away. (Heff! That is pathetic!)

Sorry, but it's true. That's what they wanted to yack about, wind farms. People I didn't even know called. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. I'm actually to blame for the tsunami of calls. Last week I put a small piece in the Advocate telling anyone who wanted to have a beef either way about these turdbines to call me. My aim was to record a heap of short videos to get as many voices and faces of Walcha out there as possible stating their thoughts about these possible blow-ins.

As it happens quite a few brave souls were prepared to front the camera and spout their bit. What amazed me though was something else, something that made me realise how very important this matter is to many people in this community. By far the bulk of callers were confused, feeling that they were in a kind of info limbo. They wanted to know things but said they couldn't find out anything substantial, just words and generic stuff and promises that sounded suss.

I had to do something. So I've made a short (half-hour) podcast dealing with twelve main issues regarding wind farms – what I call Matters that Matter. It's a kind of layman's intro to the subject, helping you navigate what can be a minefield of info and data, so that you can begin to make up your mind (one way or the other) on what will be a very important decision for Walcha. Download the podcast to your phone and listen while walking the dogs or driving or on the loo. But do get that podcast, do listen, and do think about it all. It's one way of making sure you are part of the decision

The link for the podcast is: <https://voiceforwalcha.com/matters>



## Keen to see how the Winterbourne Wind turbines will look from your place?

You'll find us at the Walcha Street Stall this Friday & Saturday, fill out a new survey, or just come along and learn more. All welcome.

Voice for  
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[voiceforwalcha.com](http://voiceforwalcha.com)

This website has a wealth of information about the renewable projects in our area. We are continuously updating it as new information comes to hand. Make sure *you know* what's coming and stay informed.



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# UPCOMING

## ON-LINE CLEARING SALE

28 OCTOBER – 31 OCTOBER 2022

### Full listing of items next week.

**Further entries are invited.**

**For more information please contact:**

Mat Larkings ..... 0427 002 427

Simon Newton ..... 0467 660 320



3n Derby Street Walcha. Phone 6777 2044

# Mayoral column

## Certainty v Conjecture



Last week councillors and senior staff once again set off around the community to engage in six regional visits. This is a yearly listening tour in a semi informal forum to hear issues that may not generally come to council. Added to our standing itinerary was information in relation to the Special Rate Variation (SRV) that councillors unanimously agreed to undertake in response to the recently completed Financial Sustainability

Review performed by Professor Joseph Drew and two international local government specialists. This report is available on the Walcha Council website and complements the mail out to every ratepayer in the LGA last week. Professor Drew presented his findings at each venue, and his recommendations on the way forward.

This review presents a comprehensive and detailed analysis of Council's financial path over the last ten years, and while the intent is not to be critical it must be factual, and leaves council with no other option than to seek an increase in land rates. The feedback at the regional meetings has been overwhelmingly positive when the irrefutable facts are tabled. The root cause of the issue is State Government control that has restricted income while passing on costs, some of which were once borne by other tiers of Government, to Local Government. In an environment where inflation is higher than our capped income there comes a point where the tough decisions need to be made. That time is now, but in retrospect probably should have been earlier. Long term decreases in reserves have lead us to the point of solvency, but not sustainability- there is a marked difference.

Part of the reason for writing this article is to counteract what I would term "word on the street" that no one appears to be the author of, but is being relayed to me as someone else's thoughts. This is not a witch-hunt or blaming exercise but we need to be able to have a

challenging, open and honest conversation about the best path forward for Walcha. It is nearly 10 years since the last amalgamation attempt, and they are well renowned for coming around at regular intervals. As councillors it is our responsibility to place our council in a sustainable position, not with the focus on any amalgamation debate but to give our community what it deserves. That being a financially sustainable future capable of delivering the services our residents not only require to reside in a liveable community but also to retain Walcha's unique identity.

The often stated rhetoric that our financial challenges have only arisen over the last few years are refuted by the summation of Walcha's position in the *Fit For The Future* program that in 2013 stated that Walcha had "weak financial sustainability and a "negative outlook". Quoting from Professor Drew's report "To put this assessment into perspective it is important to note that Walcha received one of the lowest financial sustainability ratings provided by TCorp (NSW Treasury) in 2013: just fifteen percent of the 152 member peer group were deemed to have an equivalent or worse financial sustainability position. Moreover, most of the local governments which received weak ratings were subsequently amalgamated". The reason for Walcha LGA's ability to stand alone and avoid amalgamation is a not so well kept secret.

Any rise in cost of doing business, or effects on household budgets should be avoided where possible, but to avoid this SRV will have irreversible outcomes for Walcha. If we continue on our current path I believe there is no way that either administration or amalgamation can be avoided. Our rates are lower than surrounding councils, we provide so many services to this community that other councils have fees for and as an example to maintain sports grounds must come out of general rates. This applies to many other services that council provides for free. All councils must display their Fees and Charges on their website. It's interesting to look at other councils and see what this council does free for users, but is obviously not free to council. As I understand we were the last council in NSW to put a charge to use our waste facility. Before that the fee you paid did not cover the day to day running let alone the long term expansion. The cost of compliance around waste disposal is onerous and is going to keep becoming tougher.

Off the cuff claims that council has too many staff, inefficient or wasteful practices need to be backed by fact and not emotion. Personally I have struggled with some of the above but in the heavily legislated environment that we exist these are often not options, this is not like a commercial business where unprofitable sections can just be cut free or shortcuts taken.

The current council is focused on looking forward, but in doing so we must acknowledge the path that brought us to this point so we can avoid repeating decisions along that path that were made with the best intentions but may not have delivered the desired outcomes. In the past I have led a council that has overseen some decisions that I would not repeat now with more information at hand. We cannot continue to be everything to everyone and we must begin a path of "fee for service".

Without financial sustainability there will be no happy ending. If amalgamation becomes the result no council that we are amalgamated with has a war chest of money to turn around our declining position. Road maintenance will not be held at its current level, rate harmonisation with what will be a larger council, over a four year period will see our rates rise by far more than our desired SRV. Anecdotally our council office will just be service centre and staff numbers and services will be slashed.

As I engage with councils all over NSW it has made me appreciate how well we have done under a harsh operating environment. 40% of our land sits in National Park or Forestry that is un-rateable. We control close on 1000kms of road for 3200 people, yet Tamworth control 3000kms for 65,000 people.

As you are most likely aware we are holding a public meeting at the Walcha Bowling Club tonight (Wednesday) at 5:30pm to explain in detail what an SRV entails. I invite and encourage everyone to attend to ask your questions, detail your concerns maybe understand more about the financial and legislative environment that Local Government works under. No respectful and informed question will be off the table and there will be people with the knowledge to answer it. You may not get the answer you would like but we will be transparent and deal only in the facts.



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All applications are required to be lodged by **21 November 2022**.

For further information contact: Sharon Easton on (02) 6763 3038 or go to [reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

22/09/22



# Happy birthday Lions

Walcha Lions Club members had a great night last Monday celebrating the Club's birthday. Sixty five years ago the Club was formed and in that time they have achieved so much for our community. Their District Governor, Rosley Davis addressed the Club before cutting the birthday cake with Lions lady Margaret Davidson. Lions members were presented with their Years of Service badges by the District Governor.



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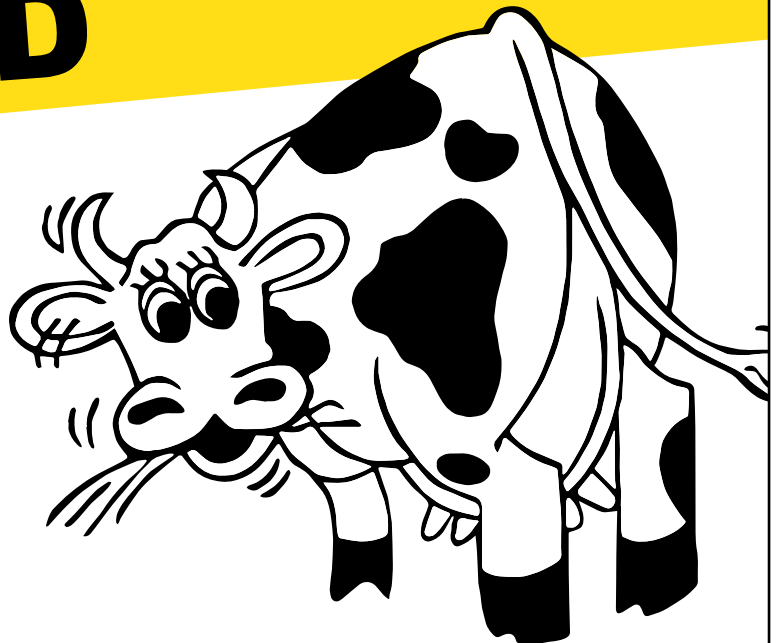
- 👉 To the very informative new website – 'Voice for Walcha' which provides the community with information about the proposed wind farm development in our area which appears to be very hard to find elsewhere.
- 👉 To the local ambulance for their quick response to our emergency. Thank you.
- 👉 To Janine for having a crack and opening the Walcha Wool studio. Walcha appreciates you.
- 👉 To Troy Le Strande and the Council crew who speedily fixed a washed out culvert. Great job.
- 👉 How long do we have to wait for CCTV cameras? Cleaning up after constant destructive vandalism is something our hard working Council staff could do without.
- 👉 To the gym users who think it's OK to use other people's personal belongings. Please bring your own mats and towels!

Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must be accompanied by your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

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### Renewable Energy in Walcha

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) manages electricity and gas systems and markets across Australia, to help ensure Australians have access to affordable, secure and reliable energy. The AEMO, on 10 October 2022 in the Australian Financial Review, called for a “mature conversation” to be had regarding the need to transition to renewable energy as coal fired power plants shut down their operations 5-10 years ahead of schedule.

This same transition is happening in the rest of the world and it is happening because renewables are half to one third of the cost of new coal power generation (GenCost 2021-22, CSIRO) no matter what your political stance is on this issue. The transition is needed because the coal fleet is old and needs replacing and they are beginning to break down. These old power plants should be replaced with whatever is the cheapest option to keep the lights on. This will require the development of wind, solar and pumped hydro projects along with the construction of new transmission lines capable of carrying the power if we do not want to be faced with major blackouts (load shedding) and we expect to receive a reliable electricity supply. Fundamentally, these developments need to take place in the locations where the resources exist. This is why the State Government established the New England Renewable Energy Zone as one of three Renewable Energy Zones in NSW. Walcha has been identified as one of the best wind resources in the State and is ideally suited for its proximity to major powerlines and suitable sites for pumped hydro schemes.

Change is going to happen and we need to adapt to and embrace this change with the spirit of collaboration, co-operation and compromise. This change will not be painless and, understandably, it is difficult for our tight knit community to shoulder the burden of construction and to host the necessary infrastructure and transmission lines while the benefits will be shared with people hundreds of kms away. That said, we have always benefited from energy generated from Hunter Valley coal and now it is our turn to shoulder some of the burden to build new clean energy infrastructure to support the rest of the State. All towns in each Renewable Energy Zone are in the same unenviable position. However, the National and State clean energy agenda is a reality that we need to accept if we expect to have affordable and reliable energy for our houses and businesses in the future.

Apart from the fact that some people will find the projects burdensome, we need to embrace all the good things that will emerge from having some renewable energy projects in Walcha. There are many benefits that will flow to the community through substantial Community Benefit Funds, the opportunities for extra jobs, apprenticeships, a more viable Local Council, a more vibrant local economy, improved facilities for the community, extra opportunities for tourism and extra income for our local businesses and accommodation providers.

It is easy for people to criticise the renewable energy developments proposed for the Walcha LGA. However, what choice of new industry or source of economic stimulation do we have to ensure the arrest of Walcha's population decline? The recent review of Walcha Council's financial sustainability by Professor Drew and 2 other colleagues clearly demonstrates that Walcha Council is currently unsustainable without a large increase in rates and, without attracting new substantial industry to Walcha, we are setting ourselves up for amalgamation.

I understand that some people disagree with windfarms and they are completely within their right to do so. However, some meetings have taken place that are designed to create fear in the community. Healthy debate is a good thing and should take place but it should be a mature debate based on mutual respect which I have not witnessed to date.

**Katrina Blomfield**

## Discover grants with Walcha Council Grants Finder



Community groups and businesses operating in Walcha Council area will be able to more easily find and apply for grants with Walcha Council's Grant Finder.

Walcha Council has partnered with Australia's most powerful grant

search engine, Grant Guru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop website for business and community grants.

You can simply use the search engine to find available grants and filter grants by specifying location, industry and type of project.

The website also assists with advice and top tips for finding and applying for grants to maximise your chances of receiving the funding you need.

Walcha Council Mayor Eric Noakes said the Council wanted to further assist local businesses and community groups to find and apply for grants specific to this area.

“There are a lot of great funding opportunities out there, but the process of finding and applying for grants can be daunting and time consuming and many people don't know where to start looking,” Mayor Noakes said.

“Walcha Council Grant Finder will take the guess work out of searching for grants and help groups and businesses navigate the process.”

Walcha Council Grant Finder has been made possible through Federal and State government disaster funding arrangements and Resilience NSW's community recovery officer program.

You will find the link to the grant finder on Council's website, or using <https://walcha.grantguru.com.au/>

For further information or assistance with registering, please contact Walcha Council on (02) 6774 2500.



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# Laser tag, skating, escape rooms and story time

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Walcha Council's Spring Break Program was very popular these school holidays.

A mix of six different activities were organised in Walcha, including Stargazing, Meditation, Lego, Robotics and art & craft.

There were also three excursions to Armidale and Tamworth for the youth of Walcha to try new things, get out and about and experience the wider region with their friends.

The excursions were sponsored by the NSW Government's Office of Regional Youth Spring Break Program and provided free opportunities for almost 50 of Walcha's youth aged 12 and up.



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# What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



**Last Wednesday evening** was sad that my mother-in-law Ida Hoy departed this world but a relief in knowing she wasn't suffering any more. Fortunately Ida's daughters Sandra and Linda were bedside when she decided it was time to join her husband of 61 years Ken, who left us five years ago. A Celebration of Life service will be held at St Andrews Anglican Church from 2pm this afternoon. May Ida Emma Hoy Rest in Peace.

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**It has been a very sad time** of late really with the death of David O'Shannessy last Wednesday, Bobby Laurie earlier in the week after Richie Lake left this world recently. 'Rich' was farewelled last Friday while Celebration of Life service for 'DOS' was held yesterday. May Richie, "DOS" and Bobby all Rest in Peace.

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**Talk about losing track of time!** Last Saturday morning my sister-in-law Sandra phoned to see how her sister was coping with things but as she was sound asleep Sandra decided to call back later. When she did over an hour later, I once again answered the phone prompting Sandra to say 'don't tell me she is still asleep, you'll have to go and wake her up!' You may ask where is this going? - Please read on.

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**When I replied that I was just about to go** and do that along with wishing my much better half Happy Birthday, Sandra suggested I probably shouldn't do that because Linda's birthday wasn't until the following Saturday. That probably explains why there wasn't any conversations going on amongst family members about birthday celebrations. What's a week between friends?!

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**The Walcha Touch Football Assoc.** will be holding its AGM this Thursday 20 October at the Bowling Club commencing at 6pm. All committee positions have been declared vacant and a representative of each team intending to play this season is requested to attend this meeting.

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**Last weekend the annual 3 Days of Walcha Golf** was played starting with the Vets Open, followed by the Mixed Open and then the Mens Open. Despite threatening weather, especially on Friday, all three Opens were played with a number of locals meeting with success. A total of 50 players teed off on Friday, a modest field of 26 players on Saturday before 64 competed on Sunday. The Golf Club would like to thank their major sponsors over the weekend Drummond Golf, The Mobile Golf Shop, Betts Transport, NSW Health and Peter Norbury Motors for their valuable support. The Mobile Golf shop donated the raffle prize, a golf bag, which was won by Peter Norbury.

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**Sadly there will be no official Walcha Cricket** competition this season but all is not lost. Walcha are going to combine with Uralla entering two teams in the Armidale competition one in second grade and the other one in third grade. At the time of going to print a draw wasn't available despite the competitions being scheduled to commence this weekend. Good luck to all our players involved.

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**Still on cricket, best of luck to the local players** who are off to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Over 70's NSW Championships from the 24 - 28 October. Peter Boyd will be representing Tamworth, Rob Blomfield is playing for Lismore while Bob Jex and Rohan Chandler are lining up for New England. Hopefully the weather will be kind for you boys.

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**What an absolute joke** the jersey numbering system is with regard to the Australian Rugby League World Cup squad at the moment over in England. Some genius has come up with an 'atom splitting' idea where each of the 24 members of the team is allocated a number and that's what they play in for the whole competition. There would be little doubt players making their debuts for Australia after dreaming about it for years are far from being overjoyed about the decision to change the jersey numbers. If it ain't broke why fix it?

## Cattle Dog Trial returns to Nowendoc



Yes you read that right - this year on November 5 and 6 will see Cattle Dog trials return to Nowendoc.

The Dungowan Stock Dog Workers Association, in conjunction with Nowendoc locals have rallied together to bring back a fantastic event to the region. The two day event will see handlers and dogs work together to win cash and prizes, generously donated by local sponsors.

Open, Novice, Maiden and Encourage events will be held at the Nowendoc Showgrounds, along with a special local event highlighting the talented working dogs we have within 100kms of Nowendoc.

Saturday night will also host an auction to raise money for several honourable causes.

For more info check out the Nowendoc Cattle Dog Trial Facebook page or call Jan Hahn on 6769 4338.

## Changed traffic conditions on Oxley Highway at Long Flat

Walcha residents travelling to the coast over the coming weeks may need to allow extra time due to resealing at Long Flat.

Transport for NSW will be installing the final reseal on the section of the Oxley Highway at Long Flat's 50km/h zone, which will also include new line marking.

Work starting on Monday 17 October will be carried out from 7am to 6pm on weekdays, and is expected to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Traffic controls will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists, with a single lane, alternating flow arrangement and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h.

There will be intermittent stoppages during work hours with delays of about five minutes.

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## Tennis

### The Community Play Program

Round 1 was held on Saturday 15 October. We have 47 and counting, players participating. Congratulations to Emma Wauch, Hyde Thomson, Pippie O'Brien and Dennis Wall for their efforts in making the morning a great success. Thanks to all the mums, dads and friends that helped on the day. We could not have done it without you. Most of all thanks to all the children who participated.

*Pictured top right: Pippie O'Brien, Maddie, Mila, Frankie, Bonnie and Ted. Far right: Karen Blomfield, Emma Wauch, Lucy, Max and Archer.*



Round 1 of the Spring Comp was played on Tuesday 11 October. We had 24 players with all courts full.

Bolt: E Wauch, T Whillock, M Ireland and P Tape defeated Millman: D Wall, N Buckland, R Mathews and T Tape 32 to 14.

Ebden: D Sweeney, P O'Brien, T Pendlebury and M Luchich defeated Laver: H Thomson, T Gibson, A Pendlebury and Pip Palmer 30 to 28 in a great close match.

Barty: M Palmer, C Bruce, G Wall and J Jones defeated Nadal: E Blomfield, S Blake, A Barillaro and A Marsh 31 to 27 in a tight match. Thanks to our floaters.

Good luck to our teams next week. The next Club meeting will be held on Monday 14 November at 6.30pm.

## At the Nineteenth

The annual three days of Walcha Golf was played last weekend commencing with the Veterans Open on Friday followed by the Mixed Open on Saturday and then the Men's Open on Sunday. Scratch winners of the Men's 4BBB Open played under a par format were Kyle Goodwin and Andrew Bowden but only after they counted out Singleton pair Andrew Davey and Craig Redmond on -1 which equates to a 1 over par 71 off the stick. Nett winners were Drew Bird and Michael Stackman on +9 on countback from the Crawford brothers Angus and Ollie also on +9, while Deon Lawrence and Jack O'Hara finished third on +7.

Front 9 hole winners were Barry Hoad and Jeff Etheridge +6 whereas the back 9 holes went to Lee Fletcher and Guy Lord also on +6.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Mitch Crawford (3), Wayne Brennan (9) and Col Berry (16), while long drives were caressed by Craig Ruttle (A), Dion Bird (B) and Bill Fletcher (C).

The winners of the Mixed 4BBB Stableford event were Dion Bird and his partner Mel Clarke who accumulated a remarkable 51 points to take home the prizes.

Runners-up were Lee Fletcher and his wife Ruth after they 'racked' 44 points, while Drew Bird and Sue Partridge were next best on 43 points, which included the best front 9 holes score of 22 points.

Back 9 holes went to Ross and Penny King after they counted out Willy Brennan and Marg Davidson on 21 points. Sweepstakes went to Willy Brennan and Marg Davidson 42, Deon Lawrence and Donna Martin 41, Col Berry and Sally McCormack 40, Simeon Cross and Pauline Carter 39.

NTP on 3 went to Neil Dark and Deon Lawrence hit the most accurate tee shot on the 18th.

The Vets Open was an individual stableford event where Tim Beaumont won the men's division after he compiled

36 stableford points to finish a couple of points clear of runner up Guyra player Ian Taylor on 34 points.

In the ladies section Cheryl McDonald won a three way countback with Uralla's Di Brown and Penny King after all three competitors carded 30 points.

Sweepstakes went to Wayne Brennan, Steph Sweeney and Willy Brennan 32, Simeon Cross and Coffs Harbour visitor Ross Schalk, both on 30 points. Simone Sweeney, Caroline Street, Deon Lawrence, Peter Norbury and Inverell's Jim Shadlow all 29 points. Lee Fletcher, Sally McCormack and Uralla's Michael Welbourne all 28 points. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Ross 'Dicky' Schalk (3), Lee Fletcher (9), Uralla's Rowan 'Chalkie' Chandler (16).

This Sunday is a stroke medal round for a trophy donated by Ladies Champion Cheryl McDonald.

## Bowls

**Draw for this Saturday 1:00 start**

Triples – D Bird, S Goodwin and K Goodwin v M Wall, M Hoy and T Parker.

**Dads Army:** Two games of triples were played on Thursday afternoon. In the first John McCormack and Noel Goodwin (Noel played twice) defeated Barry Kliendienst, Matt and Dacian Andrews 20 – 15. The second game, a big win to Brian Goodwin, Mick Bullen and Geoff Salt over Eric O'Keefe, John Watts and Peter Hayes 19 – 7.

John and Noel won the chooks and the raffles were won by Mick Bullen and Garth Clare.

## Ladies Bowls

Last week eight players played in the first round of the Ivy Makeham Memorial Trophy and there were three very close games which could have gone either way. However, Esther Hunt defeated Lyn Burnell 19 – 13, Jan Cross defeated Pat Laurie 19 – 17, Veronica Jamieson defeated Wendy Moore 15 – 14 and Margaret Tickle had a convincing win over Janice Rizzi.

Thank you to the markers Noel Goodwin, Phyllis Hoy, Margaret Morris and John McCormack.

This week Margaret Tickle v Jan Cross and Esther Hunt v Veronica Jamieson. Thank you to Wendy and Pat who will be the markers.

**The bowls meeting is also tomorrow commencing at 1.00pm.**



## classifieds



### Meetings

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

**Walcha Touch AGM** Thursday 20 October 6pm at Walcha Bowling Club

**Walcha Support Group Inc.** Thursday 27 October 1pm at WCCC rooms.

**Walcha Rugby Union Club AGM** Wednesday 9 November 6pm at Rugby Club.

**Walcha Town and Country** give a friendly reminder that the **Luncheon** this weekend is being held at **Walcha Showground Function Centre** starting at 11am.

## Garage Sale

**CHEAP SALE 71w North Street, 19, 20, 21 & 22 October.** Second hand furniture, sewing machine and cabinet, electrical goods. 10.00am to 3.00pm each day.



## Funeral Notice

### HOY; Ida Emma

12th October 2022

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Loved grandmother of Michelle and Ian, Kimberley and Doug, Andrew and Ashleigh, Rachael & Josh, Lauren and Ben.

Loved great grandmother of Isla, Zara, Jack, Charlie, Henry, Simon, Eli, Toby, Issy, Jay and Lucas.

Aged 89 years

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Andrews Anglican Church, Walcha today Wednesday, 19th October 2022 commencing at 2:00 pm.

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17th October 2022

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Loved grandfather of Alexander and Breanna and Hannah.

Aged 88 years

Funeral Service to be held at Piddington's Crematorium Chapel Uralla Road, Armidale on Friday, 28th October 2022 commencing at 2:00pm.

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## Raffle Results

**Walcha Lions Club** wood raffle. 1st Greg Schaefer, 2nd Sue Partridge.

**WRHS Walcha** 1st T Smith, 2nd J King, 3rd B Burnell. Thank you to the community for your support.

**St Patrick's P&F Street Stall** 1st Wood: the Zorgdragers, 2nd Hamper: Kylie Faux, 3rd Paperdolls Voucher: Bec Whillock, 4th Plant and Carinya Nursery Voucher: Jenny Allen.

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### OPENING OF BATHS

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**Don't forget to register your children for the SwimVAC program – To book, head to [drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac](https://drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac)**

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

## WALCHA COUNCIL

### Junior Sports

#### Coaching Clinic Grants

Applications are now being sought for the Junior Sport Clinic Grants for 2022. Grants are available to assist with the cost of providing instructors/coaches to run junior clinics. Application forms and guidelines are available from Walcha Council during office hours and on our website:

<https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news/2022-junior-sporting-coaching-clinic-grants.aspx>

#### Applications close on:

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