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Nominations are now open for our Australia Day Awards which include: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Senior Sports Person of the Year; Junior Sports Person of the Year; Community Group/Organisation of the Year awards.

"The Australia Day Awards are an important part of our Australia Day 2023 celebrations and it is a great way to recognise the many achievements of our citizens in the Walcha community," Australia Day Committee President, Aurora Reilly said.

Nomination forms are on the Walcha Council website, or at the Walcha Council office, Walcha Post Office and Walcha Newsagency.

Plans are underway for Walcha's Australia Day 2023 celebrations which will be held on Thursday 26th January at McHattan Park.

*Pictured right: 2022 Citizen of the Year, Dr Adrian Allen receiving the award from our Australia Day Ambassador*



## Big Black Market this weekend

thebigblackbuilding will be holding its next big black market from 9am this Saturday and Sunday, this time in conjunction with the National Garage Sale Trail.

"With the cash crunch hitting us all it's a good time to get rid of that excess stuff," said organiser Adam Iuston.

"As a gesture of good will in the community I've decided to waive the fee for all stall holders, so fill the car boot or ute tray and get down here for some good old fashioned haggling fun. The weather forecast looks perfect, so it should be a great couple of days!"

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## around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

It would be an amazing spring if we actually had some warm weather and paddocks dried out a little. However, Spring is all but done as summer starts at the end of this month. It seems another case of "where has spring gone?" with cool to cold temperatures and a lot of wet weather making the transition from winter seamless. However, at some point we will have some warmer days and the paddocks will dry out enough for livestock to rest a little from the conditions they have endured since August. We might even get the chance to get out and control some weeds, instead of propping up fences and moving fallen trees!

I did pull out some photos of the country in 2018/19 the other day and can't believe the contrast. I have no trouble recalling just how desperate things were, but it is a reality check to go back and look at the photos of that time. The dams were empty, the paddocks were bare and there was almost no sign of life captured in the pictures. And it was just three years ago, which is hard to believe from where we are now.

Livestock markets this week have been steady although rain affected supplies have resulted in some serious increases in the values of sheep and lambs. In Bendigo on Monday, 27,000 sheep and lambs were on offer and buyers pushed values up across the board as flooding in NSW has impacted on numbers in the central west. Values for lambs were quoted as much as \$20 dearer while sheep values increased as much as \$12. Dubbo yarded 21,200 sheep and lambs on Monday which was down by around 8,000. A full field of buyers pushed values for lambs up by \$15 to \$25 while sheep values were quoted as firm to dearer. Both indicator markets had carcass values well over 800 c/kg for lambs. Tamworth yarded 4,600 sheep and lambs and while the rest of the country is desperate for numbers due to floods, Tamworth could not muster the same level of enthusiasm and values remained firm for the best finished trade and heavy lambs.

Cattle prices have pretty much remained static for the week, despite the flooding and interrupted supply. I think it has been a logistical nightmare trying to find roads open through central western NSW and no doubt that is having an effect not only on producers trying to get stock to markets, but then processors trying to get them to processing plants without having to travel a lot of extra kilometres. Wagga yarded 2,700 cattle on Monday which was similar to the previous week. Restockers stepped up and values back to the paddock were dearer, but all other descriptions were firm to easier. Quality may have played a part in that. Tamworth yarded just over 1050 cattle on Monday which was 300 less than last week. Values were pretty solid all the way through with any variations put down to breed and quality. Restocker and feeder cattle sold slightly dearer, while processing cattle were firm.

I wanted to attend one of the recent meetings Walcha Council conducted to explain their reasons for requesting a Special Rate Variation (SRV). I was unable to attend any meeting as I was away but have read the recent explanation provided in the letter to rate payers from Council and read the recent letters to the editor in this paper. Calling this a rate variation is a little misleading as it is a rate increase that will not go back. The only variation is that the increase is outside the government sanctioned allowable rates increase. There are a couple of issues raised in my mind. One is that if our rates are such a small amount of the running capital Council requires, how is the rate increase actually going to save the Council? What is going to change? Secondly, on the surface, from the figures provided in Jack O'Hara's letter last week (Apsley Advocate 2/11/22), despite what Mayor Eric Noakes said in his column Certainty v Conjecture (Apsley Advocate 19/10/2022) there appears to have been a dramatic change in the Walcha Council's financial situation since 2019. I have a great deal of respect for our Mayor Eric Noakes and think he is doing a great job for the community. I know from discussions I have had with him that he has not had an easy job in recent years. However, I do think that Council owes the community a better explanation of just what has occurred and how they intend to fix it. In my experience once an organisation gets to this point it is very hard to turn it around and the extra money tipped in just ends up with consultants and so-called advisers. I really hope this is not the case.

We need to have our own Council and we need to have facilities for the community such as the pool, sporting grounds, gardens, the gym, the squash courts and so on. I fully support this idea, but we also need our Council to be good financial managers as well.



# Kentucky Spring Fair coming up

If travelling around the New England in November, add to your events the Kentucky Progress Association Spring Fair.

Held on November 27, from 9.00am – 1.00pm at the Kentucky Soldiers Memorial Hall on Noalimba Avenue, it is one of the last market events before Christmas. What a great opportunity to find those last-minute gifts and goodies for the stocking.

Stalls will showcase local artisan crafts, food and wares. Visitors will enjoy displays from local vintage car and machinery clubs.



# Brain Olympia gold medal for St Patrick's team

St Patrick's Primary students represented their school recently at the Brain Olympia Trials held in Tamworth at St Edward's Primary School.

The Walcha team comprised: Annie, Athena, Bentley, Connor, Georgina, Hamish, Hugo and Nate. They competed against a number of larger and smaller schools in the diocese in a range of academic activities that included: general knowledge, mathematical problem solving, public speaking as well as planning and performing a drama skit.



This was the first time that any of the students had taken part in a competition like this. St Patrick's won the Small Schools Section and placed fourth overall. "This is a fantastic achievement as we were one of the smallest schools who had taken part," St Patrick's Principal, Dallas Hyatt said.

"Our team was meant to contest the Brain Olympia Final at St Francis Xavier's Primary School, Narrabri but unfortunately the Western Trial as well as the final has been cancelled due to the large amount of rain that we are having at the moment," Dallas said.

The St Patrick's team are looking forward to defending their title in the Small Schools Section in 2023.

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# WCCC explores the New England

By Jessica Goodwin

Walcha Council Community Care has had a very tumultuous time this year, with COVID-19 hitting both the clients and the staff.

We are now back into the swing of things and with the weather slowly warming up we are seeing our clients return for excursions and activities. Recently the Men's Group went for a long day trip to have a look at the wind farms between Inverell and Glen Innes. They were very impressed with the size of the turbines and the mechanics involved in engineering them.

A large group went for a trip to Black Mountain Nursery to stock up on plants for the spring planting season, followed by lunch in Armidale. Everyone had a great time and bought lots of goodies.

The Women's Group morning tea was all things royal as we celebrated the life of the Queen. All of the women wore their pearls, did royal trivia and enjoyed a high tea.

We will continue to explore



the brilliant offerings that the New England region has to offer in the coming months. If you are over 65 yrs and would like to join us please call Walcha Council Community Care on 6774 2471.

## letters to the editor

I don't easily get agitated these days, age has worn my tusks. However, I have had to read and listen to that much rubbish regarding the Walcha Wind Farm proposals, that I feel the topic needs some sensible input.

Firstly: I would remind everyone that as a district we either produce energy or we consume energy produced elsewhere. The high cost of current transmission makes the second option much more expensive.

Secondly: I see progress and growth where our young people can live and not leave, as a critical responsibility of the older generation. None of that is possible in this hi-tech age without affordable energy.

So to prattle on about losing the serenity of the countryside is to ignore the potential for the future.

For if we stick our heads in the sand the anatomical truth is that the other end is in the air.

The next generation is our key to success as a district, we must ensure that the gifts which our youth possess are not wasted and lost as a result of a shortsighted, selfish ideological argument.

If you object to the towers and the traffic then by all means move on.

Here in Walcha we have a responsibility to grow and prosper.

**A.C. Orchiston**

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## Remembrance Day this Friday

**From Adam Hall, President  
Walcha RSL Sub-Branch**

This Remembrance Day, Friday 11th November 2022, will commemorate the 104th anniversary of the end of World War I.

The Walcha RSL Sub-Branch will be holding a commemorative service on Friday at the Walcha and District War Memorial site, commencing at 10.50am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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*Let's not forget*

## thumbs



- 👍 To Luke at Walcha Caravan Park, for managing an excellent and clean Park that Walcha can be proud of. The recent addition of a fresh coffee facility is a bonus.
- 👍 To our posties who rode around in atrocious conditions last week to deliver our mail.
- 👍 To Professor Drews' reports covering past and present analysis of Council's financial position. A sobering look at the issues facing small councils.
- 👍 To Kimberley Lisle and Amanda Scott for donating their time and energy to teaching our kids basketball skills and allowing them the opportunity to play the game. We are incredibly lucky to have two talented and patient community members be so generous with their time. The parents and kids are very grateful.

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.



# Winterbourne Wind Farm Community Survey thank you

## From Voice for Walcha

Voice for Walcha sincerely appreciates the time people have taken to complete the survey and express their different views about the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm, as well as the other projects ear-marked for this region.

Voice for Walcha is not opposed to renewable energy. We absolutely understand the need. What our group questions is the type of renewables, the size, scale, potential damage, and lack of real information about the proposed projects that would encircle Walcha.

Our goal with the survey was to get a whole-of-community opinion; something we have not had to date. The many written responses are currently being analysed and a full report will hopefully be ready to publish in next week's Advocate. Meanwhile, as our first priority, we wanted to give you the key survey stats.

- Number of valid surveys returned = 523 (a survey was invalid if it did not include a name and address, or was from outside the region, or was a duplicate).
- 79.7% of the surveys HAVE CONCERNS AND OBJECT to the Winterbourne Wind Farm.
- 8.8 % of the surveys HAVE NO CONCERNS AND SUPPORT the wind farm.
- 78.4 % of the surveys say that the developer, Winterbourne Wind, has not provided enough information to enable an understanding of the impact of the project.
- 12% of the surveys say that the developer has provided enough information.

It is worth noting that 34 people indicated that they were 'neutral' or 'didn't know enough' about the project, but then went on to write about their concerns. If these surveys were included in a 'concern tally', the total % of the surveys expressing concerns is 86.2%.

## What will happen to the survey results

As well as publishing the final report in *The Advocate*, it will also be sent to Walcha Council, enabling them to confidently 'speak' for the community. Council will receive the final and more thorough survey analysis well before their next meeting on 30 November.

The results of the survey will also be sent to the NSW Planning Department as part of a group response to the EIS.

The planning department has informed us that the EIS is due to be released next Monday (14th) with the response period ending on Monday 12 December. People can either COMMENT on, OBJECT TO, or SUPPORT the project. How the public responds to the EIS can have a major effect on what happens.

## What's Next? EIS submission "Drop-in Shop".

The EIS will likely be a huge document which most people won't have time to read. To make it easy for you to comment on the EIS, the Voice for Walcha will have a 'drop-in shop' during the EIS comment period. The help-shop will be in the Telecottage (where the Pathology service was previously located).

The Voice for Walcha Drop-in shop will kick-off next Wednesday (16th) and will be open from 8 – 10am and 1 – 2pm, Monday to Friday and 9am-noon on Saturday 19th, coinciding with the Walcha Farmers Markets.

From November 14th, individuals can only send one submission to the EIS, but business, or organisations can make submissions also. Submissions can be made online (which is not straightforward, so we are here to help), or by mailing a letter.

For help with submissions, you can phone us, email us, or visit our website for instructions. Go to [www.voiceforwalcha.com](http://www.voiceforwalcha.com) or email us at [us@voiceforwalcha.com](mailto:us@voiceforwalcha.com) or phone **0475 410 859**.

Thanks again for taking a very active interest in the future of Walcha.

# Walcha Motorcycle Rally

Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
17 – 19 November 2022

## Get your discounted local ticket only available online prior to the event

With just over a week until hundreds of motorcyclists converge on Walcha for the annual Motorcycle Rally, don't forget to jump online and grab your discounted locals' tickets so you don't miss out on all the action.


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The full program is available to download on the website at [www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au](http://www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au)

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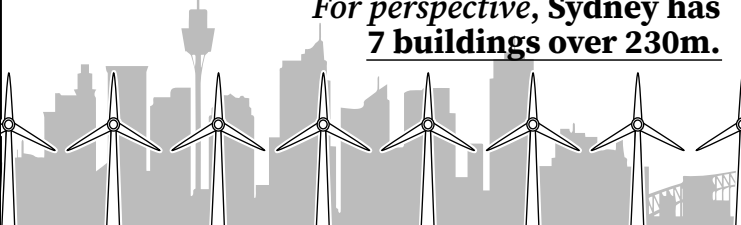
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With organised rides in the area, please keep your eye out for motorbikes when using our sealed and unsealed roads. If you need any assistance purchasing your local tickets please phone Lisa or Corinne at the Visitor Information Centre on 6774 2460.




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## Hillgrove v Walcha/Uralla

Hillgrove	
H EASTWOOD c D Boyd b J Grills	21
D MOFFITT b M Harper	0
J SCHUMACK lbw R Grewal	4
D WATERS b M Harper	1
P TOWNSEND c R Grewal b J Grills	59
C LAY run out	41
S AHMED b B Mansfield	0
S MAXWELL c C Boyd b M Tasik	17
S BROTHERTON n.o	0
A PARTRIDGE n.o	1
Total 178. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
R Grewal 8-1-19-1, M Harper 7-1-19-2, C Boyd 3-0-10-0, S Little 6-0-37-0, D Boyd 4-0-25-0, T Swan 3-0-18-0, J Grills 6-1-11-2, B Mansfield 3-0-13-1, M Tasik 2-0-11-1, L Hunt 1-0-9-0.	

Walcha/Uralla	
J GRILLS c ? b S Brotherton	3
D BOYD c ? b S Brotherton	22
R GREWAL run out	61
B MANSFIELD c ? b J Ahmed	26
C BOYD lbw b J Ahmed	0
S LITTLE c ? b J Ahmed	16
T SWANN run out	0
B MOORE b D Waters	16
M TASIK b D Waters	0
L HUNT b D Waters	0
M HARPER n.o	0
Total 157. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets)	
J Maxwell 7-0-42-0, J Brotherton 5-0-22-2, P Singh 5-0-18-0, J Ahmed 8-1-43-3, A Partridge 3-0-21-0, D Waters 12-0-7-3. (Note ? used where name not provided on score sheet)	

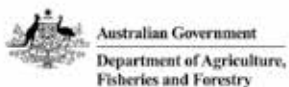
The Walcha/Uralla cricket team were defeated by 20 runs at Peter Fenwicke Oval in Round 1 of the Armidale Second Grade competition when they took on Hillgrove last Saturday.

Hillgrove posted a score of 8/178 off their allotted overs thanks mainly to a fourth wicket 83 run partnership between P. Townsend and C Lay.

The homeside used all 10 bowlers where Jay Grills 2/11, Matt Harper 2/19, Matt Tasik 1/11, Brian Mansfield 1/13 and Randy Grewal 1/19. All captured wickets.

In reply Walcha/Uralla were cruising along quite nicely at 2/92 after 18 overs before losing 8/65 in the next 11 overs.

Number three batsman Randy Grewal hit a game high 61 runs and received valuable support from Brian Mansfield 26, Daniel Boyd 22, Sinclair Little and Blaine Moore who both scored 16 runs each.



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## At the 19th

A field of 23 players teed off in the opening round of the Patrons (Margaret Davidson and Col Berry) trophy, played in conjunction with a prize supplied by Lee Fletcher which went to Jeff Etheridge after he accumulated a winning score of 37 stableford points. RU was the consistent Michael Stackman on 35 points while the remaining S/S prizes went to Jack O'Hara 33, Barry Hoad, Owen Presnell and Col Berry on 32 points. NTP were former English Wrestler Mal Ballard (3) and Simeon Cross (18). In matchplay Jack O'Hara def Andrew Robertson 5 and 3. Last Saturday just seven players turned up for the 9 hole competition where Crichton Barr racked up 16 points to win from John McCormack on 14. No competitor was clever enough to reach the beach on the third hole. This Sunday is a stroke medal round for a trophy donated by Vicki Heffernan while the Tamworth Open is also scheduled.

The following Sunday, Robert C Barr is in charge of providing the prize for the final round of the Patrons.

## Bowls

**Draw for this Saturday** 1:30 start. Mixed pairs semi final S Andrews & K Goodwin v W & A McGuffog.

**Dads Army:** 12 players nominated for Thursday bowls, where two games of triples were played. In the first Mick Bullen, Tony Asmus and Warwick Hogan def Barry Hoad, John McCormack and Eric O'Keefe 14 - 12. The second game saw one of the biggest comebacks. Leading 15 - 3 early, Brian Goodwin, Peter Hayes and Geoff Salt saw Barry Kliendienst, Noel Goodwin and John Watts win the

next ten ends to lead 22 - 15, before losing the last two ends but hung on to win 22 - 19. Barry, Noel and John won the chooks and the raffle was won by Tony Asmus.

## Tennis

Round 3 of the Spring Comp was a washout. Round 4 was played out on 1 November. Barty: Barry Hoy, Chris Bruce, Graeme Wall and Jess Jones def Millman: Denis Wall, Nick Buckland, Roxana Mathews and Troy Tape 24 - 21. Bolt: Michael Lockyer, Dave Clarke, Matt Ireland and Peter Tape def Ebden: Dave Sweeney, Pip O'Brien, Troy Pendlebury, and Mish Luchich 29 - 17. Nadal: Ed Blomfield, Steve Blake, Adam Barillaro and Aleasha Marsh def Laver: D A Locke, Dave Healey, Ann Pendlebury and Tommy Lestrade 21 - 19 in a close one. Thanks to our floaters again.

We are halfway through the Junior Tennis Community Program. The children are progressing well learning lots of new skills. Thanks to Emma Wauch, Pip O'Brien, Karen Rizzi, Jen Grayling, Karen Blomfield and all the other parents and helpers involved. The next Club meeting will be held on 14 November at 6.30pm.

## Ladies Bowls

Janice Rizzi, Jan Cross and Wendy Moore were feeling quite defeated when Esther, Marg Tickle and Carol Rose were leading 9-0 on the fifth end. However, Janice, Jan and Wendy managed to win the game 17-15 after playing eighteen ends.

**Wednesday 23 November** is Association Day in Uralla. Nomination form is on the board and numbers are needed by 11 November. **Tuesday 29 November** is the Uralla Can Assist Day. Names to go on board by 22 November. Janice Rizzi, Esther Hunt and Margaret Tickle played a very enjoyable game of bowls in the Nundle Triples last Sunday. There will be Social Bowls tomorrow.



Junior Tennis Program photo left to right Karen Rizzi with Phoebe, Penny, Fergus, Rupert and Freddie.

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HEIFERS**

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**44 PTIC  
HEIFERS**

**For more information on these lots please contact Andrew Blomfield on 0428 667 402**

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Speed Shear .....	Tete Petuha
Sports Shear .....	Steve Liddle
Demolition Derby	Patrick Stace, Assistants: Ross Fletcher, Matty Green, Kristina Rizzi
Yard Dog Trials .....	Tony Overton, Lee Fletcher, Kelly Madden
Cattle Dog Challenge .....	Tony Overton, Angus Laurie

## What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



**The following happened a while back** but it's still worthy of a mention. During a family outing to Tamworth the Blomfield's took two cars with the idea that Andrew would stay the night and attend a stock sale the next day. Plans changed before both 'Bloomy' and his better half 'Lissie' decided to return to Walcha and were on the way home out about Kootingal when they realised one of their vehicles was still in Tamworth.

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**Last Saturday there was a modest roll up** for the Newie Footy Tipping end of season party but the people who did attend were treated to a few complimentary beverages, some prawns and BBQ. Thanks to publican Perc Berry, chief cook Dal Evans along with bar staff members Michelle Wayte and Cindy Brown for their hospitality during the afternoon.

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**Most people have heard of Karl Marx**, the German philosopher, economist, historian, sociologist, political theorist, journalist, critic of political economy, and social revolutionary but few know of his sister Onya, an Olympic runner. Her name is still mentioned at the start of every race. Some will get it faster than others but if you can't work it out yourself ask one of your friends.

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**The luck of the Irish** got the job done for David Garth Clare when he took out the Newie 7's competition last Saturday landing \$608 for his efforts. The weekly 7's requires punters to correctly select the winner of race 7 at Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne for the cost of just \$2. If no-one correctly selects the three winners the prizemoney jackpots. This Saturday the pool restarts at \$60.

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**Last Saturday 'Sheeza Belta'** saluted at Rosehill before 'Alligator Blood' got up at Flemington leaving four tipsters still in the hunt going into the third race. When 'Rubamos' greeted the judge at Doomben D.G.C. was home and hosed but "Ucalled it", which ran a half a length second, certainly had Troy Lestrade and myself excited until the winner pulled away. So near but so far Troy.

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**The Walcha/Uralla Cricket team** launched their 2022/23 season last Saturday at Peter Fenwicke Oval where they went down to Hillgrove by 20 runs. Chasing 178 the homeside were right on track at 2/92 with 27 overs up their sleeve after Randy Grewal spearheaded the batting with an innings of 61 runs which included three 6's. Randy copped one on the thumb early in his dig but battled on bravely to be involved in six partnerships as he kept his team in the match. Unfortunately a middle order batting collapse ended any chance of victory for Walcha/Uralla.

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**Big wigs of the week** – Randy Grewal 61 runs, Brian Mansfield 26, Daniel Boyd 22, Sinclair Little 16, Blaine Moore 16; Player of the Season points – Randy Grewal 3, Brian Mansfield 2, Jay Grills 1.

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**This Saturday Walcha/Uralla take on TAS First XI** at the TAS back field in Armidale in 2nd grade, while in 3rd grade our guys do battle with Ex Services here at Peter Fenwicke oval. Hopefully there will be enough players available to field two full teams this weekend.

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**The Walcha Flippers season** is scheduled to commence next Tuesday 15 November and Club President Yolanda Mooney has requested all swimmers who intend becoming a member for the 2022/23 season please register through <https://forms.gle/QNSdffffiMDicMBn1A> With a bit of luck the weather will soon warm up but looking at the forecast there doesn't seem to be many hot days predicted between now and then.

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**How's the form of Aussie winger Josh Addo-Carr** who raced over for no less than five tries against Lebanon in the Rugby League World Cup last weekend. The 'Fox' was wearing guernsey No 9 playing outside centre, Latrell Mitchell wearing No 8. The numbering system has been labelled a disgrace by people who should know, along with the spectators and supporters confused by it.



# Walcha Council

## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Public Notice – Presentation of Financial Statements



#### Public notice – Presentation of financial statements

as per Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, Walcha Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 30 November 2022 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2022.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below.

	2022 \$ '000	2021 \$ '000
<strong>Income Statement</strong>		
Total income from continuing operations	26,060	28,684
Total expenses from continuing operations	19,535	20,047
<strong>Operating result from continuing operations</strong>	<strong>6,525</strong>	<strong>8,637</strong>
<strong>Net operating result for the year</strong>	<strong>6,525</strong>	<strong>8,637</strong>
<strong>Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</strong>	<strong>(276)</strong>	<strong>(1,100)</strong>
<strong>Statement of Financial Position</strong>		
Total current assets	19,104	14,746
Total current liabilities	(10,889)	(7,948)
Total non-current assets	477,703	425,637
Total non-current liabilities	(9,305)	(3,391)
<strong>Total equity</strong>	<strong>476,613</strong>	<strong>429,044</strong>
<strong>Other financial information</strong>		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	4.35	2.69
Operating performance ratio (%)	1.69%	(3.17)%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	23.80	19.43
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	6.06%	4.90%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	219.87%	245.80%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	40.31%	42.68%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	9.18	4.08

In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act, 1993, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

**Internet:** [www.walcha.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au)

**Locations:** Walcha Council  
2W Hamilton Street  
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Submissions close one week after the above public meeting has been held.



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### A service of remembrance for those who are grieving

Wednesday 16th November, 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Walcha Anglican Church



For many in our community 2022 has been a year consistently punctuated with grief. In recognition of this, the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches are holding a special service for those who are grieving to come and remember the loved ones they have lost whenever that may have been.

We will share afternoon tea with the service itself having times of prayer, bible readings and songs of reflection as well as a short bible reflection.

People are encouraged, if they would like, to bring a photo of the person or people they are there to remember as well as have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of them.

All enquiries can be made to Reverend Ben France at the Anglican Church on 6777 2543.

**Amaroo LALC Notice to Members** – Eye specialist at Amaroo on 10 November from 9:30 to 3pm. Please phone Amaroo to make an appointment on 6777 1100

**Amaroo LALC Notice** – to Members and Community Bells Turtle Workshop. Thursday 17 November from 9:30am. To book your spot call AMAROO on 6777 1100

**Church Service at Woolbrook Church** 2pm, this Sunday. Info Graham Barnes 6777 2539.

### PRESCHOOL 2023 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN



Enrolments are now open for children aged between 3 and 5 to attend Walcha Preschool in 2023. Enrolments are being accepted for children turning 3 before 31 July 2023.

If your child turns 3 after 31 July 2023 then they may also attend if vacancies exist at the time. Unfortunately, these places cannot be reserved for them.

Paper enrolment forms are available at the Preschool and Council offices during normal opening hours. Enrolments can also be completed online by visiting:

<https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/community/children-young-people/walcha-preschool.aspx>

An orientation evening will be held during January where Preschool staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

For enquiries, please call Alice on 6777 2117.

Phillip Hood, Acting General Manager  
Walcha Council PO Box 2, Walcha NSW 2354

## Meetings

**Walcha Jockey Club AGM** 7.30pm Tuesday 22 November 2022 at Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha. Agenda:

- Election of officer bearers: President, Vice Presidents (three), Secretary, Treasurer, Patrons (two)
- 2023 Race Meeting
- Financial statements for the previous year

Jim Nivison – President

**Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
General meeting 10th November, 11am at Amaroo LALC Board Room – 36N Derby St, WALCHA NSW 2354

### AGENDA:

- Welcome and apologies
- Minutes of previous members meeting
- LALC Operational Report
- Financial Report
- Community Land and Business Plan update
- Memberships
- Other business placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- AGM and next members meeting – Confirmation of date, venue and times

All questions about this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson, Alena Stackman at the Amaroo LALC Office (02) 6777 1100 or via email [office@amaroolalc.com.au](mailto:office@amaroolalc.com.au) during business hours.

## Raffle Results

**Walcha Golf Club** raffle results. Winners were Polly Locke and Bill Croll. Many thanks for all the support.

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**Presbyterian Church**  
**Evening Carol Service**  
**Thursday 22 December**  
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## Kings Pharmacy VIP Day



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more details to follow....

## Positions Vacant

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To apply please email a cover letter and your resume to:

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or drop it into us at 211N Pakington St Walcha before COB on 21st of November.

## The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

Seeking EOI for a

### Professional Cleaner



To service 3 commercial accommodation facilities located east of Yarrowitch. Approximately 1.45 hours east of Walcha. All wheel drive accessible via sealed and dirt roads.

**Job Type:** Casual

**Part-time hours:** 2 x 3-5 hour cleans per week, plus travel. Monday and Friday.

**Experience:** Some experience required

**Licence:** Australian driver's licence

Must have or willing to obtain an ABN and 20-million-dollar public liability insurance.

Work Remotely: Yes

Duties to include (*all cleaning products supplied*)

- Mop floors
- Sweep paths
- Clean BBQ
- Wipe/clean fridge out
- Clean Stove
- Wipe down mattress protectors
- Clean glass sliding doors
- Clean toilet/bathrooms

References required.

Please register your interest through the Walcha NPWS mailbox at:

[npws.nea@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:npws.nea@environment.nsw.gov.au)

## Thank You

The family of Robert Laurie (Bob) would like to thank you very much for cards, flowers, phone calls and kind expressions of sympathy shown to us following his sad passing.

Your support at this difficult time is very much appreciated and great comfort to all the family.

## THE FAMILY OF SERGIO BOZZA

Would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Riverview Aged Care for your care and support of Sergio in his time with you, and the kindness and compassion shown to all his family. As a resident of Riverview Sergio experienced first hand just how wonderful and caring all the staff are and how fortunate we are to have such an amazing facility in Walcha. Our sincere thanks extend also to Dr Deng and the wonderful caring staff at Walcha Hospital. Your thoughtfulness, care and compassion toward Sergio and his family at this difficult time was so much appreciated. The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the kind people who have expressed their sympathy and condolences on the passing of Sergio. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

## Garage Sale



**Saturday 12 November**

KERRY CAREY STALL

(all proceeds to animal welfare). At thebigblackbuilding. Heaps of great stuff including pot plants.

## For Sale

**Woodwork and Artwork Clearance Sale**  
Sunday 20 November 8am to 1pm, 192w North Street. Items include resin and antique furniture, art work, tools and sundry items.

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**Thursday 10** 12.00pm – Close

**9.00 for 9.30am** Ladies Bowls.

**1.00pm** Social Bowls – all welcome

**Friday 11** 2.00pm – Close

**2.00pm** Bingo

**5.30 for 5.45pm** Twilight Bowls

**6.00pm** Bistro

- Creamy lamb chops
- Macadamia crusted fish
- Chicken cordon bleu
- Normal menu available, takeaway and delicious dessert.

**6.00pm** Tickets available for raffles

**7.30pm** Free Bingo

**8.00pm** Raffles drawn & Members Draw

**Saturday 12** 11.00am – Close

**6.00pm** Bistro

**Sunday 13** 11.00am – Close

**12.00pm** Bistro open

**1.00pm** Meat, fruit & veg raffles

12 November  
 ... this weekend ...

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