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The showground gates open for registrations on Thursday at 12 noon and there will be evening live music from 6.00pm by Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles, along with performances by our celebrity MC, actor and singer Ben Mingay.

Friday's program includes pre-booked organised adventure and road rides run by Armidale Adventure Riders and Oxley Riders. From 12 noon the showground comes alive with exhibitors, activities and entertainment including Eljay Freestyle stunt shows, BackTrack dog jumping, tyre throwing and burnout competitions, sidecar gymkhana, woodchop demos by Australia's leading young axemen, chainsaw racing, antique machinery and vintage chainsaw displays. Don't miss the evening live music from 7.00pm by Terra Firma, featuring a unique sound ranging from country, blues to reggae.

On Saturday morning the Adventure riders head out

again on pre-booked rides. Enjoy Walcha Farmers' Market, along with the much-loved motorcycle street procession, which will run through town at 11am. At the showground the dirt bike barrel racing competition kicks off at 9am, running all day. From 12 noon events and activities include a motorcycle Show & Shine, postie bike soccer and grass track derby, Eljay Freestyle shows, vintage car display, burnout comp, woodchop demos, chainsaw racing, antique machinery, vintage chainsaw displays and the good old demolition derby. From 6:30pm enjoy live music by Al Buchan & the Buchaneers with their fantastic 70s music roadshow.

There will be a great range of delicious food stalls at the showground during the event including, Delilah & Co Coffee, Orange Duck Kitchen, Pizza on Wheels, Thunderbolts Café. The Ezidi Food van will be joining us Saturday also. A variety of motorcycle related exhibitors will be in attendance both Friday and Saturday at the showground as well as a few non-motorcycle stalls, including the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Support Group with a raffle and guess the weight of the bike competition.

Tickets are available online. Children 16 and under are free if accompanied by a paying, supervising adult. To buy tickets visit www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au

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By **BRUCE RUTHERFORD**

The gumboots are certainly getting a workout with more rain this week with gateways ankle deep in mud at best each time you step out of the side by side. Not to mention flat paddocks which are just sitting in water. It is amazing just how wet the country is from Victoria to southern QLD after rainfall on an almost daily basis and more forecast. After a couple of serious downpours this week I think Walcha may have notched up another 50 or 60mm and tallies for the last few months are starting to look like the total rainfall for 2019, if not more. It is hard to take your mind back to those days, but they weren't that long ago and what we would have given for a fall of 25mm isn't worth thinking about! Remember when you used to get excited about 10mm?

The rainfall is having a serious impact on farming operations further west and at this point we have to consider ourselves so lucky we are not in the cropping business. I have heard stories of crops abandoned because there is no chance of harvesting them. I have been told about farmers trying desperately to get what they can and bogging headers 8 or 10 times a day. I have heard of carp swimming in wheat crops. It is really tough going for the grain farmers and if we had to take a bit more rain to take the pressure off them, we would do it. The latest disaster I am hearing about is that much of the northern half of NSW appears to be affected by a blight in the wheat, rendering it totally valueless if it is affected. Apparently with the wet year this blight starts to affect the plant at flowering and is not evident until harvest. There have been a lot of loads of wheat rejected at the silos because of infected grain. I am told they are allowed one infected seed in 300 in the sample. This is a terrible outcome for many wheat growers as they were at least hoping to sell their grain for stock feed once paddocks dried out enough to harvest what they can. Hopefully, it won't be as bad as they are thinking it possibly is right now. I have heard of one farmer who decided to feed some of his rejected grain to cattle which resulted in losses and a very bad outcome.

The news is all about floods and the major river systems at the moment and what a dreadful time some communities have had in the last couple of months. If you saw the images of the outflowing water from Wyangala dam on Monday night, any residents down stream would have to be concerned. Wyangala has a capacity of approx. 1.3m ML. The estimates are that current inflows are around 230,000ML per day and the dam is at 104% capacity with no flood mitigation storage. So what comes in must be going out. To put that in some sort of perspective, Sydney harbour holds about 500,000 ML. The catchment received another 70 mm over the weekend, so you can only start to imagine the problems they have out there. Nearly every water storage in NSW is listed as at 100% of capacity and if they are not it is because water is being released to ease potential problems in a downpour. Burrendong for example is at 135% capacity but inflows are exceeding outflows as they try to alleviate flooding problems through Dubbo and beyond. They would be hoping Bathurst and Oberon don't get a big rainfall event (which has happened this last weekend!). There are some amazing numbers you can access through Water NSW if you want to see more info.

Livestock markets seem to have hit a bit of rough weather as well. I am not sure whether it is logistics playing a part or that markets are coming off because of demand issues. Probably a bit of each, but the mail is that feedlots are having trouble unloading 100 day grain fed beef. Both sheep and cattle markets have lost ground this last week. The gains made in lamb markets the previous week were reversed in regional markets late last week and on Monday. Some classes of lamb were quoted \$20 plus cheaper on Monday in both Dubbo and Bendigo. Values for feeder cattle and processing cattle have taken a hit this week and there would be a lot of producers hoping that this is short lived. Restocking values don't seem to have been affected by the down turn in processing or feedlot values at this point as restockers really go hard to find stock to fill paddocks of feed the likes we have rarely seen. I think recent history would favour the grazier who has taken the bit between his teeth and filled the paddocks as opposed to those who have taken a back seat position. Time will tell.

Twilight Market coming to Walcha

After the unfortunate cancelling of the Quota markets many local stall holders were looking for an opportunity to sell their wares in the lead up to Christmas.

The idea of a twilight market has been put forward and with support from council a date has been set for Friday 25 November. From 5.00 – 7.00pm Derby Street will hopefully have plenty of market stalls to help you get some of your Christmas shopping started and then why not stay down town and have a meal at one of our local restaurants.

Anyone interested in having a stall can contact Samantha Bayley via email – samanthav@hotmail.com.

All stall holders are required to have their own insurance.



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**It is with great excitement and a tear or two
that I announce Paperdolls House is sold.**

The new vibrant, young and gorgeous owner will commence on Monday 28 November and I will say goodbye. Please drop in for 'Bubbles and Cuddles' on Friday 25 from 3.00 – 5.00pm.

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letters to the editor



Why?

Greenhouse gases are not a problem. Despite decades of trying, no firm link has been found to connect gases in the atmosphere with warming. Despite a noticeable increase in greenhouse gases there has been little warming. All the fearmongering that has gone on for decades has proven false. Islands have not disappeared, dams are full and the polar bears are doing fine.

Please don't ruin our economy and destroy our scenery for nothing.

Doug Wild

I went outside to find a friend,
I could not find one there.
I went outside to be a friend,
And friends were everywhere.
Thank you Walcha

Changes to cervical screening available at Walcha General Practice

With Walcha's rate of cervical screening only sitting at 65%, Dr Alison Jones is hoping that a new self collection kit now available from Walcha General Practice will boost these testing statistics.

Every five years women from 25 years up until their early 70's are recommended to have a cervical screening test. "This new test is available for all patients who are asymptomatic, with self collection just as good as clinician-collections for picking up HPV," Dr Jones said.

"It is best to talk to your doctor about the self-collection first. We can give you a kit and encourage you to do the self-collection at the practice," Dr Jones said. Self-collection is where a patient collects their own vaginal sample using a swab.

The sample is then sent off for testing, and if it is clear you will not need to do another test for five years. If the test is not clear your doctor will contact you to make a follow up appointment.

Anyone due for cervical screening during pregnancy can be offered the option of self-collection. Cervical screening is not required for those who have had a total hysterectomy.

So make an appointment with your doctor to talk about this simple test which is so important. Contact Walcha General Practice on 6777 4293.



thumbs



- 👍 To Walcha Council staff Danielle and Georgia, love the smiles.
- 👍 To Walcha Council for completing the new garden either end of the wooden bridge on the levee walk.
- 👍 To Charlie Street, Ben Ussher and Mel Benson for your hard work on the Junior Rugby Committee this year.
- 👍 To Walcha Law for being so helpful.
- 👍 To Fletcher France for his excellent bugling on Remembrance Day at Walcha Multi Purpose Centre. The residents, their families and staff were very impressed.
- 👍 To Cassie McKenna for being a super hero helping out Walcha Central School's a Literary Festival, and Veronica for her support.

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.

Farmers Market this Saturday along with Motorcycle Rally

Walcha Farmers' Market will be on this Saturday 19 November from 8:30am – 12:30pm at McHattan Park. We are looking forward to welcoming locals and all the attendees who'll be in town for the Walcha Motorcycle Rally to our fabulous little community market.

New to the market this month is Sheetal, a new local, who is looking forward to sharing her delicious pickles with us! Howard the Banjo Man will be back to entertain us in his warm and sunny style. Many of your favourite stalls will be in attendance including Nan's Homestyle Condiments, Walcha Roasted Coffee, Kate's Cacti and Succulents, Sunhill Dairy Goats, Moodee and Sass, Kentucky Tree Nursery, 216 Collection, Ivan Thomas' woodwork, Stamp Ahead, Sienna's Seedlings, Beca Bakes, Carinya North Nursery, The Bush Patisserie, Rotary BBQ and the Community Stall.



From 11:00am, the Walcha Motorcycle Rally street parade will make its way from the Showground through the town, so do your shopping at the market first, then line the streets to watch the spectacle of the motorcycles and other vehicles parading!

If you have excess produce in your garden and would like to sell it at the community stall, bring it along and they will sell it for you for a small commission. The market committee loves having the involvement and support of our community in our market.

Another Turbine Podcast

From John Heffernan

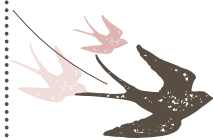
If you've heard the podcast, *Turbines on my Mind*, you'll be aware of some of the main Matters that Matter regarding wind turbines. (If not, do have a listen; it's a good starting point to this subject that won't overly challenge your grey matter: go to voiceforwalcha.com/turbines

Anyway, since posting that podcast I've had heaps of emails asking for more stuff on those big buggers that are said to be heading our way, the turbines. Be aware that you can find out more information for yourself by following any of the links in the voiceforwalcha website, or by just doing your own fossicking.

But I do know how huge and complicated the wind farm issue is, and how hard it can be to find reasonably reliable material. So I've decided to add another chapter to this podcast series.

It will be called -guess what – Turbines on my Mind 2. And instead of just me haranguing you, there will be five other speakers, all locals, with their own thoughts about different aspects of this extremely important issue. Sessions will range from three to six minutes, and in each case speakers will discuss something that's important to them and that they know about. So their words will be worthwhile additions that should give you something to ponder.

Go to: voiceforwalcha.com/turbines2



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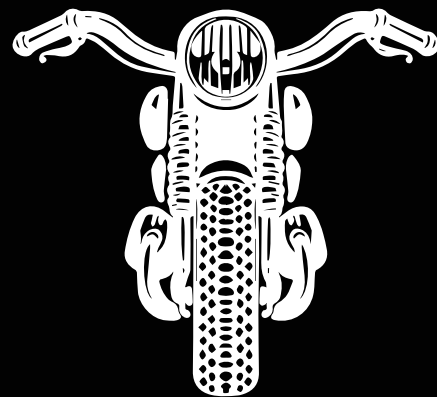
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EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION Winterbourne Wind Farm

Application No	SSD-10471
Location	Approximately 6.5 km northeast of Walcha
Applicant	Winterbourne Wind Pty Ltd
Council Areas	Walcha and Uralla Shire
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

Development of a wind farm with up to 119 wind turbines, energy storage and associated infrastructure.

About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning and Environment (Department) has received a State significant development (SSD) application for the abovementioned project. The application, environmental impact statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Friday 18 November 2022** until **Thursday 15 December 2022**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water has decided that the proposed development – known as Winterbourne Wind Farm (2020/8734) for Commonwealth purposes – is a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are:

- Sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage properties);
- Sections 15B and 15C (National Heritage places);
- Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities); and
- Sections 20 and 20A (Listed migratory species).

The proposed development 2020/8734 will be assessed under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

The public notice for the project may be found at epbcpbpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals.

Have your say

The Department encourages online submissions. To have

your say online, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on ‘Make a submission’. You will need to log in or create a user account.

If you cannot submit online, post or drop your submission to the address below, to arrive before the close of exhibition. If you would like your personal information to be withheld from publication, please clarify this in a separate cover sheet and only provide your personal information in that cover sheet. Do not include personal information in your submission as your submission will be published in full.

If you choose to send a paper-based submission, it is important that both the submission and mailing envelope are addressed to the nominated contact person below.

Please be aware that if you choose to send a paper-based submission and it is not addressed to the nominated contact person, the submission will not be received by the Department and will instead be returned to sender.

Before making your submission: You should read the Department’s:

- disclaimer and declaration at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration; and
- privacy statement at planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

Please call 1300 305 695 if you wish to be provided with a copy. Your submission will be published on the NSW planning portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration.

In your submission, please include:

- your name and address (please ensure your personal details are provided in a separate cover sheet if you would like your details to be withheld from publication);
- the name of the project and the application number;
- a statement on whether you ‘support’ or ‘object’ to the application or if you are simply providing comment;
- the reasons why you support or object to the application;
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and
- a statement indicating you acknowledge and accept the Department’s disclaimer and declaration.

For more information, including a copy of the Department’s submissions policy, please go to planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

For more information: Contact (02) 9274 6296 or 1300 305 695

Address: Director – Energy Assessments, Development Assessment, Department of Planning and Environment, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124

Supercars on the streets of Walcha

Those travelling to work through Walcha last Thursday would have been forgiven for thinking they had stepped into the French Riviera with Derby Street lined with supercars. They were taking part in the Thunderbolt Run, a 1465km trip from Mooloolaba to Sydney. Founder of the charity event, Vas Comblas came up with the idea of a high end performance car run to support Beyond Blue, after losing a friend to depression. Participants were on the road for five days, travelling from Mooloolaba to Armidale, through Walcha and onto

the Hunter Valley, before taking in the Southern Highlands, onto the Sydney Motorsport Park.

Thunderbolt Run will donate \$1000 for every vehicle entered to Beyond Blue.

Photos courtesy Lisa Kirton



Service prepares for a busy summer

With people out and about during summer, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is preparing for a busy few months.

This week they launched their Summer Appeal. "We know from past experience that across summer, our crews encounter increased calls for help from those in need from all of our three Bases servicing the Northern Rivers, New England North West, North Coast and the Newcastle, Central Coast and Hunter Region," Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service CEO Richard Jones OAM said.

"The increased freedoms offered this summer compared to the last two years, will see people right across Northern NSW out enjoying all that the warmer months have to offer in both regional and coastal areas. With this increased activity, we know that despite everyone's best efforts to remain safe, we will be called upon for people in need of urgent medical assistance.

"Annually we have the challenge of fundraising over \$14M to help keep our operations on standby 24/7. "

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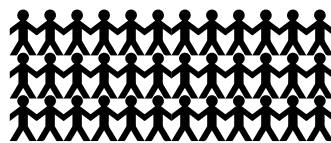
The survey results *are in*

As promised, here's a more detailed report on the Winterbourne Wind Farm survey conducted by Voice for Walcha.



523

.. Number of valid surveys returned



79.7 %

.. of the 523 survey responses **expressed concerns and objected** to the Winterbourne Wind Farm.



8.8%

... of the survey responses stated they had **no concerns** and supported the plan for this project.

People with concerns > The issues expressed by people with concerns fall into **5 main areas**

1 What has been lacking in the developer's process

78.4% of the people responding to the survey indicated that they did not think that the developer, Winterbourne Wind, had provided enough information for them to understand the impact of this project. There were numerous comments from people who said they support renewable energy but took particular objection to the way this project has been implemented.

In the written comments submitted in the surveys, the following issues were the key concerns:

- ▶ The developer, Winterbourne Wind, has not adequately consulted with the community
- ▶ The developer has not been willing to take part in community forums
- ▶ The developer has created serious community disharmony with the negotiation of secret contracts
- ▶ The developer has not provided information when requested, necessitating individual research
- ▶ The developer has not been honest
- ▶ The developer has not provided information to people that has been promised

"I am thirteen years old. I will be 43 when any of the turbines and transmission towers are finished with. I will be the generation dealing with the decisions that are made now."

"Winterbourne Wind seem to be very secretive and reluctant to give out full detailed information on this development."

- ▶ The developer has been remiss with consultations with host neighbours, especially in terms of the noise and visual impact of the proposed turbines
- ▶ The developer has not been forthcoming on details about the transmission lines, their location, and their impact
- ▶ The developer has not provided facts, only 'warm fuzzies'
- ▶ The developer has only released a slow trickle of information rather than providing all the information upfront

"People in regional areas should not have to bear the costs of climate change for all Australians. We are appalled at the lack of solar energy on existing structures in metropolitan areas, while city dwellers support wind and solar industrial developments in rural backyards where they don't have to look at them. Their backyard happens to be our homes."

2 What doesn't make sense about this proposed project

A total of **86.2%** of survey respondents expressed concerns about the Winterbourne Wind Farm (this % includes people who said they were 'neutral' or 'didn't know enough' but also submitted written comments expressing concern). There were many comments to the effect that there are just too many projects proposed for our area and that the cumulative impact, commencing with the Winterbourne project, will be too much for our community to cope with.

Following are some of the issues mentioned:

- ▶ Why construct an industrial site on prime agricultural land?
- ▶ Why interfere with essential farming practices (such as being able to fertilise crops from the air)?
- ▶ Why not use alternate forms of renewables which are more sustainable and do less damage?
- ▶ Why commence a project where the type of renewable chosen could be obsolete before the project is finished?
- ▶ Why aren't urban roofs being used as a source of solar power and mini wind turbines?
- ▶ Why are a small group of people able to sign contracts which impact on a whole community?
- ▶ Why so many large projects proposed, to encircle one small country town?
- ▶ Why the secrecy?
- ▶ Why is each project being assessed separately by the NSW Planning Department, rather than looking at the cumulative effect?
- ▶ Why isn't the whole community consulted with – as the first step in the process
- ▶ Why secret negotiations?
- ▶ Why threaten a world heritage national park?
- ▶ Why endanger the community's ability to fight bushfires?
- ▶ Why allow foreign ownership of resources in Australia?

Results continued over >

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to send in a survey.



3 What the community would lose

On analysing the written comments in the surveys, the following were listed as key concerns regarding what the community would lose if the Winterbourne Wind Farm went ahead.

- ▶ The loss of confidence about the future of Walcha
- ▶ The loss of people from the area as they do not want to live surrounded by wind farms
- ▶ The loss of families from Walcha because they cannot afford the rent increases
- ▶ The loss of biosecurity
- ▶ The loss of the freedom of movement to drive around Walcha, plus to and from other towns
- ▶ The loss of tourists – who provide a very substantial input of funds to the town
- ▶ The loss of wildlife, especially high-flying birds
- ▶ The loss of confidence in emergency services being able to function optimally
- ▶ The loss of trees when they are more important than ever
- ▶ The loss of the ability for landowners to plan for the future
- ▶ The irretrievable loss of rural beauty

“We believe there are much more efficient forms of green energy than wind towers that won’t jeopardise the productivity of the land, the bird life, and most importantly pit neighbour against neighbour, brother against brother, and friend against friend.”

“The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report needs to be redone and proper community consultation needs to happen for the whole community.”

“I believe that the community voice isn’t being listened to by council and the developers.”

“Disappointed that Winterbourne Wind has been so secretive; that it has bullied host landowners and neighbours; that it hasn’t been open and made people adequately aware.”

4 What would be degraded / diminished

In terms of what would be degraded or diminished in the Walcha community, following are some of the key issues mentioned in the returned surveys:

- ▶ The damage and degradation of the roads during the lengthy construction period, with no guarantee that they will be fixed at the end
- ▶ The potential damage to physical and mental health of people
- ▶ The threat to health of both livestock and wild animals
- ▶ The reduction in the quality of life for the people who live here
- ▶ A reduction in property values: for host landowners, host neighbours, town dwellers, and any property that has a view of the turbines
- ▶ A huge demand made on local infrastructure and resources

“If my property is devalued because of the 70 wind turbines I will see from my house, will I be compensated?”

“Walcha should not be an energy focused district. It is (was) a pasture wonderland and vital food bowl.”

5 The unknowns

People wrote quite extensively about their concerns with the ‘unknowns’ of this proposed project. These concerns included:

- ▶ The unknown longer-term health impact on the people living close to the turbines
- ▶ The lack of a guaranteed responsibility for the disposal of the turbines
- ▶ It is unknown who the developer would be at the end of the project
- ▶ The unknown longer-term impact on the health and welfare of animals (including both farming animals and wildlife)
- ▶ The local roads aren’t in good shape now, so what would they be like during the construction period?
- ▶ The unknown impact on the future for the next generation wanting to farm in this area
- ▶ The safety of children who would be catching school buses along the proposed turbine transport route?
- ▶ The impact of the lives of people whose property entrances are on the turbine route
- ▶ Where would all the construction materials be sourced, especially the water?
- ▶ What will the impact be on the lives and livelihoods of host neighbours?
- ▶ What will the impact be on the ability of planes using the Walcha aerodrome to land safely, especially when there is a low fog?

“What does our future farming and succession planning look like?”

“The project should go back to the drawing board and properly advanced through ethical paths.”

People with no concerns*

8.8% of the 523 survey responses stated they had no concerns and supported the plan for this wind farm.

In terms of those who support the project, the following issues were mentioned in the surveys:

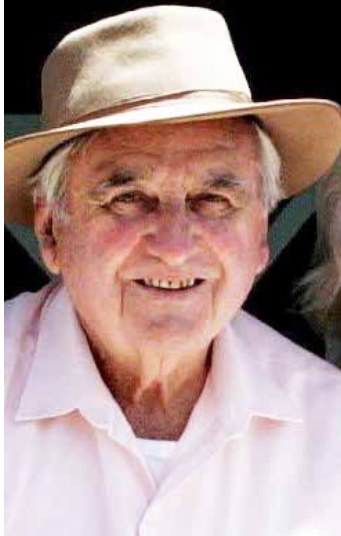
- ▶ We need turbines for our source of power
- ▶ Positive impact economically
- ▶ Financial benefit for town and residents
- ▶ Income to support farmers, community & council
- ▶ Financial security for host landowners
- ▶ Council will not have to amalgamate
- ▶ The project will generate employment
- ▶ It will “put Walcha on the map”
- ▶ “The towers will be outside town and won’t interfere with town itself”
- ▶ “The wind farm is the business of the people it actually affects, not the people on the other side of town”
- ▶ “Winterbourne is ideally located for a project of this nature and scale”
- ▶ It will stop the current decline in the community
- ▶ “Towers power local communities”

** Important to note, approximately half of the respondents in this category are land hosts who will host turbines for this project.*

Voice for Walcha > Drop-in Shop

The drop-in shop is open to help folk make an online submission to the Environmental Impact Statement. The drop-in shop in the Telecottage building, is open from 8-10am and 1-2pm, Monday to Friday with a possibility to open on Saturday’s if interest/need is shown. The comment period for the EIS is expected to end around the 12th December. **This is the community’s last chance to speak up.**

James Joyce Obituary



Prepared by Jim's children

Jim Joyce passed peacefully away at his Danglemah home "Rutherglen" on July 26, this year. Marie his beloved wife (our mother) passed away on Easter Sunday, 2020.

Perhaps some locals know quite a lot about Dad's life at Danglemah. Less is known about his early life and the events which helped form him.

Dad was a self-taught man who due to misfortune and illness never finished secondary school.

He was born in 1924, in Dunedin, New Zealand. He was one of four children, and the

eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel John Patrick Joyce and Mary France Joyce (nee Round). His father was a WWI and II veteran (having served in Gallipoli, the Western Front, the Pacific and setting up artillery defences in Noumea). His mother was from Wolverhampton, in the West Midlands of England. She was one of ten children. All her brothers died in war.

His early years were challenging: the family constantly moving between army barracks, the Depression and the ongoing shell shock and night terrors suffered by his father due to WWI.

So, Dad often looked forward to holidays away from the family distress. Those holidays were spent with his aunts. Women who were either widowed or unmarried due to the war.

His aunts lived in Hampden, a small fishing village in the South Island. And although the frugality, poverty and food shortages of the Depression were evident, the fishing boats, local dairies, the Moeraki Boulders, Razorback Mountains and unceasing fondness of his aunts nurtured his existence there.

Towards the end of the Depression, his parents decided the constant moving was disruptive, so they enrolled him as a boarder at St Kevin's College, Oamaru. His aunts paid the fees. He flourished. He was a reasonable student, good footballer, strong swimmer and an excellent (southpaw) boxer. Finally, with some stability of place, he formed strong friendships. For Dad, it was everything that he could wish for.

Then tragedy struck. He contracted rheumatic fever, nearly died and never finished school. He was about 15 and WWII had commenced. His father was once again away.

After eventually recovering, Dad knew he had to find work. The war effort required good trains. Dad became an apprentice boiler maker, working amongst furnaces, forging engines and lagging the interiors with asbestos. At the end of the day, he said his face was often white with asbestos (apart from marks left by eye goggles.)

During those years, he continued with his boxing. His workmates came from a slurry of backgrounds: returned WWI veterans, Maoris and young Dutch and Scottish men (often merchant seamen who found themselves in New Zealand during the Depression.) Like Dad, they found themselves having to take whatever job was offered to them.

It was whilst working in this background, that Dad's lifelong belief in the 'equality of all' was soldered. He would always give anyone a chance no matter what others said of the person.

At the age of about 18, Dad joined the army. He rose to the rank of Sergeant but lost the rank after taking on a senior officer. During eating mess, the senior officer had ordered a junior officer

to get off a chair. Dad challenged the senior officer telling him that in mess all men were considered equal. The officer continued with his demands. So, Dad punched him and told the young man to stay seated. Dad was demoted. But his respect amongst the men was sealed. His readiness to stand up for other men would ultimately cripple him.

Sometime later, he was on a wharf as anti-aircraft guns were crane hoisted and transferred from ship to ground. A group of US servicemen were swinging an anti-aircraft gun above some New Zealand servicemen. The gun weighed about 9.5 tonnes. (A Toyota Hi-lux weighs about 2.1 tonnes). Dad told the US servicemen to stop, warning them the gun could drop and kill someone. When they continued, Dad approached them and the anti-aircraft gun fell on him. He was crushed.

His leg was shattered and he spent over a year in hospital. Eventually he was released. One leg was much shorter than the other. His foot was crippled. His army career was over. Uneducated and unable to return to the army, he had no idea of his future, beyond its grim uncertainty.

Reflecting upon this, whilst travelling from the hospital with another injured army mate, he saw some people of about his age playing tennis. He asked his mate "what are they doing." His mate explained they were students playing tennis and they were at a university. Dad decided he wanted to go to a university.

Dairies, the love of whales and fishing had framed his childhood. He determined that he would study veterinary science.

But he quickly found out that he could not gain university entry as he lacked education. So, for the next three years he taught himself, focusing on maths, chemistry and biology. His desk was a plank of wood held up between the sides of two beds (his brother's bed and his own).

He gained the leaving certificate. However, no New Zealand university taught veterinary science. So, Dad sent a letter off to Sydney University and another to Sir Ian Clunies-Ross (who he knew only by reputation).

Clunies-Ross was founding chairman of the CSIRO, and Professor of Veterinary Science at Sydney University. He would later be knighted, be a founding member of the Australian Academy of Sciences, and have his picture on the Australian \$50 note. He was, in short, a God like figure within the fields of animal health and agriculture.

Clunies-Ross wrote back to Dad and told him he would most certainly be accepted into Sydney University. So, Dad packed his bags and went to the wharf to sail to Sydney. Once on the boat, he opened another letter which had arrived. Upon opening it, he saw it was from Sydney University. It said that under no circumstances would he be accepted into the University. Dad recalled looking at both letters. He threw the one from the university onto the wharf. To his mind, the one from Clunies-Ross had the imprimatur of God.

He began attending Sydney University, and after a few weeks was told to meet with the University selection committee. They demanded to know why he was there. Dad had foreseen this meeting. So, he always had Clunies-Ross's letter in his jacket pocket. He showed them the letter. A silence fell over the room and he returned to class. Sometime later, he was called back up to the office and was told he could remain at the university. However, if he failed any subject within the first year he would have to leave. He didn't fail.

Dad constantly told us: "there will always be people much smarter, wiser, faster, wealthier and more popular than you. Never brew upon and blame others for your circumstances. Reflect upon yourself, accept criticisms and every day work upon being the best person you can be. Life is a wonderful gift."



How is traffic on the Oxley Highway going to be impacted?

Consider the daily load of 270 light vehicles, 100 rigid trucks and 188 articulated trucks on the road travelling through Walcha every day. Doug Landfear, project director of Winterbourne Wind Project, has stated that "at this level, the road would operate with a good level of service (Level of Service A), which is defined as a condition of free-flow in which individual drivers are virtually unaffected by the presence of others in the traffic stream. Freedom to select desired speeds and to manoeuvre within the traffic stream is extremely high, and the general level of comfort and convenience provided is excellent."

A loaded B-Double takes 55 minutes to travel from Bendemeer to Walcha, as opposed to a 30 minute trip in a car. This additional construction traffic is going to add a truck or other vehicle every 60 seconds to a road that has little or no areas for overtaking.

Will this lead to missed appointments, freight and emergency service disruptions? Will it put school buses and waiting children at risk?

Will it also lead to massive frustration for drivers, and will this lead to serious car accidents? This traffic disruption is going to cripple our community.

On top of this, there will be oversized and over-mass trucks, carrying 80m long turbine blades, and 6m diameter tower sections (taking 2 lanes of roadway). Doug Landfear has responded with the following;

"Our specialist transport provider has noted that the loads would generally not delay traffic for more than a couple minutes at a time".

So ... are we really being told the truth?



What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Sometimes words aren't enough to express yourself enough which applies to the tragic death of Jackie Byrne last weekend. Loved by many she will certainly be missed big time. Sincere condolences to Johnny, Louie, Teak and Johnno, along with all other Cotten and Byrne family members and many friends. May Jackie Byrne Rest In Peace.

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Had the pleasure of attending a show in Tamworth last week where author, actor, comedian and painter Anh Do told his life story which was extremely interesting in itself let alone being combined with his sharp comic wit. My much better half Linda, myself, in-laws Sandra and Truck Laurie weren't the only Walcha people in attendance we bumped into Kimberlee Pascoe, Samantha Lord and Adrienne Jackson who also enjoyed Anh Do's performance.

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Sometimes you can be lucky when you expect it least. Last week sisters Sandra and Linda were going through a few things up at the residence formerly occupied by their late mother Ida when they came across a couple of unopened Christmas cards which contained \$150 each. The girls think that their mum prepared the cards for last Christmas and then forgot about them, but one thing is for sure - Lucky they opened the cards.

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Congratulations to local cricket opener Ed Blomfield who scored a century in the rain interrupted game against TAS First XI at the TAS Backfield last Saturday. The innings was reduced to 35 overs, (due to the rain) which Ed battled through until the second last ball when he had his furniture re-arranged by Walcha junior Ben Hall.

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On the way to his ton Ed clobbered eleven 4's and a six before celebrating with three consecutive 6's off the bowling of Archer Starr, the first bringing up the century. He put on a 129 partnership with Aaron Whackett (74) for the fifth wicket, also a 96 run second wicket partnership with Shannon Rafferty (42) as well as a 63 run opening wicket stand with Jay Grills (35). Not a bad day at the office Ed.

There was some controversy during the game when after resuming play following a rain delay, Ed slipped on the wicket and was unable to regain his ground before being run out. Quick as a flash a couple of the TAS boys called off the team appeal believing it wasn't in the spirit of the game which was a great gesture in itself. Someone forgot to tell the TAS coach who carried on about the decision for the rest of the game and then some. Ed estimates he would have been in his mid 60's when the incident occurred and praised the integrity of the TAS boys. He wasn't quite so forthright when it came to their coach.

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Big Wigs of the Week Ed Blomfield 119, Aaron Whackett 74 n.o., Shannon Rafferty 42, Jay Grills 35, Bill Duncan 3/21, Jay Grills 2/33, Will Hall 2/48.

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Last weekend Walcha Golf Club were represented at the Solomon trophy and Armidale Jug last Saturday and Sunday respectively by Deon Lawrence and Jack O'Hara. Although they didn't get amongst the prizes Johnny did win a NTP on Saturday when he hit his tee shot on the 11th hole to 131cm from the pin.

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Just a gentle reminder to all the people who have planted tomatoes that it may be a good idea to cover them the next two or three nights especially Wednesday night where a frost is forecast.

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This weekend is about the time our pool usually opens and with good reason, the weather isn't usually that flash around the beginning of November. As the former pool manager for 39 years when I heard opening day was going to be in October this season I suggested to more than one Council supervisor that they should rethink the decision going on past seasons. At the time of going to print there hasn't been 100 patrons admitted to the pool on any given day since it opened this season. Pity really because the water is crystal clear and the grounds look great. Hopefully the 100 mark was reached yesterday when the Flippers kicked off their season.

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Keep safe and away from bats

Hunter New England Health is warning the public about the dangers of handling bats after three separate bat exposures across the weekend.

Bats, especially ill bats, can get caught in netting or fencing, prompting people to pick them up in an attempt to rescue them.

Public health physician, Dr Kirsten Williamson said that handling bats can result in lyssavirus infection through bites and scratches from flying foxes and microbats.

"While lyssavirus isn't common in Australia, it is a very serious and almost always fatal," Dr Williamson said.

"It should always be assumed that all bats and fly foxes are infectious, regardless of their behavior or appearance."

"People should avoid contact with all bats, as there is always the possibility of being scratched or bitten.

"Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the dangers of handling bats."

If someone is bitten or scratched by any type of bat they should thoroughly clean the wound for at least five minutes with soap and water as soon as possible, apply an antiseptic solution and seek urgent medical advice.

A series of urgent injections to protect against lyssavirus infection may be required.

Your GP or the local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 can provide advice on treatment.

When a bat is injured or tangled in fence wire or netting, do not attempt to rescue it, as this can harm it further. Anyone who comes across an injured or trapped bat is advised to contact their local wildlife rescue group.



Walcha/Uralla v TAS

Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD b B Hall.....	119
J GRILLS b A McMaster.....	35
S RAFFERTY b Z Levy.....	42
R GREWAL c ? b W Hall	8
D BOYD c A McMaster b W Hall	1
B HOY n.o.....	0
A WHACKETT n.o.....	74
Total 307. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) J Phelps 4-0-34-0, A Brennan 6-1-35-0, W Hall 8-0-48-2, A McMaster 7-0-60-1, B Hall 7-0-77-1, Z Levy 3-0-18-1, S Kelly 2-0-10-0, A Starr 1-0-23-0.	

TAS

B HALL c Grills b Duncan	28
A SWALES c Duncan b Grewal.....	37
A McMASTER c Boyd b Duncan.....	8
A BRENNAN run out Rafferty	86
W HALL c Mansfield b Duncan.....	0
J PHELPS c & b Grills	8
Z LEVY b Grills	0
T BURNETT c Whackett c Boyd	8
G HARDIN s Hoy b Whackett.....	6
A STARR c Boyd b Mansfield	1
S KELLY n.o	0
Total 202. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets) R Grewal 5-0-44-1, S Little 5-0-25-0, B Duncan 8-0-21-3, J Grills 5-0-33-2, B Rafferty 4-0-26-0, D Boyd 4-0-24-1, A Whackett 4-0-16-1, B Mansfield 2-0-11-1.	

Walcha/Uralla won their Armidale Cricket competition B Grade match against the TAS First XI at the TAS back field last Saturday comfortably by 105 runs.

After winning the toss, the visitors batted first amassing a total of 307 runs which included 119 from opener Ed Blomfield who put on a second wicket 96 run partnership with Shannon Rafferty before the latter was bowled for 42.

Blomfield was also involved in a 129 run fifth wicket partnership with Aaron Whackett who contributed an unbeaten 74 which included seven 6's.

Opener Jay Grills hit half a dozen boundaries on his way to 35 runs.

Most successful bowler for TAS was Will Hall with 2/48 off his eight overs while his older brother Ben also took a wicket when he bowled Blomfield with the second last delivery of the innings.

In reply TAS got off to a flier putting on 49 runs in their first six overs just before they lost their first wicket.

Mainstay of the 202 run innings was Andrew Brennan who hit 14 boundaries in his 86 runs whereas openers Angus Swales 37 (two 6's and five 4's) and Ben Hall 28 (seven 4's) gave valuable assistance.

Veteran Bill Duncan was Walcha/Uralla's best trundler snaring 3/21 off his eight overs. Jay Grills took 2/33 while Randy Grewal, Daniel Boyd, Brian Mansfield and Whackett all claimed a victim each.

The third grade match between Walcha/Uralla and Ex Services was washed out in their 13th over at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday.

Openers Michael Boyd scored 20 runs and Matt Palmer 13 out of the overall total of 2/43.

This Saturday Walcha/Uralla are up against Armidale City UNE here at Peter Fenwicke Oval in 2nd Grade while 3rd Grade have a bye.

Barnaby Joyce launches New England public survey

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce this week launched an electorate wide survey to hear your thoughts on the growing cost of living.

As inflation, interest rates, and electricity and fuel prices continue to rise, Mr Joyce wants to give his constituents the chance to have their say on an issue that is affecting thousands in the New England and nation-wide.

The former Deputy Prime Minister said he is very interested in hearing more about the power increases that you are paying so that he has more facts to try and change this crippling power crisis.

"Right now, individuals and families in New England are being forced to tighten their purse strings as power prices soar, for some this could even mean skipping meals," Mr Joyce said.

"While businesses are now facing the daunting choice of putting rising costs onto their product, meaning customers are again forced to pay more.

"Even if you have just five minutes spare, give my office a call or go to my website to complete the survey."

You can find a link to the survey here <https://forms.gle/YrrdUmzSKWvSJH4x6> or on Mr Joyce's website www.barnabyjoyce.com.au

Gun Club

This month several club members have attended various two day shoots in Southern Queensland and Northern NSW. Some have had great results and others are still mumbling and shaking their heads about their results.

Craig Rodgers: Ballandean two-day open shoot – first in B Grade 50 target double barrel and first in B Grade 50 target mixed event, Craig achieved his first 50 target consecutive break and a 75 target break and his excellent shooting resulted in him going up to A Grade. Glen Innes Spring Fling open shoot – first in A Grade in the single barrel event.

Archie Davidson: Guyra Back to Black two day open shoot – shot his first 50 target consecutive break in the mixed event to finish third in A Grade. Glen Innes Spring Fling open shoot – first in A Grade in double barrel and points score events. Archie also took out A Grade Hi Gun and his excellent shooting resulted in him going up to AA Grade. The Club congratulates Archie on being selected as Farrer Agricultural High School Vice-Captain for boarders in 2023.

Bill Fletcher: Guyra Back to Black two day open shoot – won the 50 target mixed event in A Grade.

John Lisle: Guyra Back to Black two day open shoot – second in the 50 target mixed event in A Grade. John also won the Veteran's Hi Gun sash for the weekend.

Kevin Bourke: Guyra Back to Black two day shoot – second in the target double barrel event in A Grade and going back up to AA Grade.

Following is the breakdown of grades in clay target shooting which is based on targets hit in a double barrel event: C Grade is 92.9% and below; B Grade is 93% to 96.9%; A Grade is 97% to 99.4%; and AA Grade is 99.5% and above.

November club shoot results:

50 Target Double Barrel: AA Grade - 1st Kevin Bourke; A Grade - 1st John Lisle; B Grade

- 1st Jim Abell/Greg Brunsdon; C Grade - 1st Will Davidson.

50 Target Single Barrel: AA Grade - 1st Kevin Bourke; A Grade - 1st John Lisle/Dustin Hone; B Grade - 1st Greg Brunsdon; C Grade - 1st Will Davidson.

50 Target Continental Double Barrel: AA Grade - 1st Kevin Bourke; A Grade - 1st Jamie Poole/Adam Hone; B Grade - 1st John Smith/Greg Brunsdon; C Grade - 1st Will Davidson.

Overall Hi Gun: John Lisle 142/150.

Sunday 11 December will be our Christmas shoot starting at 9.30am. The Club especially invites all ex-members to come along and have a shot, a catch-up with old and new members and to see how the ground improvements are progressing.

Thanks to all who have helped out at the Club in any way during 2022.

Kevin Bourke. President



Kevin Bourke - President, John Lisle - Vice President & Bill Fletcher Secretary/Treasurer

At the 19th

A modest field of 18 players competed in the monthly stroke medal round last Sunday for a trophy donated by Vicki Heffernan where the overall winner was Michael Stackman after he carded a 71 nett which also gave him the A Grade mug.

Club handicapper Don Brooks took out B Grade with 72 nett while C Grade went to Sue Partridge 76 nett on countback from Vicki Heffernan.

The secret section went to Lee Fletcher after he registered 80 off the stick and the eight marker also picked up the only sweepstakes ball on offer with 72 nett.

Longest drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus were caressed by Kyle Goodwin (A) Don Brooks (B) and Jenny Lisle (C).

Best putter was Don Brooks with 24 putts on countbacks from Barry Hoad while the coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts was eagerly received by Pauline Carter on countback from Kyle Goodwin after both players recorded 33 jabs.

Four pins were on offer where Michael Stackman landed the most accurate tee shot on the third hole while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on 9,16 and 18.

Last Saturday 11 players teed off in the weekly 9 hole competition where Max Holstein had to survive a countback with John McCormack to win the men's division on 13 stableford points.

Ladies winner was Margaret Parsons after she accumulated 11 pts whereas Vicki Heffernan had to survive a three way count with Sue Partridge and Jenny Lisle before she was declared the runner-up on 10 pts. N.T.P on 3 went to Max Holstein.

This Sunday is the second and final round of the Patrons (Margaret Davidson and Col Berry) trophy which will be played in conjunction with a prize supplied by Robert 'Crichton' Barr. At the halfway mark Jeff Etheridge on 37 points leads from Michael Stackman on 35 points.

Bowls

Dads Army: When only nine players nominated for bowls on Thursday afternoon Barry Kliendienst volunteered to play twice and joined John Watts and had a 19 - 10 win against Brian Goodwin, Geoff Salt and Dacian Andrews.

In the game of pairs, Mick Bullen and Peter Hayes were on the "kitty" for the majority of the game to have a 23-9 win over John McCormack and Mark Hogan.

The chooks were won by Barry and John and the raffle was won by Bec and Mick.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday's golf was a stroke round, with monthly mug and putting, playing for Cathy Lisle's trophy.

The winner was Julie Olrich with a 72 nett, counting out Donna Martin, also on 72. Sweepstakes went to Deb Richards with 75 nett.

The monthly mug winners were Donna Martin, Division One, Julie Olrich, Division Two, and Deb Richards, Division Three.

NTP on Hole 3 was Sally McCormack and Julie Olrich claimed the second shot on Hole 18.

Donna Martin won the putting with 24 putts.

Today we are playing Stableford for a trophy donated by the Walcha Newsagency and the Walcha Ladies Open is to be played on Saturday.

Ladies Bowls

V Jamieson and E Hunt defeated D Richards and J Cross 23-13. M Tickle and J Rizzi defeated C Rose, W Moore, L Burnell 17-12.

Tennis

Round 5 of the Spring Comp was played out on Tuesday 8 November. Bolt: M Lockyer, T Whillock, J Hoy and P Tape defeated Barty: M Palmer, C Bruce, G Wall and K Brazel 32 to 18. Ebdon: D Sweeney, P O'Brien, T Pendlebury and M Luchich defeated Nadal: E Blomfield, S Blake, A Barillaro and A Marsh 29 to 21. Millman: D Wall, N Buckland, R Mathews and T Tape defeated Laver: DA Locke, D Healey, A Pendlebury and T Lestrade 27 to 22. As always thanks to our floaters. Good luck to all teams next week. The next Club meeting will be held on Monday 12 December at 6.30pm.

Round 5 of the Junior Community Play Group was played out on Saturday 12 November. We had a great roll up with everyone enjoying the sessions. Thanks to the Mums, Dads and helpers for all they do. Well done Emma Wauch. Special thanks to Todd and Bec Whillock for the cakes. See you all at the net soon.



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The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

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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.

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

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- 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

Work Wanted

I am an NDIS Support Worker in the Walcha District. Former VRA Officer, working with children certified, Police checked, insured. Transport, lawns, gardens etc. Great rates and personal service. Ph Ian 0458 516 878.

Death Notice

Katherine Mary Dutton (nee Mulligan)
28/5/1977 – 8/11/2022

Beloved wife of Sam

Daughter of Fred and Barb Mulligan

Sister to Robert, Sister-in-Law to Anna, Lucy and Will, Olivia and Lachlan.

Daughter-in-Law to Phil and Min Dutton

Loved Auntie to Olivia, Sophie, Isobel, Maggie, Wylie, Monty, Archie and Huxley.

A celebration of Katie's life to be held at the Walcha Sports Club at 3.00pm on Friday 18 November, 2022

All Welcome

Public Notices

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.

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Extreme Bean Machine Operating Hours:
Mon – Tues: closed. Wed – Sun 6.00am to 2.30pm. Coffee, pies and sausage rolls.

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.

Amaroo LALC Notice to members and their families: Walkabout Barber is at Amaroo Friday 25 November 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please book your hair and/or beauty appointment by phone 6777 1100 or email: office@amaroolalc.com.au

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

Walcha Town and Country Club AGM Monday 21 November, 6.00pm at the Apsley Arms Hotel. All welcome.

Amaroo LALC General meeting, 20th December, 11.00am at Amaroo 36N Derby Street, Walcha. Enquiries 6777 1100.

Raffle Results

Anglican Street Stall guessing competition winner of a load of wood was Walcha Newsagency with 118 sticks.

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.

OYSTERS

Shoreline Oysters at the Walcha Farmers Markets this Saturday. Weather permitting.

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