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New childcare centre to open in Walcha

Walcha's 'Childcare Desert' will soon end with the exciting news that Little Kindy Early Learning is set to open in town during 2023.

The Walcha community have been working tirelessly for months to secure childcare for the town, and the news that they have successfully engaged Little Kindy who are based in Tamworth is a game-changer for young families in the district.

Little Kindy operate multiple Childcare centres along the East Coast of Australia, and will give a new lease of life to the Fibre Testing Centre in Walcha when they move in next year.

"We are so excited to have an opportunity to serve the Walcha community which highly needs this facility in town," Little Kindy Founder Arzal Arzal said.

Approvals are currently being sought from Walcha Council for the development of the Fibre Testing Centre, as well as from the Department of Education. Works are planned to start on the building early next year, with the hope that the centre will open in June 2023 at the latest.

If approved, Little Kindy can accommodate 40 children aged 0-5 years old. The centre will offer Long Day Care



with opening hours being 7.00am to 6.00pm, with full kitchen facilities to provide all meals for the children.

So why choose Little Kindy Walcha? They will have fully renovated facilities in a convenient central location. Nappies and nutritious fresh meals are provided, they are Child Care Subsidy Approved and have engaging, fun and attractive educational programs, as well as school readiness programs.

"We are currently accepting expressions of interest for the waiting list and encourage parents to email walcha@littlekindy.com.au to place your child's name down for this exciting new addition to town," Arzal said.



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Winterbourne Wind Farm EIS Exhibition



An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm has now been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and is on public exhibition.

Come along to our upcoming community drop-in sessions to learn more about the proposed wind farm and how you can make a submission about the project. We will have subject matter experts on hand to answer your questions.

Session 1 Friday 2 December, 12 pm – 4 pm
Walcha Bowling Club

Session 2 Saturday 3 December, 10am – 2pm
Walcha Bowling Club

Visit winterbournewindfarm.com.au
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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

A few more windy days like those experienced over the weekend and since and we will be looking for rain! I had a drive back through the central west a week or so ago and couldn't believe how much the country had dried out in the previous few weeks. Most of the native grasses are now well out in head and will burn off in the coming weeks as they usually do. More windy weather will certainly accelerate that process but add some heat to the mix and the landscape will be transformed quickly. There is such a bulk of feed on top right now, you would have to think there will be a considerable fire risk if we do see temperatures kick up.

I had a glance at the BOM site temperature outlook for the summer months and we are in a zone where the probability of maximum temperatures being exceeded is fairly low. Much of the south eastern corner of the country falls into this category, but the north western half of the country is much more likely to experience hotter conditions. The BOM forecasts for rainfall continue to be fairly bullish until March at this point. After that it is uncertain, but there has been a considerable change to ocean currents in the north west which affects the IOD and there is some chat that we could return to El Niño by late winter next year. That is not a great thought but there are models out there suggesting this. There is a long running drought in the US (and parts of China) and I am thinking they are wanting this change in weather patterns. Either way, our run of wet conditions is probably not going to last forever.

There is little doubt that confidence in livestock markets is struggling as processors see more stock in front of them and restockers struggle with lower values from both processors and feedlots. The feeder market has lost considerable ground over the last 6 weeks with many feedlot orders struggling to get above \$5 per KG LW delivered to the feedlot. That is a long way back from the \$6 plus of a couple of months ago. With the season as good as it is cattle have reached feeder weights much quicker than they normally would do and cattle usually sold in Feb / March are coming forward now. Processors have also got some options now with more cattle in front of them and the Christmas break just around the corner. This last week has seen some of the export cattle back by as much as 40 c/kg on top of another 20 or 30 c/kg the previous week. If you apply that sort of drop to a 600 kg animal, the difference is more than a drink on a Friday night. Heavy cows have come back from over 400 c/kg a couple of weeks ago to around 330 c/kg this week. The EYCI is now back to 976 c/kg DW which I am still of the view that there is too much feed for prices to come back too much and processors will meet seller resistance, but it is a changing market place and global trading conditions have changed. It does appear there will be plenty of cattle to come forward in the new year whatever happens.

AuctionsPlus cattle numbers came off the high numbers the previous week and restockers were a little more cautious this week. Average prices were lower and clearance rates were lower, but the show did go on and restockers may have turned their attention to breeding stock. Breeding stock are getting a lot of attention as restockers look to a longer term and probably something seen as a little safer.

Sheep and lamb numbers on AuctionsPlus this week were the highest they have been for 2022 at 147,588 head for the week. National lamb sale listings accounted for 63% of the total weekly offering with 93,552 head offered. Part of the increase in numbers this week would undoubtedly be attributed to the flooding in NSW where many sheep regions have been in and out of floods for the last month or so. Values were off the boil for the week, but far from a disaster. There are more numbers to go around and paddocks are either full of sheep or water, so something has to give.

The Wind Farm debate around Walcha is reaching a crescendo as Winterbourne Wind have now lodged their EIS on the State government portal. Members of the Walcha community have until the 15 December to lodge any objection to the project, which to me seems weighted in favour of the developer as it is impossible to actually read the EIS, let alone make comment in the allocated time. This is a huge document by any standard and if you have any concerns, you need to isolate the section you are interested in and make comment on that. My concern is that if we let this first project get established without community expectations and concerns addressed, we have no hope of having our concerns met when it comes to the multitude of other wind projects being proposed. I believe that having anywhere near 570 wind towers around the district in the years to come will be a disaster for our community and not the boon we are being led to believe.

Local ag retail store recognised in national awards celebration

Ahead of National Ag Day this week, Walcha Vet Supplies has been recognised for its performance and contribution to the agriculture industry at the Nutrien Ag Solutions Gala Dinner and Awards night.

The local Walcha business was awarded the 2022 Nutrien Ag Solutions North East Independent Business of the Year.

"We are really excited to receive this award. Our team work hard and are very passionate about the industry we work in, so I'm particularly proud of the efforts we are making to support an increase in agricultural production in our local area in a more sustainable manner," said Store Manager Peter King.

Peter's son Harry King is also involved in the local family business.

"It's a privilege to support our farmers to achieve their goals. They have successfully navigated through various disruptions this year and we are wishing them all the best for the rest of the current season," Harry said.

Nutrien Ag Solutions General Manager Members, Franchises, Affiliates and Independents, Greg O'Neil, said this is the third consecutive year that Walcha Vet Supplies has won this award.



"Walcha Vet Supplies is widely recognised as one of the premier rural retail businesses in Australia. The King family are strong supporters of their local community and the business has continued to grow this year, achieving high results on behalf of their loyal customer base. Congratulations to Peter, Sue and Harry King and the rest of the team," Greg O'Neil said.

Contact the team at Walcha Vet Supplies, for more information on how they can support your operations.

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Twilight Markets this Friday

This Friday Derby Street will be alive with a twilight market with a variety of stalls and musical entertainment from 5.00 – 7.00pm.

It will be a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support small local businesses. Come down check it out and stay for a meal at one of our local food outlets.



Make sure YOU have your Say

By John Heffernan

If you really care about Winterbourne Wind Farm, for or against, it's time to have your say by making a submission about the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I've just read one of the many reports that are part of that EIS, the Social Impact Assessment (SIA). Quite a large document, it deals with Walcha's socio-economic status, highlighting effects of the Project on the community, and measures to mitigate negative impacts. Here I very briefly outline some criticisms on this SIA, by no means all but enough to make several submissions about that aspect of the project. If you want more, follow the link at the end of this article to a video that digs deeper.

VERBOSITY ATROCITY

My first comment is about the length and language of the SIA document. Laborious reading, it is far too long. The net result is a mind-numbing document that effectively prevents the reader from reading it all. This is an important criticism, because there is no doubt that many potential submissions will not eventuate because of this. Trapped in a forest of obfuscation, many readers just won't bother

THAT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Could it be a ploy to drive readers to the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY? This is a three-page piece which presents a simplistically glowing picture of the wonders that Winterbourne Wind has in store for Walcha. If that is the only bit you read of the 120 or so pages of the Social Impact Assessment, you'll be hugging turbines all the way home.

METHODOLOGY

I also have questions about the methodology for this study. Using *Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas* to establish the Social Baseline is fine, the sort of thing used by the ABS and the Census in their reports. But it is underwhelming stuff, and frankly lumping Walcha and Uralla in with Armidale and Tamworth really doesn't help build a true Social Locality portrait for the impacted area.

CONSULTATION

And then consultation claims by Winterbourne Wind PL really leave me wondering. If such consultation was so widespread and frequent, I wonder why almost 79% of respondents to the Voice for Walcha survey felt that: "The developer, Winterbourne Wind, has not adequately consulted with the community."

AND WHAT ABOUT THE CCC?

Throughout this SIA a group called the Community Consultative Committee (CCC), is lauded as being a key significant body of local community input and sentiment. Sorry, but that seriously over-states the position of the CCC. With six meetings between 2021 and 2022, its memberships diminished from about twelve to two members actually attending its last meeting. Its three information days attracted about 60 people, which can only be called pitiful, especially when compared to the 520-plus respondents to the Voice for Walcha survey. Surely the CCC has been a non-event. To cite it as a key stakeholder in the Social Impact Assessment has to be a joke. For more details about the Social Impact Assessment part of the WWFPL EIS, go to: <https://voiceforwalcha.com/social-impacts>

Festival Friday returns to the Showground



A Slime Spectacular Fun Run, giant slide obstacle and Krispy Kreme donuts are three great reasons to come along to Festival Friday on Friday 16 December, from 3.00 – 6.00pm at Walcha Showground.

This festival organised by Walcha Central

School is for all of the Walcha community, with lots of FREE fun activities including a horizontal bungee run, inflatable twister, giant dartboard, putt putt golf, chocolate toss and knock 'em down.

The main attraction will be the free Slime Spectacular Fun Run at 5pm. Wear a white T-shirt and be ready to get slimed doing laps inside the show ring, or enjoy the spectacle of watching participants being slimed.

Barbeque food, cold drinks and delicious Krispy Kreme donuts will also be available for purchase. Boxes of a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts can also be pre-ordered and collected at Festival Friday (order forms available at the school front office this week only).

Our P&C are also offering Walcha Central students the option to 'get sponsored to get slimed'. Students who raise \$10 or more by this Friday 25 November will receive a prize.

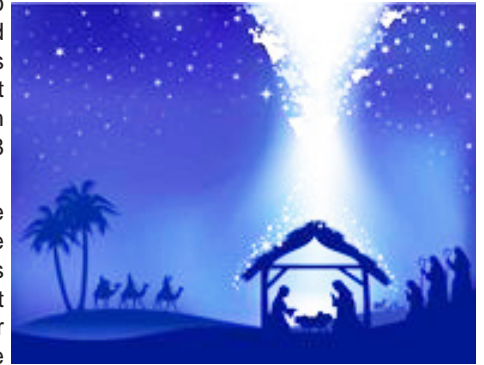
Put the date in your diary and join the Walcha community for a free fun afternoon - see you at Festival Friday!

Carols on the Lawn

From Ben France

You are invited to the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches combined Carols night on the Anglican Church Lawn, Sunday 18 December from 6pm.

Everyone in the community can come along and enjoy this family friendly event as we wind up the year together. There will be a free sausage sizzle and drinks available as well as a glow stick for the kids.



It has been a number of years since these two churches have combined to host an outdoor carols event.

With all the busyness of the Christmas season that has become the norm, it is valuable to be given time to pause and consider the significance of that first Christmas. This is an opportunity to come along and join in singing some of the more traditional Christmas carols that we have enjoyed in the past as well as hearing the story of that first Christmas retold.

This family friendly alcohol-free event is sponsored by Bush Church Aid who donated money to our church for the sake of running events that build community amongst us. So, bring along a picnic rug or chairs to sit on and enjoy this time together.

THE WINTERBOURNE WIND PROJECT EIS
IS NOW ON PUBLIC DISPLAY UNTIL 15 DEC '22

Do you *already* have EIS Fog?

The **Voice for Walcha Drop in Shop** is now open, and can help clear the fog by assisting community members with the process of writing an EIS response and submitting them.



This is Walcha's chance to have an impact on this project, by making a submission to the NSW Planning Department.

It does not have to be a complicated process – it just has to be done. Come in and talk to us and get the help you need.

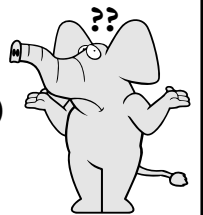
We are located in the **Telecottage building**, in our new office, where Laverty Pathology used to be.

We will be open from 9 - 11am, then 12 - 2pm every week-day. If there is demand, we will open for longer hours.

USE THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE EIS ONLINE >



If renewable energy is so cheap, why do South Australian's (now heavily converted to renewables) pay 25-30% more for power than other Australian states?



Is it because energy generation cost is different to energy delivery cost? Renewables have a couple of inconvenient add-on costs; battery storage (to even out supply) and new transmission infrastructure (allowing for different generation locations and higher surge capacity). These costs have to be added into renewable systems, as the costs are amortised over a period of time, and paid by the consumer. **This is the REAL cost to consumers.**

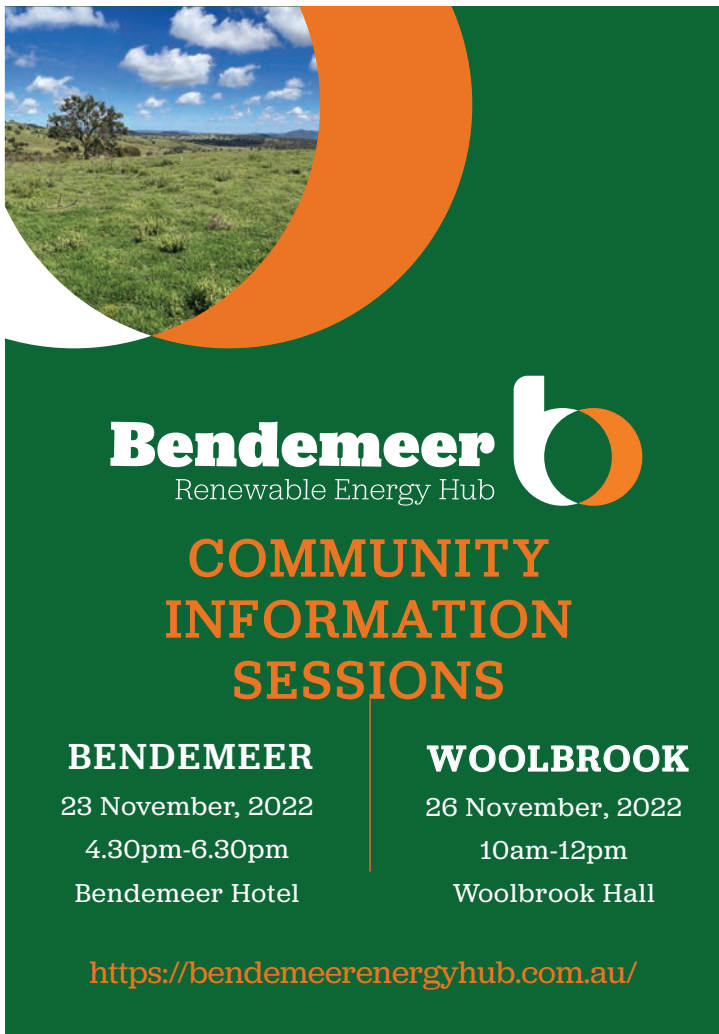
State	Avg Electricity Usage Rates (per kWh)	Source:
VIC	21.14c/kWh	
QLD	25.45c/kWh	
NSW	28.54c/kWh	
SA	36.13c/kWh	

Prices based on single rate electricity tariffs for selected postcodes in each state, October 2022

To suggest that renewable electricity delivery to consumers is cheaper, simply because the cost of generation is cheaper, is a tad naive, and certainly misleading. Europe, and South Australia, are evidence of this.

This is not an argument for fossil fuel energy production, simply correcting a commonly held misconception that renewables are a cheaper source of electricity.





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Help those in need this Christmas

Walcha branch joins Share the Dignity's #itsinthebag Christmas appeal Commonwealth Bank Walcha branch has joined the #ItsInTheBag campaign, collecting bags filled with life's essentials for women, girls and anyone who menstruates on behalf of Australian not-for-profit organisation Share the Dignity.

#ItsInTheBag is Share the Dignity's annual Christmas appeal, where Australians are encouraged to put together bags filled with essential items to donate to someone in need during the holiday season.

"We are thrilled to support Share the Dignity once again with their 2022 #ItsInTheBag campaign, which will help make Christmas a bit brighter for those fleeing domestic violence, experiencing homelessness or doing it tough in our local community," Walcha Commonwealth Bank Branch Manager, Anne Martin said.

Walcha is just one of many Commonwealth Bank branches in Regional NSW/ACT who are also supporting the initiative. The team are hoping to collect 30 bags of gifted items to donate to those in need.

To donate, it's simple. Find a good condition or new bag to fill (such as a handbag, backpack or duffel), fill the bag with essential items and take it to Walcha Commonwealth Bank branch between 18 and 27 November 2022.

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- 👍 To the new picket fence at Peter Fenwicke Oval.
- 👍 A big thank you to the Motorcycle Committee for arranging such a wonderful weekend bringing lovely people and much needed money to our town. You all worked so hard to achieve this and all should be very highly commended.
- 👍 Well done to the Committee of the Walcha Bike Festival. Such a great event and a great financial benefit to the Walcha community.
- 👍 To James Tickle for a wonderful job of running the barrel racing at the Motorcycle Rally, as well as helpers Sally and Ian.
- 👍 To everyone at Marchant Bros. Pty Ltd for the great job in removing a huge dead pine tree from our front yard.
- 👍 To Cafe Graze for their amazing Portuguese tarts.
- 👍 To all of the wonderful volunteers who generously donated their time to assist with the Motorcycle Rally – amazing.
- 👍 To the Farmers Market Committee for a great market on Saturday.
- 👍 To Walcha Council for the fantastic new solar lights along the levee banks, except for one black spot.
- 👍 To Luke Mills for being Sir Galahad on his beautiful black motorbike, for transporting me around the showground. Thanks for taking such great care of me. I enjoyed the ride.
- 👍 A huge thank you to Ian and Trudi Notley for coming to the rescue and providing a generator for Riverview at short notice on Sunday afternoon. Great job.
- 👍 To Jacquie Nash and girls at Thunderbolts Cafe for a fantastic job preparing food at the Motorcycle Rally.
- 👍 To Voice for Walcha for assisting with my letter responding to the EIS for Winterbourne Wind Farm.

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.

Mary celebrates a century

Mary Marshall celebrated her 100th birthday this week having a morning tea with all of her children Leona, Patricia, Kathleen, Kevin, Darryl, Joy, Dianne and Lynette (Neville deceased) at McMaugh gardens. The Mayor Robert Bell presented her with a certificate for turning 100 and a beautiful bunch of flowers.

Mary was the first child to Rachel and Vivian O'Keefe and lived in Jamieson Street. Her brothers and sisters Sheila, Jean (deceased) Ronald (deceased), Archie, and Eric O'Keefe.

She helped her mother nurse her sister Jean O'Keefe (Blakey) who was put into a traction bed for about 18 months. Mary would collect her school work from the teacher and sit with her and teach her the lessons. After leaving school in Walcha, her first job was a Taylor's assistant with Val Burch. She met Jeffrey Marshall while she was working at the White Rose Cafe and they married on 15 March 1941 and moved to the Woolbrook area. Mary and Jeff were great dancers in their younger years and travelled to many dances in the Walcha area.



Jeff went off to World War II and Mary stayed home with her young family.

They then moved to Armidale in the early 1960s. After Jeff retired from work they moved to Laurieton.

Following Jeff's passing, Mary moved back to Walcha, moving into the family home with her brother Eric. Chronic asthma forced her to move to Armidale and then into McMaugh gardens Nursing home in Uralla 8 years ago. Mary and Jeffrey had nine children, 36 grandchildren, 78 great grandchildren and 22 great great grandchildren.

On Saturday Mary celebrated with family and friends, some travelling from Grafton, Newcastle and Brisbane to help with the celebration, with Eric and Archie travelling to help her celebrate her special day. Mary was hoping for a letter from the King but it hasn't arrived yet.

When asked about her long life, Mary said she puts it down to never smoking or drinking, we grew everything we ate and walked everywhere when I needed to go, I never did learn to drive.

New National Parks Cabin



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has refurbished Mooraback Cabin in Werrikimbe National Park to provide new visitor accommodation.

The \$180,000 project has transformed a rustic field study hut into accessible, family friendly accommodation for those wishing to explore the region. It sleeps up to six people and is nestled at the head of the Hastings River.

NPWS Area Manager Aaron Simmon said the cabin offers visitors an immersive nature escape on the doorstep of World Heritage rainforest with no internet access and views of the valley.

"Mooraback Cabin provides visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities including bushwalking, swimming, cycling, bird watching and 4WD touring.

The Mooraback Cabin is open for bookings <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/accommodation/mooraback-cabin>

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What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to Walcha Central School Year 5 student Blaine Cooney who represented NSW in the Junior Boys discus at the National Final of the Australian Track and Field Championships in Brisbane last weekend. Blaine made it to the final and finished in 8th position. Way to go Blaine.

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What a weekend for consistent local golfer Michael Stackman where he not only combined with Jamie Bowden to win the 2022 Keno Lets Play Ambrose at the Longyard course in Tamworth on Sunday, he also won the Patrons Trophy here at home after he was given permission to play his final round on Saturday due to his commitments the following day.

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On Sunday 'Des' and 'Bowdo' shot a two under par 70 off the stick, which equated to a 62 nett, just 1/4 of a stroke ahead of the runners-up. The Dynamic Duo carded half a dozen birdies and four bogeys during their round and now head to Bonville early in December for the 'Big Dance' over two days. Go gettun' boys.

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Best of luck to local cricketer Bill Duncan, along with former Walcha-ites Steph Sweeney and Craig Stoddart, when they travel to Geelong to compete in the National Over 60's Veterans Championships this weekend. Bill and Stevie are both playing for NSW Number 2's while Craig is captain of the State Number 4's.

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Last week in WT Goss there was a suggestion made of a possible frost and that anyone with tomatoes already planted should probably think about covering them on Wednesday night. The following day I received the following message 'Hey Coog, I owe you a big thank you. While tucked in bed last night I read your advice on covering the veggies on Wednesday night. Luckily I took your advice and went out in the dark and covered them. Today I still have all my veggies.' Only too pleased to help Polly Locke.

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Earlier in the week oldest grandson Simon Wellings called in for a shower and breakfast after an early morning swim session at the pool. After he got ready for school, Simon was walking around with a puzzled look on his face until I asked him what he was looking for. 'Don't worry I just found it – my hot chocolate was here in my hand' was Simon's reply.

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During recent times the Bowling Club have been offering complimentary chocolates from a tin on the bar to any patrons interested

in partaking. Last Sunday after choosing one I mentioned to barperson Rebecca Taiki that it was a very dark looking colour to which 'Ruby' replied 'The Peanut Buttercup probably won't look as dark when you take the wrapper off it!' Low and behold Ruby was right. No names mentioned, but she reckons one particular patron likes stockpiling the chocolates in his pocket – which isn't in the spirit of the game really.

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The new picket fence around Peter Fenwicke Oval looks great. Going on scorebook results, it looks like Daniel Boyd is the first player to lift the ball over the new fence after he belted an off drive out of the park during a 133 run second wicket partnership with Ed Blomfield last Saturday. Wonder which player was the first to 'crack a zac' over the previous fence 50 years ago?

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Wests Tigers supporter, Hill Street resident and Forestry employee Brian 'Maggie' Lynch, reaches the milestone of 60 years on the planet this Sunday. But according to his much better half Donna, he will celebrate with a Beer and Bets afternoon at the Newie this Saturday. Little doubt a few of his mates will help Maggie celebrate his day.

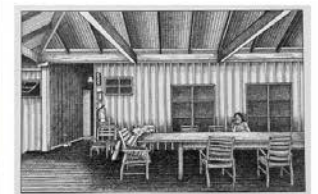
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Australia did it pretty easily when they won both the mens and womens Rugby League World Cups last weekend. The Kangaroos defeated Samoa 30 – 10, while the Jillaroos belted New Zealand 54 – 4 cheered on by Kevin Creighton and Gary Natty who return home today. Bet they will have a tale or two to tell about their three week tour of England supporting Aussie teams playing in the 2022 World Cup.

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Opening DRINKS with the Artists THURSDAY 24th November 6pm.



At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday, the second and final round of the Patrons (Margaret Davidson and Col Berry) trophy was played where Michael Stackman was the winner after finishing with a two round total of 73 points. As he was playing in the regional final of the Keno Lets Play Ambrose event at the Longyard course in Tamworth on Sunday he was given permission to play his final round of the Patrons trophy on Saturday. Going into the Patron's final round he was two points behind Jeff Etheridge who racked up 34 last Sunday to finish runner-up on 71.

A trophy donated by Robert 'Crichton' Barr was played in conjunction with the main prize which also went to Michael Stackman on 38 points.

Sweepstakes went to Club President Allan Green 36, Nixon Bird 36, Will Brennan 35, Jeff Etheridge 34, and Col Berry 33 on a countback from Miles Archdale, Alex Gill and Don Brooks. Sharpest shooter at the pins was Andrew Crawford (3 and 18).

In matchplay Miles Archdale defeated David Sweeney 3 and 2, while Andrew Crawford finished with a wet sail to down Simeon Cross 1 up after 'Simone' lead 4 up with just 5 holes remaining.

This Sunday is a stableford round for a prize supplied by Michael Stackman whereas the Central North mixed 4BBB open is scheduled at Uralla on Saturday followed by the Uralla Men's 4BBB Open on Sunday.

Bowls

Results for the mixed pairs semi final: S Andrews & K Goodwin def W Moore & A McGuffog 28-5.

Dads Army: Thursday saw the sun shining brightly for our Dads Army afternoon of bowls. Two games were played, one game of pairs and a game of triples.

In the pairs Noel Goodwin and Geoff Salt defeated Peter Hayes and John Watts 17-13 in a close game.

The triples was a one sided affair. Tony Asmus and Barry Kliendienst who played twice defeated Barry Hoad, Neil Dark and Brian Goodwin by a big margin.

Tony and Barry won the chooks and the raffles were won by Max Holstein and Peter Hayes.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday was a stableford round playing for the Walcha Newsagency Trophy. It was not only wonderful to see Lyn Laurie back on the course after a lengthy respite, but great to see her come in the winner with 34 stableford points, counting out Sal McCormack also on 34. No holding you back now, Lyn. The remaining sweepstakes were won by Ruth Fletcher 33 and Prue Morgan 33. NTP on 3 went to Julie Olrich and second shot on 7 was Sal McCormack.

Our Ladies Walcha Open, a stableford 4BBB, was held on Saturday in beautiful sunny conditions. Congratulations go out to all our winners. The 18 hole nett winners were Penny King and Sal Rutherford with 44 points, and the runners-up close on their tails were Pauline Carter and Cheryl McDonald with 43 points. The scratch winners were Armidale's Liz O'Hara and Kay Nash with 22.

The Front 9 winners were Rose Baumer and Julie Presnell with 23 points and the Back 9 winners were Lorraine Walshe and Jenny Lisle also with 23. The longest drives were won by Cheryl McDonald, Division 1; Prue Morgan, Division 2; and Pip Monie, Division 3. NTP's were Hole 3, Prue Morgan; Hole 9, Vicki Reeves; Hole 16, Kay Nash and Hole 18, Prue Morgan. The teams event was taken out by Sue Partridge, Katie Smith, Pauline Carter and Cheryl McDonald.

Today we are playing a par event for Pip Monie's trophy.

Tennis

Round 6 of the Spring Comp was played out on Tuesday 15 in pleasant conditions. Bolt: M Lockyer, D Clarke, J Hoy (f) and P Tape defeated Millman: H Locke (f), N Buckland, R Mathews and T Tape 35 to 15. Ebden: D Sweeney, P O'Brien, T Pendlebury and K Brazel (f) defeated Laver: DA Locke, T Gibson, A Pendlebury and P Palmer (absent without a floater) 34 to 10. Nadal: E Blomfield, S Blake, A Barillaro and A Marsh defeated Barty: M Palmer, C Bruce, G Wall and M Ireland (f) 29 to 20. Good luck everyone next week. The next Club meeting will be held on Monday 12 December at 6.30pm, all members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

Round 6 of the Junior Community Play Group was held on Saturday 19. The Juniors are progressing well and having fun learning the skills needed to play Tennis. Thanks to the mums and dads for all their help running the event. Thanks to Emma and Hugh Wauch for introducing the event to our Club. Everyone is looking forward to next week. I hope we get another sunny day.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v Armidale City/UNE

<u>Walcha/Uralla</u>	
E BLOMFIELD stumped ? b M Conroy.....	66
J GRILLS c ? b A Singla.....	6
D BOYD c ? b M Conroy.....	64
R GREWAL c ? b M Conroy.....	11
B DUNCAN b D Tillbrook.....	21
S LITTLE b D Tilbrook.....	13
A BIRD run out.....	1
C BOYD not out.....	17
Total 241. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) A Singla 9-0-43-1, D Tillbrook 8-0-37-2, DG Baker 3-0-20-0, P Gilbey 5-0-27-0, M Scully 9-0-38-0, R Watson 1-0-17-0, M Conroy 8-0-32-3, B Thornton 2-0-21-0.	

Armidale City/UNE

R WATSON b S Little.....	0
P LYE lbw b R Grewal.....	1
M BRYANT lbw S Little.....	0
M CONROY c B Duncan b D Boyd.....	32
M SCULLY c Moore b S Little.....	23
J RYAN run out.....	38
P GILBEY c R Grewal b B Duncan.....	25
A SINGLA b C Boyd.....	3
Z STANTON not out.....	6
G BAKER c D Boyd b B Duncan.....	0
D TILLBROOK b J Grills.....	0
Total 161. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) S Little 5-0-21-3, R Grewal 5-0-21-1, M Palmer 4-1-11-0, B Duncan 7-0-23-2, H Hine 4-0-16-0, C Boyd 9-1-27-1, D Bird 3-1-16-1, J Grills 5-0-22-1.	

Walcha/Uralla defeated Armidale City/UNE by 80 runs when they played Round 3 of the Armidale Second Grade competition at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday. Batting first the home side compiled a total of 7/241 thanks mainly to a 133 run second wicket partnership between opener Ed Blomfield and number three batter Daniel Boyd. Blomfield hit three boundaries on his way to a game high 66 runs while Boyd cracked five 4's and a six during his 64 run stint at the crease. Veteran Bill Duncan scored 21 runs whereas Cooper Boyd 17 not out, Sinclair Little 13 and Randy Grewal also reached double figures.

In reply the visitors didn't get off to the best of starts losing three wickets in their first nine deliveries with only three runs on the board. Opener Little snared two wickets in his first over before finishing with 3/21 off his five overs. Duncan claimed a couple of scalps during his final over to wind up with 2/23 off his seven overs while Jay Grills,

Drew Bird, Cooper Boyd and Grewal all took a wicket each, helping to dismiss their opponents for 161.

This Saturday Walcha/Uralla take on Ex Services at Rologas No 1 at Armidale in Second Grade whereas in Third Grade we host Armidale City/UNE here at Peter Fenwicke Oval.

Ladies Bowls

Pat Laurie and Wendy Moore had a win over Jan Cross and Janice Rizzi 18-10. Veronica Jamieson and Debbie Richards had a very enjoyable game against Esther Hunt and Carol Rose. There will be social bowls tomorrow. Our street stall is this Saturday 26 November. Any saleable goods welcome.

On 5 December all lady bowlers are welcome to attend the District Meeting from 10am at the Bowling Club, but have no voting rights.

December 15 is the Christmas Party and presentations. This is an opportunity to invite friends along to either play bowls or watch the games and join us for lunch. Please have names on the board or contact Pam Makeham 0429 772 419 by 8 December.

church notices



ANGLICAN Walcha 27 November: 7:30am Holy Communion, 10.00am Family Service All welcome. Phone 6777 2543 or email walchaanglican@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN Walcha Sunday 9.30am. All welcome. Phone 6777 2539.

CATHOLIC Sunday 10.00am Mass.

classifieds



Raffle Results

RSL Auxiliary stall held 4/11/22. First Jonathon Cross, Second Robyn Butler. Thank you to all who supported us.

For Sale

Walcha Men's Shed have for sale seedlings including tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and much more. Please call into the Men's Shed on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9am and 3pm to view our collection.

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Agistment/lease wanted around Woolbrook, Niangala, Bendemeer or Walcha for 15 cows and calves or a small mob of sheep. Phone 0473 878 144.

Lost

Red Kelpie male dog missing from outskirts of Walcha (eastern side) last Tuesday 15 November. Reward offered for his return. Phone Tracey 0488 970 637.

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Death & Funeral Notice

BYRNE, Jacqueline Faye
"Jackie"

On 13th November, 2022

Dearly loved wife of John. Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Alysha & Lachlan, Whatika & Jake and Johnno. Adored Grandma of Kobi, Isabelle, Millie, Lucie, Elsie and Piper. Treasured daughter, sister, sister-in-law, auntie and friend.

"Love you a thousand skies"

The family and friends of "JACKIE" are warmly invited to attend her Funeral Service to be held in the Walcha Presbyterian Church, Hill Street, Walcha commencing at 2.00pm, Thursday 24th November, 2022. Following the service the cortege will proceed to the Walcha General Cemetery, Darjeeling Road, Walcha.

Those wishing to view the livestream of the service, may do so from 2.00pm using the link on the Shaun Hamilton Funerals Pty Ltd website or Facebook Page.

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Funeral Service to be held at St Paul's
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Meetings

**Walcha Garden Club meeting and
Christmas luncheon** Friday 2 December
at Phyllis Hoy's garden 'Miltiades' 1606
Brackendale Road, Walcha. Cars departing
McHattan Park 9.30am BYO chair, cup,
plate of food to share and gift to exchange.
Members encouraged to invite guests.
Enquiries: D Bazeley 0403 464 865 or
D. Lisle 0429 799 083.

Walcha Support Group Inc. Thursday 24
November 1.00pm WCCC Rooms Middle
Street. All Welcome.

Meetings (cont)

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ALALC)

Notice of General Meeting

20/12/2022, 11:00am at Amaroo LALC Board Room
– 36N Derby Street, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Members meeting
4. Financial Report
5. Amaroo LALC Budget 2021 – 2022
6. Memberships
7. Other business placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ALALC)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

2020/2021

20/12/2022, 1:00pm – 1:45pm at Amaroo LALC
Board Room – 36N Derby St, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Members meeting.
4. Annual report on the activities of the ALALC for the 2020/21 financial year.
a. CLBP implementation report for the 2020/21 financial year.
5. Audited financial statements for the 2020/21 financial year; and
6. Other business placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ALALC)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

2021/2022

20/12/2022, 1:50pm at Amaroo LALC Board Room –
36N Derby Street, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Previous Members meeting.
3. Annual report on the activities of the ALALC for the 2021/22 financial year.
a. CLBP implementation report for the 2021/22 financial year.
4. Audited financial statements for the 2021/22 financial year; and
5. Casual Vacancy Election.
6. Other business placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Please note: A Voting Member of Amaroo LALC is not entitled to vote, nominate, accept a nomination, or be elected to office in elections for Board Members if the voting member has not attended at least 2 meetings of the Amaroo LALC in the preceding 12 months as a voting member.

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

Public Notices

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary "High Tea"
Fundraiser. 10 Dec. 1.30pm, \$25 pay on the day, BYO chair at the garden of Marg and John Cross, 219 Aberbaldie Rd. RSVP 4 Dec to Vic 0427 772 950 or vicete@aapt.net.au

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 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

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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

Thankyou

The family of Ida Hoy, especially Sandra and Linda would like to thank you for the phone calls, cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown to us following her sad passing. Your support at this difficult time is a great comfort and very much appreciated.

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