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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

We could definitely use another drop of rain in the next week or so with the country drying out and the pasture just starting to brown off. Some of the native clover has started to curl with the warmer days and the springs in some spots dried up. Temperature in the mid twenties is forecasted for the next week or so with a chance of thunderstorm rain next week which will be more than welcome. Hard to believe that we are only 20 days from Christmas, where has the year gone?

The closer we get to the end of the business trading year the further the values in both the beef and sheep markets decline. The response from any feedlot or processor is that the end meat selling component for both proteins on the world market is considerably sluggish with some major importers not paying their bills. Honestly, historically it has never been a great time of year to market your stock and I feel now they have the pressure on a sliding market they will continue to hold it until our numbers subside and current glut of livestock work themselves into the system over the next few months. The key market indicators for both proteins for market pricing all look incredibly strong in the near future, probably stronger for beef. Remember that besides the stocking number on your properties, the rest of the industry isn't working at 100% capacity due to long term labour shortages.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) met for the final time for 2022 on Tuesday and I'm guessing by the time you read the article that another rate rise would have been announced. The lifting of the rate would mean further costs to your mortgages and just before Christmas as well. The RBA is trying to dampen inflation with the Australian job market in tight supply, which has offered increased wage relief for many workers. I can see some rough time ahead for property owners and the possibly of people defaulting on their loans due to the rising cost of living and the increase in interest rates. The housing market has already seen reduced interest and clearance rates in major metropolitan areas due to the current financial states of many households. People stretched themselves to buy their first home or an additional investment property before the rates increased and the government's inability to get the cost of living under control may see themselves in a difficult position next year. The lift in interest rates on \$750,000 loan has added an addition \$1,400 to monthly repayments.

Rural property owners would also be keeping an eye on the interest rate rises and no doubt with the beef and lamb market in decline the squeeze is definitely being put on the profit margin. Those who own rural property know that the cost of living, the rising cost of production and the declining markets mean that producers will also need to tighten their belts. I don't believe rural property values will continue to rise but instead hold firm. All indicators are saying that the Agriculture commodities sector looks promising for years to come but we all know how quickly that can change like the threat of FMD or the next drought.

Next Monday 12 December will be the last prime cattle, sheep and lamb sales, while Friday 16 will be the final store cattle sale in Tamworth for 2022. Tamworth yarded 840 cattle yesterday which saw a cheaper trend throughout the yarding with noticeable buyers absent from the sale. Restockers continued to pull out of the market with weaner steers topping at 590c/kg and weaner heifers topping at 530c/kg. Yearling cattle saw the biggest drop with medium weight feeders falling as much as 30c/kg on average. Heavy steers to process fell by as much as 25c/kg, to top at 360c/kg, while cows remained relatively firm and topped at 314c/kg.

Tamworth yarded 1000 sheep and 2200 lambs, with the lamb job selling to cheaper trends of \$8 – 10 for trade weights, topping at \$165 and the export lambs fell \$20/hd topping at \$220. Restocking lambs looked value at \$80 – \$110/hd, while the sheep market fell in value by \$5/hd and a lot more in places for lightweight mutton. Majority of the mutton sold between \$70 – 100/hd.

# Extra five weeks to respond to Wind Farm proposal

The Walcha community will have an additional five weeks to respond to NSW Department of Planning on the proposed Winterborne Windfarm, thanks to the intervention of the Minister for Planning Anthony Roberts, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall announced last week.

Mr Marshall approached the Minister earlier last week after fielding concerns from Walcha locals about the short timeframe to respond to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Winterborne proposal, the largest windfarm project ever put forward in the region.

"This is great news for the community, which will now have until 22 January next year to make a submission in response to the Winterborne proposal," Mr Marshall said.

"The Department was only publicly exhibiting the proposal for one month, which simply was not enough time for the community to read, critically analyse and properly respond to a document and attachments of almost 1,000 pages.

"This is the largest and most complicated wind farm proposal our region has ever seen and so I feel the right decision has been made to extend the period of public comment.

"I thank the Minister for responding so positively and quickly to my request on behalf of the community."

Mr Marshall said the windfarm proponent had years to compile its EIS, so it was reasonable to give the community impacted by the proposal adequate time to respond, beyond the original closing date of 15 December.

"The extra time will allow locals to respond with better quality submissions and give the Department a much better sense of



community views, questions and concerns, which is the whole purpose of the public exhibition period," he said.

The Winterborne Windfarm proposes to construct up to 119 turbines of a blade tip height of 230 metres near Walcha.

The community now has until 22 January 2023 to respond to the Winterborne Windfarm EIS.

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# On your bike Walcha

\$3.72 million to expand cycling path network



The largest-ever single expansion of Walcha's shared cycleway and footpath network is about to get underway, thanks to a huge \$3.72 million investment by the State Government, announced last week by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall.

Mr Marshall made the announcement alongside Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes and said the \$3,729,174 grant, from the Get NSW Active program, would be used by council to extend the community's existing shared pathway network by approximately 10 kilometres, in three separate sections.

"This is great news for the local community, giving locals more opportunities to get together and get active but also for tourists to easily explore and enjoy the stunning beauty of Walcha," he said.

"This funding will allow Council to continue to provide safe, connected pathways between key locations in the town.

"Council will be extending the existing footpath on Fitzroy Street, up past the newly-built Walcha Men's Shed to the soon to be renewed Lion's Park, then the entire length of Darjeeling Road past the Walcha Racecourse, cemetery and John Oxley Oval.

"This will complete a 7-kilometre loop of connected pathway which also joins the Walcha Showground, Rose Garden, Quota Park, and Pioneer Cottage Museum to the CBD.

"And finally, \$1,750,254 of the grant will go towards the construction of a new 2.1-metre wide pathway from the township of Walcha towards the Aboriginal community Summervale.

"It's great to see Walcha Council proactively trying to make it easier for residents to pop down to the local shops without jumping in the car, the smooth pathways in particular beneficial for those living with a disability and the elderly."

Cr Noakes said council was extremely pleased and excited to receive the funding.

"I have no doubt the route will be very popular, for tourists, children and ideal for daily exercise," Cr Noakes said.

"The funding for the pathway to Summervale is massive investment towards providing a safe alternative access into Walcha for a vulnerable community.

"The road is windy, narrow and without any defined cycle lane – the addition of a footpath/cycleway will allow a safe alternative to vehicular travel."

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Elders Walcha would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

*Elders*



## Mailout author?

Like many of the residents of the Walcha district, last week I received a flyer in the mail from a Sam Kennedy warning that Walcha could soon join the list of New South Wales ghost towns if we don't embrace the wind turbine projects.

I feel optimistic about Walcha, I don't feel this impending doom he/she talks about and find this prophesy quite confronting. I have not met or heard of Sam Kennedy before, and funnily enough, I haven't been able to talk to anyone who has. Sam seems passionate about Walcha, when writing about "our town, our community and our children's future," yet no one seems to know Sam or what Sam's motives are.

Sam has commissioned a very expensive mail out throughout the district expressing his/her views. In this age where transparency or lack of, has become a real issue, could Sam tell us a little about himself/herself, so we may better understand Sam's thoughts, the apparent ties to our community and why we may be "headed into oblivion".

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## Warning words from a newcomer

Lynda McCallum settled in Walcha about 18 months ago with her husband and two young children. They came from Scone, largely to escape the industrialisation of that area, in particular the coal mining. Lynda has Multiple Sclerosis, and is keenly aware of the growing link between MS and coal mining. Walcha's cooler climate and cleaner environment offered a better place to tackle her MS. But now the threat of industrialising the Walcha district with the widespread influx of wind turbines is rekindling old fears.

Listen to Lynda's podcast: <https://voiceforwalcha.com/podcast/>

## Buy a Bronc rider

Walcha's Golden Gate Campdraft will be on at Walcha Showground from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 January 2023.

For 2023 the committee will be hosting a new event – Wrangler Xtreme Broncs on Friday evening, 13 January. This event will feature the toughest broncs from the Gill Brothers' string, pitted against the best Australian saddle bronc and bareback riders, including our local stars.



This will be an action-packed evening full of entertainment and a great night out with family and friends – so get your group organised and mark it in your calendar!

Local businesses will have the opportunity to promote their business for 2023 by 'Buying a Bronc Rider' and winning some cash by sponsoring the Walcha Golden Gate Campdraft. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote your business locally, whilst giving back to our community.

If you are interested in 'Buying a Bronc Rider' and seeing your business name carried high out of the chute, please contact our sponsorship coordinator Maddie Davidson on 0429 002 651 or email [wbcra@outlook.com](mailto:wbcra@outlook.com).

## Who is really spreading *misinformation*?



Mr Landfear (project director of the Winterbourne Wind Project) confirmed by email in October that there would no longer be a Neighbour Benefit Program. He also confirmed that **no money would be paid to neighbours from the Community Benefit Fund**.

Yet you only have to get to page 5 of the summary in the EIS to read about the "diversified income stream" neighbours will receive through the Neighbour Benefit Scheme. We have confirmed with Mr Landfear that this scheme does not exist.

In table 6.2 of the Social Impact Assessment, it says "Neighbours and the wider community will also receive financial benefits from the project through establishment of the Community Benefit Fund (CBF)." We again asked Mr Landfear if neighbours would be paid out of the Community Benefit Fund. The answer "No".

... Extract from the Winterbourne Wind Project EIS  
Appendix A of the Social Impact Assessment (Page 60 of Appendix A of Appendix R)



Source: Google Image

### Community ownership and enhancement

The Project has an innovative community ownership and revenue sharing model. Turbine hosts, easement owners and project neighbours are invited to become involved in a 5% stake at no cost. The benefits received will be shared 50%:50% with the broader Walcha community<sup>64</sup>.

Alongside direct financial benefits, community owned wind farms can also help ensure the project is a 'true community effort' where local businesses can be employed at different stages of the project; communities can tackle the issue of climate change at the local level; and the community can be empowered in decision-making roles<sup>65</sup>. Similarly, the Clean Energy Council notes local employment and business contacts are more likely to be prioritised;

**How are neighbours who are being severely impacted going to be compensated by Vestas?**



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A continuing community service project from Walcha Rotary Club

# Carols in the Park are back

After a two year enforced COVID gap the traditional Walcha McHattan Park Carols are on again this year.

Next Tuesday evening 13 December at 6pm will see the community gathering once more for an event that the local Rotary club has run as a community service in Walcha for well over 30 years.

The carols evening started back in the 1980s in McHattan Park and has run every year since, mostly in the park until rudely interrupted by the virus two years ago. The carols booklets are still the originals, used over and over and handed back in each year but still functioning despite showing a bit of age and retaining the original spelling mistakes.

Originally the Rotary Club each year organised a piano on the back of a truck to provide the music and was assisted by the Salvos from Uralla (no doubt also on the back of the truck). Luckily for the ageing backs of the Rotarians a much lighter electronic device now provides the tunes. Long term pianist Jan plays and the Walcha Singers lead us in the carols. The very substantially improved Council Park provides a friendlier venue than it did all those years ago. No truck needed these days, but it is a good idea to bring blankets and rugs to sit on, or maybe a chair if the ground is a bit too far down.

Also for many years the local schools have provided a brief performance of a Christmas theme with a great demonstration of massed talent from our primary school children, and in fact quite a few of those child performers from years ago are now watching as parents as their own children and grandchildren perform.

The club caters for the event with a free sausage sizzle and soft drink. If you have a more sophisticated palate you can buy a steak sandwich.

With Christmas falling in storm season the carols have had a number of last minute changes of venue to somewhere more protected. These venues have proved to be a mixed success especially when the candle wax had to be removed from the floor of the hall the next day! It's still OK to use traditional candles in the park and on the night Rotary supplies electronic candles at cost if you wish to use these. In alternate venues only electronic candles can be used. So if rain threatens Rotary will rapidly re-locate the evening to a weatherproof spot, probably the MPC at the Central School. This will be a last minute move so they will rely on the good old Walcha word-of-mouth system to spread the news of any change.



# Lions Christmas Cakes

If you want to have a special treat this Christmas grab yourself a Lions Christmas cake. Monies raised through the cake sales go towards medical research into children's cancer and mobility aids.

The cakes are available at the Walcha Post Office, Walcha Newsagency and Walcha Telecottage. You can also contact Lion Lloyd Livingston on 0466 728 508.

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# Boosting your defences against COVID 19

By Dr Deng Abiem

It's now clear that COVID-19 virus will be with us forever and we have to learn how to manage it. Australia is now in the midst of a fourth COVID-19 wave of 2022. Infection rates are still rising and so are the hospitalisations and deaths.

Fortunately, we now have the tools to tackle COVID-19 virus and stop it from causing harm. We have vaccines and antiviral medications that have been proven highly effective in preventing serious disease and death in people infected with COVID-19.

Australia has a highly successful vaccination program. Primary course vaccination with any available vaccines is recommended for anyone 5 years and older. Vaccinations for under 5 year olds is recommended for vulnerable groups with underlying health conditions which could increase their risk of serious illness after contracting COVID-19 infection.

A person is considered fully immunised after receiving two shots of a COVID-19 vaccine.

After 3 months of completing a primary course of vaccination or after contracting COVID-19, a single booster vaccine dose is recommended for anyone over 16 years old. For people 50 years and older and people younger than 50 years with underlying health conditions which put them in higher risk of serious illness after contracting COVID-19, a second booster (fourth shot) is recommended 3 months after first booster shot or after recovering from a COVID-19 infection.

Pfizer and Moderna are the two leading vaccine types due to their proven high efficacy and safety profile. They are the only vaccines approved for pregnant women.

Pfizer original, Pfizer, bivalent, Moderna original and Moderna bivalent are all recommended for booster shots. However, the best vaccine is the one you have put in your arm as there is no evidence that the newer bivalent vaccines are better than the original vaccines. So go out and get boosted.

Evidence for booster dose recommendation is still evolving but there is a strong indication from health authorities that we will have annual winter booster shots to protect against expected waves of future COVID-19 variants which are likely to cause outbreaks during winter.

In Walcha GP clinic, we currently have Moderna bivalent COVID-19 vaccines for those interested in having their booster shots. We have re-introduced mask wearing in the clinic as we are currently in the midst of a COVID-19 wave in Walcha.

We have a mini-respiratory clinic for those with COVID-19 like symptoms to be assessed outside. We also have telephone consultations for those who have contracted COVID-19 infection and would like to have anti-viral medications.

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👍 To the volunteer members of the Walcha Motorcycle Rally committee including Karen Barnes, Andy Burwell, Kim Barnett, Tracey Hoy, Shane Carey and Jason Cox for assisting Tourism in organising such a great event to attract visitation.

👍 To Ben, Ruth, Hudson, Lincoln and Fletcher France – we will all miss seeing you every Sunday. You have been very good friends to everyone in Walcha.

👍 To Jason at Walcha Vet Supplies for excellent service when we had an issue at shearing this week. Many thanks.

👍 To poor signage of the pedestrian crossings as travellers cannot see them until they are right upon them.

👎 Thumbs down to pet owners who allow their dogs to bark all night to Council for not actioning the many complaints.

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## Postcards from Walcha installation opening

Walcha Handmade held the opening of their 'Postcards from Walcha' installation on Friday 25 November, along with what hopefully was the inaugural Walcha Twilight Markets.

Postcards from Walcha has been in the works for several months as the result of a grant from Arts North West. The purpose of the installation is to highlight places and/or landmarks favoured and loved by Walcha residents. Several free workshops were held to give people the opportunity to highlight their special place as a painting or a photograph to be placed on a map of Walcha district, which is displayed on a wall in the studio space at Walcha Handmade.

Karen Bloomfield opened the installation with a Welcome to Country and explained about some of the beautiful indigenous works she brought along – depicting Dughutti totems also used in Walcha Central School sport houses. Karen also had on display some coasters she had painted depicting rivers and mountains.

We appreciated collaborating with WCS, Walcha Pre-school and Walcha Council Community Care Art Group.

*Pictured: Walcha Handmade wall covered in postcards depicting our favourite spots in the Walcha district.*



## Ready for big school

During Semester 2 eighteen Transition students have been attending Walcha Central School getting to know the routines, meeting fellow students and staff ready to start school in 2023.

During Term 3 they attended for two half days and this term they have just completed four full days. Term 4 has been a very busy time for these students. They have attended the fortnightly primary assemblies, at which they received the best-behaved class award and a book gifted from the staff and students of Walcha Central School.

During their school days they have enjoyed sharing books, craft, PE, maths activities, working on the Interactive Whiteboards and experiencing a lunch order. Outside activities, when the rain had finally stopped, included playing in the sensory garden and on the very popular play gym.

Staff are looking forward to welcoming all the students back in 2023. Please contact Walcha Central School if you would like more information on enrolling a student for 2023.



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**During a recent road trip** back from Port Macquarie, South Sydney Rabbitohs tragic Darrel Brazel was driving his car when he turned to his navigator Brian Lynch and asked him how far was it from Yarowitch to Walcha. What pilot 'Bikie' hadn't calculated before commencing the journey was how much fuel they would need to complete what now has become a new adventure.

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**Suddenly 'Magpie' had become a bit nervous** especially when the station wagon missed a beat climbing up the 'three lanes' just east of town prompting 'Bikie' to declare, "If we get to the top of the three lanes we will be able to get enough pace to coast into town." And that's exactly what happened much to the relief of our thrill seekers, which included rolling into Apsley Motors where luckily the bowsers were vehicle free when it happened.

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**Hill Street residents Graham and Margaret Tickle** visited Settlement City while spending a few days at Port Macquarie unwinding during recent times. At one stage the 'dynamic duo' split up to go their own way for a while before catching up a little later. When 'Tractor-Tick' spotted his much better half he raced up behind Margaret and wrapped his arms around her while yelling 'Got Ya'. Only problem was it wasn't Margaret but a woman that looked like her, well from behind anyway. Oops!!

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**The Walcha Veterans Golf Association** are holding their annual Christmas special this Thursday to be played under a 4BBB Medley Stableford format commencing with a 9.30am shotgun start. Thanks to the Primary Health Network the golf and lunch are both free with registrations taken from 9.00am. Beverages will cost you.

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**Then on Saturday the Annual Ann Berry Memorial** is scheduled, which is a 3 person Ambrose, where you can register with a couple of your mates from 9.30am for a 10am tee off. You don't have to be a world-beater to play, but a prerequisite is that you are required to have a fun day out. Any queries catch up with Perc Berry.

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**Still on golf** didn't North Street resident Julie Presnell have a day out last Sunday when she not only won the stroke medal round with a 67 nett, the C Grade mug with the same score, the putting competition with 23 putts and then just for good measure hit the most accurate tee shot on the third hole. Not a bad day at the office Julie.

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**Hooray – The Walcha Flippers** Publicity Officer has finally surfaced from hibernation as is hopefully evident somewhere in this weeks publication. Not a bad effort really as the Swimming Club only hosted Round 4 of their 2022/23 season yesterday.

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**Thumbs up to the Walcha Council** for their continued support of the local Swimming Club, assisting Flippers registrations to 100 members so far this season. What a terrible start to the swimming season weather wise, but according to the forecast we might get a few decent days in a row during the next week at least. Heard a whisper a few people actually lit their fire last week, but who could blame them.

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**Walcha Roos President Michael Aspinall** has had some interest from junior Rugby League players about forming an under 18's team next year. Any players keen on having a run please contact Aspro.

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**Former Walcha cowboy Tyson Smith** was up to his old tricks last weekend when he competed at the Hinton Bullarama. Tyson put in a good ride only to finish just off the pace in second position.

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**Gee anyone that is keen** supporter of cricket would have to feel sorry for Aussie Mollydooker Travis Head when he was dismissed for 99 against the West Indies in the first test. He became the 90th test batsman to lose his wicket one run short of his ton and the 12th test batsman to have received the dreaded finger on 199. New Zealander Martin Crowe is the only Test batsman to be dismissed on 299.

# Cash to fill our pothole problems

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has today announced an immediate \$3.72 million shot-in-the-arm from the State Government to help the region's beleaguered councils, which are struggling to keep on top of the growing number of potholes and damage on local roads.

Mr Marshall said the funding, from the government's one-off Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round, would be used by councils to cover the extra cost and ease workload pressures for urgent repairs to the most damaged sections of the local road network across the region.

"With almost record rainfall being experienced across our region in the last 12 to 18 months, and two floods thrown in for the Moree district, our local roads have copped an absolute flogging and many are in a terrible condition," Mr Marshall said.

"To make matters worse, the continued wet weather has hampered councils' efforts to undertake any major repairs, instead just patching what they can until the next rain does more damage.

"This extra cash alone isn't the panacea, but it is a welcome boost for our councils and their road crews, who trying to take advantage of the current dry period to complete as much repair work as they can."

Under the funding round, councils were allocated funding based on the size of their local road network:

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Moree Plains Shire	\$927,639.40
Uralla Shire	\$316,306.28
Walcha	\$314,554.94

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,722,772.53</b>
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"Councils are responsible for maintenance on the local road network so this extra cash will help ease some of the pressure they are facing and boost the resources they can draw upon to fix the most damaged roads," Mr Marshall said.

"It will also help reduce the number popped tyres, bent rims and other vehicle damage being sustained by motorists as they try to navigate some challenging road conditions."





## Bowls

**Dads Army:** Two games of pairs were played on Thursday afternoon. The first game saw Noel Goodwin and Dacian Andrews win ten ends to eight to give them a 22 – 17 result over Jason Asmus and Geoff Salt. The second game was played in three sections Peter Hayes and Eric O'Keefe won four of the first six ends against John McCormack and John Watts to lead 10 – 2, then lost the next six to be behind 11 – 10 but then fought back to win the last six ends to win 21 – 11. Peter and Eric won the chooks and John Watts the raffle.

## Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday Lyn Burnell, Janice Rizzi and Margaret Tickle won in a close game of triples against Esther Hunt, Veronica Jamieson and Carol Rose 17 – 14. Last Tuesday Lyn, Esther, Marg, Janice, Jan and Wendy had a very enjoyable day in Uralla playing in the CanAssist day. The weather was beautiful and sunny. Janice and Jan won spiders. Don't forget to put your name in by tomorrow if you wish to attend the Christmas party on 15 December. There will be social bowls tomorrow.

## Wednesday Golf

We played Stableford on Wednesday for Barb Mulligan's trophy. We had three players come in with 39 points and after a countback the winner was Jenny Lisle, with sweepstakes going to Simone Sweeney and Ruth Fletcher. Next sweepstakes went to Donna Martin with 37 and Alison Cameron with 34. NTP on 3 was Julie Olrich and second shot on 18 went to Jenny Lisle. Barb also gave a trophy for the best front and back nines. The best front nine was Ruth Fletcher with 23 and the best back nine went to Cheryl McDonald with 17. Today is our Christmas Luncheon and Presentation Day and we are playing a three person Ambrose, draw for partners.

## Tennis

Round 8, the final Ordinary Round of the 2022 Spring Comp, was played out on Tuesday 29 November under clear skies. Millman: D Wall, N Buckland, R Mathews and T Tape defeated Nadal: B Hoy (F), S Blake, A Barillaro and A Marsh 28 to 20. Barty: M Palmer, C Bruce, G Wall and J Jones drew with Ebdon: D Sweeney, P O'Brien, J Hoy (F) and M Luchich 23 all. Bolt: M Lockyer, D Clarke, M Ireland and T Lestrade (F) defeated Laver: D A Locke, E Wauch (F), A Pendlebury and P Palmer 31 to 30 in a great close match. The four teams going through to the Semi Final to be played on Tuesday 6 December starting at 7.00pm will be 1: Bolt on 254 points, 2: Ebdon on 225 points, 3: Nadal on 199 points and 4: Laver on 192 points. 1 will play 4 and 2 will play 3 to see who plays out in the Grand Final. Good luck to these teams. Can the captains of the 4 Semi Final teams contact their players and make sure everyone is ready to go please. Thanks to everyone who played in the Spring Comp including our Floaters. Weather permitting the Grand Final and Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 13 December. The next Club meeting will be held on Monday 12 December. See you all at the net soon.

## At the Nineteenth

A stroke medal round was played last Sunday for a trophy donated by 'Waterloo' Mayor Ross King and it was Julie Presnell who ran out the winner on 67 nett, which also entitled her to the C Grade mug. A Grade went to Lee Fletcher, who also won the scratch section of the event, after he carded 80 off the stick which equated to 72 nett. B Grade was taken out by Junior Club Champion Nixon Bird with a 68 nett, while sweepstakes prizes were collected by Club Secretary Jenny Lisle 69. Crichton Barr 69 and Bill Heazlett 70 on countback from Don Brooks. Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus were belted by Will Brennan (A) Alex Gill (B) and Peter Berry (C) whereas sharpest shooters at the pins were Julie Presnell (3) Brian Lynch (16) and Nixon Bird (18). The putting competition was won by Julie Presnell after she engaged her flat stick on 23 occasions and at the other end of the scale John McCormack eagerly accepted the coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts after he registered 34 jabs.

This Sunday is Presentation Day, which will be held after a 4BBB Medley is played for the New England Accounting and Taxation Services trophy where tee off time is 1.00pm. This Thursday is the Veterans Christmas Special where registrations for the 4BBB Medley will be taken from 9.00am for a 9.30am tee off. The annual Ann Berry Memorial is being held this Saturday under a three person Ambrose format where registrations can be made from 9.30am for a 10.00am tee off.

## Cricket

### Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove

Walcha/Uralla	
N ENDACOTT c C Jordan b S Brotherson	3
B JEX s T Butler b A Partridge	40
B MOORE c B Jordan b R Eastwood	23
H HINE lbw R Eastwood	0
M TASIK c C Jordan b S Maxwell	2
W BOYD not out	0
D HUNT c L Eastwood b R Eastwood	11
M HARPER c A Cowan R Eastwood	8
B MANSFIELD c J Maxwell b L Eastwood	2
L HUNT c T Butler b C Jordan	4
T SWANN b V Simpson	7
Total 112. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) S Brotherson 7-1-11-1, V Simpson 4.1-0-14-1, J Maxwell 5-0-21-1, R Eastwood 6-0-22-4, C Van de veer 4-1-8-0, L Eastwood 3-0-10-1, C Jordan 3-0-10-1, A Partridge 3-1-12-1.	

Hillgrove	
A COWAN c B Jex b M Harper	31
A PARTRIDGE b M Harper	0
L EASTWOOD c B Mansfield b T Swann	0
C JORDAN c L Hunt b B Mansfield	4
B JORDAN b M Harper	3
C VAN DER VEER not out	60
R EASTWOOD b M Harper	1
S MAXWELL not out	4
Total 113. Extras 10. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) M Harper 8-1-18-4, T Swann 8-2-28-1, H Hine 2-0-4-0, W Boyd 5-0-1-0, B Mansfield 5-0-22-1, M Tasik 4-0-18-0, B Jex 12-0-8-0, N Endacott 12-0-8-0.	

Walcha/Uralla travelled to Harris Park in Armidale for their third grade match against Hillgrove last Saturday where they were defeated by three wickets.

Batting after winning the toss, the visitors accumulated 112 runs after evergreen opener Bob Jex laid the platform when he scored 40 runs and received valuable assistance from wicket keeper Blaine Moore, who contributed 23 runs batting at number three.

The only other Walcha/Uralla batsman to reach double figures was veteran Daniel Hunt with 11 runs, which included two boundaries.

In reply Hillgrove passed their assignment with four wickets up their sleeve after middle order batsman C Van de Veer scored an unbeaten 60 runs after opener A Cowan made 31.

Best of the visiting bowlers was opener Matt Harper who snared 4/18 off his eight overs including 3/3 off 11 deliveries late in his stint at the bowling crease.

The other two wicket takers were Brian Mansfield and Thomas Swann.

This Saturday both our teams travel to Armidale where Seconds are scheduled to play City at Bellevue Oval while the Thirds are down to take on City at Harris Park.

## Flippers News

Last week the Walcha Flippers conducted their third swim meet of the 2022/23 season where members clocked up 45 PB's for the second week in succession to take the total this season to 90.

No less than 96 members have signed up so far, with a number of them already hitting their straps with impressive performances.

Swimmer of Week 3 was Jazz Hayton who was elevated from Crocodiles to Dolphins. Week 2 – Rain Pritchard for gaining full points and shifting from Crocodiles to Dolphins, while in Week 1 all swimmers on the day were named S.O.T.W. for their enthusiastic efforts in getting back into the water.

So far this season there have been plenty of 'movers and shakers', including Cameron Mooney who jumped from Crocodiles to Dolphins in Week 1.

Straight into Frogs – Hamish Clark and Penelope Taylor (W1), Ailee Tate (W3).

Straight into Turtles – Anthea Taylor, Ethan Olrich, Henry Blomfield and Josie Wauch (W1), Lilah Tate and Tyler Ross (W3), Connor Sweeney and Matisse Pascoe (W2). Tadpoles to Frogs – Axel Blomfield, Eamon Barnes, Eliza Nivison, Jack Lisle, Reve Liddle and Thomas Lisle (W1), Florence Davey and Millie Laurie (W2).

Tadpoles to Turtles – Lily Cook (W1)

Frogs to Turtles – Eli Wellings, Leo Blomfield and Sophie Mulligan (W1), Grace Fletcher (W2), Eamon Barnes (W3) Turtles to Crocodiles – Annabelle Pattinson-Kane, Frankie Nivison, Hudson France and Jake Wellings (W1), Rain Pritchard (W2)

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## Juniors enjoyed learning tennis

Junior Tennis has come to an end for Term 4. We were very lucky with the weather, completing seven out of the eight weeks. The children's tennis skills have improved tremendously and they played some great tennis on Saturday morning.

Well done to Shaun, Lucy and Hamish who were our tennis superstars. Shaun won the Blue Comp by just one point, Lucy won all of her games in the Green Comp and Hamish won the Red Comp by one point – it was very close.

I would like to thank all the parent helpers and the tennis committee members for all their assistance. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the net in Term 1.

**Emma Wauch**



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