

# THE APSLEY Advocate

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11 January 2023

## There's still time to nominate for Australia Day awards

The Walcha Australia Day committee is pleased to announce that the NSW Australia Day council has selected Jacinta Tynan as the ambassador for the Walcha Australia Day breakfast ceremony on Thursday 26 January 2023.

President of the Committee Aurora Reilly said, "The breakfast ceremony is shaping up to be another exciting day, and nominations still are open until the end of this week from the community for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Junior Sportsperson of the Year, Community Group/Organisation/or Event of the Year."

Our ambassador Jacinta Tynan (pictured right) is one of Australia's most experienced journalists and news presenters. She has worked for more than 25 years reporting and presenting in Australia and overseas, most recently as an anchor with Sky News Australia.

As well as presenting live, rolling news, Jacinta produced and hosted 'Change Makers', interviewing people and organisations making a positive difference in the world.

Jacinta is also a columnist, author and mother to two young sons. She has just published her fifth book, *The Single Mother's Social Club – Inspiration and advice on embracing single parenthood*. She also writes a regular column for Body+Soul (in News Ltd Sunday newspapers) on spirituality.


Passionate about social causes, Jacinta is Patron of The Warrior Woman Foundation and an Ambassador for Raise Foundation providing in-school mentoring to high school kids across the country.

We look forward to welcoming Jacinta to Walcha for our Australia Day celebrations in McHattan Park, with breakfast starting at 7:30am on 26 January.

See page 3 for how to make an Australia Day nomination.



  
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## around the traps



### Back in time: June 1997

We thought it would be fitting to publish one of Bruce's first Around the Traps columns. On behalf of the community we would like to thank Bruce for his commitment to this column, which spanned more than 25 years. Your weekly updates and comments will be missed.

JUNE 1997 by Bruce Rutherford

Well it's week two of this informative column, and I have to say that the first week has met with positive remarks, so I'll keep going with it. Whilst at the Rugby on Saturday, one reader remarked, "you're a sprinter!", so I guess the challenge has been set.

Walcha had another fair quality yarding of some 1270 cattle last Friday, with some good lines of cattle in all descriptions. The quality of the cattle were not as good as several weeks ago and although winter is now upon us, there were still some very good individual pens of cattle. Competition from the usual field of buyers was strong for the best of the cattle, with the plainer lines meeting restricted competition.

Bullocks and heavy steers were well represented making to a top of 104.8c/kg, with most well finished cattle making from 97 to 102c/kg. Medium weight, well finished steers made from 90 to 96c/kg with a pen of very well finished crossbreeds making 97c/kg. Trade cattle were the big movers from the sale a fortnight ago, with a pen of quality Hereford steer calves making to a top of 105c/kg, and heifers with some polish on them making to a top of 97.2c/kg. Most trade cattle up to around 350kg, with some shape and finish, met strong competition, and sold generally from 88 to 95c/kg. Export heifers sold well to a top of 95c/kg. Best clean cows also continue to sell well, while the lesser quality cows remained unchanged. A good line of heavy black baldy cows sold to a top of 81.2c/kg, while most good bodied cows sold from 76 to 80c/kg. Medium cows sold to 77c/kg with most from 72 to 76c/kg, while lighter conditioned cows generally made from 60 to 65c/kg. Heavy bulls sold from 80 to 90c/kg.

Next fat cattle sale in Walcha is set down for the 11th of June, and the trend for the better finished cattle to meet the strongest competition is set to continue through the winter months. At least one export works is going to reduce their kill, in line with the reduced numbers on offer. A number of others are considering their position also. This will undoubtedly limit competition, should this occur.

There is not a lot of activity around Walcha in the sheep and lamb market at this time of the year, however, there is still strong demand for the well finished sheep and lambs. Upton Pastoral sold another 1000 lambs on CALM last week to the same buyer in South Australia for in excess of \$66 per head, and there have been some good paddock sales reported also.

Tamworth yarded 3300 lambs on Monday, with the plainer lambs cheaper by \$1 to \$3 and the best conditioned lambs up to \$1 dearer. 2600 good quality mutton was sold to stronger competition for the best grades, and weaker competition on the lighter ewes. 4 score lambs 18 to 20kg sold from \$44 to \$53, while lambs over 20kg sold from \$48 to \$56.20. Heavy, good conditioned sheep generally sold from \$24 to \$28.

With a sheep market that has been driven for the last few years by demand for mutton, rather than re-stocker demand, there are some immediate supply problems facing the processors. We would have to hope that the processors are able to ride out this shortage, and maintain supply to their markets, rather than the alternative, which is, not to supply those markets until the price of product is more attractive. Once we are unable to regularly supply this growing market for our mutton, we face the likelihood of losing some or all of these markets to competitors, or an alternative product.

For interest sake only, in 1990 our sheep sales through our business averaged a mere \$11 including lambs. This year, with dramatically less numbers, the average is over \$30.



# How to make an Australia Day nomination

Know someone, an organisation, event or group that you think is deserving of recognition this Australia Day? If so, the Walcha Australia Day committee are encouraging you to nominate them for an Award at Walcha's upcoming Australia Day ceremony. Nominations were due to close on Monday 9 January, but the committee have now extended the deadline to Friday 13.

To make a nomination, simply go to the Walcha Council website:

- [www.walcha.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au)
- Select 'News' at the top of the home page
- Once open, click the [Australia Day Award Nominations for 2022](#) story to open up the screen pictured below.
- From here, select the category in which you would like to make a nomination and print the nomination form.
- Complete all relevant details and include the name/s of someone who will support your nomination.

You can return your form one of three ways:

- Drop the form off in person to the Walcha Council Office
- Post your nomination form to  
Walcha Council PO Box 2  
Walcha NSW 2354
- By email to  
[council@walcha.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@walcha.nsw.gov.au)

Winners will be presented on  
26 January at Walcha's Australia  
Day ceremony in McHattan Park.



# Come together

We are holding one final **information session** relating to the **Winterbourne EIS**, to support the community efforts and to get those submissions in **before January 23, 2023**. Joining us will be Federal Member for New England Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall MP. All Welcome.

**Thursday 12th Jan**  
5:30pm - Walcha Bowling Club

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## letters to the editor



### A quick response to criticisms directed at VfW

The Voice for Walcha would like to respond to some comments and criticisms that have been raised in the community recently, from largely anonymous sources through maildrops.

Regarding the accusation of NIMBY'ism, we would like to remind our accusers that what we have objected to is large scale industrial developments that impact negatively on our community and our landscape. We are taking the position we have taken because we value our community, our landscape and our town, for the qualities that it has. We make no apology for defending Walcha and its unique and beautiful strengths. We have argued that this project is;

- in the Wrong Place, (against the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, part of the Gondwana Rainforest Wilderness area. Requiring that project traffic travel through the LGA using Oxley Highway and Thunderbolts Way affecting traffic to Tamworth and Armidale, as well as affecting local traffic and residents North and East of Walcha, and in the township).
- is the Wrong Size, (placing massive burdens on resources, housing, health services, childcare and other trade services)
- is being promoted by the Wrong Developer (an inexperienced developer who is really a seller of turbine components, wanting to bolster dwindling European sales by entering the race as a learner developer)

Given that there are multiple projects being planned, it is not necessary for our community, or the NSW planning department, to open the floodgates for the first application – particularly if it is a poor-quality project. Let's demand a good project from a good developer, for it to be successful.

Regarding the accusation of being anti-renewable, we have repeatedly stated our support of renewable technology, and the responsible transition to it. We are prolific users and investors of renewables ourselves, so to label us as anti-renewable is naive and off-target. This uneducated cheap shot is a sign of desperation and lacks knowledge in the argument.

Regarding the comment about Voice for Walcha objecting "for their own selfish reasons", and not for the greater good of the community or the environment", we are not sure whether the irony of this comment requires us to even respond. We are not gaining anything financially from our actions.

Regarding accusations of errors and mistruths, we have had vague comments about "spreading mistruths", or "scaremongering", but not once has anyone had the ability (or decency) to point out specific points that need correcting. We go to extensive lengths to fact check and are careful with information that is not verified. We welcome this effort by anyone who has bothered to describe any of our information as inaccurate, to point to specific examples of fault, so that we can address them. That would be fair. By contrast, we have been able to point to a number of specific mistruths, inaccuracies, omissions, and misleading comments that Vestas have had to correct, or clarify, on the planning portal. Further inaccuracies are yet to be dealt with.

We want to restate our motivation for our activity, that we want the best outcome for Walcha, and we want everyone to be informed and have an opportunity to participate in the conversation while there is an opportunity to do so. To ignore this process, only to find ourselves in an industrial landscape that we were not aware was coming, would be a shame. Let's participate, not be the plaything of an offshore developers profit driven desires, but drive the agenda ourselves, to suit our community.

If it were not for the massive amount of support our office and group receives daily, we would not be motivated to continue. We are determined to avoid any personal vilification, and to avoid division. That does not preclude us from having a Voice for Walcha.

Cameron Greig, Damien Timbs, Jim Young, Simone Timbs,  
Kate Durack, Michael Luchich and Rachel Greig  
Voice for Walcha [www.voiceforwalcha.com](http://www.voiceforwalcha.com)



# Back to School now Vouchers available

Families across the region can now access \$150 worth of vouchers through the Premier's Back to School NSW program, keeping cash in the wallet of local families by saving on textbooks, uniforms, stationery and other school essentials.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said that while students had just waved goodbye to their school communities for 2022, now was the time to start gearing up for the new year with all the essentials.

"Parents, guardians and carers, including foster carers, can apply for three \$50 Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers per child, which can be used at registered businesses towards items including bags, shoes, prescribed textbooks and lunchboxes.

"Local businesses are already lining up to accept the vouchers, so I'd encourage local families to jump on the Service NSW website soon to get their hands on these vouchers."

Vouchers expire on 30 June 2023, giving everyone plenty of time to take advantage of the savings.

"Applying for the vouchers is simple and can be done in a matter of minutes using the Service NSW app, on the phone or by visiting a Service Centre," Mr Dominello said.

"Parents and carers can search for registered businesses in their local area by using the online Business Finder Tool and can use multiple vouchers in one transaction."

For more information about the vouchers visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers), call Service NSW on 13 77 88.



# Show us Your Skills Day Fun for the whole family

On Saturday 21 January, the Walcha Neighbourhood Centre will be holding a fun 'Show us Your Skills Day' at Walcha Skate Park, in conjunction with fundraising for the Centre.

From 11.00am – 2.00pm you will have the opportunity to showcase your tricks and skills, join in the competitions and be in with a chance to win prizes.

Bring along the family and enjoy live music, a delicious, free BBQ, while the little ones have fun on the jumping castle.

So grab your scooter, skates or skateboard and we will see you at the Skate Park.



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- 👍 To Jess and Nat for doing Christmas lunches for the elderly or those on their own.
- 👍 To the Walcha Council workers who look after the cemetery. Absolutely beautiful for Christmas. Thank you!
- 👍 To the beautiful rose garden on the entry to our town near the showground, it looks great.

**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.**



## WALCHA COUNCIL Summer BREAK HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### LEGO MASTERS

Andrew and Damian from Lego Masters, present "Clicking Bricks" an interactive workshop to connect with aspiring builders and help take their skills to the next level. These workshops are for all ages (so bring parents along too!)

**Wed 11th & Thurs 12th Jan 2023**  
@ Walcha MPC - Book now!

### STONEY AQUAPARK

A full day bus trip to Stoney Aquapark for inflatable water fun! Strictly for youth aged 12 & up

**Friday 13th of Jan 2023**  
Places limited - Book now!

### PAINTBALL

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**Wed 18th Jan 2023**  
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Walcha Motel Function Room  
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# Watch Australia's best saddle broncs this Friday night!

Walcha "Golden Gate" Wrangler Xtreme Broncs is set in stone as one of the must go to events on the Xtreme Broncs Tour!

Walcha is renowned for its iconic Golden Gate Campdraft & Rodeo and this year the committee has upped the ante by adding Xtreme Broncs and a no holds barred bareback bronc riding to their already impressive program.

Xtreme Broncs Australia is ecstatic to be heading to the high country to showcase their superstar Broncs and Bronc Rider's alongside the cream of Australia's elite Campdrafters.

The added bareback bronc riding event will show a depth of Bareback Bronc Rider's the likes Walcha hasn't seen in many years, lined out with an explosive pen of bareback broncs supplied by Gill Bros Rodeo Company.

There will be over 30 bronc riders and approximately ten rough riders making an appearance, including local riders Ben Wickham, Gerard Oversby, Ben Fogarty and Angus McTavish. Friday night is gearing up to be a great night out for young and old – so get ready Walcha to expect the unexpected when Xtreme Broncs Australia hits our town this Friday.

For those who love their campdrafting, there will be three days of action packed drafting. Entry to the showground is free on both Saturday and Sunday, with the BBQ and the bar in operation and entertainment on Saturday night with a DJ playing some great tunes.

Mark it on your calendar – this Golden Gate is going to be a ripper!



## FRIDAY 13 JANUARY

- Campdrafting all day
- Gates open 4.30pm for Xtreme Broncs, action starts at approx 7pm. Cost: Family \$35, Adults \$15, Children 5/13yrs \$5 and Children Under 5yrs free.
- BBQ and Bar in operation.

## SATURDAY 14 JANUARY

- Campdrafting all day
- DJ from approx 6.00pm
- BBQ and Bar in operation

## SUNDAY 13 JANUARY

- Campdrafting

A large, colorful promotional poster for the 'Walcha Golden Gate Wrangler Xtreme Broncs' event. The poster features the APRA logo in the top left, the 'Wrangler Xtreme Broncs Australia' logo in the top right, and the event title 'WALCHA GOLDEN GATE Wrangler XTREME BRONCS' in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says 'Australia's Elite Saddle Bronc Rider's'. The date 'JANUARY 13-2023' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'THIS FRIDAY NIGHT' written below it. The poster also includes images of riders on horses and the 'Bob Berg Designs' logo in the bottom right corner. The text 'Wrangler The Western Original' is visible in the bottom left corner.



# St Patrick's Class Awards

Students from St Patrick's School were awarded certificates for their achievements at the end of Term 4 in 2022.

Principal Dallas Hyatt congratulated all of the students at St Patrick's for their efforts throughout the school year, stating how proud he was of them.

All students across the board achieved substantial growth in their education, making it a very successful year all round for St Patrick's. Principal Hyatt also thanked the staff for their dedication and devotion to the school and students.



**Year 2** – Florence Davey, Hannah Marchant and Benji Provost



**Kindergarten** – Mila Tate, Harry Fletcher and Levi Williams



**Year 1** – Lucy Rizzi, Audrey Curtis, Teddy Healey and Lachlan Partridge



**Year 5** – Addison Smith, Annabelle Patterson-Kane and Lachie Provost



**Year 3** – Lochie Hoy, Jessica Patterson-Kane and Indie Powell



**Year 4** – Albert Green, Athena Li, Georgina Arundale-Fuller and Grace Curtis



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# what's the goss

with AJ Cross

As this is the first column this year may I take the opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2023 which goes just the way you want it to. There is little doubt a few people will be hoping it's a bit better than 2022.

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**Attention all aqua thrillseekers!** According to our pool main man Deon Lawrence, the large inflatable will make its first appearance for 'Summer' this Saturday between the hours of 12 noon and 4.00pm. A reminder that the annual 'Pool Party' is scheduled for Wednesday 25 January. Both events are weather permitting.

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**Organisers for the Australia Day Awards** are still seeking nominations for the Walcha Senior Sportsman of the year. Nominations were meant to close Monday, but have been extended to this Friday and can be made at the Council Office by closing time or emailed to [council@walcha.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@walcha.nsw.gov.au).

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**Before Christmas, Apsley Arms Hotel Footy Tipping winner** Neil G.P. took his female cat to the vets to have her de-sexed, but was left a little red faced from embarrassment when we went back to pick her up. On arrival at the Vet Clinic Neil was informed his cat was in fact a Tomcat who already had the procedure administered, but the feline did arrive at Neil's place several years ago unannounced and has lived with him since.

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**Local cricket veteran and legend Barry Hoy** reckons he hasn't played in many other games like the match against Hillgrove on a 'dodgy' Rologas turf in Armidale last Saturday. Batting after winning

the toss Walcha/Uralla could only manage to score a modest 72 runs off their 20 overs thanks mainly to 'Baz' and Ed Blomfield contributing 17 runs each.

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**Most teams wouldn't be overconfident defending 72 runs** but what was about to unfold certainly changed that. In the space of 47 deliveries Hillgrove were all out for 15 runs including six ducks. Opener Randee Grewal took five wickets at a cost of eight runs including 3/0 off his final seven balls. His fellow opener Sinclair Little snared four wickets for 7 runs including 4/0 from 11 deliveries midway through his bowling stint. Not a bad day at the office boys.

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**In the third grade match against Hillgrove** at John Oxley Sportsground, 'Man of the Match' Peter Mooney executed a run out in his opening over, slightly different than what he would have liked. After dropping a return catch the ball rebounded onto the strings from Pete's hands catching the opposition batter out of his crease. Although he didn't capture a wicket, Pete went on to make a game high 56 which included three shots out of the ground.

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**The Bowling Club held their Presidents Day last Sunday**, hosted by 'Head Honcho' Adam Hall, where the 2022 State Pennants Number 7's winners flag was unfurled following Walcha's victory at Warilla in March last Year. The majority of the players from the winning team were in attendance for the unfurling.



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**After reading the Apsley Advocate front page story** about TruBlu Recycling I got in contact with boss Mark about removing a vehicle from our Lagoon Street property. Talk about a smooth operator who I would have no hesitation in recommending to anyone who requires any of those type of services. My sister Tracey Crisp was extremely happy with the way Mark removed two cars out of tricky locations from her yard around the same time.

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**Last Saturday I was a bit excited** when my first selection in the Newie 777's tipping competition 'Mission Phoenix' saluted at Rosehill. Just before the second race I was discussing with fellow 777's punter Wayne Brennan the chances about how my pick 'Desperado' would go, only for him to inform me it had been scratched and the Newie rule was scratchings may only be changed before the start of the first race in the 777's. Shame really, as my third selection 'Spiritualised' got up at the Gold Coast. The 777's jackpotted due to no winners to \$420 this Saturday. Might have to search my selections with a bit more detail from now on.



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## Bowls

**Draw for this weekend:** Saturday 1:00 start – 2022 Triples Semi Final D Bird, S & K Goodwin v G Bird, G Carter & R Kerr. Sunday 1:00 start – 2022 Triples Final N Dunn, G Marshall & A McGuffog v the winner from Saturday's semi final.

Also anyone wishing to play pennants this year, the nomination sheet is now on the board so please put your names down asap with the pennant season beginning mid February!

## Cricket

### Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove

#### Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade.

E BLOMFIELD b Harris.....	17
J GRILLS c Rainger b Harris .....	0
D BOYD b Mitchell .....	6
R GREWAL b Mitchell .....	2
S RAFFERTY b Mitchell .....	0
B HOY b Schmude.....	17
S LITTLE b Schmude.....	0
H SINGH c D Waters b Sinha.....	1
B DUNCAN c D Waters b Schmude .....	13
M HARPER c D Waters b Schmude .....	10
J ROBERTSON c Parsons b Mitchell .....	0
Total 72. Extras 6. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets)	
L Harris 4-1-2-22, H Mitchell 3.2-0-11-4, M Schmude 4-2-6-3, P Sinha 3-0-19-1, B Parsons 1-1-0-0	

#### Hillgrove 2nd Grade

D WATERS b R Grewal .....	2
D MOFFIT b R Grewal .....	0
M SCHMUDE c R Grewal b S Little .....	1
B PARSONS b S Little .....	0
I GILPOTHAGE c D Boyd b S Little .....	0
C RAINGER b S Little .....	0
H MITCHELL b R Grewal .....	6
L HARRIS not out.....	6
P SINHA c J Grills b R Grewal.....	0
J RAINGER b R Grewal.....	0
Total 15. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets)	
S Little 4-2-7-4, R Grewal 3.5-2-8-5.	

#### Hillgrove 3rd Grade

P TOWNSEND b B Hamilton.....	7
A COWAN run out Mooney.....	1
A CURRY lbw McFarlane .....	42
A DULLAWAY st B Jex b N Swan .....	28
T BUTLER not out.....	23
S MAXWELL not out .....	8
Total 118. Extras 9. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs wks)	
B Hamilton 4-0-21-1, P Mooney 3-0-18-1, C Mooney 3-0-30-0, N Swan 4-0-19-1, J McFarlane 3-0-12-1, B Mansfield 2-0-10-0, Z Morley 1-0-7-0.	

#### Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade

N SWAN run out .....	38
B MANSFIELD b S Maxwell .....	8
P MOONEY c G Curry b A Dallaway.....	56
N ENDACOTT not out.....	10
J MCFARLAND s D Townsend b Butler.....	0
B HAMILTON not out .....	2
Total 121. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
V Simpson 4-0-26-0, S Maxwell 4-0-25-1, N Smith 4-0-33-0, T Butler 4-0-21-1, A Dullaway 3-0-16-1.	

Walcha/Uralla defeated Hillgrove by 57 runs in their 2nd Grade T 20 fixture of the Armidale District Competition at Rologas No1 ground last Saturday. Winning the toss and batting the visitors could only muster 72 runs after opener

Ed Blomfield and veteran Barry Hoy top scored with 17 runs a piece.

The only other batters to reach double figures were Bill Duncan 13 and Matt Harper 10.

In reply the homeside lasted less than eight overs and their 10 player outfit made just 15 runs after six batsmen failed to score.

Opener Randee Grewal took 5/8 and his offside Sinclair Little collected the rest 4/7.

Out at John Oxley Sportsground Walcha/Uralla defeated Hillgrove in their 3rd Grade T 20 match by six wickets.

Batting first Hillgrove scored 118 runs at a loss of four wickets from their 20 overs.

Wicket takers for the homeside were Josh McFarlane 1/12 Nathan Swan 1/19 and opener Ben Hamilton 1/21.

Walcha/Uralla passed their assignment with an over and six wickets up their sleeve, thanks mainly to a game high 56 runs by Peter Mooney, which included three 6's and six 4's. He received valuable assistance from opener Nathan Swan who made 38 runs before he was run out.

## At the 19th

Club Treasurer Margaret Davidson carded a 66 nett last Sunday to win the opening stroke medal round of 2023 and in doing so collected a trophy donated by AJ Cross. She also won the C Grade mug while A Grade went to David Sweeney 69 and B Grade was taken out by Col Berry 69.

Sweepstakes to Michael Stackman, Tim Beaumont and Don Brooks all on 70.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Will Brennan (3), Julie Presnell (9), Michael Stackman (16) and Don Brooks (18). No A Grader could find the fairway in the long drive competition sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus, B Grade went to Owen Presnell and C Grade to Allan Green, who also eagerly collected the coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts – but only after counting out Simone Sweeney when both players registered 33 jabs each.

Despite winning the scratch section with 79 off the stick David Sweeney was defeated in matchplay by Jamie Bowden, but it did take 22 holes before the issue was resolved.

Also in matchplay Deon Lawrence rounded up Don Brooks 3 and 1, Michael Stackman blitzed Bill Haezelt 9 and 7, while Peter Berry got the job done 3 and 2 against Alex Gill.

On New Years Day Julie Presnell accumulated 41 stableford points to claim a prize supplied by former Club President Barry Hoad.

Sweepstakes went to Peter Berry, Vicki Heffernan and Sue Partridge all 39. Nixon Bird, Michael Stackman and Col Berry all 37, Lee Fletcher 35, which included an eagle on the eighth hole and Mel Bird 34.

Most accurate tee shots at the selected pins were played by Owen Presnell (3), Julie Hoad (9) Barry Hoad (16) and Peter Berry (18) while Nixon Bird picked up two balls sponsored by the trophy donor on the opening hole.

Last Saturday John McCormack won the weekly 9 hole competition after he compiled 20 stableford points to finish a couple of points clear of Deon Lawrence on 18 points.

The previous Saturday Col Higgins racked up 15 points to win the event but only after counting out Peter Sendall on the same score. NTP on 3 went to David Dunn.

On Christmas Eve David Dunn won with 18 points three points clear of John McCormack who also took the NTP on 3.

This Sunday is a stableford round where the North Haven deputy mayor and 'Moons Nursery', CEO Steph Sweeney is in charge of supplying the prize.

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## In Memoriam



**Mekinley Jayne HOBBS**  
26/12/2011



Another year has passed us by  
And a new one has started.  
Each year I miss you more and more  
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**CCTV INSTALLATIONS**  
**2022/2023**



Residents are advised that beginning 01 December 2022 and throughout 2023, Council will be installing 24/7 CCTV at various locations throughout Walcha including Council owned buildings, facilities, venues, parks and reserves. At every location where CCTV has been installed the below signage will be clearly visible.

All CCTV is being installed in accordance with Council's CCTV Policy and Code of Practice as adopted by Council in April 2022. The Policy is available for download on Council's website. If you have any queries specific to this CCTV installation please direct these to Council's General Manager on (02) 6774 2500.

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



## Public Notice

**PRESCHOOL 2023**  
**ORIENTATION DAY**



All families who have children enrolled in preschool for 2023 (or are thinking about it) are invited to attend the orientation day on Saturday 21st January 2023, 10am-12pm at the Preschool.

This day is to introduce your child to the preschool environment, and to give them an opportunity to explore and settle in with you there. You can attend for 10 minutes or 2 hours – it is up to you! Many of the preschool staff will be there so come along and meet our educators and enjoy a relaxing few hours in our preschool. This is also a great opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Enrolments are now open and can be completed online by going to <http://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/community/children-young-people/walcha-preschool.aspx>

Paper enrolment forms are available at the preschool during normal opening hours. Children need to be three to attend preschool. Enrolments will be taken and places held for children turning three before 31st July 2023. Children turning three after this date will be able to attend if vacancies exist, but places will not be held for them. Council will be answering any questions you may have, and providing information about fees, subsidies, bus days, extended hours and the preschool program that is based on the Early Years Learning Framework. For enquiries please call Alice on **02 6774 2500**.

Barry Omundson, General Manager  
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