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2023 Sydney Royal Sub Junior selection

Congratulations are in order for Walcha Central School's Mia Goodwin who has been selected as a member of the 2023 Sydney Royal Easter Show's 'Sub Juniors' Polocrosse Team.

The Polocrosse Association of NSW officially announced last week that Mia will be one of the twelve 'little legends' who will head to Sydney. Along with the other children selected, all under 12 years of age, she will experience two of the most exciting days in her young polocrosse career to date.

While at the Sydney Royal Easter Show Mia will showcase her Polocrosse skills in the main arena, with exhibition matches taking place on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April. She will be travelling to Sydney with her trusty steed 'Eldorado', also fondly known as 'LD', who has carried other young local riders, most recently Marlee Wall, through the Polocrosse ranks.

A keen horse rider, Mia attended a few polocrosse carnivals throughout 2021, then followed this up with a cracking year onboard 'LD' for the 2022 Polocrosse season. While Mia loves her polocrosse, she keeps busy attending Pony Club events and competing at campdrafts throughout the year.

We wish Mia all the best and can't wait to hear about her experience in Sydney.

On the two days Mia will be riding at Olympic Park in Sydney, our local club will be hosting their annual carnival at the Walcha Racecourse. The Walcha Polocrosse Club's annual event will be held on 15 and 16 April, with practice days starting up in early February.

If you are eager to try your hand at this fun sport please get in touch with John Donnelly on 0488 771 869. Trial membership is available for \$80.



Above: Mia with her prizes at a polocrosse carnival.
Below Mia (left) and Eldorado in action.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Well Around the Traps has been written for over 25 years and I think Bruce, reading your second column from back in June of 1997, that you well and truly completed the challenge. Whoever it was that said "you're a sprinter" actually gave the community decades of good reading and allowed the people of our community to keep up-to-date with relevant topics affecting us all. Once again thank you for your time and effort.

Welcome back to 2023 and a new look Traps as I weigh up the time and effort put into writing the column – it is no easy task. I personally think if you would like the column to continue and you enjoy reading, please let me know as it gives me a purpose to continue writing it.

It feels like we have started the year in top gear and the Christmas break feels like it was forever ago. Hot cross buns are already on the shelves and children are getting ready to head back to school in the next couple of weeks.

One thing that is noticeable is the need for a decent drop of rain, not only just around the district, but along the eastern seaboard. The ground seems to have set quite hard on top after so much rain last year, and while there is moisture below the surface some general good rain is needed. If you're a believer in old wives tales, the ten black cockatoos flying around this morning as I type the column indicates ten days of rain ... let's hope so.

The wet season has well and truly delivered, with station owners in the Kimberley counting their losses after experiencing one of the worst floods in history, after ex-tropical cyclone Ellie delivered heavy monsoon like rain. The Fitzroy River was stated to be 40km wide and flowing rapidly, washing away bridges, roads and possibly tens of thousands of cattle, but stock losses won't be known for months. Parts of Queensland are predicted to get in excess of 1000mm of rain over the next ten days, which will also cause catastrophic flooding. Let's hope the forecasters have got it wrong.

Weeds are major issues for any landholder, but the rapid spread of St Johns Wort is worrying for the district. The town itself is nearly surrounded by the prominent yellow flower and there are plants along the roadside on almost all of the district's roads. It's an invasive weed and seems to be continuing its spread to the south and east of the district. It competes with your pasture and poisons livestock, so I just don't understand why we aren't doing more to control the weed. I understand it's costly and takes a lot of time, but I feel it's a fight that we all must be up for before it's too late. Sadly the horse may have already bolted.

Livestock markets opened the year on a downward trend with prices retracting further after an extended Christmas break. Numbers aren't the issue, with most processors booked out in advance by 4 – 6 weeks and as the country continues to dry out we are now booking space without a quote.

Feeder cattle have slipped further with a reduction in price by 40 – 50c/kg and sitting around the mid to low 4s. In turn there is a noticeable price correction in the southern weaner markets with weaners back by at least \$500 when compared to the previous year's sales.

The sheep and lamb market has continued the same downward trend as the cattle market with store lambs now buyable under \$100/hd, depending on weight and breed. Even in the drought as far as I can remember the store lambs were dearer than they are now. Mutton looks to be sitting around the 330 – 400c/kg carcass weight, while kill lambs still look good at 720 – 800c/kg carcass weight. This might be the year for lamb producers to pull the feeders out and finish a few more lambs, as producers all begin to weigh up their feed scenarios for the upcoming winter.



Above: Lego Masters Andrew and Damien with Jack.

Lego with the Masters

Last week Walcha hosted some very special guests – Andrew and Damien from the Channel 9 TV series *Lego Masters Australia*.

Almost 100 of Walcha's youth were building alongside these celebrities, completing a challenge called 'AlphaBricks'. This workshop provided a chance for young people to meet, get autographs and photos with these Lego stars, along with receiving some expert tips and techniques. Many of the aspiring builders were in awe of what these masters were capable of doing. The 'mountain' of bricks they brought for the two days of workshops were more than most kids have ever seen, but the giant Eiffel Tower, rocket lift-off and Komodo Dragon builds they displayed, were an inspiration to all brick enthusiasts who attended – including the keen parents who joined into the fun.

Local Council youth and library coordinator, Cassie McKenna organised this event after gathering many school holiday activity ideas from local youth over the past few years. "It was great to see the high school kids who suggested the epic Lego idea, actually get to experience it!"

This special event is one of many available through the Walcha Council's Summer Break Holiday Program, with bus trips, workshops and the Pool Party on the 25 January to finish it off! These opportunities for our youth were only possible due to the support of the NSW Government Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program.



Event organiser Cassie McKenna joined in the fun.



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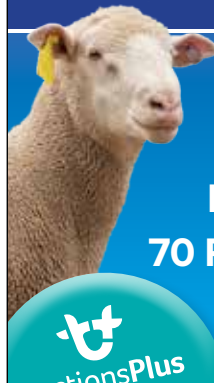
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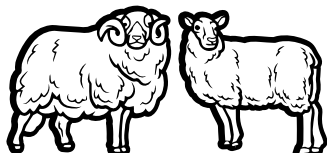
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Marshall says, “Winterbourne Wind worst EIS he has seen: The developers Vestas, can’t be serious!”

By John Heffernan

If the VoiceforWalcha team ever needed vindication for all its hard work, persistent questioning, incisive research and relentless pursuit of fact over fiction, then last Thursday evening (the 12 January) certainly gave it to them ... Big Time ... in spades ... leaving any doubter as gob-smacked as a stunned mullet.

That vindication came first from the great turn out, a pretty-well packed Bowling Club, well over 150 locals plus outsiders. A few days earlier someone had said to me that they reckoned the Walcha community had had its fill of this wind farm debate; Thursday night put pay to that comment. But there was more that made the event a stand out – stunning undeniable support from a panel of three high profile figures: EIS Specialist Mark Fogarty, Northern Tablelands Member Adam Marshall, and local Federal Opposition member Barnaby Joyce.

Their comments were definitely worth listening to. I can only give you a brief taste of what they said, but you can view a full video of their presentations on the VoiceforWalcha website – not to be missed!

Mark Fogarty kicked off by spelling out the myriad faults of the Winterbourne Wind Farm EIS. Barnaby finished as third speaker with signature brevity in slamming the EIS as “a packet of poo tickets” and “a total joke”, warning locals to take the fight out of Walcha and down to Macquarie Street and onto Federation Lawn in Canberra. But perhaps more than anyone, Adam Marshall really took the proponents of this wind project to task.

Explaining that as a politician he’d had lots to do with wind projects and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), adding: “Without a doubt this is the worst EIS I have ever seen ... ever seen.” He then continued for quite a while in deriding the EIS, calling it “woefully deficient” and full of “obvious flaws”. “It is extraordinary the gaps in that proposal.” He mentioned the impossibility of getting a meeting with Vestas, despite three attempts. He slammed them for daring to publicly call their EIS a

“fluid document”, when that was clearly preposterous. His closing words included comments like:

“I don’t think these people are serious”; “bizarre behaviour in the extreme”; “This project should fall”; and “We are not a welcome mat for them to walk over”.

Thanks to this panel of three, plus the people of Walcha and beyond who gave up their time to attend, Thursday 12th endorsed three main things:

- That the people of Walcha feel strongly about the wind farm issue;
- That the Winterbourne Wind Project does not possess social licence; and
- That the EIS produced by the project’s proponent is a disgracefully inadequate document.

Surely that has to sound the death knell of the Winterbourne project. Perhaps more importantly, though, it is surely a prompt for Walcha community to think hard on what might follow next.



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If you have already got your postal submission ready, make sure you get into the post this week (to meet the deadline). Or if you need help doing a submission online, pop into the shop and we can help you upload it to the Planning Dept portal.

It’s important that you have **your say**.

**Submissions close
23 January 2023**

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Dust off your joggers

Walcha Races are fast approaching, so it's time for local runners to prepare for the annual foot races which will take place on Saturday 4 February on the track.

Betts Transport are kindly sponsoring both the children and adults races this year, with prize money on offer for the fastest set of legs in each division.

Children 14 years and under will be battling it out over distances ranging from 25 to 100m. The adult ladies event will be held over a distance of 1500m, while the men will be running 1600m. To qualify for the adult section you must be turning 15 in the year 2023, with all foot races only open to local or local origin runners.

The children will be kicking off their event at approximately 12.30pm, closely followed by the adult enthusiasts.

If you are interested in getting involved in this year's races please see Steven Eveleigh or contact Lance Partridge on 0491 389 529.



Book your tickets now for the Walcha Races

With COVID hampering our lifestyles for the past three years, how long has it been since you had the opportunity to dress up and enjoy a day out at the Races with all the spoils of a fully catered marquee?

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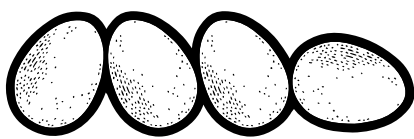
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Bring the kids and let them play on the play equipment, whilst you browse the market stalls. Stallholders can help you set up your garden with a wide range of plants for sale including succulents, trees, shrubs and vegetable seedlings. They can also keep your mouth and stomach happy with a wide range of delicious food including condiments, goat's cheese, smoked trout, artisan bread, tarts, macarons, biscuits, slices, rocky road, sausage sandwiches and bacon and egg rolls.

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Get out in your community, catch up with friends and support local businesses. 8:30am – 12:30pm at McHattan Park, Walcha.



Some Family Fun this Saturday

The Walcha Neighbourhood Centre would like to thank the community for the huge show of support after the fire at their centre a few weeks ago. They would especially like Luke Mills of the Walcha Caravan Park for organising a fundraiser to assist the centre in getting back up and running. Many businesses, local clubs and private folk have generously donated raffle prizes and other items for the event to be held this weekend on Saturday 21 January. Thanks must also go to Barry Marshall who has offered them an alternate temporary premises.

The centre acknowledges that what happened is not representative of this town or its people. It is just a small group causing damage, vandalising and engaging in petty theft that are a problem, as it seems to be in every town.

So, please wander on down to the centre's backyard and enjoy some fun games and a band on the lawn.

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E BLOMFIELD b T Chard.....	0
D BOYD c ? b O. Kinnear.....	68
S RAFFERTY b C Patterson.....	59
R GREWAL c ? b O. Kinnear.....	15
A WHACKETT not out.....	5
S LITTLE not out.....	2
Total 171. Extras 13. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets) C Patterson 4-0-32-1, A Pearson 4-0-22-0, O Kinnear 4-0-47-2, P Collins 4-0-29-0, T Chard 4-0-40-2.	
Guyra Second Grade	
P COLLINS c Whackett b R Grewal.....	0
O KINNEAR s Whackett.....	30
J VARCOE b Grills.....	24
T CHARD b Boyd.....	7
A CAMERON b Grills.....	1
C PATTERSON c Blomfield b Grills.....	8
A PATTERSON b Grills.....	0
A PEARSON b Grills.....	0
I PEARSON s Harper.....	6
S MCEVOY not out.....	4
Total 87. Extras 5. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets) S Little 3-0-13-0, R Grewal 3-0-16-1, J Robertson 2-0-24-0, A Whackett 2-0-11-1, M Harper 13-0-6-1, D Boyd 2-0-9-1J Grills 3-1-6-5.	

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Uralla/Walcha

N ENDACOTT run out.....	24
B MANSFIELD b Wadcock.....	20
M TASIK b Conroy.....	8
P MOONEY b J Brown.....	3
J MANSFIELD b Merus.....	24
N SINGH b Conroy.....	0
B JEX not out.....	7
L HUNT lbw Merus.....	0
Total 96. Extras 11. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets) Wadcock 4-0-15-1, Brereton 4-0-34-0, Conroy 4-0-17-2, Brown 4-1-15-1, Merus 4-0-13-2.	

City

K HANDES b C Mooney.....	6
A BRERETON b P Mooney.....	9
M CONROY not out.....	19
C HOKIN lbw Jb J McFarland.....	7
A WORTHINGTON b J McFarland.....	0
T WIERENGA b J McFarland.....	0
J BROWNE lbw b H Singh.....	0
J VERUS b H Singh.....	0
L LAYCOCK c M Tasik b L Hunt.....	6
Total 52. Extras 5. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wickets) C Mooney 4-0-12-1, P Mooney 4-0-10-1, H Singh 4-0-11-2, J McFarland 4-1-16-3, L Hunt 0-3-0-1-1.	

Gun Club

Happy New Year from all at Walcha Gun Club.

For all who are unaware that there is a Gun Club in Walcha, you can find us on Bergen Road, 4km north of Walcha off Thunderbolt's Way. Come along, have a shot and a chat.

The Club has started with a bang at our January Club shoot, with 25 shooters coming from all around the region and as far as Clermont, Central QLD.

Welcome to our new local member, Jeff; he came along to see what the Club was all about and joined up that same day. We are looking forward to a year of more growth, which will begin with our first annual One Day Open Shoot

scheduled for 11 February, 2023. This shoot is being made possible with the help of the Professionals Armidale, who have come on board as the major sponsor for the Hi Gun and first and second in all grades. Allingham's Removals and Storage are sponsoring the Lady, Junior and Veteran sections.

At our regular monthly club shoots, Richardson's Hardware & Agriculture are helping to sponsor the Hi Gun. So a big thank you to all our sponsors, the local businesses who assist us all year round and the hard working Club members.

Results: January Shoot:

50 Target Double Barrel:

AA Grade – Guy Mephram, Wayne Johnson, Neale Smith

A Grade – John Lisle

B Grade – Bert Wise

C Grade – Robyn Jackson

50 Target Points Score:

AA Grade – Neale Smith, Helen Overton

A Grade – John Lisle

B Grade – Paul Wright

C Grade – Robyn Jackson

50 Target Continental:

AA Grade – Bart Crosby, Craig Rogers, Neale Smith

A Grade – Ross Aston

B Grade – Bert Wise, John Smith

C Grade – Robyn Jackson

Overall Hi Gun – Neale Smith

Remember, you are always welcome at the Walcha Gun Club. Kevin Bourke – President

At the 19th

Club Captain Willy Brennan was the best performer in a stableford round for a trophy donated by Steph Sweeney last Sunday when he racked up 41 points to claim the prize.

A field of 34 players teed off in the event where sweepstakes prizes went to Simone Sweeney 38, Caroline Street 36, Julie Hoad 35, Alex Gill 35, Crichton Barr, Miles Archdale, Col Berry and Cheryl McDonald all on 34.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Deon Lawrence (3) and Owen Presnell (18). In matchplay Miles Archdale downed Neil Dark 2 and 1, Andrew Crawford defeated John McCormack 2 up, Willy Brennan rounded up Mal Ballard 6 and 4, Col Berry rolled Jeff Etheridge 5 and 3, Nixon Bird proved too strong for Owen Presnell 3 and 1, while Andrew Robertson beat Allan Green 4 and 3.

Last Saturday Lee Fletcher accumulated 19 stableford points to win the 9 hole competition to finish a couple of points clear of runner-up John McCormack on 17 points. Next Sunday is a multiplier 'Draw for Partners' for prizes supplied by Wayne Brennan and former English Wrestler and Molydooker Mal Ballard.

Ladies Bowls

Four ladies commenced the 2023 season last Thursday with a game of pairs. Wendy Moore and Jan Cross won against Janice Rizzi and Margaret Tickle.

The Open Triples Carnival is Thursday 2 February, Teams of Three. There is a flyer on the board. Please have your names to Noel 0429 955 280 by 27 January.

Guyra Presidents Day is 21 February. Names to go on the flyer on the board by 14 February.

Our meeting will be held tomorrow Thursday 19 January, commencing at 1.00pm

Bowls

Dads Army: Three games were played on Thursday afternoon in glorious sunshine – two games of pairs and one triples.

In the first game of pairs, Barry Kliendienst and John McCormack had a runaway 30 – 7 win against Noel Goodwin and Eric O'Keefe. Col Fox made a comeback when he partnered with Matt Andrews, but they were defeated by Geoff Salt and Warwick Hogan 11 – 6.

The triples saw Sari Andrews, Peter Hayes and Mick Bullen defeat Brian Goodwin, Dacian Andrews and John Watts 18 – 10.

Barry Kliendienst and John McCormack won the chooks, while Foxy and the Andrews family won the raffles.

thumbs



- 👍 To Deb Wall at Walcha General Practice for being helpful and kind.
- 👍 To Cassie McKenna for yet another fantastic school holiday program.
- 👍 To Pete from the Post Office for delivering our huge paper order so promptly. Much appreciated.
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Meetings

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Tuesday 24 Jan 2023 at 5.00pm
at Walcha Telecottage

All current members are eligible to nominate as a director.

Anthea Macpherson, Board Secretary.

Meetings

Walcha Council Extra Ordinary Meeting



Residents are advised that Council are holding an Extra Ordinary Meeting on Thursday, 19 January 2023 at 3:00pm. The purpose of this Meeting is to approve:

- Council's Submission on the Environmental Impact Statement for Winterbourne Wind Project;
- Motorcycle Rally final report.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Enquiries to the General Manager on 67742500.

Barry Omundson, General Manager
Walcha Council

PO Box 2, Walcha NSW 2354

Public Notices

ROTARY CHRISTMAS STOCKING COMPETITION RESULTS 2022

The president and members of Walcha Rotary Club wish to sincerely thank all those who made our 2022 competition so successful, especially those business houses and individuals who supported our annual fund raising efforts. Congratulations to the winners and the results were:-

- 1st Prize Jackie Jarvista
- 2nd Prize Nellie Foster
- 3rd Prize Cath Lordanic
- 4th Prize Graeme Little

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Destiny Dance Studio Enrolment Day

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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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Robert Edward Crisp

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