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25 January 2023

Lachie crowned Australian Champion Mini Bull Rider

Last week the ABCRA held their National Finals Rodeo after an extended season due to COVID. There were five qualifiers from Walcha being Gerard 'Westy' Oversby in the Bareback and Steer Wrestling, Ben Fogarty in the Bareback, Ben Wickham in the Saddle Bronc, Caitlin Harris in the Breakaway roping, and Lachie Provost in the Junior Mini Bull Riding and Junior Steer riding.

'Westy' once again had the crowd on the edge of their seats in both of his events and after solid rides throughout the finals he was crowned runner up in both the Australian Bareback title and the Finals Aggregate pointscore.

Ben Fogarty and Ben Wickham both had some strong horsepower under them and made some great rides throughout the finals to be in the money. Caitlin Harris won the first round of the finals with a blistering time of 2.3 seconds and continued to rope all three head for the finals finishing second in the finals Aggregate and the fastest breakaway time of the week.

Lachie Provost qualified in number three position in the 8 – 11 steer ride and number one position in the 8 – 11 Mini Bull riding. He managed to ride all six head of stock throughout the finals, placing in both events across the three days. He finished fifth in the steer riding finals Aggregate and third overall in the Australian title.

However it was the Mini Bull riding where Lachie kept his eye on the prize. On the second day of the finals he finished a narrow second on 73.5 points and then finished off the year being crowned the Australian Champion 8– 11 Mini Bull Rider.

With his hard work and dedication throughout the year he was also awarded Champion 8 – 11 Mini Bull rider in the Bad Company and Central Zones. When asked about what his highlight of the year was he proudly stated winning two from two and getting his first ever trophy buckle at Gresford Rodeo back in August.

*Top right: Lachie pictured with his three buckles;
Right: Lachie riding at Maitland rodeo earlier in 2022.*



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

It appears the black cockatoos that were flying around home last week were a good omen and brought us some patchy rain throughout the district with totals of 30-40mm recorded. It's a timely fall of rain and the prediction of further precipitation next week will be welcomed by all, and yes, I spotted those birds again this morning. Everyone that you talk to outside the district comments on just how dry it is off the tablelands, especially those areas that experienced floods only eight weeks ago. It appears the ground has set extremely hard on top after such a wet year and some hot summer days have been baking the soil, setting a hard crust. Let's hope they get some moisture soon with only one month of summer left and preparation for winter crops get into full swing.

You could tell the forecast of rain looked good last week as I think most people who are planning on planting an annual or perennial crop this Autumn were out burning their paddock getting ready to sow. There were puffs of smoke everywhere as the burning of paddocks, especially the preparation of new paddocks helps reduce the infestation of slugs, mites and disease. These three caused headaches last year for many producers which ultimately resulted in poor germination, costly treatments and overall less crop production. Evidently we had an extremely wet Autumn Winter period which didn't help, but given the different season we are experiencing and the forecast of normal weather patterns we will need as much crop as we can get this year.

The price reduction in both the beef and sheep markets have really got producers thinking about their overall cost of production and their farm running costs. Approximately 25-30% in value has been taken out of the beef and sheep market which in return will slow the spending on improvements and farm production. The interesting part is that the cost of inputs are also on the way down, chemical, fertiliser, steel and diesel have all dropped in price, which has coincided with a drop in commodity prices. It is a welcome relief but I'd be guessing that most producers will be tightening their belts and seeing how the next 12 months play out with interest rates, seasonal conditions and markets.

Producers are feeling some pain with this beef market slide, all the profit from last year that everyone had budgeted on went out the window and into negative territory, especially for traders. The only shining light I can see is the rates that you can now buy back in at which will in return, return your business to positive territory. I understand the economics don't look right but I reckon the bank account will, even if your budgeted profit has gone. I still think our beef market is in somewhat a bottleneck of numbers at the moment and will improve the further we get into the year, but I have been wrong many times before.

The sheep mutton market is now cheaper than what it was during the drought, believe it or not. The most consumed meat in the world; goat is now back at 420c/kg carcass weight instead of 1000c/kg last year. Word is that it has become extremely hard to sell at those prices, with large volumes of cheaper proteins filling those markets from other countries. Our mutton was used to supplement the large goat markets around the world, now with a reduction in goat value our mutton has more than halved in hook value. Kill lambs still seem to be the shining light of all our protein markets with trade lambs to kill quoted at \$8/kg this week. Those values seem very good compared to store lambs at \$100/hd, nearly good enough to convince producers to fatten their own stock.

Locally the ram sales are in full swing with a number of local producers lining up their annual drop of rams over the next couple of weeks. We are really spoilt for choice with the quality of genetics on offer locally. Make sure you take advantage of the local studs if you in the market for some new rams.

Join together for Australia Day

Australia Day is a day to reflect, respect and celebrate the Australian spirit and the best of this country – our mateship, our sense of community and our resilience.

Festivities will kick off tomorrow (Thursday 26) at 7:30 am in McHattan Park. Enjoy a breakfast with your family and friends.

Purchase a plate of bacon, sausages, eggs and damper to enjoy.

Celebrate Australia Day and recognise achievements of locals with the Citizenship Awards. There will also be Sand Art activity provided by Quota Club of Walcha for the youngsters.

Our Australia Day Ambassador Jacinta Tynan will present the Awards along with Mayor Eric Noakes.

"Come along and be part of the festivities with your family and friends," President, Aurora Reilly said.

In wet weather the Breakfast and events will be held at Walcha Central School MPC.

See Walcha's Australia Day program on page 8.



Pig owners Learn how to make salami

The New England Local Land Services District Vets and Biosecurity Officers invite you to come along to one of these salami making workshops where you will learn:

- how to make Salami from scratch
- which meat cuts are good to use
- the salami smoking process
- keeping pigs and key regulations you need to know
- managing the risk of exotic diseases
- what should and shouldn't be fed to pigs, and
- requirements for selling and buying pigs.

All workshops are held in a commercial grade kitchen and registration is essential.

When: Walcha Showground Thursday 9 February from 10:00am in the Luncheon Booth.

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letters to the editor



Community comes together following fire

Walcha Neighbourhood Centre would like to say a huge thank you to the Walcha community for their support after the fire on our premises.

Special mention to the following:

- Luke Mills of the Walcha Caravan Park who spent a heap of time, effort and his own money in organising the fundraiser and raffle for last Saturday. Just over \$5000 was raised.
- All the businesses from Walcha and Armidale who donated incredible prizes. There were too many to mention but without your generosity nothing would have happened.
- Mr Barry Marshall for allowing the use of his land.
- The Easy Riders SMC who travelled from the coast and Newcastle to be present, and donated very generously from the club and personally.
- Our local Oxley Riders who also turned out in good numbers and donated a significant amount of money as well.
- The staff and friends who turned up early to set up, cook, clean and helped. Bree for staying up late and baking those great cakes.
- The Kelly band, Tyler Stackman for his display of art and artifacts and Shannon Green for a great job painting faces.
- And of course the Apsley Advocate for your help with last minute advertising.

Thank you everybody involved, what a great community this can be.

**From the Walcha Neighbourhood Centre and
New England Family Support Service**

Thanks Walcha

Did you hear it? It was hard to miss – a long drawn-out sigh wafting through Walcha, heralding that IT was over. The Wind Farm Exhibition had run its course and hopefully the community could get back to life as normal.

For quite a few people the last couple of months really have been a difficult period, “divisive” being the main descriptor. And yet despite that, I can’t help feeling impressed, even buoyed, by how the community largely dealt with this unquestionably difficult issue. In fact I’d like to thank a whole raft of people who demonstrated commitment and intelligence in a rational approach to this multifaceted subject, asking questions that mattered, seeking real answers, doing their own research and refusing to swallow the easy, glib ones. Just by way of example, for instance, many of the responses to Kerry Fair’s Survey were of such a high standard that you couldn’t help but be impressed. This was one big bull that the community had taken by the horns.

Of course there were moments when people on both “sides of the fence” became somewhat heated in what they said. But that’s all it came to in essence, “what they said”, talk. And while ever you’re talking, things can’t be all that crook. So thanks, Walcha, you really shone.

I can’t let you off all that lightly, though. Let me finish with a wee bit of torture. If you’re up to it, here’s a link to an audio version of that poem I recited at the Bowling Club a couple weeks back. Of course I perfectly understand if you couldn’t be bothered.

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John Heffernan



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letters to the editor



History of Agriculture captured in Around the Traps

I farm in Tasmania and read the Apsley Advocate every Wednesday online with great interest. I'm constantly amazed at the parallels between here and Walcha. I would be saddened if the column, Around the Traps was not continued.

Bruce Rutherford did wonderful job and as last weeks edition so graphically illustrated he recorded in detail an accurate history of agriculture, not only for Walcha but also the nation.

Tim Rhodes

I have lived in the Walcha area for 23 years and must say I look forward to reading Around the Traps each week and staying up-to-date with agricultural happenings. I would like to thank Bruce Rutherford for the huge effort he has put into writing the column for so many years. It would be greatly appreciated if this column continues because I get so much out of it.

Alex Lordanic

Walcha Races tickets

Tickets are on sale now for our race meeting on 3/4 February at walchacup2023.eventbrite.com.au

Some older members of the community have expressed concern that they are unable to buy tickets online, so we will have tickets for sale at the gate for general admission only, not for the marquee.

However, to make planning and catering for the Lions and Rotary Clubs easier, we encourage you to purchase your tickets online if possible.

Jim Nivison, WJC President

\$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card returns

Walcha seniors will soon be saving another \$250 on travel with the return on the NSW Nationals Regional Seniors Travel Card.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said this was the fourth year the card had been available, and it had proved a hit with local seniors with more than two thirds of local seniors taking up the card in 2022.



"We know that the cost of travel is biting many in our community hard, none more so than our seniors who need to travel frequently to attend appointments, the shops and to visit friends and family," Mr Anderson said.

"The \$250 pre-paid Visa card can be used on fuel, taxis, electric charging stations, pre-booked NSW TrainLink regional trains and coaches, helping those eligible with the cost of getting from A to B.

"Last year, 9,918 seniors in the Tamworth Electorate took advantage of the card meaning almost \$2.5 million in savings for local seniors."

"I really encourage all eligible seniors to get their applications in and save themselves \$250 on travel costs for this year," Mr Faraway said.

Applications are now open and will close on November 30, 2023.

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Uralla Local Producers Evening

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Thursday 9th February 2023



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The Nowendoc community have been meeting weekly over the past 16 years to connect with each other and engage in a variety of activities, including yoga classes, facilitated through Walcha Yoga.

A warm invite is being extended to Nowendoc and the wider community to join their weekly yoga class, free for the first term of 2023, commencing Tuesday the 14th of February 2023.

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Walcha moving one step closer to becoming timber bridge free

A grant of \$979,000 has been provided to Walcha Council by the State Government to replace another of its dwindling number of ageing timber bridges, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall announced last week.

Mr Marshall and Mayor Eric Noakes recently drove out on Niangala Road to inspect the half-a-century-old Boxley Bridge, over Pipeclay Gully, which will soon be replaced with a wider, stronger and modern concrete structure, thanks to the latest round of the Fixing Country Bridges program.

"Boxley Bridge has served the region and the surrounding primary producers very well for more than 50 years, but the timber structure is fast approaching the end of its useful life," Mr Marshall said.

"Without major intervention or replacement, council would have likely been forced to impose strict load limits on the structure as it continued to deteriorate – now that won't be necessary.

"Council will use these funds to cover the total cost of replacing the timber structure with a new 4.2-metre-wide and 20-metre-long concrete bridge on the existing road alignment and at the same height.

"This is great news for all Niangala Road users who will soon have a much safer and more sturdy bridge to drive over.

"Replacing the ageing timber with new concrete will also dramatically ease the financial burden on Walcha Council and ensure the continued free flow of agricultural produce to market."

Mayor Eric Noakes welcomed the funding for the new Boxley Bridge.

"We're thrilled to be able to remove yet another one of our district's old timber bridges," Cr Noakes said.



Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, left, and Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes at the soon-to-be-replaced Boxley Bridge, over Pipeclay Gully, on Niangala Road.

"Without this funding support from the State Government, a project like this would be beyond our council's immediate financial capacity.

"We're making inroads into our program to replace ageing timber bridges with new concrete structures – and we don't have too many left now – which is good news for the community."

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New bathroom with shower and bath
Walcha Quota Ladies in conjunction with Walcha Council recently funded the installation of a new bench seat and table at the eastern end of the Blue Hogan Bridge near the levee banks. Resurfacing from Quota's 'Sound Trail' project was used for this with the Council laying the slab last year and recently installing the seating.

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Pictured at this lovely shady spot is Quota member Di Bazeley, Harley Fontanella and Phil Hood from Walcha Council and Quotarian Mary Hoare.

AUSTRALIA DAY PROGRAM

JOIN US ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023
• MCHATTAN PARK WALCHA •

7.30 – 8.30am Breakfast

Music by Howard Greenwood and Barbara Dunn

Welcome	Aurora Reilly, President Australia Day Committee
Singing	Walcha Community Singers
Poetry	Gordon Edmonds
Prayer for Nation	Rev Graham Barnes
Flag raising	Walcha Fire Brigade
National Anthem	Walcha Community Singers
Poetry	Gordon Edmonds
Singing	Walcha Community Singers
Welcome, Ambassador	Mayor Eric Noakes
Ambassador Address	Jacinta Tynan

Presentation of Australia Day Awards

Ambassador Jacinta Tynan, Mayor Eric Noakes

Awards: Oldest Citizen, Sportsperson, Junior Sportsperson, Organisation/
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Welcome to WADPAINC

After discussions and meetings over the past twelve months the communities of Woolbrook and Walcha Road decided to form the Woolbrook and District Progress Association (WADPAINC) to encourage the use of the AIF Hall, parks and recreation areas around Woolbrook.

The community-based committee hope to raise funds for the upkeep and enhancement of these facilities and to liaise with both Walcha and Tamworth councils to improve both small villages. This association will also be able to apply for various government and business grants to help with essential projects as well.

As a result of the inaugural meeting the following executive were elected: Chairperson Tony Haling, Secretary Janelle Smith, Treasurer Nat Clifford. The committee is supported by a willing group of local volunteer committee members.

Join us for our first community WADPAINC event. All local community members are invited to attend (particularly new residents to the area) and those who may have retired or left the area in the last couple of years.

This event will take place from 5pm this Saturday 28 January at the Woolbrook AIF Hall and will include a meal of Woolbrook raised BBQ lamb and locally made salads and bread rolls. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child with children under 5 free.

The afternoon will include raffles (proceeds to Woolbrook P&C) with music provided and Karaoke if you're ready to sing! All you need to bring along are your drinks and nibbles.

For bookings contact Belinda Laurie 67775813

We hope to see you there.

Xtreme Broncs were a hit at Rodeo

Walcha Golden Gate Campdraft and Xtreme Broncs was held from the 13 – 15 January at the Walcha Showgrounds. The event attracted competitors from all over NSW and was well supported by the Walcha community.

The Campdraft kicked off at 6:30am on Friday for what was a great day of drafting. Then at 7:00pm it was time for the night time entertainment to kick off! The Xtreme Broncs were a hit and entertained the crowd for hours. "We will hopefully see them back next year," organiser Maddie

Davidson said.

Saturday was another full day of drafting competition, followed by another great night of entertainment provided by DJ Jacko.

The campdraft finals were tightly contested on Sunday.

"The committee would like to thank all that sponsored and supported the weekend and hope to see you back next year."

Photos courtesy Donna Davidson



Bernie McMaugh riding Elvis



Dalgety Animal Health Open Campdraft winner and placegetters



Xtreme Bareback Bronc Competitor Gerard Oversby



Xtreme Bronc Competitor Ben Fogarty



Peter King

Elders Walcha Upcoming RAM SALES

Shalimar Park Merino Ram Sale.....	Wednesday 25 January	1.00pm
Nerstane Merino Ram Sale	Friday 27 January	12.30pm
Yalgoo Merino Ram Sale.....	Saturday 28 January	11.30am
Lorelmo Poll Merino Ram Sale	Monday 30 January	1.00pm
Old Woombi Ram Sale	Tuesday 31 January	1.00pm
Clovernook Poll Merino Ram Sale	Thursday 2 February	1.00pm
Walcha British Breed Ram Sale	Wednesday 8 February	1.00pm



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Australia Day is always a special day for our family as it was on that day my mother Colleen left this world 37 years ago in 1986 at the much too young age of 49 years. Sadly mum didn't get to see any of her grandkids including first born Rachael who arrived nine months after Colleen died. Still miss you mum.

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Still on family matters, our extended crew has just spent our annual holiday at Port Macquarie last week. What started out with in-laws Ken and Ida Hoy, Sandra and Truck, Linda and myself has now grown slightly larger in numbers since it started back in the 1980's. What kicked off with six people has now grown into 25 - quite a tribe when all together.

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One thing about the coast some of the girls shouldn't be paying much money for their swimwear because quite a few didn't have very much material in their costumes. Not that I noticed it until 'Truck' pointed it out to me.

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Talk about getting tuned up before we left here for the coastal visit after I forgot to give grandson Eli a mention in WTGoss with regard to him reaching the milestone of 10 years on the planet. My humblest apology E. Happy belated birthday.

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Congratulations to the two Walcha/Uralla cricket teams who have qualified for their respective 2nd and 3rd grade Twenty/20 finals at the Armidale Sportsground on Australia Day. All three finals are scheduled for the Sportsground with Walcha/Uralla taking on Guyra in 3rd grade to kick proceedings off at 10am.

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Next Saturday the Armidale District competitions revert back to 40 overs where Walcha/Uralla 2nd grade are drawn to play Guyra at Lambert Park from 12:45pm while the 3rd grade take on Guyra at Uralla from 1:15pm.

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Noticed a Hillgrove bowler A Partridge who snared 4/19 against Walcha/Uralla last Saturday and wondered if it was Adam who played for the New England Shearers (Uralla) last century and then Kentucky at the beginning of the 2000's. Club President Wayne Boyd who played in the game confirmed that it was Adam who as a young bloke really enjoyed his cricket and presumably still does.

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Must have been a ding dong battle between equestrian sisters Bonnie Brown and Lacey Newton when they competed in the Armidale Campdraft last weekend. Riding her horse 'Never Ever' Bonnie won the event after accumulating 173 points just a single point ahead of her twin sister Lacey who racked up 172 pts on 'Peaches'. Good on ya girls.

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A reminder to all the aqua adventure thrillseekers in our community that the annual 'Pool Party' is scheduled for this afternoon Wednesday 25 January between the hours of 2pm and 6pm. The inflatable obstacle course will be in action and there will be other games also on the agenda. And the best part about the whole deal is Entry is free.

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Over two dozen players teed off in the 'Draw for Partners' multiplier last Sunday at the Golf Club but only four adventure seekers completed the 18 holes after rain interfered. Club Handicapper Don Brooks reckons the only reason he and his playing partner David Sweeney kept going was they didn't want to get beaten by the blokes they were playing against Jamie Bowden and Lee Fletcher. 'Brooksy' did mention he thought all the rest of the field that didn't finish were 'a bit soft' but he did have his tongue firmly in his cheek at the time. Check the golf report for more details.

Test your knowledge with a little Aussie trivia



What does 'hard yakka' refer to?

What does 'hard yakka' refer to?

- ☐ Hard work ☐ Hard helmet
☐ Hard day ☐ Hard life

What time of the day is it at 'sparrow's fart'?

- ☐ Very late at night
☐ Midday
☐ Very early in the morning
☐ In the afternoon

What are 'mate's rates'?

- ☐ Special discounted price for close family and friends
☐ A rating scale of who you like most out of family and friends
☐ How much money you spend with particular friends or family
☐ How much time you spend with friends or family

What does it mean to be 'knackered'?

- ☐ Hungry ☐ Tired
☐ Angry ☐ Excited

What does it mean to 'have a crack'?

- ☐ Start a fight
☐ Visit the chiropractor
☐ Try to attempt something
☐ Get a paper cut

What is a 'sanger'?

- ☐ Someone who used to sing
☐ A toolbox
☐ A shower
☐ A sandwich

To be "a stubbie short of a six pack" is to be:

- ☐ Someone who does silly things
☐ Someone who is missing a drink
☐ Someone who is a bit crazy,
☐ Someone who has had only five children

What year did the Sydney Harbour Bridge officially open?

- ☐ 1923 ☐ 1940
☐ 1932 ☐ 1915

Which Australian movie did the phrase "that's not a knife" come from?

- ☐ Muriel's Wedding
☐ Red Dog
☐ Crocodile Dundee
☐ Mad Max

What was the highest selling album from Australian band AC/DC?

- ☐ TNT
☐ Back in Black
☐ Powerage
☐ Fly on the Wall

In what decade did the original Happy Little Vegemite advertisement air?

- ☐ 1970's ☐ 1930's
☐ 1990's ☐ 1950's

Which of these actresses is Australian?

- ☐ Sophia Vergara
☐ Rose Byrne
☐ Anna Paquin
☐ Diane Kruger

What is Australia's longest running TV show?

- ☐ Play School
☐ Home and Away
☐ Neighbours
☐ Four Corners

Where is the Big Merino located?

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- 👉 To Bill Duncan (Walcha Newsagency) for his courteous service.
- 👉 To everyone who helped Bernie after his accident on Saturday, a special thanks to Mandy and Amber at Kings Pharmacy for taking care of him and the Oxley Riders for looking after his bike, as well as Dr Deng and the hospital staff.
- 👉 To the Council mower who started mowing the verge near the showground shed just as a local ram sale commenced earlier this week.

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Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v Easts

Walcha/Uralla Second Grade

S RAFFERTY c Foster b Montgomery.....	25
D BOYD c Harris b Foster.....	40
A WHACKETT not out.....	45
B MOORE b Relf.....	14
C BOYD c Foster b Relf.....	6
J GRILLS not out.....	3
Total 150. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts). M Foster 4-0-25-0, E Relf 4-0-26-2, L Montgomery 3-0-25-1, C Moran 3-0-28-0, M Harris 3-0-26-0, C Foster 3-0-14-1.	

Easts Second Grade

M MORAN c Rafferty b Harper.....	11
M HARRIS b Grills.....	48
M FOSTER lbw Harper.....	0
C FOSTER run out.....	0
N MILLER c Grills b Robertson.....	6
L MONTGOMERY c Moore b Robertson.....	0
J SIMPSON lbw Duncan.....	3
C GREEN b Duncan.....	1
J MILLER b Duncan.....	9
E RELF not out.....	6
A RELF not out.....	22
Total 121. Extras 15. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) R Grewal 3-0-25-0, M Harper 4-1-14-2, J Robertson 3-0-23-2, B Duncan 4-0-15-3, J Grills 4-0-23-1, D Boyd 2-0-14-0.	

Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove

Walcha/Uralla Third Grade

J MCFARLANE lbw A Partridge.....	29
B MANSFIELD lbw R Eastwood.....	14
C MORGAN c? b S Maxwell.....	0
M BRAZIER b C van Der Veer.....	13
C MOONEY b A Partridge.....	0
P MOONEY st P Townsend b A Partridge.....	27
B JEX b A Partridge.....	4
C STODDART not out.....	3
H SIGH not out.....	1
Total 107. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) L Eastwood 3-0-13-0, N Smith 2-0-21-0, S Maxwell 3-0-5-1, C Jordans 2-0-18-0, A Partridge 4-0-19-4, C van De Veer 3-0-16-1.	

Hillgrove Third Grade

A COWAN b M Tasik.....	15
A DULLAWAY b C Mooney.....	0
L EASTWOOD b M Brazier.....	12
R EASTWOOD lbw J McFarlane.....	14
N SMITH b M Brazier.....	2
C VAN DER VER not out.....	12
P TOWNSEND not out.....	29
Total 94. Extras 10. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) C Mooney 4-2-7-1, H Sigh 4-0-13-0, M Tasik 2-0-21-1, M Brazier 4-0-10-2, J McFarlane 4-0-24-1, P Mooney 2-0-16-0.	

Walcha/Uralla won both their second and third grade matches in the Armidale District Cricket competition last Saturday and in doing so have qualified for their respective twenty/20 finals to be played on Australia Day in Armidale.

Here at Peter Fenwicke Oval the homeside defeated Easts by 29 runs in 2nd grade after they set the visitors a total of 150 runs off their 20 overs for a loss of four wickets. Number three batter Aaron Whackett top scored with an unbeaten 45. Opener Daniel Boyd contributed 40 runs while fellow opener Shannon Rafferty scored 25 runs. In reply Easts made 9/121 with most homeside bowlers successful lead by Bill Duncan 3/15 who received valuable support from opener Matt Harper 2/14, Jamie Robertson 2/23 and Jay Grills 1/23.

Walcha/Uralla now play Hillgrove in the 2nd grade final at the Armidale Sportsground this Thursday commencing 10am. In Armidale, Walcha/Uralla defeated Hillgrove by 13 runs after setting the opposition a target of 107 runs in their 3rd grade fixture at Rologas last Saturday. Opener Josh McFarlane top scored with 29 runs closely followed by Peter Mooney 27, whereas opener Brian Mansfield 14 and Mitchell Brazier 13 also chipped in. Hillgrove managed 94 runs at a cost of five wickets taken by Mitchell Brazier 2/10. Opener Cameron Mooney 1/7 Matt Tasik 1/21 and Josh McFarlane 1/24.

Walcha/Uralla will play Guyra at the Armidale Sportsground from 10am this Thursday in the 3rd Grade final.

Tennis

The 2023 Summer Tennis Comp kicks off on Tues 7th Feb to Tues 4th April. Nominations close on Friday 27th Jan. Names to Hyde Thomson 0427 780 391, Trevor Gibson 0459 799 119 or post on the Tennis Club Facebook page. The format will be four a side graded doubles played on Tues and Thurs evenings if numbers require and will start at 7.00 pm sharp. Looking forward to good numbers see you at the net soon.

Bowls

Results from the triples:

Semi final - D. Bird, S & K. Goodwin def G. Bird, G. Carter & R. Kerr 24-16.

In the Final D. Bird, S & K. Goodwin def N. Dunn, G. Marshall & A. McGuffog 33-7.

Draw for this Thursday 26 January 1:15pm start - 2022 Mixed Pairs Final S. Andrews & K. Goodwin v D. Richards & T. Asmus.

Dads Army: Once again we had good weather for our Thursday afternoon bowls. Two games of triples were played with mixed results.

In the first game, Brian Goodwin, Neil Dark and John McCormack had a comfortable win against Tony Asmus, Matt Andrews and John Watts 17 - 9.

The second game was a much closer encounter with Sari Andrews, Noel Goodwin and Peter Hayes defeating Barry Kliendienst, Geoff Salt and Dacian Andrews 17 - 13.

Sari, Noel and Peter won the chooks and the raffle was won by Brian Goodwin.

The Moree Travelling Bowlers will visit Walcha on Saturday 18 February to start at 12noon.

Any player interested in playing please contact Tony Asmus for more information.

Dad's Army will be held on Thursday (Australia Day) as usual commencing at 1 pm. All welcome.

Ladies Bowls

Pat Laurie, Carmel Ryan, Debbie Richards and Esther Hunt had a convincing win over Wendy Moore, Lyn Burnell, Marg Tickle and Jan Cross last Thursday. As tomorrow is Australia Day there will be no Ladies Bowls in the morning. However, the ladies are invited to join the men in the afternoon 12.30pm for a 1pm start. There will be no ladies bowls the following Thursday 2 February, as the Open Triples Carnival will be played. Guyra President's Day is 21 February. Names to go on the board by 14 February if you wish to play.

Touch Footy

Walcha Touch Football will recommence Thursday 2 February due to Australia Day falling on this Thursday.

The pointscore ladders up until the final round before Christmas, which is yet to be added, were:

Division 1: Vikings 15, Water Buffaloes 14, YTB 13, Coco Jumbo 12, ABT's 11, Mud Dogs 9, Just the Tip 9, BC Cougars 7, Wizards 5.

Division 2: Muppets 15, Run DIPG 14, The Footy Girls 11, Savage and Average 11, Yea the Girls 10, The Untouchables 7, Junior Roos 7.

Juniors: Yellow 14, Green 11, Red 8, Blue 7.

At the 19th

Despite an inclement weather forecast 26 players teed off in a 'Draw for Partners' Stableford Multiplier for trophies donated by Wayne Brennan and Mal Ballard, but only four competitors completed their 18 hole journey after rain arrived.

The winners were Jamie Bowden and Lee Fletcher after they accumulated 61 points, six points clear of the runners-up Club Handicapper Don Brooks and David Sweeney on 55 points.

Sharpest shooters at the pins Miles Archdale (3) and Jamie Bowden (18).

Mollydooker Allan Laurie racked up 19 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition last Saturday from runner-up Simone Sweeney on 16 points. N.T.P. on 3 to Lee Fletcher.

This Sunday is a 4BBB Medley where Angus and Pip Monie are in charge of supplying the prizes.

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CATHOLIC

Sunday 10:00am Mass.



Funeral Notice

BRAZEL; Constance "Connie"

16th January 2023

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Loving mother & mother-in-law of Greg & Michelle, Neil & Joy and loved grandmother, great-grandmother & Great-great-grandmother of their families.

In her 95th Year.

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In Memoriam

Barry Cotten

16.12.39 - 29.1.2020

Along the road of suffering

You found a little lane

That took you up to heaven

And ended all your pain

You may be out of sight

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From your loving family

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WALCHA COUNCIL

PART DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



A part day public holiday is to be observed in the Walcha Council Local Government Area commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 6:00pm on Friday, 3 February 2023 for the Walcha Jockey Club's Race Meeting.

The Public Holidays Amendment Order (No 2) 2021 under the Public Holidays Act 2010 was signed by the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts on Thursday, 09 December 2021.

Barry Omundson, General Manager
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Meetings

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Walcha Jockey Club meeting Tuesday 31 January at Walcha Council Chambers 7:30pm.

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