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Occupational Therapy services for all Walcha children

Funding secures three-year program for local youth

Walcha will have occupational therapy services for every school student in the district from May this year, following an announcement last week by Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall of a ground-breaking new \$229,851 three-year program at Walcha Central School.

Mr Marshall was at the school last Friday to make the announcement of funding from the State Government, hailing it as a red-letter day for the community.

"Occupational therapy services are much-needed in the community and vital for many students to get the most of their school learning," Mr Marshall said.

"This innovative solution to a local problem will have long-lasting benefits on the youngsters, and their parents, who now be able to access these services in Walcha three times each year over the next three years.

"This is a great initiative and will help build confidence and skills in children for their everyday life – whether it be handwriting in class or catching a ball in the playground.

"Bringing the services to Walcha will ease the burden on families, so they don't have to travel vast distances or wait for months on end to access these important services.

"Well done to the Walcha Central School P&C for



Celebrating funding for a three-year Occupational Therapy program at Walcha Central School. Back row, left, Walcha Central School P&C Secretary Kelly Makeham, Principal Amanda Cooper, and P&C President Olivia Nivison. Front, students Millie Laurie, Eliza Nivison, Molly Makeham, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Bronte Pascoe, Deputy Premier Paul Toole, Elsie Laurie and Shaun McKenna.

their enthusiasm and proactiveness to develop this solution and see it through to securing the required funds."

Walcha Central School P&C Association President Olivia Nivison welcomed the funding and said local parents could be waiting up to 18 months to see a paediatrician or travel 2-3 hours for an appointment to see an occupational therapist.

"Walcha families and educators will now be able to access services for free that can make a real difference in their child's everyday life," Olivia said.

"Our three-year project will co-ordinate and provide access to Occupational Therapy programs in a timely manner at no cost to families.

"Families who have children aged 0-18 years living in the Walcha local government area will benefit from this project.

"We anticipate that many local families will access the free screenings that will be available for their children.

"I would like to highlight the amazing work of Student Support Officer Karen Barnes in securing this funding."

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Summer is now officially over and we welcome the first day of Autumn with the countdown to lighting your fires well under way. Looking back at summer it was quite mild except for a few weeks of warmer weather, the nights remained cool and if I remember correctly we had a little frost in December. The forecast for March looks to have us in for a good chance of rain, most likely storms next week and that's about it for the month, I hope they're wrong. March is when everyone needs rain for Autumn growth which helps prepare us for the winter months and gets those cereal and grazing crops in the ground out on the plains.

Speaking with farmers out in the Coonamble and Walgett shires they mentioned it was quite dry but normal for this time of year. They have a good body of dry feed and will be looking for decent rain soon, these areas buy plenty of weaner cattle or take on alot of cattle agistment when the season permits during the winter months. Still hard to believe that back in November towns such as Walget were cut off by flood water.

Beef markets around the world are waiting in suspense after Brazil, the largest Beef exporter detected a possible atypical case of BSE in a cow. The animal was found in a processing plant that was apparently not China listed but due to their trade agreement, Brazil voluntarily suspended beef trade to China. A lengthy absence of Brazilian beef supply into China could have profound effects on global beef supply and demand. Brazil last year accounted for 41% of China beef imports, while China consumed 62 % of Brazilian beef exports. If the suspension last months then it will start to have significant impacts for our export markets. Australia's biosercurtiy needs to be top level; we produce such clean proteins at the highest of quality to export to global markets. These global market disruptions allow Australia to take advantage with our products and in return putting more \$\$ in our producers pockets.

The mandatory date for tagging sheep and goats with electronic identification tags (EID) has been set at 1 January 2025. NSW has held out against the individual tags for more than 6 years but following the Foot and mouth outbreak in Bali last year, the government have supported the EID mandate. The bottom line is that if you don't have EID in your sheep by 1 January 2025 you won't be able to sell them to abattoirs, and restockers won't be buying them without an EID. The whole thought process behind the EID mandate of sheep and goats is to make traceability quicker if we have a disease outbreak. Victoria implemented the EID for sheep and goats back in 2016 and speaking with an agent in Victoria he mentioned that it had its teething issues, mainly saleyards where large volumes of sheep and lambs moved through the system. He believes the sale yards are at 98% accuracy and all Victorian producers now tag at lamb marking, just like you already do with the property ID tags. In terms of how robust these tags are and percentage of sheep that lose tags is an unknown.

Tamworth yarded 1600 cattle on Monday with all classes of restocker and yearling cattle to feed selling to cheaper trends with feeder steers topping at 378c/kg and heifers 358c/kg. Heavy weight export cattle sold to dearer trends with cows up by as much as 10c/kg selling to 288c/kg while bullocks topped at 348c/kg. Kill cows in Mortlake Victoria on Monday topped at 330c/kg and bullocks sold to 394c/kg.

Tamworth held its annual Autumn lamb show and feature sale on Monday yarding 3000 lambs and 1000 sheep. Restocking lambs met reduced competition due to lack of fresh lamb feed in paddocks, trade weight lambs sold to \$5/hd cheaper while new season suckers sold to \$5/hd dearer and up to \$178. Heavy export lambs sold to \$230/hd while demand for mutton was weaker, selling from \$5 -10/hd cheaper and topping at \$118/hd for heavy mutton.

Zone 4 Young Woman winners crowned

Last Saturday 15 young ladies from northern NSW were in Walcha vying for two available places in the final of the 2023 The Land Sydney Royal Easter Show Young Woman of the Year final.

Each, winners at their local Ag Show, had qualified and were judged on the night by AgShows NSW Director Group 2 Delegate Carl Schubert and Vice President Jill Chapman, along with Samantha Townsend from The Land.

Amy Kermode represented the Walcha Show Society, Stephanie Magnay who lived in Yarrawitch for many years represented Inverell. Janelle Archdale was MC for the evening. After much deliberation, the judges chose Samantha Coppin (Narrabri) and Jessica Towns (Moree) on as the zone 4 representatives to Sydney Royal.

To host the Zone Final requires a lot of commitment from the local community and Show Society members. Pip Monie did an amazing job co-ordinating the event. Walcha Show Society is extremely grateful to the sponsors and volunteers for their generosity, time donated and support of our local Show Movement.



Above: Zone winners front and centre Jessica Towns and Samantha Coppin. Left: Dale Weber and MC Janelle Archdale. Below left: Stephanie Magnay. Below: Anna Barwick and Molly Wright, 2022 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman



Daniel Kermode, Pip Monie, Amy Kermode, Pip O'Brien and Carnie Kermode. Right: 2021 Walcha Show Showgirl Katrina Campbell with Amy.



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Slight delays at Walcha Road

Walcha motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions on the Oxley Highway from this week to carry out maintenance work at Surveyors Creek Bridge, west of Walcha.

Work started on Tuesday 28 February, will be carried weekdays from 7am to 6pm, and is expected to be complete in two weeks, weather permitting.

Single lane, alternating traffic flow arrangements will be in place while this work is carried out.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 10km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists. Motorists should allow up to five minutes extra travel time during this work.

For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW app, visit livetraffic.com or call 132 701.

Wine Tasting evening



Walcha Historical Society are holding a fundraiser at the Walcha Taphouse on 17 March from 5pm to 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale at the Taphouse with the cost being \$15 per person. There is a limit of 40 people so get in now. Just in time to stock up before Easter.

The Wines on offer are specially selected and are not available at supermarkets or Dan Murphy's. Cheese and nibbles will be served, come join the fun and discover new tipples to tempt your tastebuds.



Vege and Farm Produce section

It's been a difficult season for vege growers. We came out of a cold, wet winter and had to deal with boggy soil and little warmth in the spring. Many vege growers had to have three or four attempts before seeds germinated, and even then germination was poor. We went from September, into October with veges that were slow to get going, the soil had been so wet and cold for much to happen in the vege garden.

Finally, the sun came out and suddenly we found we needed to put water on our garden as the soil had become very hard and needed compost and mulch. It has been difficult to get a good crop of tomatoes!

But vege growers are persistent and no doubt there will be a lot of lovely entries at the 2023 Walcha Show. For further details, please refer to the Show Schedule available around town or on the website: walchashow.org.au – remember to have your vege and farm produce entries in at the Main Pavilion by 10.30am on Thursday 9 March.

Quota Changeover Dinner

Pictured right: Incoming Quota Officers for 2023 with Lyn Smith.

Far right: Sue Reardon accepts the Inaugural Margaret Williams Award. She is pictured with Quota President Chris Hamel and John Williams



Members of Walcha Quota Club celebrated a very successful year at their annual Changeover Dinner last Wednesday at the Bowling Club.

The Club has helped numerous people in the Walcha district during the year, with donations made to Walcha Support Group, Walcha Youth Group, WCS Scholarships and Awards, WCS Youth Fund, Book Week donations to schools in the area, Operation Christmas Child and Elizabeth Crosse Wing craft supplies, as well as assistance to families in need in our community. "We have been very pleased to be able to support the Walcha Youth Group. This is run on a Friday night and our money helps the children to be able to have their dinner there, as well as pay for some of their activities," Chris commented.

A very special part of the evening was the inaugural presentation of the Margaret Williams Memorial Award. This award is for a Quota member who has contributed significantly to the Club over the past 12 months. John Williams was very pleased to be able to present this award to Sue Reardon who was lost for words and very touched to receive it.

Lyn Smith conducted the Changeover Ceremony with the Officers for 2023 being

President Christine Hamel

Vice President Diane Bazeley

Secretary Janice Rizzi

Treasurer Julie Yates

Directors Pam Makeham, Mona Spry and Dawn Stier

Lorna Egli and Linda Ballard were presented with a gift from the Club as they have retired as Directors this year. "They've helped me a lot and their knowledge of all things Quota has been appreciated," Chris Hamel said.

Chris also presented gifts to Mary Hoare, Lyn Smith and Sue Reardon in appreciation for their assistance to her as President during the year.

We're here to listen while we can hear ...

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Men's Shed officially open

It was a full house of 170 people at the Walcha Men's Shed on Friday to open our state of the art facility which was completed last year. Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall commented, "It is a huge honour to celebrate such a momentous occasion. You should be all incredibly proud of what you have helped to achieve here."

The Men's Shed was funded by the NSW Government under the Stronger Country Communities Fund, with assistance also received from Walcha Council, the Walcha community and the Scouts Association. Executive Officer of the Australian Men's Shed Association, David Helmers said that there were 30 sheds when he started 16 years ago, and there are now 1297 in Australia and 2500 in 12 countries across the world. "This is a textbook example of how to establish a Men's Shed, which brings the heart and soul of the community together."

Not only did people from all facets of the community show their support of the Walcha Men's Shed, but men from fellow sheds throughout the region. Regional Executive Officer of Scouts, Peter Shields commented, "I am staggered and amazed at the size of this crowd which really brings home the value of sheds like this."

All speakers agreed on the importance of a Men's Shed in giving men a place to enjoy working and social interaction. "Men make it what it is," Mayor Eric Noakes said. "It is not necessarily about the building, but spending time with people." Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce commented on the phenomenal skill sets people have, which allows other men to learn new skills at the Men's Shed. "The community also benefits as the men are able to fix items for locals and make new items to sell. What a wonderful thing to have in town," he said.

Walcha Men's Shed President Danny Reardon thanked Murray Rose and his team for completing the shed on budget. "We love our shed and I would really like to thank you for a very well done job," he said. Danny also paid special thanks to Norm Bazeley for his enormous contribution to the Shed. "Norm is very community minded and loves helping people. I would like to make a special vote of thanks to Norm for his contribution."

Left: Dick Bowden, Danny Reardon, Member for New England Barnaby Joyce, Carol and Murray Rose, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Mayor Eric Noakes, Robbie Hunt and Scouts Executive Officer Peter Shields.



Clockwise from far left: Denis and Murray Ireland with Bruce Davidson; Greg Dick with a friend from Manilla Men's Shed; John Williams and Don Murchie; Olive and Philip Chandler; Bob Burnell and Peter McIvor



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Great times recorded at Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, ten students from St Patrick's Primary competed at the Diocesan Swimming Trials held at Gunnedah.

Annie competed in the first race of the day, the Open Girls 100m. Annie finished first in her heat with an outstanding time of 1.24.37 minutes which was nearly three seconds faster than the school record she had set at the school's swimming carnival, Annie came 7th overall. She then had to back up in the 50m Breaststroke, in which she came 4th overall with a time of 51.21 seconds.

Then all of our team members participated in their 50m Freestyle events. Airlee came 5th overall in the 8 Years Girls 50m with a time of 52.25 seconds. Airlee swam over five seconds faster compared to what she swam at the school swimming carnival where she has smashed a record that had stood for over thirty years, well done Airlee!

Josie came 2nd in her heat and fifth overall in the 9 Year Girls 50m Freestyle. In the 11 years, Jessica, Grace F and Grace S competed in the same heat. Jessica came first in this heat and 7th overall, while Grace S came second and Grace F, third. Both Henry and Angus competed in the 11yr Boys 50m Freestyle. Henry came 5th in his heat and Angus placed 2nd. Addison placed 3rd in her heat of the Senior Year Girls 50m. Annie swam in the next heat and again swam well with fifth place. Lachie finished off the 50m by coming 2nd in his heat.

Our Junior Girls Relay Team swam next, where we were represented by Grace S, Jessica P-K, Grace F, and Josie. It was a battle of David and Goliath as we were definitely the smallest school in this race as the girls were competing against schools from Moree, Walgett, Tamworth, Wee Waa, Narrabri and Gunnedah. With a lot of crowd from our supporters, our team came first in their heat and fourth overall. This was an outstanding achievement!

Jessica, Grace S, and Grace F then had to back up and compete in the Junior Girls 50m Backstroke and they came 2nd, 7th, and 5th in their



St Patrick's Diocesan Swimming Carnival Team
Left to Right (Back): Lachie Provost, Angus Fletcher, Annabelle Patterson-Kane and Grace Smith. Left to Right (Front): Henry Blomfield, Jessica Patterson-Kane, Josie Wauch and Airlee Tate.

respective heats. Angus came 5th in his heat in the 11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke, while Annie placed 2nd in her backstroke heat and 8th overall. Lachie was our final competitor and he placed 6th in his heat of Senior Boys 50m Backstroke. Which was a great way to end the day!

Unfortunately, no member of our team swam fast enough to gain selection in the Armidale Diocese squad. But we will be back next year, ready to give our all again!

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Walcha Central School will be represented at the North West Swim Trials in Armidale early next week - Secondary by Jasmine and Ella Lynch, the Mooney trio Charlotte, Bella and Cameron, Shaun McKenna and Hunter O'Connell while in Primary Blaine Cooney, Hannah Swain, Nathan and Tyler Ross, Simon, Eli, Jess and Dustin Wellings, Penelope and Anthea Taylor, Georgie Blake, Lucas Eveleigh, Millie Laurie, Sophie and Olivia Mulligan have all qualified either individually or in a relay team or both.

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Unfortunately for the second year in succession the bloke with the small blue microphone won't be there to cheer you on and for the identical reason. Only this time it will be the left knee that is getting replaced 12 months after the right one was done. Go gettum guys, enjoy yourselves and do your best.

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Well done to the St Patrick's School kids who travelled to Gunnedah last Friday to swim in their Diocesan Swimming Carnival and although none made it to the next level a number did produce PB's on the day. By all accounts a full report should be elsewhere in this edition.

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Following the second round of the New England Vets Pennants Golf last week at Glen Innes the leaderboard is - Guyra 499, Glen Innes 492, Walcha 469, Uralla 467 and Armidale 433. The third round is here at Walcha Thursday 30th March.

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Best of luck to both Walcha/Uralla teams when they play their final competition match of the Armidale and District Cricket this Saturday. Currently 2nd Grade are sitting equal second position on the points score ladder with Hillgrove on 31 points, three points behind leaders East on 34 pts and just ahead of Tas on 30 points. This Saturday 2nd grade play fifth placed Armidale City/UNE at Bellevue Oval in Armidale.

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The Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade side is equal second with Armidale City/UNE on 41 points five points behind leaders Hillgrove on 46 points. This Saturday they play Guyra at Harris Park who are running fourth on 36 points. Walcha/Uralla have a better for and against percentage than Hillgrove in 2nd Grade while the boot is on the other foot in 3rd Grade.

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Two Walcha Veterans Barry Hoy and Peter Mooney have been playing for New England in the Over 50's NSW Championships in Armidale for the past few days. On the first day New England dismissed Central Coast for a modest 68 runs at Lambert Park where Chris Brennan took 6/14 which included a hat trick. In reply New England cruised home in 17 overs losing only one wicket and although Pete was the next listed batsman neither him or 'Baz' were required to wield the willow.

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Congratulations to 'Molleydooker' Jamie Bowden and his offside Michael Stackman on winning their second Colleen and I.J. Cross Memorial Golf event in succession after they racked up a splendid 49 points last Sunday. The 'Dynamic Duo' shot a two under par round of 68 on the back of three under on the front nine holes and one over on the back. 'Bowdo' and 'Des' are the only players to win the prize so far.

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Calling all Footy Tipsters - The time has come to get your round one selections in for the various competitions around town including the Newie, B.C. and Apsley Arms where 'Head Honcho' Ganesh reckons there are plenty of positions ready to be filled. Tips need to be registered before the opening game on Thursday night.

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On the subject of Tipping Competitions Apsley Motors are conducting one of their own where 1st prize is a weekend away to Sea World on the Gold coast which includes a five night stay and entry to four theme parks. 2nd prize is a \$200 fuel voucher while 3rd prize is some Transwest Merchandise. There is also a \$25 fuel voucher weekly for anyone who selects all games correctly and also picks the margin in the appropriate game that week. What's more entry is free and you can enter by going to www.footytips.com.au/comps/Apsley_Motors or follow the link on their Facebook page.

Tennis players from all over the State in Walcha this weekend

Walcha District Tennis Association will be hosting its 22nd annual Senior Tennis Tournament this weekend 3-5 March 2023. Many players are repeat entrants over the years who value the opportunity to reconnect with friends and play competitive tennis in Walcha.

"We will welcome 70 visiting players this year travelling from Newcastle, Sydney, Dubbo, Kiama, Scone, mid-north coast, central coast as well as surrounding towns," Roxana Mathews commented.

Local players include Hyde Thomson, Linda Lockyer, Kerry Dickson, Gail McDonald, Annette Brown and David Sweeney. Games will be played in a round robin format with a mix of singles and doubles in more than 30 events over the course of the weekend.

"Walcha District Tennis Association is very grateful to the many local business houses which have generously provided sponsorship ensuring that this event can go ahead," Roxana said.

Play commences on Friday afternoon and concludes on Sunday afternoon.



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👍 To David Salter for his contribution to the Truck Show. A real crowd pleaser with fly over.

👍 Thank you to Dion and the pool staff for keeping the facilities so clean and welcoming.

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Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v TAS

Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD b Z Levy	82
J GRILLS c B Hall b Z Levy	7
S RAFFERTY c G Hardin b A McMaster	50
C BOYD LBW Z Levy	5
H SINGH b Z Levy	0
B HOY c A Starr b A Brennan	12
B MOORE b B Levi	33
B MANSFIELD c W Glover b Z Levy	5
M HARPER not out	3
J ROBERTSON not out	3
Total 216. Extras 18. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
A Brennan 8-0-36-1, J Phelps 2-0-11-0, B Levy 7-0-33-2,	
W Glover 4-0-13-0, B Hall 3-0-33-0, A Starr 9-0-37-0, Z	
Levy 6-2-14-4, A McMaster 4-1-11-0, G Hardin 2-0-11-0.	

TAS Second Grade

B HALL run out b B Mansfield	0
A MCMMASTER c J Grills b M Harper	2
A SWALES b J Grills	42
A BRENNAN c ? b H Singh	4
J PHELPS b E Blomfield	37
O SAUNDERS b J Robertson	13
Z LEVY c & b M Harper	38
W GLOVER not out	43
B LEVY b M Harper	16
A STARR c & b H Singh	2
G HARDIN not out	0
Total 217. Extras 19. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
M Harper 9-1-31-3, H Singh 7-1-27-1, J Grills 9-0-58-1,	
J Robertson 9-1-40-1, E Blomfield 5.3-1-33-1, S Rafferty	
3-0-24-0.	

Walcha/Uralla

N ENDACOTT LBW R Watson	11
B JEX c J Verus b J Browe	2
C STODDART c Worthington b M Conroy	23
P MOONEY c R Blackwell b L Mephan	6
J McFARLANE c Mephan b R Watson	3
G SWILKS c K Handes b A Brereton	50
C MOONEY c ? b M Conroy	3
D MORLEY not out	11
W BOYD b M Rooprai	3
Total 134. Extras 22. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
J Browne 8-1-28-1, A Brereton 8-2-22-1, R Watson 8-1-	
14-2, L Mephan 3-0-12-1, M Conroy 5-0-16-2, M Rooprai	
5.4-0-28-1, J Verus 2-0-14-1.	

City/UNETHird Grade

K HANDES b Morley	33
M ROOPRAI c C Mooney b McFarlane	7
M CONROY c Jex b Endacott	27
ABRERETON LBW McFarlane	6
L MEPHAN b McFarlane	8
R WATSON not out	28
J VERUS c & b P Mooney	0
A WORTHINGTON not out	6
J BROWNE dnb	
R BLACKWELL dnb	
T WIEVEGA dnb	
Total 139. Extras 22. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
C Mooney 7-1-20-0, J Macfarlane 8-1-20-3, P Mooney	
3.4-0-20-1, D Morley 4-0-19-1, G Swilks 8-0-26-0, C	
Stoddart 5-0-10-0, N Endacott 4-0-21-1.	

Walcha/Uralla suffered close defeats in both their Armidale and District cricket matches last Saturday.

The Second Grade team went down to TAS by just one wicket at the TAS Backfield after they set the home side a total of 216 runs off their 45 overs at a loss of eight wickets.

Opener Ed Blomfield lead the scoring with a game high 82 which included a dozen Fours and one Six before he was the first visiting batter dismissed after putting on a opening partnership with Shannon Rafferty of 134 runs. Rafferty made a neat half century while Blaine Moore clobbered three Sixes and three Fours on his way to 33 runs.

In reply the home team passed their assignment with just one wicket and sixteen deliveries up their sleeve.

Opener Matt Harper snared 3/31 off his nine overs whereas Harkirat Singh, Jay Grills, Jamie Robertson and Ed Blomfield all claimed a scalp each.

Here at Peter Fenwicke Oval playing two men short certainly didn't help the home side's cause but they did manage to compile 134 before they were dismissed after winning the toss and batting against Armidale City/UNE. Best of the batters was Glen Swilks with a game high 50 runs which included six Fours and a Six.

Next best was Craig Stoddart with 23 runs while Nick Endacott and David Morley both chipped in 11 runs each. In reply the visitors lost six wickets and were in their 40th over when they got the job done.

Opener Josh McFarlane sent down eight overs to collect 3/20 whereas Endacott, Morley and Peter Mooney captured the remaining three wickets.

The semi final series is scheduled to commence in two weekends time.

Flippers

Swimmer of Week 9 goes to Eamon Barnes who took a whopping 61.32 seconds off his 50 metre Butterfly time and then went on to swim his 200 metre Freestyle race in a time of 7 minutes 42.94 seconds.

Last time Eamon attempted the 200 metres he pulled up at the halfway mark after 5 minutes 07.79 seconds had elapsed which makes his effort last week remarkable to say the least. Good on ya Eamon - Keep up the good work.

No less than 28 swimmers registered full points last week, 78 PBs were set taking the season tally to 535 PBs.

Movers and shakers this last week were Will Lisle Tadpoles to Frogs, Ben Lockyer Tadpoles to Turtles and Millie Laurie Frogs to Turtles.

Round One of the Championships are scheduled for next week.

Best of luck to all Walcha Flippers when they compete at the North West trials in Armidale early next week.

Bowls

Dads Army: The six bowlers who played on Thursday afternoon played a game of Alternating triples.

Alternating triples gives every player a chance to play six ends of Skip, Seconds and Lead.

Eric O'Keefe, Noel Goodwin and Geoff Salt defeated Mick Bullen, Tony Asmus and John Watts 24 - 12 after scoring 14 points on ends 10 to 13.

Ladies Bowls

Last week we welcomed another new bowler, Lee McCoy. We hope Lee enjoyed herself and will continue to join us each week.

Two games of three bowl pairs were played with Wendy More and Margaret Tickle defeating Lee McCoy and Jan

Cross 19-13 and Debbie Richards and Rosie, a new bowler, defeating Esther Hunt and Carmel Ryan.

Last Tuesday two teams had a very enjoyable day playing in the President's day in Guyra where the weather was beautiful. Carmel won a spider.

The Club Championship nomination sheets are on the board with 23 March being the closing date.

Tennis

Round 3 of the Summer Comp was played out on Tues 21st Feb.

Popyrin: D Sweeney, J Jones, J Fletcher and T Fletcher (F) defeated Saunders: M Lockyer, D Wall, A Pendlebury and T Bird 26 to 25 in a terrific close match.

Gavrilova: D Clarke, M Ireland, G Wall and A Tozer defeated Ebdon: B Hoy (F), A Barillaro (F), K Smith and M Luchich in another close contest 31 to 28.

Kokkinaakas: E Blomfield, C Bruce, M Bird and M Wall defeated Tomljanovic: D A Locke, P O'Brien, B Konneron and R Mathews 30 to 24.

The working bee on Sunday went well. The courts and gardens look great ready for the Seniors Tournament on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of March. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped. Anyone who can help in the canteen and or supply cakes and slices please contact Roxanna Mathews on 0455501482. The next Club Meeting will be held on the 13th March all members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

At the 19th

Last Sunday the Colleen and I.J Cross Memorial 4BBB Medley was played where for the second year in succession 'Molloy dooker' Jamie Bowden and Michael Stackman won the event after they accumulated an impressive 49 stableford points.

Runners up were Ollie Crawford and Josh Moloney on 47 points while the remaining sweepstakes went to Willy Brennan and Brian Lynch 46, Lee and Ruth Fletcher 45, John McCormack and Mark Hogan 45 and Doug and Cheryl McDonald 43.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Brian Lynch (3) Don Brooks (9) David Sweeney (16) and Jamie Bowden (18).

In match play Mark Hogan defeated Gavin White 3 and 1.

Last Saturday Lorraine Rennie survived a countback with Col Higgins to win the weekly 9-hole competition after both players racked up 16 points each. No N.T.P on 3.

The second round of the New England Veterans Pennants competition was held at Glen Innes last Thursday where Walcha were represented by 10 players.

Leading the way was Bill Fletcher on 36 points followed by John McCormack and Bob Denniss both 32 Doug McDonald 31 Wayne Brennan 30 Col Berry 29 Crichton Barr 28 Owen Presnell 27 Peter Norbury and Simeon Cross both 24.

Round three of the Vets Pennants is here at Walcha Thursday 30th March.

This Sunday is a Stableford round for a prize supplied by Andrew Robertson.



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