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Mr Marshall said the agreement would lead to improved internet services through the construction of new fixed wireless broadband towers in six areas across the Northern Tablelands, including Kentucky, Deepwater, Emmaville, Mungindi and areas surrounding Walcha and Moree.

"Faster, more reliable internet means a boost to education and job opportunities which will open more healthcare options and connect more people, making everyday tasks much easier," Mr Marshall said.

"Most customers in the six locations currently have to access their internet services via satellite, which is notoriously slow and unreliable.

"In comparison, fixed wireless is much faster and more reliable and residents around Kentucky, Deepwater, Emmaville, Mungindi and Moree and Walcha will be thrilled to hear that better internet is coming to them soon.

"Even though telecommunications is the sole responsibility of the Federal Government, I'm pleased NSW has shown some leadership here, stepping up to the mark to address this key area of inequity and help bridge the vast digital divide.

"These days, fast and reliable internet is not simply about lifestyle to stream shows or movies, it is an essential part of every business, whether at point of sale through EFTPOS and online retail sales, to precision broadacre agriculture."

Mr Marshall said this was one of the largest ever digital infrastructure investments by the State Government.

"Whether you're running a household or a business, you need fast, reliable internet and residents will have a choice of service providers at comparative prices and speeds as the city," he said.

"This is good news all round and now I'll be pushing for even more small communities and rural locations to get these towers."

NBN Co will commence detailed planning and will provide these communities with more details about the rollout in the coming months.

The network of new and co-located NBN fixed wireless towers will be rolled out incrementally and will be completed by the end of 2025.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The weather has been rather unusual over the past week with summer like temperatures over the weekend. Everyone was looking for shade when temperatures hit the low thirties throughout the tablelands and the plains climbed into the forties. The moisture that fell during the previous week has all but gone as we now look to another possible change at the end of this week. Predictions vary but there seems to be some moisture on its way. We need another drink after summer decided to return.

The weaner sales are well and truly underway with Armidale yarding just fewer than 3000 calves on Monday. It's a completely different market to 12 months ago with the EYCI tracking at 37% less compared to the same time last year. Steers 200-280kg averaged 455c/kg, \$1119/hd while 280-330kg averaged 430c/kg, \$1304/hd. Heifers looked to be good buying when 200-280kg averaged 324c/kg, \$790/hd while 280-330kg averaged 331c/kg, \$997/hd. The season has really put the pressure on the market with pasture quickly deteriorating in large parts of eastern Australia due to insufficient rain this year. Not only is the season on edge but there is definitely a larger run of weaner cattle being offered up for sale compared to the previous couple of years. Auctionsplus numbers compared to the previous year look to be back but have still been yielding some great results with the better prices relevant to breed and quality. Angus weaner steers in southern Qld, 258kg sold for 521c/kg while their lighter sisters made 414c/kg. Quality joinable EU Angus heifers, 400kg made 400c/kg while PTIC females made from \$1600-\$2200, topping at \$3550 for some outstanding young Angus females sold ex Angus stud at Guyra.

The local property market has been red hot over the last 12 months with numerous transactions taking place for record values. It's an interesting space as carrying capacities and prices paid per DSE come under extreme pressure as livestock markets retract and the season looks shaky. History shows that land only gets dearer over time but have we reached a plateau or peak? Current livestock values will struggle to service the debt depending on the debt/equity ratio on these current land values being paid. The banks are running a fine tooth comb through budgets prior to property acquisitions and values paid per DSE, or cow calf area. People investing in rural property are data hungry and will always be scrutinising your numbers, especially at these current values. It will be an interesting 12 months ahead with rising interest rates, lower livestock prices and weather patterns forecasted to be dryer than normal with a possible return of an El Nino later in the year. If you are in the market for some quality local cattle, Nutrien Boulton's will hold a twilight AuctionsPlus cattle sale next Thursday 30 March at 6pm.

Currently the one stable market, lambs look to be coming under some pressure with lamb grid slowly retracted and currently sitting around 720c/kg. The Trade lamb indicator is down 9% while the mutton is down 37% compared to the same time last year. The Australian sheep flock is tipped to hit a 15 year high and reach nearly 80 million head which will keep the pressure on prices, but we may see some extra orders generated from overseas markets at these values. Sheep slaughter and mutton numbers are set to increase for the next few years producing plenty of product to enable Australia to fill new and existing orders.

Tamworth yarded 2550 head of cattle on Monday in a market that lost ground on the previous week with demand weaker through all categories. Weaner steers lost up to 30c/kg struggling to make over 400c/kg, heifers topped at 311c/kg while feeder steers made to 390c/kg. Heavy kill steers averaged 308c/kg while cows topped at 266c/kg. 6000 sheep and lambs were yarded on Monday and Light store lambs once again met weaker competition due to the lack of local lamb feed just selling to \$95. Trade weight lambs made from \$140-160 and heavy export lambs sold to \$245. The mutton market was firm for the better conditioned sheep while light condition sheep lost ground. Heavy mutton sold to \$145 while light mutton sold down to as little as \$25/hd.



See you at the Woolbrook Stampede

It's that time of the year again, when campdrafters from far and wide converge on the township of Woolbrook for their annual Stampede and Bushman's Challenge.

This Saturday 25 March, the Woolbrook Showground will see campdraft action from dawn until dusk, with 235 keen competitors travelling from all corners of the state to compete.

"The committee were overwhelmed with entries this year and we currently have over 200 on the wait list," said committee member Amanda Scott.

The day's events will commence at 6.30am and include a Maiden, Novice, Open, Ladies, Junior and Juvenile drafts. Popular sporting events such as the bend, barrell and flag races, along with Junior riding classes will commence at 1.00pm. Large and small dog races are also being held on the day, so bring along your canine friend and enjoy some fun.

The annual Vic Robson Memorial Stockman's Chop, which consists of cantering a horse whilst cracking a stock whip and cutting pieces of paper once again is expected to be highly contested this year. The John Stanton trophy will also be awarded to the child that best displays sportsman and horsemanship on the day.

With so much action, along with a full canteen and bar open on the day, a drive out to Woolbrook could be a great option this Saturday.

If you can't make it this weekend, the Walcha Campdrafters Club will be hosting their annual draft over Easter, from 7 – 9 April at the Walcha Showground, while an Autumn Jackpot Campdraft will be held at Yarrowitch on 29 – 30 April.



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Above: Local cycling personality Jorja Creighton. Left: One of the many picturesque country roads in the Walcha region.



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- 👉 To Anne at the Post Office for setting up my husband's new phone. Thank you.
- 👉 To Drew and Adam for being wonderful Tradesmen. We are so lucky to live in Walcha.
- 👉 To the organisers of the Inverell trip for Walcha Community Care, it was very enjoyable. A good day out, with lunch and shopping enjoyed by all.
- 👉 To the Wicked Women of Walcha who are walking the 30km Coastrek. Good luck girls.
- 👉 Why are we spending nearly a million dollars on tearing down a skate park which older kids love, only to replace it with a skate park for younger children, when we have a youth crime problem because of a lack of activities?
- 👉 To the local Taxi for taking up parking spots instead of using the allocated Taxi rank.

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.



St Patrick's Day celebrations

There were many shades of green worn on Friday when the students and the staff dressed up to celebrate the school's patron saint, St Patrick. It was definitely an action packed day, where the students participated in a range of activities including a liturgy, eating a wide range of green food, creating a coin trail of a shamrock, finding the missing leprechaun as well as participating in a range of different physical activities. Congratulations goes to Lilah, Airlee and Grace F for finding the missing leprechauns as well as Hannah and Maddie for winning the primary and infant colouring in competitions.

It was a very successful day with over \$150 raised. This money will be going towards the Project Compassion Appeal. Thanks again to all of the parents who kindly provided all of the green treats as they were definitely very popular. As well as all of our Mini Vinnies members who did a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that the day was a big success. Well done!

2023 NSW State election

Don't forget to vote this Saturday



Residents of the Walcha region who are 18 years and over are reminded that they must vote on Saturday 25 March in the 2023 NSW State Election.

Polling Booths: Three polling booths are available in our area, located at Walcha Central School, Woolbrook Public School and Kentucky Memorial Hall. Booths are open from 8.00am to 6.00pm on polling day.

Postal Votes: Monday 20 March 2023 was the closing date for postal vote applications. Those who registered will receive their ballot papers in the mail. All postal votes must be received by the NSW Election Commission no later than Thursday 6 April. Don't forget to post your vote!

Early Voting: Not available in the Walcha area.

Online Voting: Not available for this election.

Who are the candidates?

To find out who the candidates are for the Northern Tablelands, or your area, along with a list of all candidates for the Legislative Council visit:

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What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



Congratulations to the two Walcha/Uralla Cricket teams who have both qualified for their Armidale and District Cricket grand finals to be played in Armidale this Saturday. By all accounts showers are predicted for the weekend and if play is suspended on Saturday the Premiership deciders will be re-scheduled for Sunday and if it rains again dual premiers will be declared.

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Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade play minor Premiers Easts at Lambert Park commencing 12.45pm in a major semi final replay. Our blokes will need to lift their game from their performance in that game but going on their form in the preliminary final everything seems to be back on track.

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In 3rd Grade Walcha/Uralla take on Guyra at Rologas Oval No. 1 at 1.15pm after they sprung a surprise when they defeated minor premiers Hillgrove last Saturday. The boys have been performing well of late and lets hope their good form continues. Best of luck to both teams.

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Best of luck to all Touch Teams when they play in their grand finals at John Oxley Sportsground this Saturday commencing with the Junior decider at 2.00pm. Vikings (A), YTB (B), Run DIPG (C), Junior Roos (D) and Green (Juniors) have already qualified and will find out who they play after the preliminary finals are played on Thursday.

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In the event of a draw at fulltime in the Touch a further 5 minutes extra time will be played under the golden point rule. If after this the scores are still level teams are to drop off a player every two minutes until a minimum three players remain on the field. Golden Point applies throughout extra time.

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Going back a few years ago I can remember on a couple of occasions when some players participated in three grand finals in three days. Indoor Hockey on the Friday evening followed by Cricket on the Saturday and then Touch on Sunday. As you would be fully aware there were some sore heads come Monday especially if your were a winner over the weekend.

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Former fellow Council employee, Bulldogs supporter and Levee Banks curator Ray 'Chook' Foster dropped off a bag of his homegrown chillies over the weekend and did warn me the smaller ones had the most heat in them. Of course I had to try one as soon as he left and he certainly was correct, there was a bit of bite in the one I chomped into. There was a whisper going around that Brian 'Raggy' Smith also found out how warm the chillies were.

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What a nice gesture by Kyle Goodwin last Sunday when he agreed to tee-off late in the opening round of the 2023 Mens Golf Championship so reigning champion Andrew 'Buddha' Bowden could defend his title. That morning 'Buddha' played Pennants Golf in Newcastle and raced to Walcha before hitting off around 3:00pm that afternoon.

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With two rounds remaining 'Buddha' currently leads by six shots from Michael Stackman with Kyle and David Sweeney a stroke further back. It wasn't all doom and gloom for Kyle who eagled the eighth hole after chipping in from about a metre off the green.

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On the subject of the Golf Club they held their Annual General Meeting last Sunday where nothing much changed. President Allan Green agreed on a 15th term, Secretary Jenny Lisle was returned for a 16th term while Treasurer Margaret Davidson has commenced her 14th year looking after the finances.

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There has been a new addition to the Directors Committee where Craig Morgan has taken over from Penny King joining Vice-President Miles Archdale, Sue Partridge, Neil Dark, Caroline Street, John McCormack and Don Brooks as a Director. Brooks remains as handicapper for a 14th time whereas A.J Cross clocks up 20 years as Publicity Officer.



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2023 WALCHA SHOW RESULTS

MERINO SHEEP

Champion Extra Superfine Ram Westvale; **Champion Extra Superfine Ewe** Shalimar Park; **Champion Superfine Ram** Airlie; **Champion Superfine Ewe** Shalimar Park; **Champion Fine Ram** Airlie; **Champion Fine Ewe** Nerstane; **Champion Fine/Medium Ram** Airlie; **Champion Fine/Medium Ewe** Nerstane; **Junior Champion Ram** Westvale; **Junior Champion Ewe** Shalimar Park; **Junior Champion Pair** Westvale; **Grand Champion Ram of The Show** Airlie; **Grand Champion Ewe of The Show** Shalimar Park; **National Australia Bank Supreme Merino** Shalimar Park; **Breeders Group** (3 Rams, 2 Ewes) Westvale.

MEAT SHEEP

The meat sheep section once again held a successful show presenting a spectacle of the north's best meat sheep breeds. All sheep went under the capable eye of Judge Brendan Sharpe from Amelie Poll Dorset stud Kentucky. Sheep were judged in breed sections to determine breed champions which then followed on to interbreed judging to determine the best sheep on the day. Chief steward Michael Makeham from North-South Border Leicester and Corriedale Stud would like to acknowledge and thank all those involved in helping to make the show day a success. Section results as follows:

Dorper Jnr Champion Ram Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Jnr Champion Ewe** Benson

Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Snr Champion Ram** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Snr Champion Ewe** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Champion Group** - Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud. **White Dorper Jnr Champion Ram** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Jnr Champion Ewe** Q Bar White Dorper Stud, **Snr Champion Ram** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Snr Champion Ewe** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Champion Pair** Q Bar White Dorper Stud, **Champion Group** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud. **Australian White Jnr Champion Ram** Helmar Australian White Stud, **Snr Champion Ram** Helmar Australian White Stud. **Poll Dorset Jnr Champion Ram** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Jnr Champion Ewe** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Snr Champion Ewe** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Champion Pair** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Champion Group** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud. **Interbreed Grand Champion Pair** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Grand Champion Group** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Jnr Grand Champion Ram** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Jnr Grand Champion Ewe** Bexta Poll Dorset Stud, **Snr Grand Champion Ram** - Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Snr Grand Champion Ewe** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Supreme Ewe of Show** Bexta Poll Dorset stud, **Supreme Ram of Show** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Supreme sheep of the show** - Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud, **Most Successful** Benson Dorper/White Dorper Stud. >



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Not a lot Bonnie, Not a lot Devon's. **Murray Grey:** Grand Champion Heifer Gleniam Farm Antoinette, Tintara Murray Greys. **Grand Champion Bull** Tintara Simba, Tintara Murray Greys. **Santa Gertrudis:** Grand Champion Heifer Spring Creek Trinity, Spring Creek Santa Gertrudis. **Grand Champion Bull** Spring Creek Titus. **Limousine:** Grand Champion Heifer CB Naughty Lady, CB Limousine. **Herefords:** Grand Champion Heifer Te-Angie Duchess, Te-Angie Herefords. **Grand Champion Bull** Tummel Payrise S138, Tummel Herefords. **Angus:** Grand Champion Heifer Ben Nevis Geranium, Ben Nevis Stud. **Grand Champion Bull** McAlpine Tait T1, Taylor Family Trust. **Charolais:** Junior Champion Bull Fine Desine Thumper. **Shorthorns:** Grand Champion Heifer Trojan Miss Manen T1, Kingsley Vale Shorthorn. **Grand Champion Bull** JJ Pinsenna S113, JJ Shorthorns. **Grand Champion Steer** GJB Winton x Breed, GTB.

SHOWJUMPING

2023 was one of our strongest roll-ups for many years. The Walcha Show has tremendous supporters, especially in the jumping, Mike and Sheila Faulkner from the Explorer Estate put up \$1000 and many other local businesses and farming families generously donate. It is great to see old time values of supporting the community and the local show still shine through. Thank you Walcha.

Dark's Plumbing U15yrs 45cm AM7 1st Rain Pritchard, 2nd Grace Smith, 3rd Shanaya Droder, 4th Jess Patterson-Kane. **60cm AM7**

1st Nicole Coombes, 2nd William Wood, 3rd Susie Hynes, 4th Jess Patterson-Kane, 5th Georgina Blanchard. **Walcha Taxi Service 75cm AM7** 1st Nicole Coombes, 2nd Nicole Coombes, 3rd Nicole Coombes, 4th Linkwood Chesney. **John and Vicky Heffernan 90cm AM7** 1st Nicole Coombes, 2nd William Wood, 3rd Dominique Magann, 4th Georgina Pillar. **Branga Plains Pastoral Co 1m AM7** 1st Georgina Pillar, 2nd William Wood, 3rd William Wood, 4th Brock Harvey. **110cm Top Score** 1st William Wood, 2nd William Wood, 3rd Sam Croft, 4th Brock Harvey. **Jess Mathews Memorial Junior Six Bar (18yrs and under)** Sponsored by the Walcha Pony Club. Trophy and sash to highest placed Pony Club member (must have proof of membership). 1st = Georgina Pillar and Cameron Magann, 3rd Georgina Blanchard, 4th Dominique Magann. **Richardsons Hardware & Agriculture Open Six Bar** 1st William Wood, 2nd Sam Croft, 3rd William Wood, 4th= Hannah Thur and 4th= Brock Harvey. **Betts Transport Pty Ltd 60cm. Power and Speed** 1st Jacqui Toombes, 2nd Nicole Toombes, 3rd Georgina Pillar, 4th Shanaya Droder. **Tony Williams Machinery 75cm A2** 1st Nicole Toombes, 2nd William Wood, 3rd Nicole Toombes, 4th Cameron Magann. **Murray Rose Building Contractor 90cm A2** 1st Jacqui Toombes, 2nd Georgina Pillar, 3rd Jane Laurie, 4th Nicole Toombes. **The Explorer Estate 1.05m - 1.10m Grand Prix of \$1000** 1st Jacqui Toombes, 2nd William Wood, 3rd William Wood, 4th Ashley Cutler, 5th Georgina Pillar.




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Champions: Thoroughbred Led Samantha Croft 'Recortar'. **ASH Led** Peta Moore 'Silverthorn Jubilee'. **ANSA Led** Abbey Partridge 'Secretheart Cherry Oak'. **Other Breed ov 15h Led** Deanne Bains 'El Mac'. **Hunter Led** Jackie Cowell 'Stannum Magician'. **Walcha District (WD) Senior Girl** Sybella Miller 'Palmer's Imprint'. **Balmmain Hack WD** Emma Pendergast 'Bungaben Barney Acres'. **Nutrien Boulton's WD Pony Hack** Benji Provost 'Tumbelina'. **Ridden Any Other Breed ne 14h C Purdy** 'Windamere Funtime'. **Hunter Pony L Purdey** 'Windamere Funtime'. **Grand Pony Galloway or Hack WD** Emma Pendergast 'Bungaben Barney Acres'. **Pure or Part Quarter Led** Piper Byrne 'Bump Acre'. **Any Other Breed ne 14h C Purdy** 'Macar Eclipse'. **Hunter Galloway Led** D Latham 'Linkwood Chestman'. **WD Junior Girl** Annabelle Patterson-Kane 'Swoop'. **WD Junior Boy** Benji Provost 'Whinny'. **Rosedale WD Gall.** Amber Britten 'Hampshire Arrow'. **Ridden Pure or Part Any Breed** Annabelle Patterson-Kane 'Swoop'. **Ridden Hunter Gall.** Rain Pritchard 'Holly'. **Miniature Led** Jack Provost 'Flash'. **Reg. Saddle Pony Led** Partridge & Lennon 'EBL Valentina'. **Reg. Riding Pony Led** Partridge & Lennon 'EBL Valentina'. **Welsh or Part Led** Partridge & Lennon 'George Michael'. **Stud Book Pony** Partridge & Lennon 'George Michael'. **Any Other Breed ne 15h Partridge & Lennon** 'EBL Valentina'. **Hunter Pony Led** Bethany Rohde 'Antrum Bonny LTD'. **WD Adult Rider** Emma Pendergast 'Bungaben Barney Acres'. **Joan Oatley** 1st Eden Lochhead. **Adult Rider** Eden Lochhead. **Jill Martin Grand Champion Child Rider** Brooke Tudor. **EW King**

Champ. Hack Brie Aitken. **FW Nivision Supreme Hack** Emma Fahey 'Langtree Nanushka'. **PC M, R&E U12** Lochie Provost, **12-U17** Amber Britten. **Highest WD** Amber Britten. **Junior Rider: Boy** Benji Provost, **Girl** Annabelle Patterson-Kane. **Senior Rider: Boy** Cameron McGann, **Girl** Brooke Tudor. **Cameron Martin Open Pony Hack** Phoebe McKenzie 'Rothloen September'. **O'Gorman Open Galloway Hack** Emma Fahey 'Langtree Nanushka'. **Ridden Thoroughbred** Dominic Magann 'Buck Muscat'. **Ridden Any Other Breed** Alex Pope 'Jomuaensie Augustus'. **Ridden Show Hunter and Grand Champion Hunter Hack, Galloway or Pony** Eden Lochhead 'Wenona Simply Elegant'.

AG BIKE COMPETITION

Bending Race: U8 Years 1st Rebee Wark, 2nd Axel Blomfield, 3rd Jimmy Blackburn. **Under 12 Years** 1st Brax Kemp, 2nd Nate Powell, 3rd Tyler McKinnon. **U16 Years** 1st Jackson Marchant, 2nd Blair Eichorn, 3rd Kane McElroy. **Senior** 1st Glen O'Brian, 2nd Joel Jarvis, 3rd Peter Young. **Barrel Race: U8 Years** 1st Rebee Wark, 2nd Axel Blomfield, 3rd Jimmy Blackburn. **U12 Years** 1st Brax Kemp, 2nd Nate Powell, 3rd Tyler McKinnon. **U16 Years** 1st Kane McElroy, 2nd Jackson Marchant, 3rd Blair Eichorn. **Senior** 1st Justin Hoad, 2nd Joel Jarvis, 3rd Reg Mathews.

JELLIES AND PRESERVES

Congratulations to Hazel Cameron on receiving her Hon. Life Membership. We're grateful for your years of service. Thank you for all the knowledge and guidance you have passed on over the years, I can't thank you enough for your encouragement, wisdom and patience. It's played a huge part in

who I am today. I'm honored to have been chosen as your successor as Chief Steward and look forward to seeing you entering exhibits for many years to come. *Audi Dunn*

Champions: Grand Audi Dunn, Strawberry Jam; Preserve Peta Lisle. **Condiment** Audi Dunn. **Jam** Audi Dunn. **Jelly** Peta Lisle. **Marmalade** Audi Dunn. **Most Successful Exhib.** Audi Dunn; **Men's** Tom Wicks. **Junior** Alex Hobbs. **Most Successful Junior** Alex Hobbs. **Encouragement Award** Scott Blake.

HANDICRAFT

Champions: Senior Jo Barr. **Junior** Lachie Provost. **Judy Hobbs Memorial Trophy** for (Most Successful Exh.) donated by Walcha CWA, Samantha Bayley. **Hostel, Nursing Home, Day Care** Nancy Partridge **Memorial Champion Ribbon** – Gwen Brett

KNITTING

Champion Piece of Knitting Dorrie Walls. **Champion Piece of Crochet** Sonya Gibson.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Champions: Colour James Levingston, **Monotone** Destiny Day, **Digital Enhancement** Sue Harrison. **Most Successful Exhibitor:** Colour James Levingston, **Monotone** Lance Partridge, **Over All** Lance Partridge. **Junior: 13 – 17 Yrs** Charlotte Mooney, **12 Yrs & Under** Sam Marshall. **Most Successful Junior: 13 to 17 Yrs** Charlotte Mooney, **12 Yrs and Under** Georgie Blake. **Walcha Photography Club Choices:** **12 Yrs & U** Mark Grayling, **13 to 17 Yrs** Chloe Cox. **Open:** Colour Jenny Hoy, **Monotone** David Campbell.



CLEARING SALE

Saturday 1 April 2023 – 10.00am at Walcha Mill
111E Jamieson Street, Walcha 2354

Tractors: Case JX95 5091 Hrs FEL/Blade/Bucket/Stick Rake/3PL/Hay Forks, FIAT 7/90 Hrs unknown 3PL. **Vehicles:** Toyota 1995 Hilux 214,000Klm Diesel Good order reg to 19/5/23, Toyota 1999 dual cab Hilux 145,000Klm Petrol good order reg to 6/2/24, Toyota Paddock use only, Nissan Paddock use only, Acco 510A Fire Truck-V8 82,000Klm Unreg 2000L water tank high pressure pump power steering + pump for spares, Roller-Pannell plant 16T vibrates to 30T good working order ideal farm use, Polaris 4WD quad bike, Bruin 2WD quad bike. **Mowers:** Viccon Hay Mower 2.6M, John Deere 72" cut 4WD good order, John Deere-set up as spray unit with front dome spray plus wand good order-spare mower deck, spare dome, Stiga 48" cut – new motor, spares, Stiga 48" cut good order with spares, Push mowers x 2 both go. **Trailers:** 7.5m x 1.66m Heavy Duty TB29 Trailer regd to 2/8/23, 3.7m x 2.4m Light Duty Trailer Regd to 18/6/23, 3-4T Farm tipper Trailer, Farm trailer 7.5m x 2m duel front wheels bogie rear wheels-ideal hay or pipe etc, Old hay farm trailer 4.9m x 2.4m old but serviceable, 2100 x 1300 Trailer farm use only, small boat trailer U27108 Regd till 5/11/23, 4 wheel farm trailer 2200 x 1600 with spray set up 400L tank. All equip serviced & maintained. **Hay & Silage:** Unreserved all sold in truck lots 400 x 2023 Feb - Clover & fescue pasture hay - Airstrip, 300 x 2022 Feb Clover & fescue pasture silage, 400 x 2021 Feb Clover & fescue pasture silage, Mulch hay. **Livestock:** Optiweigh machine 2yo, TPW Woolpress, Sheep yard panels – 1m high various lengths, 2 x Cattle Feeders 2.6m x 5m long on wheels, 2 x Cattle feeders on skids, 1 x Round

Cattle feeder, Stock crate on Heavy Duty trailer (farm use only), Cattle Yard Panels. **Farm Equipment:** 3PL 3m Stick rake, 3PL 2.7m Harrows, Chisel plough 2.5m, 3PL Fertiliser spreader, 1T Fertiliser spreader on hydraulic trailer, 3PL 9m boom spray. **Water Tanks/Troughs:** 1 x 1000L tank on stand, 1 x 500L tank, 1 x 500L steel tank, Sundry tanks. **Steel:** 7 x 450 x 13m x 9mm wall pipe ideal culverts, mixed bundles of steel off cuts all sizes. **Second Hand Roofing Iron:** 27 x 4490m, 25 x 4480m, 14 x 4900m, 10 x 11020m, 3 x 3100m, Sundry Lengths. **Motors Equipment:** Electric compressor, 13HP Honda generator, Generator (camping use), 2 x water pumps, 2 x rotary hoes. **Sundries:** Free standing shed – 8.4m x 2.5m (chooks/chemicals etc), 3 x pig hutches, 1 x 2 man post hole digger, 77 x 1.8m ironbark split posts, 1 x heavy duty timber work bench, 300 x 2nd hand star posts, qty 2nd hand star posts, Thermalux Stove, 5T assorted Timber, numerous other items

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Mt Carrington Past Co

40 Ang X wnr str

JA & KD Southeron

70 M/S Ang X wnr

ME & TA Worth - EU

40 Ang wnr hfr

NR & CM Stackman - EU

40 Ang wnr hfr

Petali Past Co - EU

130 Angus str

60 M/S Ang wnr

Miramoon Past Co

40 Ang wnr str

GF Berry - EU

100 Angus Steers

50 Angus Heifers

DJ & RJ Trevenen

20 Ang steers

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100 Angus Steers

Lockyer Livestock - EU

30 Angus wnr str - Sire Narin Park Ang

J & D Wall

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Brookeside Pastoral - EU

30 Steers

Greg Stuart

70 M/S Ang wnr

Feeders

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ME & TA Worth - EU

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Peter Howard - EU

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QN & TR Webb

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RF & PM King

150 Angus Str

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RM & PL Wright

40 Angus Heifers

Breeders

HN & J Fraser

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QN & TR Webb

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Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove Second Grade

Hillgrove

H EASTWOOD s B Hoy b J Robinson.....	19
D MOFFIT c H Singh b J Grills	19
B MARSHALL c S Rafferty b H Singh.....	80
B HEAGNEY c B Moore b C Boyd.....	3
J SHOMACK b C Boyd.....	19
J MARSHALL b H Singh	7
D WATERS b M Harper	9
A TAYLOR s B Hoy b H Singh	0
R HARRIS not out	1
C RAINGER not out	7
Total 164. Extras 13. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
M Harper 7-1-26-1, H Singh 6-1-22-3, J Robinson 7-1-16-1, J Grills 7-0-28-1, S Rafferty 9-0-37-0, C Boyd 9-1-31-2.	

Walcha/Uralla

J GRILLS b J Marshall	5
E BLOMFIELD b B Heaney	21
S RAFFERTY not out	56
D BOYD b J Marshall	68
B MOORE not out	2
C BOYD not out	4

Total 169. Extras 13. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)
R Harris 7-0-29-0, J Marshall 8-0-32-2, B Heaney 5-0-31-1, P Singh 9-0-45-0, A Taylor 4-0-21-0, D Waters 1.4-0-6-0.

The Walcha/Uralla cricket team qualified for the Armidale and District Second Grade Grand Final after they defeated Hillgrove by six wickets at Lambert Park in the Preliminary Final last Saturday.

Batting after winning the toss Hillgrove compiled 164 runs at a loss of eight wickets off their 45 overs due mainly to a game high 80 runs by B Marshall. Opener Harkirat Singh was the most successful Walcha/Uralla bowler capturing 3/22 off six overs, leftarm spinner Cooper Boyd picked up 2/31 off nine overs while opener Matt Harper, Jamie Robinson and Jay Grills all snared a wicket each.

In reply the visitors had six wickets and 10 overs up their sleeve when they cruised to victory.

Openers Jay Grills (5) and Ed Blomfield (21) were both back in the hut midway through the 14th over before Shannon Rafferty joined forces with Daniel Boyd to put on a 118 run third wicket partnership off just 18 overs. Boyd belted six boundaries and three balls out of the ground on his way to 68 runs whereas Rafferty remained unbeaten on 56 runs. Walcha/Uralla now play Minor Premiers Easts in the Grand Final believed to be at Lambert Park this Saturday while their clubmates do battle in the Third Grade decider at Rolagas Fields.

Tennis

Round 6 of the Summer Comp to be played on Tues 14th March was a wash out but the rain was nice.

Our next Club Meeting will be the AGM on Mon 8th May at 6.30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

We have a Street Stall on Sat 6th May. First prize will be a load of wood, 2nd a \$50 meat voucher and 3rd a fruit and veggie hamper. See you all at the net soon.

Bowls

Dads Army: Three of our crew played in Uralla's charity day on Tuesday. Tony Asmus playing in a Bendemeer team won both their games and John Watts and Peter Hayes with a female companion lost their first game by one shot and were "flogged" in the second by a Uralla team but had a victory winning the prize for the best dressed team.

On Thursday eleven players attended and two games of triples were played. In the first game Tony Asmus, Neil Dark and Noel Goodwin who played lead for both teams had a 12 - 11 win over Barry Kliendienst, Geoff Salt and Noel.

In the second game Mick Bullen, Peter Hayes and John McCormack had a 18 - 11 win against Eric O'Keefe John Watts and Mark Hogan.

The chooks were won by Mick, Peter and John and the raffle was won by Tony Asmus.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday Esther Hunt, Wendy Moore, and Carmel Ryan lost a game of triples against Debbie Richards, Phyllis Hoy and Jan Cross. Debbie Richards, Marg Tickle and Wendy Moore played a very enjoyable game of bowls at Bendemeer's President's day last week. It was reported that Bendemeer's green was heavy.

Tomorrow is the closing date to enter your name to play in the Club Championships.

At the 19th

Reigning Club Champion Andrew Bowden kicked off his campaign to retain his title when he recorded a four over par 74 in the 2023 Championships last Sunday.

He holds a six shot advantage over Michael Stackman on 80 whereas Kyle Goodwin and David Sweeney are another stroke behind on 81 going into the second round.

Overall winner last Sunday was Ross King after he registered a 68 nett off the back of his 83 off the stick which also gives him the lead in B Grade six shots clear of Don Brooks on 89. In C Grade veteran Crichton Barr and Drew Bird are the current leaders on 95 well clear of next best John McCormack 104.

Sweepstakes went to Michael Stackman, Vicki Heffernan, David Sweeney and Don Brooks all 72 nett, Alex Gill and Pauline Carter both 73 Doug and Cheryl McDonald both 74

on countback from Andrew Bowden and Drew Bird.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were David Sweeney (3) Simone Sweeney (9) Cheryl McDonald (16) and Julie Hoad (18).

A total of 37 players teed off last Sunday for a prize supplied by Club Captain Willy Brennan and although it was the opening round of the Mens Championship 11 ladies played in that field and were successful in both sweepstakes and NTP's. The 'Eagles Nest' sponsored by 'Dark's Plumbing' was robbed of eight balls last Sunday after Kyle Goodwin eagled the 8th hole.

Last Saturday Jason Asmus racked up 15 Stableford points to win the weekly 9-hole competition from runner up Pauline Carter who counted out Col Higgins and Mark Hogan on 13 points. NTP on 3 went to Jenny Lisle.

This Sunday is the second round of the Mens Club Championships with club secretary Jenny Lisle in charge of donating the trophy in conjunction where lady members are more than welcome to play despite being ineligible for the main competition.

Ladies Golf

Wednesday's Golf was a Stableford round and Graeme Betts Qualifier playing for Lorraine Walshe's trophy.

Sally McCormack blitzed the field with 38 points and the sweepstakes went to Lyn Laurie with 33 pts, Debbie Richards 32pts, Simone Sweeney 31 pts, and Julie Olrich with 29 pts.

There were no straight shooters on either of the pins on 3 or 16. Second shot on 9 was Lyn Laurie and second shot on 18 was Sal McCormack.

Maddie Lance was the winner of the beginners group.

Today will be a Stableford event for a Club trophy. It is the NEDGA 3 Day tournament at Inverell today, tomorrow and Friday and we will be represented by a good number of players. Good luck to all girls playing.

Touch Football

Walcha Touch Football Association will finalise their season this Saturday when the 2023 premiers from respective grades will be determined after the five grand finals are played at John Oxley sports ground commencing with the juniors at 2pm.

Five teams have already qualified for their big dance - Vikings (A), YTB's (B), Run DIPG (C), Junior Roos (D) and Green (juniors).

The winners of the Preliminary finals to be played on Thursday will take on those teams in the grand finals.

Preliminary finals are: A grade Water Buffaloes v ABTs (Ref Mud Dogs and Just the Tip); B grade Mud Dogs v Just the Tip (Ref Water Buffaloes and ABTs); C grade Muppets v Yea the Girls (Ref Untouchables and Savage and Average); D grade The Untouchables v Savage and Average (Refs Muppets and Yea the Girls). Juniors Yellow v Red





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Positions Vacant

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Walcha Council is currently recruiting for a Tourism Officer to join the team. The key focus of this position is to provide support and assistance to visitors to our region. They will assist the Coordinator with the planning and delivery of all functions of the tourism area. This position is permanent part-time (15 hours/week) and is a Grade 3 in Council's salary structure. Days of work to be negotiated with the successful applicant.

For further information and to apply, visit Council's website www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant.aspx
Applications close 9.00am Monday 27 March 2023.

Phil Hood Interim General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, WALCHA NSW



In Memoriam

Leo Tickle

1954 - 1983

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Public Notices

DR GENEVIEVE FREER

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Ed's note: Apologies, the landline number has been printed incorrectly for Dr Freer in the past 10 editions.

Seeking Public Input into the Naming of Rose Garden

The Walcha Rose Garden is situated on the corner of Derby Street and Thunderbolts Way and is a popular recent addition to our town. Further work is being undertaken this year using grant funding to add stone walls, an arch and fencing to finish the garden. Council is seeking public input over a two week period, to the naming of the Rose Garden and will shortlist these suggestions and return to the public for determination.

Suggestions close on Friday 24 March 2023.

Phillip Hood, Interim General Manager
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Meetings

Walcha Support Group Inc Thursday 30th March 1pm WCCC rooms Middle St. All Welcome.

Raffle Results

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WALCHA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

Mon – Wed 4.00pm – Close

Thursday 23 12.00pm – Close

Ladies bowls 9am for 9.30am start
Social bowls 1.00pm

Friday 24 2.00pm – Close

2.00pm Bingo

6.00pm Bistro

- Creamy Tuscan garlic prawns
- Pork belly
- Thai beef salad
- Normal menu available, takeaway and delicious dessert.

6.00pm Tickets available for raffles –
meat and veg trays

7.30pm Free Bingo

8.00pm Raffles drawn & Members Draw

Saturday 25 11.00am – Close

6:00pm Bistro

4-6pm HAPPY HOUR

Sunday 26 11.00am – Close

12.00pm Bistro open

Children U/10 kids meal free with an
adult order

12.00pm Meat, fruit and veg raffles

12-2pm HAPPY HOUR

**MEMBERS
DRAW
\$50**

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER FOR
2023/2024 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN

**EASTER KIDS
COLOURING
COMPETITION**

Entries available at the Club
Great prizes to be won
Closes Wednesday 5th April

TOM'S COCKTAIL
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26 March - from 12:00pm

OPEN MIC
Sing • Crack a Joke

♦ Tell a story
Make your own Chicken Parmy

Do you live in Walcha Shire? If so you **MUST** be a member to enter the Club
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