

# THE APSLEY Advocate

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## Adventure awaits in the Mystery Box Rally

What happens when you combine two guys with a passion for cars and adventure with an XF Falcon ute? An experience of a lifetime raising money for the Cancer Council whilst exploring Queensland!

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So what is the mystery? Teams drive their own 25+ year old cars along a mystery route in this unique five day challenge, all in the name of cancer research. The route is a loop starting and finishing at Bundaberg, but all the other details are kept under wraps, only given to the teams each morning.

The rally is not a race – it's a fun, colourful, unpredictable adventure with participants travelling at their own pace in smaller groups. Vehicles often break down but "we never leave anyone behind" and each night is spent camping beneath the stars and celebrating the day's achievements. It all adds up to an incredible opportunity to see Australia's vast and beautiful countryside and make lifelong friends, many brought together after experiencing cancer themselves or seeing cancer impact family and friends.



Since it's inception 11 years ago, the rally has been the largest fundraiser for the Cancer Council nationally.

Each team will need to raise a minimum amount of \$4,000 for Cancer Council but every extra dollar counts. The fundraising target for the Mystery Box Rally is \$1.3 million, with donations being tax deductible.

Cameron and Jed are looking to spruce up the XF with sponsorship stickers and it is only \$110 to get your business sticker on the ute. They each also have a donation box if you can spare some cash for this important cause. However donations can also be made online at [mysteryboxrally.com.au](http://mysteryboxrally.com.au), with their team name being 'Man's not a Camel'.

In the meantime they have been spending afternoons in the shed getting the ute ready for this big adventure, and are in the process of organising a raffle to boost their fundraising for the Cancer Council. So come on Walcha, dig deep and let's see 'Man's not a Camel' on the fundraising leaderboard.

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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The heat we were all complaining about last week seemed to help build some moisture with some decent falls of rain falling over the weekend. Falls of 30-60mm fell throughout the tablelands while isolated falls of 100mm were recorded in the central west. The forecast for the next 10 days looks to be promising for more moisture and the temperatures look to be staying relatively warm for the month of April, giving us a chance to grow some soft autumn feed for winter.

NSW Government is set for a change with Labor winning the NSW election and being the first time in power since their last win in 1995. The Labor majority may be slim with a much larger crossbench than past elections, just like last year's Federal Government win. The victory has occurred with an increasing number of minor party and independent votes, the largest crossbench in modern NSW history. The Northern Tablelands and North West are still in the National Party hands with Adam Marshall and Kevin Anderson sweeping the floor and retaining their seats. Our members will have an uphill battle as they sit on the opposition benches for the first time and try to get the best outcomes for our regions.

China has finally resumed its beef trade with Brazil after it was voluntarily suspended following a reported atypical case of BSE. Not only have China re admitted Brazilian beef exports it has also approved four additional beef plants that can export to China. The beef trade between Brazil and China is the largest in the world with more than 55% of Brazilian beef exports heading to China last year. While the suspension was in place it was noted that Brazilian beef farmers were losing up to \$25 million a day and now they have another four processing plants with a tick of approval from the Chinese government. Looks like China is putting a strangle hold on its supply of affordable beef from the largest beef producer in the world.

The Australia United Kingdom Free trade agreement has been given the tick of approval by the UK Parliament, removing tariffs on over 99 percent of Australian goods exported to UK annually. This is good news for Australian farmers and gives the people of the UK a sustainable option of high quality Australian produce on their supermarket shelves. Beef and sheep producers are set to benefit with immediate access granted for duty free quotas and a substantial rise in quotas over the next 10 years.

Tamworth fat sale more than halved on Monday with 810 cattle selling to mostly dearer trends on the back of some follow up rain. Restocker cattle met stronger demand selling up to 10c/kg dearer with Angus steers topping at 470c/kg for 251kg. Angus feeder steers made 408c/kg while feeder heifers topped at 375c/kg. Cows were in demand selling to a top of 276c/kg for some empty fat Angus cows out of Walcha. The rain didn't help the sheep and lamb market with numbers well back on the previous sale. A yarding of 2500 lambs met weaker competition with trade weights selling to a top of \$168, back \$20/hd and extra heavies topping at \$200, back \$60 from the previous week. Mutton also met reduced competition topping at \$130 for XB ewes to head back to the paddock. Majority of the mutton sold from \$70-100/hd.

If you're in the market for some quality, locally bred cattle be sure to check out the line up on AuctionsPlus this Thursday at 6pm in the New England Twilight Cattle sale. Over 5000 cattle have been assessed and there is something for everyone.



# Walcha/Uralla Cricket Premiers

By A.J. Cross

Walcha/Uralla were crowned Armidale and District 2nd grade premiership winners after they defeated minor premiers Easts by eight wickets at Rologas fields in Armidale last Sunday.

Sent in to bat the homeside managed to last 18 overs during which time they could only accumulate 35 runs where number six batter Clarrie Moran was the top scorer with nine runs.

Man of the Match Jay Grills sent down 4.4 overs to capture four wickets at a cost of nine runs after his last three scalps were claimed in nine deliveries without conceding a run.

Opener Sinclair Little snared 3/5 off his five overs while his opening partner Matt Harper collected 2/14 off his five overs whereas the only other bowler used Harkirat Singh grabbed the other wicket.

In reply the visitors lost two wickets, opener Ed Blomfield (4) and number three batter



Shannon Rafferty (2) leaving them 2/16 midway through their fifth over.

Opener Grills finalised the match in fairly abrupt style when he belted their opening bowler B Swilks to the boundary before lifting the final delivery of the game out of the ground.

The grand final was postponed for 24 hours due to the rain but on Saturday the 3rd grade did start on time and lasted 15 overs before it was called off with Walcha/Uralla and Guyra declared joint premiers.

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# Mayoral column

## Council's role in Renewable Energy

Over the last couple of months and especially since the close of submissions for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Winterbourne Wind Project I have heard and read a lot of comment about where your Council stands in relation to both the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), sometimes called the Community Benefit Fund, and the Road Infrastructure Agreement (RIA).

Firstly, Walcha Council has not signed off on either of these documents. VPAs are described as "negotiated between a Developer and a Council, for the provision of infrastructure to support communities". Vestas has presented both Uralla and Walcha Councils with a draft VPA and we are currently reviewing that document. It can be noted that in Vestas' public information the offer is \$1m on financial close and \$750,000 for 600 megawatt plus an extra \$1000 for every 1000mw annually when generation starts. If the project is successful in moving forward there are varying start dates but it may be two years at least.

Whatever name they go by, these forms of community compensation are nothing new. They exist in some form in the mining industry, large developments and many other projects.

Currently Walcha Council and Vestas have a very respectful engagement in all areas of this project and the negotiation around this VPA should be the same. Obviously the more we can extract the better for our community and Vestas have a commercial pathway to follow.

While the funding amount is important there is a lot of background negotiations that form how the agreement works for the life of the project. This structure is yet to be finalised but we will keep you updated on the proposal and place it on public display for your input.

Obviously the RIA is a much more complicated document and we are relying on assistance from the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors, our engineers, and the Department of Planning for experience in this area. We have spoken to Councils who have not had watertight agreements and have paid the price. The Oxley Hwy from Bendemeer to the sale yards is a Transport for NSW issue but we take over from there and have a minimum of 70kms of roads, culverts and bridges to protect. Depending on where water, gravel, sand etc are sourced could mean more of our local roads come into play.

Last week Interim GM Phil and myself had a zoom meeting with Clay Preshaw and Nicole Brewer from the DPIE and they are very open to information sharing and answering our questions. I believe we have a very respectful and open dialogue with both "the department" and Vestas. Council's neutral position on WWF does not mean we will not disagree or defend what we see our community needs. Moving forward each project will be assessed by Council on its merits. There has been a lot of discussion around the number of submissions that each "side" received. DPIE made it plain that only relevant and informed submissions are taken into account. The pathway for these projects is well worn and does not work on emotion.

A quick update on the progress through DPIE. Currently Vestas is responding to submissions and as was indicated in our zoom session there has been an extension of time granted because there were so many. When DPIE are satisfied they will make a recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission who will once again engage with our community in Walcha before determining the outcome. While they will not put a timeline on this it could take a while.

## Taxi

It was a pity to see a thumbs down to our taxi service last week. What is probably one of the greatest social assets for our community, it delivers far and beyond what it is obliged to do. To drop patrons, who are sometimes frail or elderly outside the door of the business they wish to enter, wait for them and help them back in defines what special people they are. The service has probably saved licences, marriages and maybe even lives. Available 24 hours a day and always with a smile. Julie, Mick and your drivers thank you for your service. This community appreciates it. If anyone deserves a thumbs down maybe it should be the people who park in their designated park.

## Skate Park

Disappointing too was the thumbs down to the Skate Park. There was a lot of public engagement in this process and Council's Manager of Project Delivery negotiated strongly with the project designers to bring the local input to the table. The "focus more on younger children" is about adding areas for them and not taking away from older children who have also had items added for them. It will be a great facility suited to all ages and encouraging families to visit.



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Followed by Touch Footy Game  
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## Taxi parking

**Re: Thumbs down in the Advocate regarding the taxi parking in areas around town other than the taxi rank.**

As a registered motor vehicle and a ratepayer of this town we are entitled to park wherever there is an available park. We often do park close to certain shops when we have elderly people who can't walk very far and just want to go in and get something from the store and we wait for them there. Also I might add on numerous occasions there are vehicles parked in the taxi rank so we have to park elsewhere.



If you would like to come and discuss your issues with me I would be only too happy to have a reasonable discussion about your concerns.

**Julie Keogh**

# New transition program at Yarrowitch

Yarrowitch Public School is a small rural school established in 1887 with dedicated staff, offering personalised learning programs for all students in a lovely rural environment.

We are reaching out to any potential new students by offering a transition program for children entering Kindergarten in 2024.

To help with the transition to school life we are offering the opportunity to participate in a Kindergarten transition program at Yarrowitch Public School starting Term 2 2023. This program will involve hands on activities and introduce new students to daily school routines. They will participate in lessons provided to the whole class, where they will be working with older students and teachers in an engaging and age-appropriate environment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school as we have information packs available and can answer any questions you may have.

Yarrowitch Public School 67777582, Email – [yarrowitch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yarrowitch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Website [www.yarrowitch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yarrowitch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)



## Walcha Council's

## April school holiday program



Tues 11 April 1 - 3 pm	<b>Polymer Clay Jewellery Making Workshop *</b>	Design and make your own jewellery Walcha Tennis Club All school aged youth
Thurs 13 April 2.30 - 4.30pm	<b>Lego Club *</b>	Practice building & try block printing with Cassie Walcha Library Ages 5+
Fri 14 April 11am - 1pm	<b>Origami for little hands *</b>	Paper folding fun at Walcha Library For children aged 5-8
Mon 17 April 10-11am	<b>Storytime at the Park</b>	Stories, games & fun for all ages at the new Lions Park
Mon 17 April 2.30 - 4pm	<b>Card Creations *</b>	Craft your own personal gift cards at Walcha Library. All school age youth welcome
Tues 18 April 2-3pm	<b>CNRL 'Cool guys' present, "PIT OF DOOM" workshop *</b>	Team up and prepare your robot for battle & avoid the deadly PIT OF DOOM! Walcha Library. Ages 9+
Thur 20 April	<b>Junior Indoor Hockey Clinic</b> <i>Come and try</i>	K-1: 9-10am Yr 2-3: 10-11am Yr 4-5: 11 - 12 noon Yr 6 & highschool: 12-1pm Youth Hall, Showgrounds

\* Bookings are essential - places are limited  
Call Walcha Council Library on 67742550 or email [library@walcha.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@walcha.nsw.gov.au) to book



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**As part of the Exhibition of Winterbourne Wind's EIS in November 2022, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) asked a number of Government agencies to report their findings about that document. Those findings also available for all to read, many pages of them, but not a positive word for Vestas and Winterbourne Wind to hide their perfidy behind.**

You're welcome to read all those reports; there are links on the Voice for Walcha website ([www.voiceforwalcha.com](http://www.voiceforwalcha.com)). But to cut to the chase, here are direct quotes from those agencies dealing with six main areas of major deficiency in that EIS, as well as two truly damning assessments by our own Council and Uralla's.

Be aware that what follows is not what some would happily call rumour-mongering and fact-fiddling by a bunch of divisive radicals. **THESE ARE FACTS** - cold hard undeniable facts from thorough reports by experts in their various fields - verbatim, word-for-word, straight from the (many) horses' mouths! So if it's the facts you want, read on.

#### **Advice on EIS from Dept of Planning & Environment – Water**

Insufficient information has been provided to confirm operational water take for the project. Insufficient information has been provided to understand the ability to obtain relevant entitlements in the required water source. Clear demonstration is requested as obtaining these entitlements can be a risk to the project.

#### **Advice on EIS from Heritage NSW – Aboriginal**

Based on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), provided in support of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), there is insufficient information provided for Heritage NSW to advise the Department on whether the management recommendations are adequate and if the ACHAR substantially complies with the SEARs.

In any event we believe the Dunghatti have rejected the ACHAR as a flawed process.

#### **Advice on EIS from Transport for NSW**

TfNSW has reviewed the development application and supporting documentation submitted and **is not satisfied** that the proposed development has adequately addressed the anticipated construction traffic impacts on the NSW state road and rail networks.

#### **Advice on EIS from Dept of Primary Industries**

We note the extension of the EIS submission timeframe to January 2023. Effort should be made to mitigate the issues arising in Walcha, for example workforce housing arrangements, community benefit fund distribution, local procurement, visual impacts, use of water resources, disruption to transport routes, decommissioning and rehabilitation.

#### **Walcha Council**

Council has reviewed the documents and appendices to the EIS and for reasons outlined in further detail below, considers that it is substantially devoid of critical information and data required to enable a thorough and informed assessment of the environment impacts associated with the Project. The information provided in the EIS in respect of the Project is inadequate, inaccurate and inconsistent.

#### **Uralla Council**

Council lodge an objection to the development of Winterbourne Wind Farm on the grounds that the following issues, that may impact substantially on residents of Uralla Shire, are inadequately addressed by the Environmental Impact Statement:

- Failure to adequately address quantities, sources and transport routes associated with road base, aggregate and sand associated with road, hardstand and tower foundation construction.
- Definition of mitigating measures in a qualitative rather than quantitative manner.
- Failure to adequately address disposal of general waste and solid non-recyclable waste management issues or to address the impact of their transport on Council roads.
- Failure to adequately address the cost and responsibility for decommissioning.
- Failure to identify the source of water, nor take into account the potential impact on Council roads and road users of water cartage for concrete production and dust suppression.
- Negative impact on visual amenity.
- Failure to adequately address significant heritage items

#### **Advice on EIS from NSW Biodiversity Conservation Division**

For biodiversity, the land category assessment is incomplete and has not considered critically endangered ecological communities and flora, avoidance and minimisation of impacts on biodiversity values is insufficient, vegetation mapping and vegetation zones are inaccurate, vegetation integrity scores may have been reduced by surveys undertaken during inappropriate seasonal conditions, the extent of impacts on serious and irreversible impact (SAII) entities is unacceptable, bird and bat utilisation data are insufficient to inform the assessment of impacts on these species, threatened fauna and flora surveys for some threatened species do not accord with the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) 2020, fauna species polygons for some threatened species are incorrect, the assessments for koala and greater glider have not considered the current listing status of these threatened species, prescribed and indirect impacts have not been offset, and impacts arising from the haul route have not been assessed or offset.

For NPWS estate, the assessment of the impacts on aerial firefighting and park operations has not addressed the issues raised by NPWS during consultation with the proponent, in its current form the proposal will impede NPWS firefighting capabilities and operations, the bushfire assessment has not sufficiently addressed the impacts on NPWS estate, the landscape and visual assessment is incorrect and does not sufficiently identify or avoid visual impacts on the declared wilderness, the noise assessment does not consider noise impacts on camping in the wilderness and does not sufficiently identify or avoid noise impacts on the declared wilderness, the impacts on habitat connectivity with NPWS estate have not been sufficiently mitigated, and electromagnetic interference with NPWS communications has not been sufficiently mitigated.

It is impossible to imagine that the above issues can be satisfactorily addressed by Winterbourne Wind. These professional evidence-based reports make it clear that this is a poorly delivered EIS for a poorly designed project. In the words of these professionals ...

**Insufficient, inadequate, inaccurate, inconsistent, inappropriate, incomplete, unacceptable, a failure.**

**We believe this 'failure' continues to waste community time and money.**

🔊 Listen to an audio version, plus links to the Agency reports listed above > [voiceforwalcha.com/facts](http://voiceforwalcha.com/facts)





# Photography competition

Australia's most trusted rural charity, Rural Aid, last week opened its fourth annual Spirit of the Bush photography competition.



The winning twelve photographs will be used in Rural Aid's stunning 2024 calendar.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said he was excited to see what the bush's talented photographers had captured this year.

"The photographs that are submitted are always breathtakingly raw, real, and reflect the highs and lows of life on the land," Mr Warlters said.

Winners will be awarded a feature in the 2024 calendar, and a \$250 pre-paid VISA card.

The competition closes 29 May, 2023.

To enter the competition, entrants must submit a high-resolution, landscape image via Instagram or Facebook, with the hashtag #SOTB2023 and tag @ruralaid in the picture, or upload their photo through the Woobox link: [www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush](http://www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush)

# Discovering science fun at St Patrick's

## From Principal Dallas Hyatt

Last Tuesday all classes participated in a number of sessions led by members of the University of New England Discover Science convenors.

Some of the activities included 'Living Latin' where all of the students had the opportunity to design and

make a brand-new species of animal, using other body parts from different animals. Also, the 'Thinking Like A Rock' activity was very popular as the students used magnifying glasses to distinguish various properties associated with different rocks.

It was a great experience and everyone were amazed at how science is actually cool and plays a big part in our daily lives. A big thank you goes out to Ms Wilson for organising these workshops. Hopefully we will be able to host these workshops again next year!



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100 M/S Angus Weaners

##### Kanimbla Grazing - EU

80 Angus Steers – Sire Ben Nevis Angus

##### EL & SL Fogarty

100 Angus X Weaner Steers

##### G & K Oversby

40 Angus X Weaner Steers

##### Mt Carrington Past Co

40 Angus X Weaner Steers

##### JA & KD Southeron

70 M/S Angus X Weaners

##### ME & TA Worth - EU

40 Angus Weaner Heifers

##### NR & CM Stackman - EU

40 Angus Weaner Heifers

##### Petali Past Co - EU

130 Angus Steers

##### Miramoonna Past Co

40 Angus Weaner Steers

##### GF Berry - EU

100 Angus Steers

50 Angus Heifers

##### Temuco Partnership

100 Angus Steers

##### Lockyer Livestock - EU

30 Angus Weaner Steers - Sire Nairn Park Ang

##### J & D Wall

30 M/S Angus Wagyu weaners

Wagyu Bull Reg ROCFP01383

##### Brookeside Pastoral - EU

30 Steers

##### Greg Stuart

70 M/S Angus Weaners

##### Wirribilla Farms Pty Ltd

56 Angus & Angus X Heifers

##### Kawana North Grazing

20 Angus Steers

##### Rosella Rural - EU

8 Angus Heifers

#### Feeders

##### Novine Pty Ltd

300 Angus Steers

##### NR & CM Stackman - EU

30 Angus Steers

##### ME & TA Worth - EU

45 Angus Steers

##### Peter Howard - EU

60 Angus Steers

##### QN & TR Webb

70 Angus Heifers

#### Feeders cont.

##### Ian Notley

15 Angus Steers

##### TA Field Estates

51 Angus Steers

##### C Goodwin

30 Steers

##### RF & PM King

150 Angus Steers

##### Glen Collin Past Co

400 Angus Steers (Bovilis Treated)

##### GCM Grazing

100 Angus Steers (Bovilis Treated)

##### RM & PL Wright

40 Angus Heifers

##### Auchen Dhu Pastoral

50 Angus Heifers

##### 3SB Pastoral

50 Angus Heifers

#### Breeders

##### HN & J Fraser

100 PTIC Speckle Park Cows & Calves

##### RA & SE McClenaghan

250 PTIC Angus Heifers to LBW Angus Bulls

##### AD Commodities - EU

50 PTIC Angus Cows

##### CR Norton

50 PTIC Angus Heifers to LBW Angus Bulls

##### D Paul

50 PTIC Red Angus Cows

##### JK & NA Simmons

50 PTIC BB Heifers to LBW Angus Bulls

##### Brookside Pastoral - EU

50 PTIC Santa Gertrudis Heifers

50 Santa Gertrudis joiner weight Heifers

##### Eco Produce

40 PTIC Angus Heifers to LBW Angus Bulls

##### P&L Stacey

40 PTIC Angus Heifers to LBW Angus Bulls

##### MHPF Endfield North

50 PTIC Angus Cows

##### MHPF Warrane

100 PTE Angus Heifers

150 PTIC Angus Cows (mixed age)

60 PTE Young Cows

##### Gaynor Martin

13 PTIC Hereford Cows & Calves

##### VH Enterprises

25 PTIC Angus X Hereford Cows

##### B Roberts Thompson

16 PTIC Cows

#### Breeders cont.

##### EA Blake & Sons

300 PTIC Angus Heifers to high quality Wagyu Bulls

##### JA & KD Southeron

20 Brangus Heifers CAF rejoin to

Ben Nev Angus Bulls

9 Limo Cows CAF rejoin to Angus Bull

##### Lagoona Downs

50 Angus Cows & Calves

##### AJ Scott

40 PTIC Heifers

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60 PTIC Angus Cows (3.5yrs) with 250kg CAF

##### Longblow Pastoral

100 XB Cows

##### G Stier & A Callister

30 Angus Heifers PTIC to Wagyu

##### Don Kermod & Co - EU

100 PTIC Angus X Heifers to Black Bulls

##### Kawana Lea Livestock

30 PTIC S/horn Heifers AI to S/horn Bull

30 Angus Cows with Angus Calves

30 S/horn Cows with Calves

##### I & H Crawford

40 PTIC Angus Heifers to Angus Bulls

##### Branga Plains Past Co

70 Hereford Cows PTIC to Hereford Bulls

60 Angus Heifers PTE - EU

##### Chris Lisle

10 Hereford Cows PTIC to Hereford

Bulls 3-5 years

8 Poll Hereford Heifers PTIC to Angus Bulls

##### Greenwells Grazing

22 PTIC Heifers to Angus Bull

##### QN & TR Webb

15 Angus Heifers with Angus Calves

##### Highrent Angus

42 PTIC Angus Heifers

##### GF Berry

9 PTIC Angus Heifers

##### QN & TR Webb

60 PTE Angus Heifers (15-17m)

##### R & J Green

15 Angus Heifers with Angus Calves

##### D & N Powell - EU

25 PTIC Angus Heifers



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# What's the Goss

With A.J. CROSS



**Attention all Footy Followers** - please be aware a Jackie Byrne Memorial Rugby League Day is being held at Peter Fenwicke Oval this Saturday 1st April commencing with a Ladies League match at 12:30pm followed by a touch footy game between kids and oldies before a Walcha/Uralla mens team takes on Dungowan in a trial match around 2:15pm. All gold coin entry fees will go to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. BYOG cans only as no bottles are permitted on Peter Fenwicke Oval.

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**A couple of former local Detectives** Greig Stier and David Walker are extremely sad to hear their former colleague, mentor and great mate Detective Inspector Bob Drew has been seriously injured in a fall off a horse near Tamworth recently. By all accounts Bob is a bit of a character and must have been a hell of an educator as you could only imagine attempting to keep 'Stiery' and 'Scrawny' on the straight and narrow in their early days. The 'Dynamic Duo' would like to let Bob's wife Gail, son Troy and daughter Sarah Bruce that their thoughts and prayers are with the family during these testing times as Bob recovers in Royal North Shore Hospital.

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**The Walcha Flippers finalised the 2022/23** season yesterday when they held their annual presentations at the pool. All championship winners will be revealed next week in the Apsley Advocate.

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**Congratulations to both Walcha/Uralla** cricket teams on winning their Armidale and District competitions under different circumstances last weekend. Although Second Grade was called off before a ball was bowled on Saturday Third Grade went ahead only to be abandoned after 18 overs meaning Walcha/Uralla and Guyra were declared joint premiers.

**After Second Grade was postponed** for 24 hours Walcha/Uralla won the toss and sent Easts in to bat on the Rologas wicket probably thinking they were going to be there for a lot more than 27 overs which is how long the entire grand final went for. No Easts batsman reached double figures as they were bundled out for 35 runs half way through their 19th over. All our trundlers took wickets, Jay Grills 4/9, Sinclair Little 3/5, Matt Harper 2/14 and Harkirat 'The Prince' Singh 1/7.

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**Eight overs was all it took for Walcha/Uralla** to pass their assignment with 'Man of the Match' Jay Grills in a hurry to sample a celebratory syrup as he smacked a quickfire 21 runs not out which included a six to end the competition decider. Well done to both teams on their first season in the Armidale competitions. You can't do much better than to finish Premiers. Good on ya boys and all the best for the 2023/24 season.

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**Talented Walcha Central School** athlete Jack Bullen is currently representing North West at the NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association U15's touch championships in Nelson Bay over two days with the competition finishing today. Jack is hoping to be back home to take on Dorriggo tomorrow and was a member of the YTB team that won the local B grade grand final last Saturday.

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**Best of luck to the Walcha Central School** students who have been selected to represent North West at the NSW PSSA swimming titles at Homebush next week. Blaine Cooney, Nathan Ross along with Taylor sisters Anthea and Penelope qualified for individual events at the recent North West trials, while Blaine and Nathan will team up with Dustin and Simon Wellings in the senior boys relay. Go gettun guys.

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**My humblest apologies** to the three hard working Golf Club members that were left out of the Annual General Meeting report last week. Captain Willy Brennan has commenced his 19th year as club skipper whereas Patrons Col Berry and Margaret Davidson were both returned to their positions. Sorry about that guys.



## 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 dual 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

**Outside Entries:** Large log grab, 8" Auger approx 30ft, Unregd flatbed Mitsubishi Canter truck hyd. tailgate, qty sawn timber, 7" Auger approx. 30ft, timber garden beds, qty corrugated iron, 1" gal rod-various lengths, qty doors

**Terms:** ID required – bid card numbers system operating. Cash or approved cheque on sale day.

**Catering:** Refreshments and BBQ lunch available on site.

# WALCHA SHOW FINAL RESULTS

## PET SHOW

**Champion Pet** Bad Idea; **Best Bird** Millie the Araucana hen; **Best Insect** 1st Butter the butterfly, 2nd Hoppy the Grasshopper; **Best Cat or Kitten** 1st Noodles, 2nd Polly Blossom; **Best Pet not Mentioned** 1st Bad Idea the Bearded Dragon, 2nd Strippy, Stripey and Eustas Hermit Crabs; **Best Large Dog** 1st Zero, 2nd Pippa; **Best Small / Toy Dog or Puppy** 1st Wilfred, 2nd Georgie. **Best Trick** 1st Banjo, 2nd Soxs; **Best Decorated** 1st Wilfred, 2nd Dot.

## FINE ARTS

**Junior 6yrs and Under** 1st Alfie Davey, 2nd Eve Hayton and Highly Commended, Lisa Blake. **8yrs and Under** 1st Oscar Young, 2nd Fergus Davey and Highly commended McKenzie Wark. **12yrs and Under** 1st Lachie Provost, 2nd Aggie Street and Highly commended Anna Blake. **17yrs and under** 1st Harry Hawthorn, 2nd Connor Sweeney and Highly commended Connor Sweeney. **17yrs and under 3D** 1st Connor Sweeney, 2nd Connor Sweeney and Highly Commended Sage Knott. **Open section Painting, oil or acrylic on canvas Section 1** 1st Fiona Smith, 2nd Julie Foster and Highly Commended Natalia Rudnicki. **Section 2 Work on paper, any medium** 1st Fiona McCormack, 2nd Natalia Rudnicki and Highly Commended Yvonne Richards. **Section 3 Novice, any medium** 1st Tabitha Ham, 2nd Archie Little and Highly Commended Matilda Hall. **Section 4 Open any subject** 1st Yvonne Richards, 2nd Adrian Pollard and Highly Commended Fiona McCormack. **Overall champions** Junior Connor Sweeney, Open section Fiona Smith.

## GUESS LIVE WEIGHT

**Weight of Steer 630kg** 1st Cameron Lisle, 2nd Dick Walshe.

**Weight of Sheep 122kg** Equal first between five entrants: Norm Bazeley, Michael Makeham, H Gillham, Cameron Lisle, Julie Butler.

## PRIME LAMBS

**HOOF RESULTS Trade Lamb (Woolly)** 1st KR & SM Green, 2nd KR & SM Green, 3rd Maryland Farm. **(Shorn)** 1st C Norton, 2nd C Norton, 3rd T Norton.

**Export Lamb (Woolly)** 1st T Norton, 2nd Troy Davey, 3rd C Norton. **(Shorn)** 1st J Norton, 2nd C Norton, 3rd J Norton.

**Champion Lamb** J Norton, **Most Successful Exhibitor** C Norton, **Champion Export** J Norton, **Champion Trade** KR & SM Green, **Grand Champion** J Norton.

**HOOK RESULTS Trade Lamb (Woolly)** 1st T Norton, Equal 2nd NEGS and Maryland Farm. **(Shorn)** 1st IA & ME Barnett, 2nd T Norton, Equal 3rd T Norton and C Norton.

**Export Lamb (Woolly)** 1st T Norton, Equal 2nd T Norton and PA & MA Stuart. **(Shorn)** 1st IA & ME Barnett, 2nd C Norton, Equal 3rd J Norton and T Norton. **Champion Lamb Export** J Norton, **Champion Lamb Trade** IA &

ME Barnett, **Champion Export Pen** IA & ME Barnett, **Champion Trade Pen (Equal)** IA & ME Barnett and T Norton.

## SPORTS SHEAR

**Novice** 1 Ayla Ansell, 2 Charlie Baker, 3 Karina Partridge, 4 Jason Naylor. **Intermediate** 1 Andrew Kelly, 2 Brenton Robinson, 3 Jayden Rossiter, 4 Jack Lockyer. **Seniors** 1 Blake York, 2 Zac Mallise, 3 Matt Gillham, 4 Lynden Partridge. **Open** 1 Luke Foster, 2 Jeremy Newberry, 3 Erik Klabe, 4 Steve Mudford.

## WOODCHOP

**250mm Veterans/Masters Standing Block Handicap** 1st James Livingstone, 2nd Andrew Moran, 3rd Bruce Brand.

**300mm Underhand Handicap** 1st Lincoln Gill, 2nd Bruce Brand, 3rd Jordan Peterson.

**250mm Junior/Novice Underhand** 1st Luke Newberry, 2nd Ann Shipman, 3rd Tommy Gill.

**250mm Standing Block Handicap** 1st Bruce Brand, 2nd Craig Fittock, 3rd Luke Newberry.

**350mm Standing Block Championship** 1st Mitchell Scrivener, 2nd Austin Scrivener, 3rd Jock Barnett.

**275mm Underhand Handicap** 1st James Livingstone, 2nd Craig Fittock, 3rd Graham Peterson.

**300mm Standing Block Handicap** 1st Austin Scrivener, 2nd James Livingstone, 3rd Mitchell Scrivener.

**300mm Tree Handicap Handicap** 1st Mitchell Scrivener, 2nd Austin Scrivener, 3rd Jordan Peterson.

**Double Handed Sawing** 1st Andrew Moran & Jock Barnett, 2nd Ann Shipman & Jordan Peterson, 3rd Austin & Mitchell Scrivener.



James Sweeney with 14 month old bitch Possum Flat Spider, winner of the Local Yard Dog trial at 2023 Walcha Show

## Coastrek

Sarah and I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Heart Foundation. We raised over \$900, which is fantastic. Good on you Walcha. Congratulations to Dianne Green who was the winner of the New Birds Raffle for \$300.

What a wonderful experience the Coastrek was, I highly recommend it to anyone. Many, many thanks to my daughter Sarah.

From Shelley Relf



## thumbs



👍 To Walcha Touch Football Association's dedicated and hard-working committee. Your tireless efforts haven't gone unnoticed and are appreciated by the players.

👍 To Walcha Hospital's doctor on duty and nursing staff for their attention to a visitor in town for the weekend who needed urgent care. Very much appreciated.

👍 To Walcha Community Care for a lovely morning tea at Guyra. I also really enjoyed Harmony Day at Glen Innes.

👍 Thank you Tim Sutton for your help with my phone.

👍 To the Council for cleaning up the table at the Millhole. Very much appreciated.

👍 To Dark's Plumbing. We had a problem and they fixed it that afternoon. Excellent service.

👍 To Charlie Szpitalak for a wonderful job done on my car tail light.

👎 To the person who steals the flowers from the McHattan Park toilets. Those flowers are there for the pleasure of the public.

👎 To those who remove flowers from graves and cremation plaques at the general cemetery.

**Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must be accompanied by your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.**



# Walcha Touch Football Grand Finals

Walcha Touch Football finalised their 2022/23 season when five Grand Final matches were played at John Oxley Sports ground on Saturday 25 March. While the conditions were damp at times, the afternoon saw ten teams contest some exciting matches. Well done to all of the teams that made it through to the Grand Final of their respective grade and congratulations to the winners pictured below.



Above: A Grade Premiers ABT's. Right: B Grade Premiers YTB.

**A Grade:** ABT's 2 (tries to Preston Boyd and Matt Tisdell) defeated Vikings 1 (Tully Muller). Player of the Match – Jhorden Coulter

**B Grade:** YTB 4 (Hunter O'Connell 2, Shaun McKenna, Riley Bloomfield) defeated Mud Dogs 2 (Chris Broadbent, Lachlan Brown). Player of the Match – Shaun McKenna.

**C Grade:** Muppets 4 (Ben Cross, Sam Lisle) defeated RunDIPG 0. Player of the Match – Ben Cross.

**D Grade:** Junior Roos 10 (Fletcher France 5, Hugo Ussher 3, Byron Cross, Koby Brennan) defeated Untouchables 5 (Isabella Mooney 2, Emily Ussher 2, Isabella Atkins 1). Player of the Match Isabell Atkins.

**Juniors:** Yellow 4 (Kobie Brown 2, Byron Cross, Hudson France) defeated Green 3 (Flynn O'Connell 2, Charlie Lisle 1). Player of the Match – Yellow Kobie Brown and Green Flynn O'Connell.



Above: C Grade Premiers Muppets  
Right: D Grade Premiers Junior Roos  
Far right: Junior Premiers Yellow



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## Cricket

### Walcha/Uralla v Easts Second Grade

#### Easts

C GREEN b M Harper.....	0
M HARRIS c H Singh b M Harper .....	3
M FOSTER c C Boyd b S Little .....	1
H EICHORN c S Rafferty b S Little.....	6
C FOSTER c E Blomfield b S Little.....	2
C MORAN c B Moore b J Grills .....	9
J MILLER LBW H Singh .....	4
J SIMPSON c C Boyd b J Grills.....	4
E RELF c M Harper b J Grills .....	0
L MONTGOMERY not out .....	2
B SWILKS c B Hoy b J Grills .....	0
Total 35. Extras 4. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
S Little 5-2-5-3, M Harper 5-0-14-2, J Grills 4-4-1-9-4, H Singh 4-2-7-1.	

#### Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD c J Simpson b B Swilks .....	4
J GRILLS not out .....	21
S RAFFERTY LBW E Relf .....	2
D BOYD not out .....	5
Total 40. Extras 7. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
E Relf 4-0-17-1, B Swilks 4-1-18-1.	

## Tennis

Round 7 (the last ordinary round of the Summer Comp) was played out in misty conditions on Tues 21 March.

Saunders: M Lockyer, D Wall, A Pendlebury and T Bird defeated Gavrilova: D Clark, M Ireland, G Wall and A Tozer 30 to 24. Popyrin: D Healey (Floater), J Jones, J Fletcher and D Bird defeated Kokkinaakas: E Blomfield, C Bruce, M Bird and T Gibson (Floater) 24 to 21 in a great close match. Ebdon: H Thomson, E Wauch, K Smith and M Luchich spanked Tomljanovic: B Hoy (Floater), P O'Brien, B

Konneron and R Mathews 33 to 18.

Good luck to our four teams competing in the Semi-Final on Tues 28 March. Kokkinaakas, Popyrin, Tomljanovic and Ebdon. Stay posted for info on the 2023 Eskimo Comp starting on Tuesday 2 May. See you all at the net soon.

## Bowls

**Dads Army:** Two games of triples were played on Thursday afternoon. The first game saw Brian Goodwin, Peter Hayes and John Watts play Tony Asmus, Noel Goodwin and Geoff Salt in a close game. After twelve ends the latter led 10 - 9 only to see Brian, Peter and John win the remaining ends to win 15 - 10. The second game saw Barry Kliendienst, John McCormack and Neil Dark win eleven of the sixteen ends to defeat Mick Bullen, Matt Andrews and Eric O'Keefe 21 - 13. Brian, Peter and John won the chooks and the raffle was won by 'Fred' Cameron.

## Ladies Bowls

Last week eight ladies attended bowls and played two games of three bowls pairs. The game between Jan Cross and June against Esther and Janice went to the last end with June and Jan winning 18-13. The other game saw Janet and Marg Tickle defeat Pat and Phyllis 19-6.

This Thursday the Club Championships start with a game of minor singles and major singles the draw is Sari Andrews v's Marg Tickle marker Phyllis, and Esther Hunt v's June Hayes marker Pam. Also there is social bowls. Players are reminded full club uniform please.

## At the 19th

Reigning Club Champion Andrew Bowden increased his lead to eight shots when the second round of the 2023 Championships were played last Sunday after he carded a two over par 72. He is currently sitting on 146 (74,72) ahead of Kyle Goodwin 154 (81,73), Michael Stackman 161 (80,81) and David Sweeney 163 (81, 82).

In B Grade Ross King retains his lead on 171 (83,88) from current B Grade Champion Jamie Bowden 180 (91,89),

Deon Lawrence 181 (95,86) and Doug McDonald on 182 (91,91).

Overall winner on the day was C Grade leader Drew Bird after he registered a handy 67 nett on the back of 88 off the stick which entitled him to a trophy donated by Secretary Jenny Lisle.

Sweepstakes to Jock McLaren, Kyle Goodwin, Willy Brennan and Deon Lawrence all 68 nett, Andrew Bowden 72, Lee Fletcher and David Sweeney 73.

A dozen players are within eight shots of each other in the Nick Cross Memorial Trophy for the best three round nett score where Drew Bird is on top with 141 followed by Ross King 142, Willy Brennan 143, Kyle Goodwin 144, David Sweeney and Deon Lawrence 145, Michael Stackman and Andrew Bowden 146, Crichton Barr 147, Alex Gill and Doug McDonald 148 and Lee Fletcher 149.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Willy Brennan (3), Lee Fletcher (9), Michael Stackman (16) and Drew Bird (18).

Next Sunday is the third and final round of the 2023 Championships where President Allan Green is in charge of supplying the prize.

## Ladies Golf

While fifteen of us were out at Inverell for the NEDGA tournament, a Stableford was played on Wednesday for a Club trophy.

Margaret Davidson was the winner with 33 points and Jenny Lisle claimed the sweepstakes with 31 points. No-one reached the pin on Hole 3. Maddie Lance was the winner of the 9 holes.

It was a challenge out at Inverell, but not for all. Firstly, Cheryl McDonald won the Division 1 NTP on the first day. The second day saw Vicki Heffernan win the Division 2, 18 Hole nett and she also came in the nett winner Division 2 for the 36 holes.

The third day was the Foursomes event and again another success for Julie Olrich and Sally McCormack winning the Division 2 gross. Excellent effort from our girls. Walcha had the largest amount of players representing their Club.

Today we are playing a Graham Betts Stableford qualifier for the IGA trophy.

# Touch Football Runners Up



Runners-up for the 2022 - 2023 Touch Football season were as follows: Top Left : A Grade Vikings. Top Right: Mud Dogs. Above D Grade Untouchables. Left: Juniors Green Team. Right: C Grade Run DIPG.





# 2022 – 2023 Senior Indoor Hockey

## From Indoor Hockey Committee

Thank you to all the Senior Indoor Hockey players for a fantastic 2022 – 2023 season. At the culmination of two weeks of exciting and fast paced finals, where all teams turned it up a notch, the Youth Hall was full to the brim with enthusiastic spectators to watch the closely contested grand finals. Thank you for your support. A huge congratulations to all the players.

Grand Final results as follows: **Women's C Grade:** Winners Ugly Pucklings and Runners-up Rubber Ducks. **Women's B Grade:** Winners Savvy and Runners-up Stick Magnets. **Women's A Grade:** Winners Star Fish and Runners-up Puck Its. **Men's A Grade:** Winners Carrier Boys and Runners-up Wannabes.



**Womens A Grade – Star Fish:** Emma Wauch, Amanda Scott, Courtney Wark, Nadine Powell, Kim Lisle.



**B Grade: Savvy –** Destinee Day, Holly Fletcher, Sam Lockyer, Brooke Jeffrey, Alice Flanagan



**Runners-up**  
Top left Womens A Grade Puck Its  
Left B Grade Stick Magnets.  
Top right Mens A Grade Wannabes.  
Right C Grade Rubber Ducks.

A special thank you to the finals referees for their dedicated effort and expertise over the last fortnight.

The committee would love you to join them for our presentation night at the Bowling Club on Saturday 1 April from 6.00pm to celebrate our season. \$25/hd at the door. Please RSVP to Jordie 0427 727 990 by Wednesday (today).



**Mens A Grade: Carrier Boys –** Troy Hawkins, Shaun McKenna, Chaden Hawkins, Michael Aspinall, Daniel Boyd, Josh Lockyer, Michael Stackman.



**C Grade: Ugly Pucklings –** Alysha Laurie, Amie Clark, Kylie Faux, Ali Jones, Stephanie Cross, Ashleigh Olrich.





## Positions Vacant



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If this sounds like you, please contact  
Thomas Henry, Branch Manager Elders  
Walcha  
0409 659 877 or 0267 742 600

## Positions Vacant (cont)

### ROADS REPORTING OFFICER



Walcha Council is currently recruiting for a fulltime permanent position in our Infrastructure team! The primary responsibilities of this position are to assist the Works Manager – Roads with the management of our Roads Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC), undertake RMCC and other road infrastructure surveillance/administration activities, and monitor, prepare and submit all RMCC and other road infrastructure reports in accordance with Commonwealth and State Government reporting guidelines, requirements and deadlines.

This position will also assist the Local & Urban Roads and Classified Roads Works Coordinators. Such work will include performing routine surveillance of infrastructure works (in progress and post completion) and liaising directly with State and Federal Government agencies to ensure works are delivered to the required standard and within agreed timeframes.

For further information and to apply, visit Council's website

Applications close Sunday 16 April 2023.

Phillip Hood, Interim General Manager  
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

## Meetings

**Nowendoc Rural Fire Brigade AGM**, 15 April 1:00pm at the fire shed. All welcome.

## Public Notices

**CommBank Walcha** accepting donations in branch for **CLOWN DOCTORS** from 31/3 to 28/4. Thank you for your support.

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

**Bendemeer Art Show** entry forms due 6th April, 2023. Online: [www.bendemeerartshow.org](http://www.bendemeerartshow.org) or PO Box756 Bendemeer 2355.

**Registrations are now open** for Junior Indoor Hockey <https://forms.gle/DZ8BzY6zw12C5zV9>

Season will start term two Thursday afternoon for K-12 students more information email [walchajuniorindoorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:walchajuniorindoorhockey@gmail.com)

## Public Notices (cont)

### WALCHA BATHS 2022/23 SEASON CLOSURE



Residents are advised that the 2022/2023 swimming season will be finishing on Sunday 2 April 2023 and the swimming pool will be closed from 6pm that day.

Phillip Hood, Interim General Manager  
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

### Walcha General Practice Clinic FLU CLINIC

Bookings are now being taken for Flu Vaccinations and Covid Booster's to be held at the Walcha Show Ground in April. Call 6777 4293 to make a booking.

## For Sale

**DJ'S Firewood** – Best wood in the district. Wood that actually burns. Delivery days - All day Saturday and Sunday afternoon OR pickup from Niangala Saturday 1.00 – 4.00pm. Phone 0427 335 631 or 6769 2395.

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## Agistment Wanted

**Agistment/lease wanted** around Woolbrook, Niangala, Bendemeer or Walcha for a small mob of very quiet heifers. Phone Nathan: 0473 878 144.

## Thank you

Jock and Carley McLaren together with the Walcha Show Society would like to thank the sponsors of the Merino Judging at the Walcha Show:

NAB Agribusiness Armidale, Betts Transport, Walcha Carrying Co, Elders Walcha, Nutrien Boultons, Walcha Vet Supplies, Richardsons Hardware and Agriculture, AWN Pittsons, Nerstane Pastoral Co, Westvale Merino Stud, Airlie Merinos, Shalimar Park Stud, Will and Sarah Fletcher, Queenlea Merino Stud and Karori Merino Stud.

And a huge thank you to Sonia O'Keefe and her staff at the luncheon Pavillion for providing delicious meals throughout the day.

## Raffle Results

Winner of Anglican Street Stall Guessing Comp. Load of wood Jenny Hoy. 4 guessed 111 pieces wood on ute. Drawn from hat by Bill Duncan at Newsagency.

## APSLEY ADVOCATE UPCOMING EDITIONS

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**Friday 31** 2.00pm – Close

**2.00pm** Bingo

**6.00pm** Bistro

- Beer battered fish
- Pulled beef burger
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**6.00pm** Tickets available for raffles –  
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**7.30pm** Free Bingo

**8.00pm** Raffles drawn & Members Draw

**Saturday 1** 11.00am – Close

6:00pm Bistro

4-6pm HAPPY HOUR

**Sunday 2** 11.00am – Close

**12.00pm** Bistro open

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