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Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall (front) opens the new-look Lions Park. Pictured with Councillors Aurora Reilly, Eric Noakes, Acting General Manager Phillip Hood, Lions Peter Boyd and Ian Bird, Rachael Wellings

## Lions Park swings into action

Laughter echoed through the streets of Walcha on Monday with children excitedly jumping, swinging and sliding their way through the new Lions Park which was officially opened by Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall.

The old tractors were removed in January to make way for this modern farm-themed park which includes a silo, chooks, sheep, motorbike rides and so much more. The park also boasts a large grassed picnic area for families to enjoy, and the very well-maintained BBQ and seating area which the Lions Club previously constructed.

In opening the Park, Adam Marshall said that the re-development was made possible through a grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund which Council received following the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/20.

"This is the very best welcome mat to this side of town you could have. The addition of a fence now allows events, functions and birthday parties to be held."

Both Adam Marshall and Acting Council General Manager Phillip Hood congratulated Rachael Wellings and the Lions Club on the design and co-ordination of the re-development, as well as project manager Will Fenwicke. "They had a clear vision and co-ordination. The project came in under budget and went well from start to finish," he said.

The park came in at \$414,000 as well as \$9000 in-kind from the Lions Club.

Rachael Wellings said that she is really excited now that the project has come to fruition. "I ran for Council to help improve services for the youth in town. I hope everyone really enjoys the park."

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# Tennis fun

**From Emma Wauch**

The Community Play Program at the Tennis Club concluded before Easter. The program was held over Term 1 on a Saturday morning, and a 4 -week Junior Competition on a Monday afternoon.



*Yellow, Purple and Green groups after a fun term of tennis*

There were great numbers of children participating on a Saturday morning. It is a great way to introduce children to tennis, build their confidence and develop their fundamental movement skills, all whilst having lots of fun. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents that supported this program and who helped on court on a Saturday morning, Pip, Karen, Amanda, Karen, Jess, Todd, Hugh, Jen, and Nadine. I would also like to say a big thank you to Trevor, Hyde and Dennis for their support and running of the canteen.

For the Junior Tennis Competition on a Monday afternoon, we had three groups battling it out in a round robin competition. The Yellow Group had a very a close contest with Hamish, Nate, Jack and Henry all ending up on 16 points, it came down to a play off. Henry was the winner of the singles competition. Nate took out the most points in the doubles and Jack received the award for Tennis Etiquette.

In the purple group, Indie took out the singles with 94 points out of 96, Grace was next on

91 and Shaun on 90 points. It was very close. The doubles were taken out by three winners, Indie, Shaun, and Josie all ending up 44 points out of a possible 48. Katie was our winner for the Tennis Etiquette Award which looks at being respectful to your opponent and gathering an understanding of the tennis rules.

The Green group battled it out in a double's competition. Nina came out on top with 88 points to claim the green group title, closely behind was Airlee on 84 points. Tom took home the Tennis Etiquette Award.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the children involved. They created a fun competition filled with good sportsmanship. I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and adults that helped with umpiring and made the competition possible.

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# Anzac Day in Walcha

Next Tuesday Walcha residents have the opportunity to attend two services in town commemorating Anzac Day.

The Dawn Service will begin at 6am at the War Memorial Monument on the corner of Hill and Derby Streets.

The Main Service will form up at the corner of Hill and South Street at 10:30am for a 10:45am step off. The March will proceed to the Memorial Park for an 11am service.

Following the Main Service lunch will be available at the Bowling Club, followed by the popular after noon of Two-up which will commence at 2pm.

A \$20 meal deal will be on offer at the Bowling Club after the March which includes a Schnitty and Chips, Schooner of beer/soft drink or a glass of wine and \$20 worth of raffle tickets.



## Have a hit of tennis for Trish

### From Walcha Tennis Club

The Walcha District Tennis Club extends an invitation to all members of the Walcha Community to attend an afternoon of Tennis to celebrate the memory of Trish Partridge. The event will commence at 2pm and be held at the Club House in Lagoon Street on Saturday 29th April and conclude with a BBQ dinner starting around 5pm.

Please RSVP by 26th April to Roxana Mathews 0455 501 482 or Jen Hoy 0427 367 711 so they can organise catering. Trish was involved with many Community Groups. Anyone that knew Trish is welcome to attend the event and celebrate her life.

Thank you Trish for all that you did to support your family, friends and our local community. Bless you.

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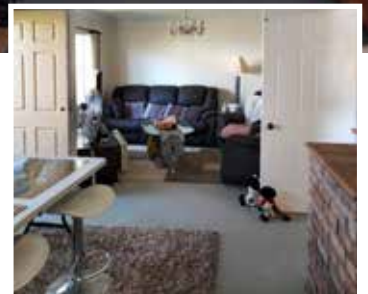


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## Flu cases 100 times higher in 2023 than 2022



**By Dr Deng Abiem**

Influenza cases are resurging exponentially this year. In the first 3 months of 2023, there have been 8000 cases of laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza. In 2022, over the same period, there were only 80 cases. This is because of artificial protection created by strict COVID measures which almost eliminated the flu in 2020 and 2021. However, influenza is still a potentially deadly virus to vulnerable adult and children and vaccination against the flu is our best form of defense. The groups who are particularly vulnerable to flu are children, older adults over 65 years, pregnant women, ATSI people and people with chronic medical conditions.

The flu vaccine is therefore not only recommended for the above vulnerable groups but it is also funded by the government.

The 2023 influenza season is expected to be severe because our herd immunity against the flu is less than in the pre-COVID times because of fewer flu infections during COVID restrictions plus lower flu vaccination uptake in recent years.

The peak flu season varies from year to year and is hard to predict with higher degree of certainty. The general trend is that cases begin rising from April/May to their peak around June to August before they begin falling in October. It is therefore important to have your flu vaccination before June 2023.

The 2023 flu vaccine has been updated to protect against more recently circulating strains.

There are different types of the flu vaccines. Some more effective in older people aged over 65 years, some for younger adults and children and others available for people with egg allergies.

Flu vaccine can be given on the same day as COVID vaccine.

COVID-19 is now becoming like the flu virus and has become endemic. There has been recent spike in reported cases according to latest surveillance report due to omicron immune-evading subvariants but this is not expected to lead to a massive outbreak.

Health authorities have recommended a 2023 COVID-19 vaccine booster dose to be given before June 2023 if your last COVID vaccine dose or confirmed infection was 6 months or longer regardless of the number of prior doses received.

Older adults aged over 65 years, adults or children with immunocompromising health conditions and ATSI people are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 and have been recommended to receive the booster dose.

Bivalent mRNA booster vaccine (Moderna and Pfizer) are the preferred vaccine choices due to their proven efficacy and safety records.

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### **VOTE TO NAME THE ROSE GARDEN**



Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 29 March 2023 approved four of the nominations to vote to name the Rose Garden. Get in quick to have your say!

Jump online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQPZ8NZ> or scan the QR Code:



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



# How others create a Renewable Future

**With John Heffernan**

A couple of weeks back we suggested that Walcha should decide its own renewable energy future by adopting the concept known as Community Owned Renewable Energy. CORE projects are really catching on big time in Australia. The Community Power Agency (CPA), working with Melbourne and Sydney Universities, has identified at least 120 CORE projects across Australia, targeting community-based renewable energy approaches that seriously question corporate-based works such as big wind farms. Walcha should take a good look at these, and with that in mind - Hey Presto - this article highlights six such CORE projects. In actual fact, most of those 120 CPA projects are worth inspecting. But Advocate space is scarce, so all we can offer is a brief paragraph on each example, along with links so that you can check out details for yourself.

**Hepburn Energy**, Australia's first real CORE project, started as a two turbine wind farm in 2009, recently adding solar and battery storage. it's a classic co-operative with over 2000 shareholders, making 42% of Hepburn Shire's energy needs. <https://www.hepburnenergy.coop/>

**Yackandanda** is a fabulous example of CORE principles, with a 100% volunteer-run community group. Completed in May 2022, the town is already producing almost 70% of its energy, and says it will reach 100% by 2027. <https://totallyrenewableyack.org.au/>

**Manilla's solar farm** has the support of over 100 local residents and businesses in a system that turns electricity into a local business instead of an economic leakage. This is a dynamic community



really enjoying the fruits of its energy. <http://www.manillarenewableenergy.com.au/>

**Goulburn's 4000-panel solar farm** grew from a local association determined to establish a CORE project. It's a shareholder-based co-operative, with one vote per member no matter how many shares they own, keeping vested interests at bay. <https://goulburnsolarfarm.com.au/>

**Lismore's floating solar farm** is just a small part of collaboration between many local councils. Mayor Smith said local councils can "make a huge difference" in how communities use energy. <https://www.energymatters.com.au/renewable-news/largest-floating-solar-farm-lismore-nsw/>

**Indigo Power** has partnered with 15 community energy groups across NE Victoria and Southern NSW to create local renewable energy solutions. This is a very community-oriented company really worth looking at. <https://indigopower.com.au/>

CORE projects are arguably the best way for regional communities to build strong energy futures. That way it's in all our hands, not just with a few. We don't have to start big if our energy future is community based. "Out of little things..." they say. Or as Saul Griffith maintains: "It's a story of community economic abundance, and a once in a lifetime opportunity for Australia." To find out more on CORE projects follow this link to the CPA website: <https://cpagency.org.au/> It could be the start of a journey that will change not just your life, but those of many others. Think about it.

**Voice for Walcha**

## Walcha Council

# Youth Week Festival

Friday 21st of April 2023

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# A Listening Ear

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The parish has approached Linda Cross (who is well known to the people of Walcha) in her retirement to fulfil this role. Linda is available at any time for a timely chat with anyone who may feel they have such a need to talk especially in regards questions which may relate to a Christian faith. The parish wish to confirm however, that Linda is not filling the role of a counsellor but rather a role of pastorally caring for any person in Walcha needing to and relating to those questions.

If you would like to contact Linda, please call her on 0428 139 470.

## Learning how to rescue road crash victims

Walcha Fire+Rescue have undertaken three days of advanced training in Road Crash Rescues.

Walcha Fire Captain, Peter Dunn said that with many newer members in the brigade, the training was timely.

Members spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday cutting cars, learning skills to extricate people from crashed vehicles. Regional Instructor, Matthew Smith, said this will enable the Fire+Rescue members to assist the SES at incidents.

Peter Dunn especially thanked Mark from Tru Blu Recycling for providing the cars free of charge for the brigade to use in their training.

The participants completed their assessments on Monday and are now fully trained in Road Crash Rescues.



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👍 To Walcha Community Care for a lovely outing to the silos at Barraba and Gunnedah for lunch.

👍 To Walcha Council for completing the kerb and guttering around Sempill Park.

👍 To Scott Kermode for helping prevent disaster in our backyard over the long weekend. We thank you.

👍 To Simon and Larissa Wall for hosting a fabulous 'Wall Family reunion' over Easter. What a great day.

👍 A big thumbs up to Walcha Caravan Park. Riverview Aged Care had trouble with their big washing machine and Luke and Tammy washed, dried and folded our linen for free. Very much appreciated.

👍 To Walcha Council gardeners for the beautiful flowers in the roundabouts, and for keeping the cemetery so well maintained.

👍 To Mathew and his team at Kings Pharmacy for great service. Thank you.

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All wines on offer are not available in Dan's or IGA and are exclusive to Sean's supplier.

Come along join in the fun and support the Walcha Historical Society. There will be a door prize and raffle on the night.

## Latvian food comes to Walcha

Perched on the Baltic coast, Latvia might be small and too often overlooked as a holiday destination but its cuisine is as diverse as its history.

You have the opportunity to experience Latvian food and culture at the upcoming World Service Dinner being served by the Walcha Quota Club on Wednesday 3 May at the Bowling Club.

From smoked, cured and grilled riches of the sea to hearty, meaty numbers with origins in the Caucasus region, Latvian cuisine is very much based on the seasons and has been influenced by other countries of the Baltic rim.

Walcha Quota Club would like to invite all members of the Walcha community to their dinner which promises to be an entertaining evening. "We will share a Latvian meal and celebrate this small country by learning a little Latvian trivia," organiser, Pam Makeham said.

Cost is \$35 per person and you can book by calling Julie Yates on 0427 780 132 by 27 April.



### Community members are invited to join

Wednesday 3 May 2023 at Walcha Bowling Club  
6.30pm for 7pm – \$35 per person

RSVP: 27/4/23 TO JULIE 0427 780 132

## Art as Therapy for Yarrowitch and Woolbrook students

### From Yarrowitch School

We were very fortunate to welcome local artist Paula Jenkins to Yarrowitch Public School to run an Art for Therapy workshop organised through NERAM Armidale.

Staff and Students from Woolbrook School joined us for the day where the students completed four Art Tasks. They made picture cards, drew their idol, completed an abstract painting and created a clay sculpture.

Art Therapy tasks are designed for all ages and stages of primary and secondary school. The tasks are process driven, and therefore the

process of creating within these tasks connects the mind with the deep subconscious. The power of expression allows for the processing and regulation of feelings and emotions which results in a more positive mindset and a more relaxed state of being. These tasks have specific therapeutic outcomes, though in the same instance are fun and interesting for the student.

Yarrowitch and Woolbrook schools would like to thank Paula Jenkins and NERAM for organising the activity.



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## Advocate deadline for Anzac Day

Due to the Anzac Day public holiday next Tuesday we will be printing the Advocate on Monday.

1. ALL ADS AND EDITORIAL TO BE IN BY 4PM THIS FRIDAY
2. WEEKEND SPORT REPORTS TO BE IN BY 9AM MONDAY

The Advocate will be delivered as usual on Wednesday



# RUGBY REPORT

## WALCHA V GUNNEDAH

By Eric the Spider



### RESERVE GRADE

The 2023 season kicked off in Gunnedah with a total of 12 Reserve Grade Rams taking the field, with four of this fine dozen below the age of 17. However, this didn't seem to faze the boys with the Rams diffusing multiple Red Devil attacking raids at the beginning of the match. Youngest member Sam Timbs was on a mission in defence, constantly shutting down the Red Devils and occasionally turning the ball over. Eventually Walcha got their hands on some ball and began to get to work. Amazingly, they even found space out wide with 12 men!

Gunnedah then gave Walcha two players to help boost numbers and it was game on.

As the half went on Gunnedah began to gain the advantage and would run in a few tries, going to the break up by 28-0.

The second half saw the boys back to 12 players with Gunnedah ending the loan deal. Not to worry though as this lit the fire in the belly. Led by senior members Tom "the Sausage Guy" Hoy and returning Joe "put on a few" Makeham the Rams never gave up. With 10 minutes to go Gunnedah had only managed 2 tries to our 1 in second half after Toby Moore scooted down the blind in a fine solo effort. Understandably the fatigue finally got to the boys and after a late flurry of tries the score ended in a 52-7 loss.

Special mention must go to all who made the effort to play particularly the young blokes on school holidays who all played beyond their years. Also, thanks must go to Gunnedah for helping out with players when they could.

**Points: Archie Lawrence 3, Joe Makeham 2, All the school kids1. Players player Sam Timbs**

### FIRST GRADE

The Walcha Rams kicked off their Central North Rugby competition on the weekend taking on defending minor premiers Gunnedah at Gunnedah. With new faces and returning old faces and the boys coming back off a successful New Zealand rugby tour there was an excitement and eagerness to get the season underway.

The game began with Gunnedah receiving the kickoff and getting first use of the ball. Gunnedah rumbled their big forward pack towards The Rams only to be denied by some excellent defence which forced Gunnedah to kick, turning the ball over to The Rams. Walcha's first use of the ball for the season was positive holding onto it for a number of phases showing great structure and continuity. Some good carries from Henry "loved up Les" Leslie and Ritchie "The Coach" Hunt put Walcha in good position. A Gunnedah penalty gave Walcha first crack at some points which they took, kicking a penalty goal to start the

scoring. Walcha 3 Gunnedah 0. Some good quick ruck work off the back of a strong run from Ross "more Monie more problems" Monie enabled Sione "The Big Ulu" Kamoto to quickly pick the ball up and burst through the defence out pacing the fullback and scoring Walcha's first try of the season under the post. Walcha 10 Gunnedah 0.

Walcha continued to stress the Gunnedah defence making half breaks across the pitch. Gunnedah began to infringe giving away a number of penalties allowing Walcha to kick a penalty goal and increase their lead. Walcha 13 Gunnedah 0.

As the first half wore on Gunnedah began to get into the game putting together a number of phases and starting to claim some field position. Walcha's defence held strong for a number of minutes continually denying the Gunnedah attack. Eventually Gunnedah were able to score their first try of the half which they converted. The back end of the first half saw both teams competing for territory and possession. Some excellent runs from Patty "the ugly keen" Keen put Walcha into attack areas but they were unable to capitalise. As the half wore on a late raid from Gunnedah saw them cross for a try late in the first half giving Gunnedah the lead heading into half time. Walcha 13 Gunnedah 14.

The second half began with both teams competing hard across the park. The Walcha defence held strong with some excellent tackling from new recruit Josh "Mr Moll" Moloney. Walcha's ill-discipline allowed Gunnedah to gain territory and kick a number of penalty goals to increase their lead. Walcha 13 Gunnedah 23. Some good handling from Angus "brown snake" Davidson and Sam "muscle man" managed to put Walcha in an excellent attack position. Off the back of a well won scrum from the piggies the backline strung together a glorious move in which Dom "Skate rat" Bower delivered a pinpoint pass to Ollie "off the market" Crawford who sliced through the Gunnedah backline scoring under the post. Walcha 20 Gunnedah 23.

Walcha had lifted and began putting pressure on Gunnedah forcing an error late in the game. A penalty against Gunnedah gave Walcha the opportunity to level the score with Dom "skate rat" Bower nailing the kick and levelling the score with 2 minutes to go. Walcha 23 Gunnedah 23. Gunnedah regained possession off the kick off and began rumbling the ball forward with their big piggies. The Walcha defence held on for some time until the ball was spun wide and the Gunnedah winger dived over in the corner after the siren to give Gunnedah the lead and the win. Walcha 23 Gunnedah 30. Joel "joog baby" Ballon worked hard all game on both sides of the ball providing good options in attack and was solid in defence. Matt "lil Tiss" Tisdell gave clean ball all game and worked hard around the park.

Walcha, although disappointed with the result, should be very proud of how they played against last years grand finalists. Gunnedah's revolving door of fresh substitutes proved just too strong late in the game for the Rams, but a good solid first up hit out.

Next up the Rams take on the major premiers from last year, Narrabri, at Walcha for their first home game of the year.

**Points: Josh Moloney 3 and PP, Ross Monie 2.**

### church notices

**ANGLICAN** Sunday  
23rd April, Family  
Service 9:30am

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Walcha Sunday  
9:30am. Phone  
6777 2539

**CATHOLIC** Sunday  
10:00am Mass

### what's the goss



with AJ Cross

**It was sad to hear that one of my former Walcha Council workmates Johnny Bell** left this world recently. The funeral service for the North Street resident, Wests Tigers supporter and general knockabout bloke will be held at Piddington's Funeral Home in Armidale this Friday 21st April from 10am. May John Macdonald Bell Rest in Peace.

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**Two former Walcha residents** John Gibson and Annie Hoy have also left this world during recent times, both at the grand age of 96 years. John was married to Joan Wright and lived in Derby Street with daughters Jenny-Lee, Robyn and Cathy before retiring to live on the Coast. John ran Bowdens Garage (now Mountain Motors) with his brothers before taking up employment with the Walcha Council as their Purchasing Officer, captained the

Walcha Rugby First Grade team in 1950 and was a Manly Warringah Sea Eagles supporter. John will be farewelled at the Marian Grove Retirement Village Chapel at Toormina from 1:00pm, tomorrow Thursday 20th April. May 'Johnny 'Jake' Gibson Rest in Peace.

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**Last Wednesday Annie Hoy** was farewelled at the Chapel of Walkers Crematorium and Memorial Gardens in Frederickston. She was married to Roy Hoy and in the early days lived at Tia with children Yvonne, Paul and Ellen before living her later years on the coast. May Annie Catherine Hoy Rest in Peace.

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# what's the goss

with AJ Cross

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**Congratulations to the Walcha Central School** senior boys relay team on representing North West at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at the Olympic Aquatic Centre at Homebush recently. Nathan Ross, Simon and Dustin Wellings hit the water in that order before 'anchorman' Blaine Cooney finished the job off touching down in 2 minutes 30.51 seconds to give the boys a PB of over five seconds. At the North West trials at Armidale the team took 9 seconds off their qualifying time giving them a fantastic 14 seconds faster over two swim meetings. Good on ya fellas.

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**Congratulations to Jillaroo speedster Jordy Hoy** on racking up 100 appearances for the club last Saturday against Glen Innes here at the 'Park'. Just before fulltime Jordy produced one of her trademark attacking runs where she swerved around several opposition defenders to race over for a try from well inside her own half. Well done Jordy.

**Local footy kicked off last Saturday** where Walcha were involved in one win and three losses after the Jillaroes were the only team to finish victorious 26-8 against Glen Innes. The Tigeroos went down 32-14 to Glen while the Rams lost 30-23 to Gunnedah in First Grade and copped a bit of a touch up 52-7 in 'Reggies'. This Saturday the Rams host Narrabri here at Peter Fenwick Oval whereas the Tigeroos and Jillaroes head north to take on the Guyra Superspuds. Good luck to all four teams.

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**On Good Friday Newie bar staff** member Michelle Wayte was having a conversation with my favourite son Ben about eating seafood instead of red meat on that particular day each year. By all accounts Ben informed Michelle that he wasn't all that fond of seafood but didn't mind the occasional 'Oysters Cleopatra'. Just an inkling but maybe he meant 'Kilpatrick'.



**Jordy Hoy**

Photo: Leanne Presnell

## advocateclassifieds



### Death & Funeral Notices

#### **TAYLOR: June**

14th April 2023

Of Cookes Road, Armidale,  
formerly of Walcha.

Dearly beloved wife of Geoff (dec'd).

Loving mother & mother-in-law of  
Mark & Kath, Helen & Mark Stevens.

Dearly loved grandmother of  
Sam, Ema & Lucy, Nic, Philip & Tim  
and great-grandmother of  
Fern, Minty, Perie, Mac & Zippy.

Loved sister & sister-in-law of Max (dec'd)  
& Kath (dec'd) Tremain, Pam & Bob Walsh,  
Kay Malcolm (dec'd), Neil & Mary Tremain  
and loved aunt of their families.

Aged 90 Years

Funeral Service to be held at Piddington's  
Funeral Chapel, Uralla Road, Armidale  
on Friday, 21st April 2023 commencing  
at 2:00pm, followed by a private family  
Interment at the Walcha Beam Cemetery.

**Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288**

#### **FOX: Judith Anne**

13th April 2023

At Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

Loved mother of Mark, Angela and Andrew  
and beloved grandmother of  
Kooper and Sam.

Aged 74 years

A graveside funeral to be held at the Walcha  
General Cemetery, Monday, 24th April 2023  
commencing at 12 noon.

**Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288**

#### **Bell: John Macdonald**

7th April 2023

of North Street, Walcha.

Loving father of Jason, Debbie Robertson  
and Tracy. Loved father-in-law and  
grandfather of his family.

Aged 74 years

Funeral to be held at Piddingtons Funeral  
home, Armidale Friday, 21st April 2023  
commencing at 10am.

**Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288**

### Meetings

**Walcha Support Group** Inc. Thursday  
27th April 1pm WCCC Rooms Middle St. All  
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appreciate the consideration that was shown  
to staff during these times.

**To Walcha Caravan Park**, New England  
Hotel & Apsley Arms Hotel for sponsoring the  
Walcha Vets Pennants Golf Day. Thank you!



### Raffle results

**Rescue Helicopter Raffle:** 1st P Lockyer  
meat, 2nd A. Cameron petrol & 3rd M. Cross  
quilt.

### Public Notice

**Walcha Barber Shop** will be closed this  
Saturday 22 April.

**Woolbrook Trivia night** Saturday 6th May.  
More details next week.

### ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENT TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

Traffic will be disrupted and  
redirected during the ANZAC Day Ceremony  
on Tuesday 25th April between the hours of  
10:00am and 12:00 noon. Streets affected  
will be:

- Hill Street - between South and Derby  
Street
- Derby Street - between Hill Street and  
Fitzroy Street
- Fitzroy Street - between Derby Street  
and South Street

Please follow traffic controller and emergency  
services directions during this time. Your  
respect and cooperation during this event is  
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PHILLIP HOOD, INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER  
WALCHA COUNCIL,  
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## Positions Vacant

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### Field Officer

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**About the role:** Take advantage of our casual employment opportunities to work as part of a team that contributes towards the conservation of the natural environment!

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**Total Remuneration Package:** Package includes hourly rate of \$35.89 plus casual loading and employer's contribution to superannuation loading.

**Applications Close: Sunday 30 April 2023**

**For more information about the role, please contact** Trent Bull Team Leader Field Operations on [trent.bull@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trent.bull@environment.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 6738 9120.

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- Creating promotional and marketing materials for the branch to actively promote the Elders brand.
- Working with the Elders team to allow

clients to explore new innovative opportunities.

- Maximising promotional opportunities, including helping at field days and community events.
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#### About you:

To succeed at Elders, you:

- Are comfortable and thrive in a collaborative and results-focussed working environment
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If this sounds like you, please contact Thomas Henry, Branch Manager Elders Walcha 0409 659 877 or 0267 742 600

## Public Notices

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**Walcha Chinese Restaurant** will be closed Monday 3 April to Thursday 20 April. Re-open Friday 21 April. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**The 2023 Eskimo Comp** will start on Tues 2nd May. It will be an individual graded doubles comp and will run for 4-6 weeks. Names to Hyde Thomson 0427780391, Trev Gibson 0459799119 or post on the Tennis Club Facebook page. Noms close on Thurs 27th April.

**Bendemeer Art Show** happens 20th to 23rd April 10am to 4pm and \$10 entry includes refreshment. [www.bendemeerartshow.org](http://www.bendemeerartshow.org)

## Tennis

The 2023 Summer Comp Grand Final was played out on Tues 4th April.

Popyrin: David Sweeney, Jess Jones (C), Jock Fletcher and Dion Bird defeated Ebdon: Hyde Thomson, Emma Wauch, Kathryn Smith and Michael Luchich (C) 35 to 20 in a hard fought contest. Many points could have gone either way but a determined Popyrin found a way to come out on top. Congratulations to the winners. Photo: L to R. Dave Sweeney, Jess Jones (C), Jock Fletcher and Dion Bird.



## Bowls

Dads Army: Eight players braved the chilly and misty conditions on Thursday afternoon to play.

In the first game Sari Andrews and Warwick Hogan defeated Matt Andrews and Peter Hayes 18 - 11 after they scored 5 shots on the last end.

The chook winners, Barry Kliendienst and Adam Hall had a similar win in the second game when they defeated Noel Goodwin and John Watts 18 - 10.

The raffle was won by Matt Andrews.

## Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday the final of the Minor Singles was played in which junior bowler Sari Andrews had a convincing win over Carmel Ryan 26-12 to play in the final Sari def Veronica 25-8 and Carmel defeated Wendy Moore in a very close game 25-24. Congratulations Sari on your win. There was also a game in the Major Singles and resulted in a win to Jan Cross over Marg Tickle 25-18.

This week the draw for the Major Singles is Janice Rizzi v Deb Richards marker Lyn Burnell and Sari Andrews v Veronica Jamieson marker Esther Hunt, also there is social bowls. There is a meeting at 1:00 pm.

## Ladies Golf

### 5th April

It was a really pleasant day for Golf on Wednesday after being washed out last Wednesday.

We played a Graham Betts Stableford round for Robyn Salt's trophy.

Our winner on the day was Pauline Carter clocking up 37 points. Sweepstakes then were claimed by Cheryl McDonald with 34, Jill Burnell with 33, and Cark Street with 30, counting out Sue Partridge, Barb Mulligan and Penny King all on 30.

Nearest the pin on 3 was Penny King and the second shot on 18 was won by Cheryl McDonald.

Today is the beginning of the Ladies Championships being the first round with a trophy donated by Drews Seafood. It is a stroke round with putting and monthly mug included. It is also the second medal round and the first round of the Vets championships.

Good luck to all and enjoy today and the next two rounds.

### 16 April

Last Wednesday we played the first of three rounds for the Championships.

We also played for a trophy supplied by Drew's Seafood.

The winner for the day on a countback was Lyn Laurie on 72 nett. Sweepstakes went to Donna Martin also on 72, and Rose Baumer and Simone Sweeney on 73.

NTPs: 3 Lyn Laurie and 16 Penny King, putting Simone Sweeney.

Mugs went to Div 1 Donna Martin, Div 2 Rose Baumer and Div 3 Lyn Laurie.

On Saturday we played the second round of the Championships for a trophy supplied by Walcha Gallery of Art. Winner was Simone Sweeney 72 nett, and sweepstakes to Polly Locke 74, Ruth Fletcher and Vicki Heffernan on 76. NTP 3 Jill Burnell and 2nd shot 18 to Cheryl McDonald. This Wednesday we will be playing the final round of our championships.

## At the 19th

A stroke medal round was played last Sunday for a trophy donated by Brian Lynch where Lee Fletcher was the overall winner after he carded a 68 nett off the back of a six over par 76 wch was best scratch score on the day.

He also won the A Grade mug, B Grade went to Jamie Bowden on 69 nett while Neil Dark took out C Grade with 72 nett.

Sweepstakes to Simeon Cross 70, Simone Sweeney 71, David Sweeney and Michael Stackman both 72.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Simone Sweeney (3), Miles Archdale (9) and Simeon Cross (18).

Long Drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhand Larry' Asmus were caressed by Miles Archdale (A), Ross King (B) and Mal Ballard (C) while the Putting Competition was won by Simone Sweeney who engaged her flat stick on 22 occasions. The coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts was earned by Ladies Champion Cheryl McDonald with 34 jabs.

Inclement weather didn't help with attendances when the 'Kanga Cup' Roxy Boyd Memorial was scheduled for Easter Sunday which attracted just two four person ambrose teams.

Best score was registered by Neil Dark, Don Brooks, Andrew Bird and Nathan Goodwin 55 1/2 nett who finished comfortably ahead of Allan Green, Willy Brennan, Brian Lynch and former Walcha Roos player Paul Neat 63 1/2.

NTPs to Andy Bird (3) and Willy Brennan (18).

Last Saturday Col Higgins won the weekly 9-hole competition after racking up 16 Stableford points, runner-up was Neil Dark on 14 points while the previous Saturday Crichton Barr 13 points won from John McLaren (12).

This Sunday is a BAM event played under a four ball format for prizes supplied by John Izzard, Julie and Owen Presnell.

## Rugby League

The Walcha/Urala Rugby League Club kicked off their 2023 Group 19 campaign with a win and a loss against Glen Innes at Peter Fenwick Oval last Saturday.

In the main game the Tigeeros went down 32-14 after trailing 18-10 at half time when the visitors scored a converted try just as the hooter was about to sound.

Glen Innes skipped away to a 20-0 lead after 13 minutes before Tigeeros lock Brody Dexter opened the scoring with a try for the homeseide 30 minutes into the game.

A couple of minutes later utility player Cooper Boyd plunged over adjacent to the posts before half back Keirin Stiff converted.

Ten minutes into the second stanza Glen increased their advantage to 22-10 with an unconverted try before the Tigeeros bounced back through an unconverted touchdown to winger Tom Cooper midway through the session to reduce the lead to 22-14.

With ten minutes remaining on the clock Walcha/Urala

were unlucky not to score down the Bowling Club end before the Magpies worked their way the full length of the field to score under the sticks within six tackles.

Just before the final hooter Glen finalised the scoring at 32-14 with an unconverted try.

All the Tigeroo players tried hard and being outweighed right across the park certainly didn't help their cause nor did errors at vital times.

Players Player went to Cooper Boyd who played well scoring a try and saving a certain touchdown late in the game with a great front on ball and all tackle.

Club points - 3 Brody Dexter 2 Nicholas O'Connell 1 Cooper Boyd.

Group points - 3 Lincoln Binge (G.I) 2 Keirin Stiff (U/W) 1 Sam Schiffman (G.I).

### JILLAROOS

In the curtain raiser the Jillaroos defeated Glen Innes 26-8 in their Group 19 Ladies League Tag fixture after leading 14-0 at the break.

Six minutes into the game Tanekia Landsborough crossed for an unconverted try before speedster Nichola Hoy scored a try a couple of minutes later.

Goal kicker Caitlin Harris raised the flags with a successful conversion and then right on half time she registered an unconverted try of her own.

Early in the second session the visitors bounced back with an unconverted intercept try before Jorjie Ledingham was on the spot to gather in a loose ball to touch down in a handy position for Taneika Landsborough to convert.

Glen Innes reduced the lead to 20-8 with an unconverted try five minutes before full time leaving just enough time for Jordy Hoy, who was celebrating her 100th game for the Jillaroos, to seal the deal with a try from inside her own half.

JoJo Matapakia finalised the score at 26-8 with her successful conversion attempt.

Player of the Match Tanekia Landsborough was awarded 3 Group and 3 Club B & F points as well as dual Players Player with Jordy Hoy. A Group Point went to Caitlin Harris who also received a Club Point along with Jordy Hoy. Two Club Points were awarded to skipper Nichola Hoy.

## Gun Club

April's monthly shoot was held on Easter Saturday, when 23 shooters turned out to compete in the high quality competition. Many of our coastal competitors came with their families to spend the Easter weekend at Walcha.

The day started with a cool breeze of about 25km/hr to keep the flies out of the eyes, and gusting up to 45km/hr with a feel like temperature of 5.4 degrees at 11.30am. All our visitors from Tamworth and the coast think that we are mad to live here in winter.

The Glen Collin Cup winners were Jim Abel on 47+3 handicap and Kevin Bourke on 47+0.

Shoot results are:

Event 1: 50 Target Double Barrel

AA Grade - Kevin Bourke 47/50

A Grade - Dean Rumbel 46/50

B Grade - Jim Abell 47/50

C Grade - Melissa Crosby 38/50

Event 2: 100 Target Points Score

AA Grade - Mark Allman 280/300

A Grade - Dean Rumbel 270/300

B Grade - Jasman Rumbel 263/300

C Grade - Melissa Crosby 228/300

This month's High Gun was Mark Allman with 323/350

The Club will hold its AGM on Saturday 22 April, commencing at 9.30am at the grounds, followed by BBQ lunch and some fun shooting events. All members please attend.

The Club's next monthly shoot will be Saturday 13 May commencing at 9.00am. All welcome, and we have a good heater to have a warm by, if the weather turns cold.





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