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## Fanny's Country Hall tour is back



To say the Yarrowitch Community Group were over the moon to get a call from Fanny Lumsden to see if she could head back to Yarrowitch next month is an understatement.

ARIA and eight times Golden Guitar award winning artist Fanny Lumsden's never ending national Country Halls Tour is celebrating passing its 10 year milestone and a performance at Yarrowitch has just been added for Saturday 6 May.

With the cancellation of one her scheduled shows, Yarrowitch Community Group's Louise Clarke received a call. The committee didn't hesitate and jumped at the chance to once again have Fanny and her band perform at the Hall.

Joining Fanny on the night will be support act Max Jackson, the Tamworth Country Music Festival's 2022 Toyota Starmaker of the Year. The 'Local Talent' set will be played by young artist Lanni Ryan who is currently a student in Year 11 in Armidale.

Tickets are available online now for her local show on 6 May, simply go to [www.fannylumsden.net/country-halls-tour](http://www.fannylumsden.net/country-halls-tour). Those that attended in 2021 can vouch that you will have a great night.

VIP entry is from 5.45pm for 6:00pm start, with General admission at 6:30pm. VIP tickets are \$55 each and include a 'meet and greet' with Fanny, a special acoustic performance, access to choose the best seats in the house, plus a merch gift. General admission 16 years and over \$35, 5 – 15 years \$15, Under 5 years free. A family ticket is also available.

The Yarrowitch Community Group will be running a canteen from 5.00pm, with light meals available to 6.30pm. Tea and coffee can be purchased and after the show supper will be available, cash and card accepted. Those attending are asked to BYO.

The committee, for a donation to the Hall, also welcome camping on the grounds for those who would like to stay overnight.

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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

April has been a month of short weeks with only 1 week being a full 5 day work week. The other 3 weeks only 4 days due to public holidays. It has been a headache for many employers as a lot of people try to take advantage of the public holidays to get extra time off when it's such a busy period, especially during the school holidays. Except for the Easter long weekend the weather has been kind to us, nice warm autumn days have followed the nice drop of rain at Easter. Normally most of us have our fires going by now but it's been quite a warm April. For those of you who don't light your fires before Anzac day, well its time.

All the talk around the weather seems to be the development of an El Nino towards the later end of 2023 with about a 50% chance that it will develop which is twice the normal likelihood. The warming ocean temperatures in the eastern and central tropical Pacific and the decreasing Southern Oscillation index can be a precursor of El Nino development. The experts are saying it is too early to predict if we will actually move into an El Nino period but things will be more predictable come late winter. This is a developing story that we should keep a close eye on and it's a possibility, not a certainty.

Grain growers and graziers on the plains are still looking to the skies for rain after many had thought that a band of moisture would cross Australia from the remnants from Cyclone Ilsa which hit port Hedland region of Western Australia. Large grain growing regions of NSW are looking for some much-needed moisture to commence planting or even to get grazing crops out of the ground. Agistment for cattle was aplenty throughout those areas this time last year compared to nearly non-existent this year. The ability for farmers to grow grazing crops in those areas are still viable till mid to late winter and will still be a chance of agistment. At these livestock values I'm guessing they may also take the option to purchase rather than agist.

April has been a month of weaner sales with large volumes of weaners hitting the market through numerous sales around the eastern states. A growing price variation between steers and heifers is becoming more prevalent with the difference between sexes being as much as 50-100c/kg, which hasn't been seen since the drought. The best of the weaners prices have been paid for Angus steers 200-250kg reaching 550-570c/kg. The general run of steers has been marking 400-500c/kg, weighing anywhere from 200-330kg while the heifer portion have been making 320-440c/kg which represents great value if you're in the market for cattle. I mentioned a short while ago about keeping an eye on the EU beef market and just in the last 2 weeks a premium is now out for EU Angus feeder cattle. Not only are we seeing a premium of 10-20c/kg being quoted for EU accredited Angus steers, but we have also seen a firming of the feeder market which may be an indication that numbers are starting to settle.

Beef and sheep kill prices are still hovering around the same values it has been for the last month. Kill cattle seem to be the longest wait with waiting times still over a month for most categories from domestic to export kill space. Last week we saw a spike in the cow market with cows in Victoria making up to 330c/kg in the market while cows in Tamworth nearly hit the 300c/kg mark, a lift of 15-20c/kg. A major southern processor was the driver behind this lift in values and it will be interesting to see if this interest in cows is sustained. Lambs are sitting around the 700c/kg carcass rate and if though we have had a disruptive slaughter month, they are only approx. 10-14 days out on a kill.



# Honouring Walcha veterans with \$2,000 grant for RSL Sub-branch

The Walcha Returned Services League (RSL) RSL Sub-Branch has received a \$2,000 State Government grant under the ANZAC Community Grants Program which will be used to properly display local war memorabilia, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall announced today.

Mr Marshall said the news came at an important time, as people across the region prepared to gather at cenotaphs, public halls and monuments to pay respect and honour past and present diggers on ANZAC Day next week.

"The grant money will be used to display some of the sub-branch's war memorabilia at the Walcha Bowling Club, including honour boards, display cabinets and mounted medals," Mr Marshall said.

Displaying these important items will ensure the sub-branch continues to have a presence in the community and gives families and friends of current and past service personnel a focal point.

The memorabilia have been in storage for some time and not available for the community to pay their respects.

It will also help educate a new generation of Australians about the sacrifices that servicemen and servicewomen have made.

Walcha RSL Sub-Branch Vice President Adam Hall said the members were very grateful to receive the funding.

"On behalf of the Walcha RSL sub-Branch I would like to extend our gratitude to Adam Marshall and his office for making these grants available," Mr Hall said.

"Our Auxiliary members fundraise throughout the year to ensure we have funds available to assist our local ex-service personnel in times of hardship.

"Having grants like this available means we can continue our work while creating a strong community presence to ensure future generations have the opportunity to learn about our town's long and distinguished military history."



President of the Walcha RSL Sub-Branch David Campbell, left, Vice President Adam Hall, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and member Eric O'Keefe at the Soldier's Memorial Park Cenotaph in Walcha, with news of a \$2,000 grant.



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## Some CORE FACTS to take onboard

**From John Heffernan**

Our recent two articles about **Community Owned Renewable Energy – CORE** – have sparked considerable interest. So this week we'll focus on the Benefits and Challenges of the concept, relaying information from a How-to Guide produced by the Community Power Agency (<http://www.cpagency.org.au/>), and the NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage. There are many other sources of relevant information, but this provides a good starting point.

### **THE BENEFITS**

After working with over 40 CORE projects across four continents, the Community Power Agency report real benefits in five areas: political, economic, environmental, social and technological. According to the CPA, communities developing CORE projects: "(1) gained stronger local economies; (2) significantly increased community participation, resilience and empowerment; (3) educated people about renewable energy and involved them in creating a sustainable low-carbon future; (4) directly and significantly reduced their carbon footprint; and (5) developed renewable energy industries, generating income streams for both investors and for the community."

There are other benefits, too. For instance, it was found in a study comparing corporate versus local ownership of wind farms, that economic benefits were significantly greater for local ownership. CORE projects also don't have to lock into just one technology, such as wind power. They can choose from among other technologies like solar PV, small size hydro, bio-energy or a mix; variety is a strength of community-owned projects. And an often overlooked benefit of CORE projects is that they virtually nullify the divisiveness which often attends corporate-driven projects. In fact far from being divisive, CORE projects are found to actually generate community bonding.

### **THE CHALLENGES**

Don't imagine, however, that getting a CORE project operating in Australia is easy. It's all pretty new here, with business and governance models still being tested, and methods of fundraising, connecting to the grid and selling electricity still being explored. The steps in a CORE project can take a long time, often needing passion and persistence. You will also almost certainly have to negotiate with the institutions and regulations of mainstream electricity and planning systems, which can be hard work for a small community. Three main challenges in creating community-based projects are: (1) financing the development phase from vision through to "investment ready"; (2) clinching a fair price for the electricity produced; and (3) firmly establishing the feasibility and cost of grid connection.

Despite these challenges, the Community Power Agency (CPA) emphasises that none of them are insurmountable, and that CORE support organisations work to overcome them in innovative and productive ways. CPA also highlights the case of Scotland as a real CORE success story, booming from just a couple of community renewable projects to over 300 in less than a decade.

So please think about CORE as a way for Walcha to take real control of its renewable energy future. Also, since a crucial factor in ensuring the success of CORE projects is community support, feel free to contact any of these people with questions: John Heffernan 0429 776 452; Rachel Greig 0428 776 490; Cameron Greig 0428 534 270; Damien Timbs 0488 772 307

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# Help us prepare for future disasters

With disasters becoming more common; managing the risks and impacts of the next disaster has never been more critical.

Walcha Council is very pleased to welcome Kruthika Nagananda to the staff as our Disaster Risk Reduction Co-ordinator. Kruthika's role is fully funded through a grant from the NSW Reconstruction Authority which was previously known as Resilience NSW.

Kruthika completed her Masters in Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development through Newcastle University and is enjoying living and working in Walcha.

The project aims to identify the vulnerable in our community and reduce their risks with the outcome being the creation of a Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan for 2023 with the following four components:

**1. Improving Communities' strength to reduce disaster risk** through identifying the vulnerable including Aged (65+), differently abled children, people with large and numerous animals, difficult access and people with chronic health issues. "This will allow us to reach out to the vulnerable people first in times of emergency," Kruthika said.

"If you identify as a vulnerable person, we would really like you to reach out to the Council through the survey, or by calling me," Kruthika said.

**2. Improving Small Business' Resilience (including Primary Industries)** by improving connectivity and creating Business Continuity Plans. "In order to fight disasters, you need to be prepared, especially small businesses as Walcha's economy is driven through small businesses," Kruthika commented. An email has been sent to all businesses and replies to this survey would be greatly appreciated.

**3. Council to strengthen their roles and responsibilities on Disaster**



Kruthika is welcomed by Walcha Council Interim General Manager Phillip Hood

## Risk reduction

Council is currently working on building their capacity to reduce Disaster risk. They are also updating the web based Disaster Dashboard, with all the information regarding disasters up and running soon for everyone to access.

**4. Schools to improve their Disaster Preparedness** - This project will enable staff, students and parents to be better prepared for disasters; including mental health resilience and recovery. "The project will also work with school staff and parents to develop ways of communicating disaster preparedness to children that is informative but not distressing," Kruthika said.

Council would like to hear from schools who would like to be a part of this project.

Through this project landholders can also get subsidised blue rural address signage. The application form is available at Council, or also via this link: <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/Template-Rural-Address-Sign-Application-Blank-SUBSIDY-FORM-LIMITED-TIME-ONLY-DRRF.pdf>

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The surveys will be open for the next three weeks, so please contribute to help our community plan for future disasters.

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The 'Happy Dots' Occupational Therapy (OT) team are inviting parents and carers of the Walcha community to come along to an information session this coming Monday 1 May from 2.15pm – 3.00pm in the library at Walcha Central School.

The team of Occupational Therapists will be visiting Walcha over the next three years to provide free OT services for children up to 18 years of age who live in the Walcha LGA.

OT helps children build skills and confidence for everyday life. The Happy Dots team will explain what OT is, and how OT can help children's attention, concentration, play and interaction, fine motor (handwriting), gross motor and self-regulation skills.

During their visits to Walcha the Happy Dots team will be providing 15-minute screenings that are fun for children to undertake and this will be further explained at the information session.

'Happy Dots' are looking forward to meeting parents and carers from the Walcha community this Monday.

This project is fully-funded thanks to the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities fund.

## Looking for crafty people

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## Supporting the Community

Oxley Riders and thebigblackbuilding are delighted to join forces in supporting the local community. The Oxley Riders would like to extend their gratitude to Adam from thebigblackbuilding for allowing them to collect the gold coin entry fee at the Walcha Swap Meet, held at Langford.

In turn, thebigblackbuilding would like to express their appreciation to the Oxley Riders for manning the gate. These donations will be used to benefit those in need within our community and further the Oxley Riders' funds for local causes and charities.

## thumbs



- 👍 To John Heffernan for his thought-provoking articles.
- 👍 To Walcha Community Care for a great day in Uralla, shopping and lunch at the Top Pub.
- 👍 To Jayden and Don for the excellent job on my whipper snipper. I really appreciate it.
- 👍 To the great Lions Park, my granddaughter loves it.
- 👍 To Sonia O'Keefe for taking us to Somerton CWA Agricultural and Enviromental Day on Bees and the Friendship day with lunch. A splendid day. Thank you.
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# Walcha Polocrosse Carnival

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The carnival was a huge success with over 100 players taking to the fields over the two days, with teams coming from Guyra, Quirindi, Macksville, Narrabri, Inverell, Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Merriwa and Bingara. There were also a few pool players that attended from different clubs, including two players from as far away as the Northern Territory.

The games were action packed with the Macksville team winning the A Grade competition. The two Walcha teams were lucky to both be runners-up in their divisions.



John Donnelly and Kersten Wall were awarded best numbers for their grades, while Marlee Wall received the Phillip Kelly memorial trophy for a dedicated club member.

Our youngest and newest club member, Grace Frewen, made her debut in the Sub Juniors playing her first carnival and she had a fantastic time.

With the help of wonderful volunteers a beautiful roast pork and lamb meal was served on the Saturday night,

topped off with Patty Kelly's delicious sticky date pudding for dessert. The Club also had some amazing cooks and helpers to keep the canteen running for the duration of the carnival. Their help was very much appreciated.

The Walcha Polocrosse Club would like to thank all of their very generous sponsors. They never fail to donate prizes and without their support the Walcha Polocrosse Carnival would not be able to run.

In other club news, Mia Goodwin had a fantastic time playing Polocrosse in exhibition



Top: Ashleigh Wall in action. Above: the Walcha team.  
Left: Kersten Wall with the Kelly family

matches at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Following the show she travelled to Albury for a week of Junior Coaching and games.

John and Thomas Donnelly will be representing NSW at the Barastoc Interstate Series from 5 – 7 May in Warwick. Both are looking forward to competing and representing the state.

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# RUGBY REPORT

## Walcha v Narrabri



By Eric the Spider  
**RESERVE GRADE**

First home game for the year and the Reserves were blessed with two more players than the previous week, taking them to a formidable force of 14 men. Recruitment was again youth focused with youngsters Simon Nivison and Ben Hall playing their first game for the Rams.

The boys started the game strongly making their presence known in defence and slowly clicking in attack. However it would be Narrabri first to score. This would be followed by another try shortly after making a 12 point lead. The remainder of the half would see Walcha's seven man scrum led by Tommy "sausage man" Hoy and debutant Bastian 'The Frenchy Nard' dominating Narrabri's much older and 'larger' scrum, allowing Walcha's attack to click. Spirits at halftime were high but dropping the kick off at the beginning of the second half put the pressure on early. After an early try to Narrabri the Rams turned things around with Archie "butterfingers" Lawrence leaving multiple Blue Boars behind.

The Rams found the line shortly after when a handy back line play from Toby Moore saw another debutant Benji Marshall Tuqiri scampering down the side line and the Fijian scored untouched, narrowing the scores 22-10.

Understaffed with 14 men, fatigue set in and Narrabri scored two more tries to finish off the game. Massive praise must go to the lads who showed up and ripped in, even though they were short. **Points: 3 Harry King, 2 Toby Moore, 1 Simon Nivison and Ben Hall. Player's Players Ben Hall and Toby Moore**  
**FIRST GRADE**

The first home game of the year saw Walcha host last years grand final winners Narrabri. The game began with Walcha getting first chance to test out the Narrabri defence, stringing some phases together and pressuring Narrabri early. Shortly after, a penalty was awarded to Walcha where they made no mistake converting getting on the scoreboard early. Walcha 3 Narrabri 0. Walcha hit back straight away from the kickoff making some strong runs getting over the advantage line and working their way up field. Strong carries from Gus "Brown snake" Davidson and Richard "The Coach" Hunt put Walcha in good field position which saw the backs chime in with some slick hands to put Ollie "off the market" Crawford away, who then passed to Charlie "Chocington" Keen to score Walcha's first try of the match. Walcha 8 Narrabri 0.

Walcha continued to outpace and out-enthuse the Narrabri team dominating possession and territory. This dominance led to Narrabri giving away a number of penalties which enabled Walcha to gain field position and convert another penalty. Walcha 11 Narrabri 0. As the half wore on Narrabri began to play some more rugby and hold onto the ball for longer periods of time. Some bone rattling defence from Henry "loved up les" Leslie continued to deny the visiting team. Some ill discipline from the Walcha Rams invited Narrabri deep into the Rams' half, which Narrabri took full advantage of scoring a well worked try of their own. Walcha 11 Narrabri 7. Again Narrabri's discipline would hurt them giving away another penalty which Walcha converted. Walcha 14 Narrabri 7. The second half ended with a surge from Narrabri maintaining pressure on the Rams' try line. Our defence eventually cracked with Narrabri scoring right on the stroke of half time. Walcha 14 Narrabri 12.

The start of the second half saw Walcha continue to dominate possession and territory. A well worked backline move from a solid scrum saw Ollie "off the market" Crawford slicing through the Narrabri defence to score the Rams' second try of the game. Walcha 21 Narrabri 12.

Narrabri hit straight back after the restart reclaiming the ball and throwing attackers into our defence. A lapse in our defensive line gave Narrabri the momentum they needed, running their big bodies at the Walcha defence. Eventually Narrabri scored. Walcha 21 Narrabri 17.

This surge from Narrabri sparked the Rams on with the boys muscling up in defence putting on some huge hits firing the boys up forcing errors out of the Narrabri attack. An excellent run off the back of a scrum from Wally Davidson put Walcha right back on the attack, spreading the ball wide to Patty "the ugly keen" Keen who scored in the corner. Walcha 26 Narrabri 17. Straight from the resulting kickoff Walcha spread the ball wide, running through the Narrabri defence in a brilliant display of running rugby which ended in Patty scoring his second try under the post. Walcha 33 Narrabri 17.

Walcha continued to dominate across the park as the half wore on. Some excellent defence from Joe "Dungeon Master" Makeham and Joel "joog baby" Ballon saw Walcha constantly deny the Narrabri attack. Dom "skate rat" Bower controlled field position well and provided the backs with clean ball. Matty "il Tiss" Tisdell organised the forwards around the park, choosing good options from the base of the ruck all game. Some bone rattling defence from Sam "muscle man" Lomax ensured his opposite winger didn't want to get involved in the game anymore, as well as some strong carries across the park from the big unit.

In the end the Walcha Rams held on to defeat Narrabri and notch up their first win of the season. An excellent and improved performance on the previous week sees the Rams heading in the right direction for the season.

Next week we have the Bye and then are away to Scone the following week.  
**Points: 3 Joel Ballon, 2 Patty Keen PP, 1 Sam Lomax and Matty Tisdell.**

## what's the goss



with AJ Cross

**Best of luck to the seven Walcha Central School students** when they represent North West at the 2023 NSW Secondary Schools Swimming Championships at the Aquatic Centre Homebush next week. Jasmine Lynch and Cameron Mooney both qualified for their 100 metre Freestyle events while 'Jaz' will team up with her sister Ella and the Mooney sisters Charlotte and Bella in the Girls 17-19 years 200 metre Freestyle Relay Team.

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**It will be a busy few days for Jasmine** as she is also a member of the Mixed 200 metre Freestyle Relay team as is Bella where Hunter McConnell and Shaun McKenna are their two teammates. Go gettum guys.

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**Anyone walking past the Walcha Physiotherapy** and spotted me walking out the front door with a skateboard under my arm during recent times would be entitled to think the girls that run the show must be capable of performing miracles. Be rest assured that there was no way I was going to ride the skateboard despite telling Col and Helene Jenkins otherwise but it certainly comes in handy with rehabilitation after a knee replacement.

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**Heard a whisper Marchant Bros** truck driver Lachlan Green may have shot past his destination while delivering a load of wood to a property on Oxley Drive the other day. On his return when quizzed about his oversight 'Filbert' explained he knew exactly where he had to drop off the wood but must have been in a daze as he travelled past the first time.

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**Congratulations to Walcha Golf Club Ladies Champion** Simone Sweeney on winning her second title in the 22 years after she defeated reigning Champion Cheryl McDonald by nine shots in the third and final round of the 2023 Championships last week. Simone, who won her first club championship in 2001, posted a consistent score of 254 (85,84,85) and while 13 time champion Cheryl was disappointed with her 263 (88,90,85) she was full of praise for her opponent.

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**The 'Europambla Jug' goes to the player** with the best nett score over the three rounds which required a playoff after eventual winner Polly Locke and Club Champion Simone both registered 218 nett. Polly also won B Grade, C Grade went to Pauline Carter, who improved on her runner up position last year while the Veterans Division was won by Lyn Laurie. Good on ya girls.

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**Sometimes you can be lucky as I experienced** last Saturday when I put my Newie '777's' selections on only to find out my first pick 'The Fortune Teller' had been scratched. With just a couple of minutes remaining before they jumped at Hawkesbury, barman Miles Lawrence was quick enough to change the pick to 'Hawaii Five Oh' which saluted not long later in the first Race 7.

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**When 'Street Gossip' won Race 7 at Doomben** five punters were left in the competition where three of them had selected 'She's All Class' in Race 7 in Mornington which finished fifth. One bloke was on favourite 'Jigsaw' (who recorded a comfortable win) and was more than happy to collect the Jackpot Kitty of \$142. The 777's is run each Saturday at the Newie at a modest cost of \$2 where each punter is required to select the winner of Race 7 in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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**'Pakington Street' the Walcha Wonderdog** has now competed in five greyhound races, four at Ipswich and one at Albion Park in Brisbane, in just under a month where he has managed one win, a second and three fourth places much to the delight of his local owners. 'Pakington Street' is trained by Peter O'Reilly in Queensland, has collected over \$3,500 in prize-money and was meant to run at Ipswich last Saturday but was scratched from his race. He has shown plenty of promise so far, loves to hit the front early but then finds it a little difficult to hold on towards the end of the journey.

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**Still on the subject of hounds** Woolbrook resident Daniel 'Milo' Mathews took a couple of his four legged friends to the Coolah Cattle Dog Trials recently where he finished Open Winner with 'Fay' and placed fifth 'Kelly'. Well done to all concerned.

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**Jillaroos skipper Nicola Hoy certainly** had a day out at Guyra last Saturday where she scored two tries, both half the length of the field efforts, as she led her team to an 18 all draw with the Superspuds. Nic picked up 3 Group and 3 Club B + F points along with being rated co-Players Player. Way to go Nic.

## THANK YOU FROM KERRY

Thank you for all the donations for the Ukranian dog shelters.

As the difficulties are ongoing, further donations would be gratefully accepted at the Bigblackbuilding.

## advocate sport



### Tennis

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. Noms close on Thurs 27th April. Names to Hyde Thomson 0427780391, Trev Gibson 0459799119 or post on the Tennis Club Facebook page.

### Bowls

**Dads Army:** Eight players nominated for Thursday afternoon where two games of pairs were played. In the first game Noel Goodwin and John McCormack defeated Eric O'Keefe and Neil Dark 19 - 14. The chooks were won by Peter Hayes and Geoff Salt who defeated Brian Goodwin and John Watts 15 - 14 after scoring three shots on the last end. The raffle was won by Max Holstein.

### Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday two games were played in the Club Singles Championships the result being Deb Richards d Janice Rizzi 25-10 and Sari Andrews d Veronica Jamieson 25-19.

There was also a game of fours Rosie, Jan Cross bowling twice and June Hayes had a 12 all draw with Carmel Ryan, Phyllis Hoy, Wendy Moore and Marg Tickle.

This week the Singles draw is Jan Cross v's June Hayes marker Pam Makeham and Deb Richards v's Sari Andrews marker Marg Tickle. There is also social bowls.

There is an Invitation on the board for the Pam Westbury Memorial Trophy Day at Uralla on the 11th May with names in by the 6th May.

Players please note changing time for Bowls is 9:30 for 10:00 starting this week.

### Ladies Golf

Last week we played the final of our championships. We came out with a new champ in Simone Sweeney who managed to get around Cheryl McDonald, who has held the title for all but one of the past 14 years. Our B grade winner was Polly Locke with runner up Lorraine Walshe, and C Grade went to Pauline Carter with runner up Katie Smith. The Europambela Jug was won by Polly after a playoff against Simone and our Vets champion was Lyn Laurie.

Congratulations to all our winners, and losers too!

The day's trophy was donated by Paperdolls and won by Lyn Laurie on a countback from Polly Locke on 67 nett, s/s Vicki Heffernan 68 and Donna Martin 73. NTP 3 Polly Locke and 16 sister Penny King.

### At the 19th

A BAM event was played last Sunday for trophies donated by Owen and Sue Presnell where the first six holes are played as Best Ball, the second six holes as Aggregate before finishing off with six holes under a Multiplier format.

Winners on the day were Don Brooks and Deon Lawrence with 59 Stableford points comfortably clear of Owen Presnell and Tim Beaumont, Samie Bowden and Michael Stackman both on 55.

The remaining sweepstakes went to Pauline Carter and her sister Sue Partridge 54, Will Brennan and Allan Green, Miles Archdale and Bruce Rutherford, Barry Hoad and Col Berry all on 53 on countback from Ruth and Lee Fletcher.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Neil Dark (3) and Tim Beaumont (16) while the best second shot on the 4th went to former Club Champion Tim Stackman.

Last Saturday Neil Dark accumulated 18 Stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition on countback from Max Holstien who hit the most accurate tee shot on the third hole.

There will be no Saturday or Sunday competitions this weekend due to Walcha hosting the NSW Vets Mixed Sandgreen Opens both Saturday and Sunday. According to chief organiser, Neil Dark, at the time of going to print 60 nominations had been received.

### Rugby League

Walcha/Uralla Rugby League Club travelled to Guyra last Saturday for Round 2 of the Group 19 competition where the Tigeroos were defeated 38-22 and the Jillaroos drew 18 all.

In the main game the visitors opened the scoring when fullback Shuaib Rhodes-Swain touched down under the posts only to see goalkicker Jack Doran miss the conversion.

Guyra responded with three tries within 6 minutes, two of which were converted, to skip away to a 16-4 lead. The Tigeroos bounced back when Cooper Boyd scored under the posts and when Rhodes-Swain raised the flags the visitors trailed 16-10.

Just before the half time hooter the homeside increased

their advantage to 20-10 with an unconverted try to end a spiteful first half where the visitors received 10 penalties while conceding four.

Halfway through the second stanza the Super Spuds had scored two converted tries to lead 32-10 before Brody Dexter scored a try for the Tigeroos and Rhodes-Swain converted to reduce the deficit to 32-16.

With three minutes to go Doran crossed for a try and Rhodes-Swain converted from the sideline to make the score 32-22 before the hosts finalised the scoring with a converted try as the fulltime hooter was about to sound. Club Best and Fairest points - Shuaib Rhodes-Swain 3 and Players Player; Jack Doran 2; Zac Walters 1. Group Points- Brody Dexter 2.

#### Jillaroos

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos drew with Guyra 18 all in their Ladies League Tag match but left it until the final couple of minutes to do so.

Early in the game Guyra opened their account with a converted try after seven minutes before the visitors responded in the 20th minute when Player of the Match Nicola Hoy raced 50 metres to score under the posts.

Unfortunately for the Jillaroos the conversion attempt was unsuccessful and then the homeside crossed for a try to give them a 10-4 advantage when oranges were taken.

The second half was barely underway when Hoy registered her second touchdown after she stole the ball from a Guyra player the ball before sprinting 50 metres to score beside the sticks.

When Caitlin Harris converted, scores were locked up at 10 all but then two minutes later the homeside regained the lead 14-10 with an unconverted try.

After finding touch from the ensuing kickoff the Jillaroos equalised when Taneka Landsborough score with three tackles of the possession changeover.

With four minutes remaining Guyra once again hit the lead with an unconverted touchdown before the visitors equalised through an unconverted try to Landsborough with two minutes left on the clock.

Club B/F points- Nicola Hoy 3, Taneka Landsborough 2, Rachel Green 1. Group points Nicola Hoy 3, Rachel Green 1. Players Player Nicola Hoy and Taneka Landsborough.

This Saturday the Jillaroos and Tigeroos return to Woodville Oval Uralla for Round Three of their Group 19 competitions against Inverell.



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~ WAYNE STEPHEN PARTRIDGE ~  
10.7.55 – 27.4.16

You left a hole within our hearts  
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Susie, Lindsay & Becco, Dallas & Amanda,  
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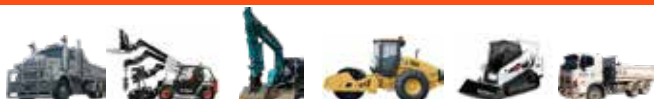
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