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New store opening this Friday



Leisa Drake has transformed the shop next door to Kings Pharmacy into a welcoming space which is brimming with beautiful classic ladieswear.

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She will open the doors of *Emporium on Derby* this Friday night for a twilight shopping experience from 5pm to 7pm.

Leisa moved to Walcha one year ago and has been wanting to open a store, with the timing now being right after renovating her home. "I operated a ladies wear shop in Childers Queensland for five years and sold it to move to Walcha," Leisa explained.

Her focus is on classic wear, with the Emporium also filled with beautiful woollen jumpers, belts, scarves, clutches and accessories. "The more shops we have in town will bring more people to Walcha for day trips, so I am really excited to be

opening here. I really love the Walcha community and I am looking forward to welcoming people into the store," Leisa said.

The Emporium will open Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 3pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 12:30pm.

Some of the labels in store include Adorne, Liberty Rose, Monaco Jeans, GDS, L&L and Pop & Gypsy. Leisa also stocks *Max and Jelli* which is a label she has operated with her daughter Maddie Davidson for a few years and includes a gorgeous array of earrings as well as sunsafe scarves which are perfect for golf, fishing, or while you are out mustering.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

We have had some beautiful weather over the past week but it has all started with some thumping frosts. Minus 8 was the recording in town over the weekend and with more frosts forecast over the next week it is really sucking the moisture out of the soil. There is no rain predicted for the next week and not much chance of moisture over the next month.

Talking with numerous producers around the district and the general consensus is that their winter feed will run out sooner rather than later and they will be hand feeding if we don't get any rain soon. We live in a cold climate and I think hand feeding is a strategy most producers are accustomed to doing every winter, but it's a summer like the one we just had where the grass didn't get a chance to get ahead. We were lucky to get a break in March, otherwise we would be hand feeding already and would be selling livestock in store condition, not fat. If anyone has been looking for fodder then we would all realise just how dear it's becoming, coupled with the cost of freight we are paying similar prices as during the drought. I was browsing around I saw most hay prices are \$350-\$450 a ton on farm while cotton seed is being quoted as \$400 ton ex the gin.

If you haven't already checked your crops this year I suggest you do so with reports of mites and some slug investigations around the district. It's not as bad as last year but it does affect the ability of your crop and pastures to grow. Given a year like the one we are having we could all use the extra growth and it is vital to have a healthy plant when moisture may be limited.

The dry start to the year in other areas have seen consignments of store stock hit the market in recent weeks, especially runs of store cows which we haven't seen for a few years. Store cows are the best feed converters and if you're looking for some quick cash flow or turn over, I suggest looking into these if you have fattening feed.

Producers are looking at the forecast ahead and judging by the large yarding of weaners in Armidale on Monday everyone is selling expensive numbers. The prices reflected the current seasonal conditions with 3092 head averaging \$833.96/hd, compared to the last weaner sale average of \$1179.67/hd just 5 weeks ago. Last Friday AuctionsPlus catalogued its largest listing of cattle for 2023 and only managed a 38% clearance rate. It's been a while since we have seen weaner steers sell well below \$1000/hd and PTIC Angus heifers out of the Hunter as low as \$1250/hd. Word on the grapevine is that parts of the Hunter region are really struggling and judging by the condition of the cattle I'd say it's correct.

I mentioned last week about Labor slashing its rural investment infrastructure program and a large project on our door step has already been knocked on the head. The cancellation of the Dungowan Dam project is set to save the Federal Government \$635 million of tax payers money as they have withdrawn the funding. The government are stating that the cost benefit ratio of the dam isn't recommended to be put on the infrastructure priority list as it would take 10 years to build and fill the dam. They are saying there are better alternatives to Tamworth water issues like piping between existing dams and water efficiency management for example, but regardless we need to store more water as piping dams that all but went dry during the drought doesn't seem like an educated resolution. We need not only more water for the our towns but plenty more for growing food, fodder and drought resilience. Lets be grateful that the Walcha water storage facility is already underway and we can store more water for our community, otherwise the funding may have been ripped away from us for so called more beneficial infrastructure projects.

Tamworth yarded 1727 cattle on Monday with prices easing further due to the dry conditions. Steers 330-400kg topped at 361c/kg, while quality Hereford steers to kill, 494kg topped at 390c/kg. Heavy bullocks, 776kg made to 220c/kg while 2 tooth steers made 281c/kg for 608kg. Feeder heifers made to 290c/kg while heavy fat cows, 671kg topped at 235c/kg. 5500 sheep and lambs were yarded in Tamworth with extra heavy lambs selling to \$235/hd, trade weights to \$187 and heavy XB mutton sold to \$150.

Dedication and hard work pays off for Steven

Second year mechanical apprentice Steven Avery-Clenton was extremely surprised last Thursday when he was presented with the Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarship by TAFE NSW.

Steven works at Brian Smith Timber Transport and was thrilled to receive the scholarship which will see him receive \$5000 per year for three years, which will greatly assist in purchasing tools, and assisting with travel and accommodation for TAFE in Tamworth.

The scholarship is open to apprentices in both metropolitan and rural areas, and is awarded to someone who shows that they are capable, as well as having a positive attitude and application in workplace and formal training.

Employer, Brian Smith cannot speak highly enough of Steven's dedication. "When Steven was still at school he dropped his resume into our office, asking for any work that was available. He would work at the yard on the weekends and through his school holidays," Brian said.

Brian signed Steven up as a School-based trainee, and now he is in his second year of an Automotive - Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanic. "I am very proud of Steven and I am honoured to be able to support young people through TAFE courses and their apprenticeships," Brian said.

Two other employees at Brian Smith Timber Transport are also completing TAFE courses, with qualified mechanic Daniel Lordanic upskilling into



Daniel Lordanic and Katie Smith congratulate Steven Avery-Clenton on his scholarship

heavy vehicle mechanics, and Ben Moran currently studying as a first year apprentice. "The training for these two mechanics is all completed at our office which means they don't have to travel and miss a week of work, which is extremely beneficial to all of us, as well as saving them on travel and

accommodation," Brian said.

The business is always on the lookout for dedicated and enthusiastic staff, and having the TAFE training for apprentices here in Walcha will be a beneficial in attracting apprentices.



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letters to the editor



Biggest Morning tea tomorrow

Just a reminder the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea is on tomorrow, Thursday 25th at the Walcha Tennis Clubhouse starting at 10am, (normally finishing between 11 and 11.30).

It is a such great cause. Everyone is welcome to drop in.

Jenny Hoy



Motorcycle Rally homestay accommodation

The excitement is building and visitors have already booked up accommodation in Walcha to attend this year's Walcha Motorcycle Rally, which will be held 17 – 18 November 2023.

Tickets for the event will go on sale next week and we are once again expecting large numbers of visitors to attend from around Australia. In order to provide accommodation for them in Walcha we are once again seeking expressions of interest for anyone willing to offer Home Stay Accommodation for the 2023 event.

If you have a granny flat, shearers quarters, cottage or spare room and are interested in providing Home Stay accommodation please contact Lisa or Daria at the Walcha Visitor Information Centre by phone on 67742460 or email: tourism@walcha.nsw.gov.au

Rugby League supports Westpac Rescue Helicopter

On 1 April Walcha/Uralla Rugby League held a trial match against Dungowan, with the being known as the Dickie Byrne Memorial Day. Entry was a gold coin donation with all gate proceeds to support the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Gate takings for the day amounted to just under \$1,000 and cheque for \$1,000 was presented to members of the local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Committee.

A big thank you to all that attended on the day for a great cause.



John Byrne and granddaughter Belle, presenting a cheque to Joy Mcleod and Robyn Watts

St Patrick's excelled at Cross Country



St Patrick's students accepting the Small Schools' Champions trophy

By Dallas Hyatt, Principal

Last Tuesday, St Patrick's Primary School members, Annie, Jessica, Claire, Grace C, Nate, Hamish, Lachie and Henry participated at the Da Vinci Decathlon at The Armidale School. Competing against some of the best minds from various public and private school institutions as well as competing in a competition like this for the first time, the students had to solve various problems like code breaking, mathematical challenges, poster designs, creating poems and a lot of other unique and interesting challenges related to the theme of 'Chaos'. Our team should be very proud of themselves, especially since we were the smallest school that was competing in this event. Now that we have experience competing in an event like this, we will be definitely entering one or two teams again next year! Thank you to Mrs Davey for transporting as well as supervising our team on the day as well as Mrs Curtis who also assisted with the transport. Without both of you, we wouldn't have had the opportunity to compete in the decathlon.

On Friday, 23 students went to Barraba to take part in the Diocesan Cross Country Trials. It was an ideal day weather wise and both the courses for the 2km and the 3km races were very similar to the courses our students completed at our cross country event late last term. Our team performed very well as we had a number of runners in the top 10 and/or top 20 in their selected event. Most of our runners bettered their time and/or place from last year. If there was an award for the best school cheering and encouraging their teammates, it would have definitely been awarded to us. Speaking of awards, congratulations to every member of our team as St Patrick's Primary was the Small Schools Champions for the day! What an achievement, well done, this is a fantastic result!

Congratulations go to Jessica who came 6th overall in the 8/9 Years Girls race, Angus and Jessica who were placed 4th in their respective races and Annie who was the Senior Girls Champion. This means Jessica, Angus, Jessica and Annie have qualified to represent the Armidale Diocese at the Polding Cross Country Trials on the 12th June at Eastern Creek. We wish them all the best of luck.

EOFY Appeal recognises Unsung Heroes

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is launching its annual End of Financial Year Appeal, taking the opportunity to acknowledge the 'unsung heroes' behind the scenes who are helping save local lives.



"This year we recognise the vital role played by our Engineering Teams at our heavy maintenance facility at Broadmeadow and at each of our three bases at Tamworth, Belmont and Lismore," Westpac Rescue Helicopter CEO Richard Jones OAM said.

"Our ability to service communities 24/7 across Northern NSW is only achieved through the ongoing maintenance and technical ability of our Engineering Teams keeping our aircraft on standby and ready to respond to those in need," Jones said.

This year, the Service's Engineering Teams at its Broadmeadow Heavy Maintenance Facility, face the intricate exercise of completing major four yearly maintenance inspections on each of the Service's four multimillion-dollar aircraft.

"The Team essentially strip each aircraft back to a shell and then rebuild it, with any necessary replacement parts and components sourced from the aircraft manufacturers in Italy or from suppliers here in Australia," Jones said. 'It's a complex time consuming and highly involved process that takes several weeks and is meticulously planned to ensure we can have our aircraft back in service as soon as possible,' Jones continued.

"It's a significant cost to conduct these inspections, so on behalf of our Engineering Team, I'd like to thank the community for their continued support and say a special thank you in advance to those who are able to help us once again during this Appeal, as it's not just a donation, it's helping us to save local lives."



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Farmers' Market wraps up for winter



Thom and his mother with Thom's fresh produce

Walcha Farmers' Market has had its last market for the season before heading into the winter break. Saturday's market was another great success with a chilly start but gorgeous sunny weather.

Market-goers were treated to a beautiful dance by Kerry Carey with Irish dancing and gypsy style flavours.

There were several new stall holders on the day, including Lesley Andrews with quality hand-made knitted and crocheted creations, Thom's Fruit and Veg, Jazz Hayton serving coffee, and Thai Satay Food Truck.

As a Farmers' Market, the theme is "Make it! Bake it! Grow it!" and the committee carefully curates the market for this focus. This season has seen the regular and seasonal attendance of several new-to-us businesses and stalls, such as Beca Bakes, Beelike, Moquet Garlic, Walcha Historical Society, Myles' Native Flowers, Sheetal's Kitchen, Wild Apple Fun, and RSPCA Armidale Supporters Group.

Walcha has a number of young entrepreneurs in our community and nearby, such as Sienna with her seedlings business, Emily and Thom with their crafts and fresh produce, and Jazz serving coffee. The Farmers' Market is proud to support these young people. If you have a fledgling or established business and are interested in joining the market, please enquire through our website.

The Market has enjoyed the continued support of longstanding and/or regular stallholders such as Sunhill Dairy Goats, Nan's Homestyle Condiments, Carinya North Nursery, Kentucky Tree Nursery, Deano's Smoked Trout, 216 Collection, Kate's Cacti and Succulents, Stamp Ahead, The Bush Patisserie, Guyra Potato Man, Moodee and Sass, Primal Alternative by Fiona, Walcha Coffee, and Rotary with their barbecue.

The Walcha Farmers' Market Committee consists of Denise Cox (President), John Stanton (Vice President), Kath Little (Treasurer), Chloe Hoy (Secretary), Alyce Notley, Leanne Quist, Stuart Wellings, Sienna Wellings, Eliza Lockyer, Archie Little and Yvette Stanton. New members are welcome as many hands make light work! Thank you to the committee for their hard work over the past year.

"The committee would like to thank Walcha Council for allowing us to use McHattan Park as our venue and for their regular upkeep of the park in preparation for its use; our stallholders for their invaluable contribution; the Walcha community and visitors for coming along; Howard and Barb for their hugely appreciated regular musical contribution; the valued volunteers who help out on our community stall, and community members who have brought their produce and creations along to sell at the community stall. Thank you to the Walcha community for helping to make our Walcha Farmers' Market such a great success each month!" said Yvette Stanton, committee member. "We're all looking forward to a bit of a rest over winter, and relaunching in September for the new season."

The market will now be in recess until 16 September, when the new season will launch. The Walcha Farmers' Market Annual General Meeting will be held on 8 August at 6:30pm at the Commercial Hotel. If you are interested in joining the organising committee, please attend on the night. Please RSVP via the market's FB page or website. <https://walchafarmersmarket.org.au/>

Consider natural health care for immunity

Local Chiropractor, Samantha Goor submitted this article to promote natural health care for our immunity.

Natural Immunity is something we are all born with. Our genetics, diet and lifestyles can all influence our immunity.

Here are some pointers that may help you strengthen your immunity safely:

- Breastmilk contains loads of natural nutrients and immune enhancers for you as a developing baby
- Adequate sleep gives your body and immunity the time needed to repair and regenerate. Adults should be aiming for 7-8 hours a night in a dark room.
- Whole plant foods like fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and legumes are rich in nutrients and antioxidants that may give you an upper hand against harmful pathogens. The antioxidants in these foods help decrease inflammation by combatting unstable compounds called free radicals, which can cause inflammation when they build up in your body in high levels. Chronic inflammation is linked to numerous health conditions, including heart disease, Alzheimer's, and certain cancers. Meanwhile, the fibre in plant foods, feeds your gut microbiome, or the community of healthy bacteria in your gut. A robust gut microbiome can improve your immunity and help keep harmful pathogens from entering your body via your digestive tract.
- Eat healthy fats. Extra Virgin olive oil, coconut oil, flaxseed oil, butter, all may help with reducing chronic inflammation which hinders immunity. Olive oil, which is highly anti-inflammatory, is linked to a decreased risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Plus, its anti-inflammatory properties may help your body fight off harmful disease-causing bacteria and viruses. Omega-3 fatty acids, such as those in salmon and chia seeds, fight inflammation as well.
- Fermented foods are rich in beneficial bacteria called probiotics, which populate your digestive tract. These foods include yogurt, sauerkraut, kimchi, kefir, and natto. Research suggests that a flourishing network of gut bacteria can help your immune cells differentiate between normal, healthy cells and harmful invader organisms.
- Reduce sugar. Higher sugar intake can be linked with higher disease expression
- Moderate exercise may reduce inflammation and improve immunity, helps reduce stress
- Drink plenty of fresh clean rain water
- Deal with your stress levels. Chronic stress reduces immunity
- Supplements may help. However, some studies indicate that the following supplements may strengthen your body's general immune response:
 - **Vitamin C.** According to a review in over 11,000 people, taking 1,000–2,000 mg of vitamin C per day reduced the duration of colds by 8% in adults and 14% in children.
 - **Vitamin D.** Vitamin D deficiency may increase your chances of getting sick, so supplementing may counteract this effect.
 - **Zinc.** In a review in 575 people with the common cold, supplementing with more than 75 mg of zinc per day reduced the duration of the cold by 33%.
 - **Elderberry.** One small review found that elderberry could reduce the symptoms of viral upper respiratory infections, and more research is needed.
 - **Echinacea.** A study in over 700 people found that those who took echinacea recovered from colds slightly more quickly than those who received a placebo or no treatment.
 - **Garlic.** A high quality, 12-week study in 146 people found that supplementing with garlic reduced the incidence of the common cold by about 30%. However, more research is needed.

Reference: <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/how-to-boost-immune-health>

Fire truck visits Preschool



Walcha Preschool children were very excited to have a visit from the Walcha Fire Brigade recently. Katlyn Gollan, Charmaine Somerville and Peter Dunn from Walcha Fire Brigade showed the children what they do and who to call when there is a fire or emergency.

Every term the children practice fire drills so this was a great opportunity for the kids to see what the truck looks like and who will turn up if they need help.

All the children got to spray the fire hose. (Katlyn is pictured with her son Dusty).

Katlyn and Charmaine showed the children how to "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go!".

The children were so lucky that the fire fighters came to spend some time with them. They always look forward to their visit.



thumbs



- A very good day on 17th May to Tamworth with community Health Care. Shopping and Chinese food.
- To d z Hayton for putting a coffee van together in less than a week to help the Farmer's Market! Impressive work!
- To Steven Blake for putting a barricade around Hannah's Memorial while his stock are grazing on the road. Much appreciated.

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WALCHA V QUIRINDI

FIRST GRADE

Walcha kicked off to get the ball rolling. After applying some good defence the Lions made a mistake kicking the ball out on the full giving Walcha some good territory. Winning the line out and putting together a couple of phases we received a penalty and Dom "skate park rat" Bower took full advantage and put it over the black dot. Walcha 3 Lions 0.

Both forward packs began to slug it out through the middle of the field with Walcha giving away consecutive penalties the Lions were able to cross the line. Walcha 3 Lions 7.

Walcha's ill-discipline allowed the Lions to get on the front foot once again and cross the line in the corner. Walcha 3 Lions 12. A few barn storming runs from Wally "the slippery Somerton sheep breeder" Davidson and Sam "just carry" Lomax gave Walcha some good territory. Winning a lineout in the opposition's 22, the forwards started to pick and drive their way to the line where Henry "loved up les" Leslie reached out to cross the line. Walcha 8 Lions 12.

Walcha struggled to get out of the their own half and the loss of Sam "just carry" Lomax to a yellow card saw Quirindi put a couple of tries on the board before the half time whistle. Walcha 8 Lions 22.



The first 20 minutes of the second half was a slog fest between both sides, with some slipped tackles the Lions were starting to find gaps throughout the Walcha defence opening the flood gates and crossing for numerous tries. Walcha 8 - Lions 42.

Not going down without a fight Josh "Mr Mol" Moloney put together some huge runs up the middle of the park getting Walcha in position to strike. Failing to go wide Walcha kept it tight in the forwards once again picking and driving to see Ben "junkyard dog" Burwell score a try. Walcha 12 Lions 42. It was good to see a few first grade debutants Toby "ID please" Moore and Benny take the field and show off their talents. Benny made a big try saving tackle in the corner and Toby putting every ball on the chest, both having an impressive 10 minutes off the bench. A few late tries from the Lions and a consolation try from Ollie Crawford ended the game Walcha 20 Quirindi 61.

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what's the goss

with AJ Cross

While competing at the District PSSA Cross Country at Armidale recently Walcha Central School athlete Reva Liddle showed outstanding sportsmanship, (or is it sportspersonship for the politically correct?) while competing in the Girls 8/9 years event. At the start of the race some of the competitors became tangled up with each other before biting the dust and instead of taking off like the rest of the field Reva hung around to assist the fallen off the ground before commencing her run. Way to go Reva - not many others would have done what you did.

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Still on Cross Country. Four St Patrick's School athletes Annie Patterson-Kane, her sister Jessica, Angus Fletcher and Josie Wauch have been selected in the Armidale Diocesan squad to compete at the Polding Championships in Sydney on 13th June, following outstanding performances at Barraba last week. Annie won her event, Jess and Angus finished fourth in their respective races while Josie positioned sixth to qualify for the squad. A total of 498 athletes from all around the North of the State competed on the day of which 24 were from Walcha.

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Best of Luck to talented sporting all rounder Annie Patterson-Kane when she represents Polding at the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships in Tamworth next Tuesday 30th May against some of the best girl hockey players across NSW. Go Gettum Annie.

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Congratulations to Walcha Central School lawn bowlers Sari Andrews, her sister Koda and Kirra-lee Murphy on winning their quarter final of the North West CHS open Bowls competition when they defeated Quirindi 19-13 at Quirindi last Thursday. The girls are now waiting to see who they play between Lightning Ridge and Wee Waa. Sari has been keeping her eye in here at home and last week teamed up with Esther Hunt to win the final of the Four Bowls Pairs against Jan Cross and Janile Rizzi.

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Pakington Street the Walcha Wonder dog earnt the wrath of Greyhound

Stewards last week despite finishing second in his race at Albion Park. Halfway up the straight P.S. took exception to third placed Nikanova and attempted to give the outside dog a bit of a nip which was never going to work while wearing a muzzle. For his indiscretion Pakington Street is currently serving a 28 day suspension.

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My much better half Linda, daughters Rachael and Lauren, sister in law Sandra Laurie and her daughter Michelle have been doing it tough over in Bali during the past week while enjoying a girls only family holiday. Photos sent home of sipping cocktails by the pool while planning a massage or drinking \$1.50 beers is rubbing it in a bit girls don't you think.

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Which leads into the next story. Most Mondays when Sandra is looking for after her grandson Henry Lisle we receive a visit from them at Apsley Street but I was suprised when Henry turned up during a morning walk with his other grandmother Jenny Lisle last Monday. Henry had convinced Jenny they needed to call in and they were on their way. No flies on young Henry he wasn't going to miss out on his regular cookie.

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Big wigs of the Footy Tipping week- Newie Mick Schaefer 14 points Charlotte Lyon 130 has hit the lead from Dal Evans and Liam Brennan 128 Paddles Chandler 126; Apsley - Scotty Swain 12 pts who has regained his lead from Normie Goodwin; Thunderbolts Way Cafe - Lisa Swanton and Emma Hillier 12 pts Emily Smoulders leads on 119 from Paul Nash 113.

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Talk about from the penthouse to outhouse in a week. Last week Bowling Club leader Darrell 'Bikie' Brazel scored 4 points after he picked the card the previous week and now is co leader with David L.J Hooker on 128 closely followed by Kyle Goodwin 126. Top score last week - Tracey Crisp 14 points.



Rugby League

The Walcha/Uralla Tigeroos and Jillaroos travelled to Wialda last Saturday where they were defeated in both of their Group 19 Round 6 games.

Ten minutes into the main game the visitors opened the scoring through a try to centre Josh Dailey before the homeside Wombats responded with a converted try midway through the opening stanza.

Shortly after Tigeroos Centre Zac Walters regained the lead for his team 8-6 after racing 50 metres to touchdown. With only three bench players the visitors were doing it a bit tough as they watched Wialda register two more converted tries to give them an 18-8 advantage.

Just 37 seconds remained on the clock before the break when Tigeroos prop Lachlan Barnden scored a try and when full back Shuaib Rhodes-Swain converted the visitors enjoyed their oranges 18-14 down.

Unfortunately for Walcha/Uralla that was the end of the road, scoring wise while the Wombats added another four converted tries to finalise the score at 42-14.

Best and Fairest Points: Club 3 Mikey Carter, 2 Kieren Stiff, 1 Shuaib Rhodes-Swain who also collected 2 group points off the referee. Players Player was Mikey Carter.

Jillaroos

Down on playing personnel the Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos suffered their second successive loss this season when they were defeated 18-10 by Wialda last Saturday.

The Wombettes were first to score after just two minutes with an unconverted try and then 10 minutes later increased their lead to 10-0 through a converted touchdown.

At the 17 minute mark of the open session Jillaroos captain Nicola Hoy produced one of her trade mark attacking runs when she raced nearly the length of the field to score in a handy position for Caitlin Harris to convert.

Three minutes before halftime speedster Jordyn Hoy wasn't going to be outdone by her younger sister as she sprinted down the sideline to touch down.

Just as the halftime hooter was about to sound Wialda scored a try to give them a 14-10 lead when drinks were



called for.

The scorers were hardly bothered in the second stanza until the 17 minute mark when the homeside scored an unconverted try to finish the scoring at 18-10.

Best and Fairest Points. Club 3 Alisha Dillon, 2 Bella Swift, 1 Chloe Cox, Group 2 - Nicola Hoy.

Players Player - Alisha Dillon.

This Sunday the Jillaroos and Tigeroos head to Tingha, then travel to Bingara the following Saturday night before playing their fourth consecutive away games at Armidale Saturday 17th.

Tennis

Round 3 of the Eskimo Comp was played out on Tuesday 16th May in brisk conditions. There were no max. scorers this week but Pippie O'Brien top scored with a 17 from 18. Good luck to all playing this week.

The next Club Meeting will be held on Monday 10th July at 6.30pm. See you all at the net soon.

Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Esther Hunt and Sari Andrews who played Janice Rizzi and Jan Cross in the final of the 4 Bowl Pairs Championship and won 29-7. The score does not indicate the calibre of the game. Sari is a young player in Year 11 who is achieving well with her bowling.

Last Thursday in a social game Wendy Moore, Esther Hunt and Lyn Burnell had a win against Debbie Richards, Carmel Ryan, Janice Rizzi and Jan Cross.

The Three Bowl Pairs Championship will commence on 1st June with June Hayes and Veronica Jamieson playing Lyn Burnell and Esther Hunt. The winners of this game will play Jan Cross and Sari Andrews on 8 June. The other game on 8 June will be Janice Rizzi and Wendy Moore playing Carmel Ryan and Debbie Richards.

Tomorrow is President's Day - 9.30am for a 10am start. We hope it is a beautiful day and everyone enjoys their game.

Ladies Golf

It was a Graham Betts stableford qualifier played last Wednesday for Prue Morgan's trophy.

There must be something in the Walcha water at present as another great day was had by several players.

Lorraine Walshe came in the winner, clocking up a wonderful 40 points. Sweepstakes then went to Jenny Lisle with 38, Margaret Davidson 37, Pauline Carter 36, and Donna Martin also with 36. NTP on 3 was won by Jenny Lisle and on 16 was Lorraine Walshe. Second shot on 7 was Margaret Davidson and the second shot on 18 went to Julie Olrich.

Today, we are playing a par event for Janelle Archdale's trophy.

At the 19th

The cool breezy weather conditions certainly frightened plenty of players away from the Stroke Medal round played last Sunday for a trophy donated by Lachie Fletcher.

Just nine competitors teed off where former local mayor Bill Heazlett ran out a comfortable overall winner after carding a 67 nett which also gave him the C Grade mug.

A Grade went to captain Willy Brennan on 73 nett while club handicapper Don Brooks was always going to win B Grade and did so with 80 nett.

Long drives, sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus, were caressed by Michael Stackman (A), Don Brooks (B) and Bill Heazlett (C).

Best scratch score on the day to Michael Stackman after he registered 81 off the beater.

Club President Allan Green engaged his flat stick on the least amount of occasions to win the putting competition with 23 while the coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts was eagerly received by David Sweeney after he registered 30 jabs.

Sharpest Shooters at the Pins were Crichton Barr (3), Allan Green (9), Bill Heazlett (16) whereas no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the home hole.

Last Saturday Club Secretary Jenny Lisle accumulated 20 Stableford points to win the weekly 9-hole competition while runner up was John McCormack after he racked up 16 points and he also won the NTP on 3.

This Sunday a Stableford round is scheduled for a prize supplied by Angus Warden while the Werris Creek Open is on offer for those players interested.

Vets Golf

The final round of the 2023 New England Veterans Golf Pennants competition was played in Armidale last week where Guyra was named winners of the five round competition after they accumulated 1184 points throughout the season.

Walcha were runners up on 1130 followed by Glen Innes 1090, Armidale 1060 and Uralla 1019.

Last week best of the Walcha players was former New England Hotel 2.I.C publican Bob Denniss who racked up 40 stableford points the best score in all three men's divisions and in doing so took out C Grade.

A Grade runner up was Wayne Brennan on 37 points whereas Cheryl McDonald finished third in the Women's Division on 32 points and her husband Doug picked up a sweepstakes ball on 31 points.

N.T.P'S to Doug McDonald (11), Crichton Barr (12), Wayne Brennan (14) and Billy Fletcher.

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Loved mother and mother-in-law of Jackie & Richard Green and Danny & Vicki Hoy. Adored grandmother and great-grandmother of their families.

Funeral to be held St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Walcha today Wednesday, 24th May 2023 commencing at 11am.

Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288

HICKEY: Kevin

11th August 1954 - 5th May 2023

An informal memorial service and celebration of life will be held for Kevin Hickey on 5th June 2023. The service will be held at Woolbrook Memorial Hall, 10am-11am. Refreshments will be provided. Please dress colourfully and bring a photo or flower if possible.

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Raffle Results

Woolbrook Sports Ground - Wood raffle won by G G Wright and drawn by Peter Dunn.

Garage Sale

Moving sale 101w Hill St - House items and blokes stuff. 9am Sat 27th and Sun 28th May.

Lost

Pair of Brennan and Smith reading glasses. Ph Ted Morris: 67771148

Wanted

Dingo traps - Wanted to buy. Phone 0427 104 123.

Thank you

On behalf of the Levingston family we would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff for their loving care and kindness shown to Pauline over the last three years whilst in their care at Elizabeth Crosse Wing.

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Position Vacant *cont*

Cleaner for Walcha Council



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