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## 'Community Men' honoured with King's Birthday Medal



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When you look through the list of service Bill Heazlett and Don Murchie have contributed to our community, you have to think hard to come up with an organisation they have not leant a hand. It was therefore incredibly fitting that these two men were bestowed the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Monday for the King's Birthday Honours list.

Bill's OAM recognises his service to local government and the community of Walcha; Don was awarded for his extensive service to our community through a range of service organisations.

"It's so pleasing to see these awards go to people who genuinely deserve them and Bill Heazlett is one such individual who has not only well and truly earned his OAM, he has helped make Walcha the community it is today," Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall commented.

Bill served an astounding 36 years on Walcha Council and was our Mayor for 12 of those years. "He proudly and successfully lead the Walcha community as Mayor, through some tumultuous times, staving off the threat of amalgamations back in the early 2000s," Adam Marshall said.

"As someone who has worked closely with Bill in local government for a number of years, I was so proud to see his years of hard work and dedication recognised on Australia Day with the Citizen of the Year award and his OAM is another just acknowledgement of his many years of voluntary community work," Adam continued.

Since stepping down from Council, Bill has continued to give back to the district whether through his passion for the golf club, school, or giving comfort to local families and individuals experiencing hard times. "One of life's great gentlemen, Bill is the epitome of a community champion," Adam concluded.

Don Murchie was completely overwhelmed when he received the email asking him to accept the OAM. "I nearly deleted it, thinking it was a scam!"

Don has lived his whole life in Walcha, and his extensive list of service to our community includes 62 years as a committee member of the Walcha Show Society where he has served as President, Secretary and various steward positions.

When asked about his service to the community, Don speaks passionately about Aged Care.

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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The King's Birthday long weekend was well and truly enjoyed by many. People taking the time to head away for a few days or participate in one of the numerous sporting events held. Sadly, numerous lives were lost on our roads over the weekend but none more horrific than the wedding bus crash in the Hunter. Our roads are such a dangerous place, and you can never be careful enough, but that bus crash was just a freak accident that will imprint that poor couples wedding day for the rest of their lives.

I know we are still looking for more moisture but a trip to Coonamble over the weekend made me think we are in not too bad a shape in comparison. The majority of the crops were short but germinated, compared to ours that have already been grazed. What I did see from the road was that there was still a good amount of dry feed in the paddocks and while talking to a few locals, their main concern was once they have finished calving then the pressure will really come on. An area such as Coonamble normally takes on large volumes of agistment stock but like us they are calling around looking for agistment. Word is that parts of the Central West are having as good an Autumn as they can remember, and no doubt are fielding calls daily for agistment.

Last week's front that came through didn't yield a lot of moisture for us, but it sure did help. It doesn't take a lot of moisture through the winter months to keep the crops and pasture healthy. Weather like we have had over the past 2 weeks helps keep the frosts at bay and the livestock seem to enjoy those warmer nights. Last week parts of Victoria and Southern NSW got a decent fall of rain, but it was very patchy. The rain event was enough to hold back some lamb numbers in the south with Wagga Wagga yarding 20,000hd, compared to 33,000 the week before. Trade weight lambs topped at \$155 while 25kg dead lambs jumped \$18/hd and heavy export lambs gained \$15-27/hd topping at \$235. The rain event also had price rises for the cattle market with cows in Dubbo last Thursday lifting 18-24c/kg, topping at 255c/kg for heavy kill cows. No market this week in Tamworth but I'm sure there will be a larger yarding of cattle in Tamworth next Monday.

Its nearly bull sale selling season and all the local bull studs are on the down hill run to their sale days. We are very lucky to have such high quality seedstock producers throughout our district and be sure to get in contact with these producers and inspect this season's draft of sale bulls if you're looking for a new bull.



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Local business, Brian Smith Timber Transport plays an integral role in the Australian timber industry. Brian has just commenced a new contract with Forestry Corporation which will see 90,000 tonnes per year for the next three years of timber being transported to Werris Creek railway station where it is loaded onto trains bound for Wagga Wagga, and then trucked to Tumut and Tumbarumba for milling. Each train will carry a massive 2800 tonnes of plantation softwood timber which equates to 70 B-double loads which will no longer be on the roads.

This timber is sourced from Forestry Corporation plantations in Nundle and Nowendoc, with the company working with Forestry Corporation for over a year to bring this contract to fruition. "Five trains have already gone to Tumut, with all of the timber being used for the domestic building and furniture markets," Brian explained.

"We have some of the highest structural grade softwood in Australia here in the Walcha area, so the majority of it will be used for housing," he said.

Brian explained that most of the softwood from this area was previously being exported to China. "With the export market closed at present, combined with the huge areas lost around Tumut to bushfires, the demand for our high-quality structural timber has never been higher," Brian said.

The company carries over 250,000 tonnes of plantation softwood each year from the forests near Nowendoc and Nundle to all parts of NSW for milling. 90,000 tonnes of 'rubbish timber' (from the heads of the trees) is transported by Brian's trucks to Borg's manufacturing facility in Oberon where it is made into particleboard, MDF and melamine for kitchen cupboards and building materials. "This saves wastage and is a great way to use the smaller timber," Brian said.

The softwood plantation timber utilises radiata pine and is a completely



Top: The first train loaded with 2800 tonnes of timber departs Werris Creek bound for Wagga Wagga. Inset: A truck loaded with timber bound for Oberon



renewable industry.

"I have been working with Forestry for 48 years and I have harvested some areas three times," he said.

In the last five years Forestry has replanted 3500 hectares of radiata pine. "They have completely replanted the areas we have logged." This provides a future for both Brian's business and the Walcha area for employment in the timber industry.



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## What is the Voice?

The Voice would be a permanent body that gives independent advice to the Australian Parliament and Government on matters that affect First Nations people.

The Voice aims to help the Parliament and Government to make better decisions and deliver better outcomes for First Nations people.

## How will the Voice be set up?

How it's set up would be determined after the referendum with input from First Nations people, the broader public and the Government. The Parliament would then make a law to set up the Voice.

The intention is that its members will be chosen by and representative of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia.

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# Mayoral Column



## REZ TRANSMISSION LINES

Last Thursday saw the public release of the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) draft corridor for the new transmission lines to link the old Bayswater Power Station site to the New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ). This will see two 550kVA lines built and as expected one will enter the Walcha LGA north east of Tamworth, turn near Tallara Road and exit towards Wollun. A spur line runs south east to near the junction of Wauchs Road and Thunderbolts Way. The map, although somewhat difficult to

interpret, is available on EnergyCo's website.

Residents affected by this path should have by now been contacted by EnergyCo in regards to the impact on land and operations. If you feel you may be impacted and haven't been suitably informed, please reach out to myself or Council and we will give you the details on who to contact. EnergyCo committed to keep everyone informed and if this is not happening we need to know so we can both maintain pressure and let EnergyCo know where their communication gaps are. These lines are just part of 10,000 kms of new transmission infrastructure, integral to the restructure Australia's power grid as we move towards a renewable energy future. Already delayed by two years, reduction in generation capacity and with budgeting pressures the path forward for NERES will not be all plain sailing.

The Winterbourne Wind Project faces its own delays with answers to submissions pushed until at least mid-December. While Council unanimously maintains a neutral stance on this project we are constantly reviewing its impact on our LGA, be it social, environmental or to infrastructure, and will continue to represent our constituents in the best way possible.

The renewable energy march rolls ever onward, with the disruption to our community becoming more palpable as each step is taken. While my role is not one of being the social police I believe we need to remember the core values that make Walcha's community what it is and hopefully will be into the future. Ultimately, it is State and Federal Government policy and legislation that is driving the transition and facilitating progress, and they are the ones that can change it.

Following this, Interim General Manager and myself had an hour long Zoom meeting with the Department of Planning (DP) last Thursday. This meeting formed part of our three monthly catch up with them and offers us an opportunity to engage with the people who design the path forward for renewable energy in our region. We sought clarification how our Development Control Plan can be referenced to inform the process, provided input into submissions around the Oxley Highway and the work and social impacts of accelerated traffic volumes, bio security issues and covering financial costs and benefits to our community.

## WASTE DEPOT

Last week's closure of the Walcha 'tip' due to lack of staff to open it on Friday and Sunday understandably caused a reaction around the community. As Council we are committed to supplying a reliable service and the closures were a failure of that commitment. It was opened Monday to compensate, but this doesn't alleviate the problem. Staff shortages due to illness and leave cannot always be avoided, but there is immediate action being taken to train more staff in this area as a backup. I often hear "there can't be much training needed", but there is. Compliance with EPA and WHS make the operation of this facility challenging and this will only become more onerous moving forward. Staff connected to this facility receive praise from our regulators and all users have a responsibility to make this a smooth path. This applies to our outlying transfer stations as well.

In relation to our waste issue, last week Council put on public display our Draft Waste Strategy. This document took many hours to research and compile and is now there for your comment. One of the hot topics around the tip is always opening hours, and these are addressed in this draft document, so this is your opportunity to comment and express your views. The implementation of a voucher scheme for rural residents is also explained and there is 28 days for feedback.

Moving forward it is imperative that all our facilities in this department cover their costs and avoid cross subsidisation.

## DRAFT BUDGET

While on the topic of public exhibition of documents Walcha Council's Operational Plan 23/24, which includes the budget, is out on display and also open for comment. An integral part of our community engagement meetings a couple of weeks ago it forms an important part of our commitment to tighten internal financial controls following application for a Special Rate Variation.

On behalf of Council and Councillors thank you to all people who attended these meetings. Your feedback is taken seriously and obviously roads were the main focus. We have been the recipient of multiple rounds of additional road funding, and although inadequate for all our requirements, will improve many of the worst sections of roads over the next year.

## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

A proposal came to council last week to adjust the opening hours for the main office. Recognition of "power up and power down" time of modern workplaces will see face-to-face and Service NSW interactions being slightly reduced to 9am to 4:30pm weekdays. General phone enquiries will still be available from 8:30am to 5:00pm. The change will improve operational efficiency and also brings Walcha Council in line with most other regional councils.



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**Continued from front.** Don was a member of the Steering Committee which raised funds to build Apsley Riverview Hostel. Don was then elected as a Council member on the NSW Aged and Community Services Council for six years, and also the Commonwealth Advisory Group for Rural and Remote Aged Care. "These positions were probably the most challenging but also rewarding, as Aged Care is crucial in rural areas," he commented.

When we asked Don how he was going to spend the long weekend, his response was "volunteering". He spent Saturday at Pioneer Cottage volunteering for the Historical Society and on Sunday he was helping tourists as a volunteer at the Visitor Information Centre.

As a community we wholeheartedly thank both Bill and Don for what we enjoy today thanks to the thousands of hours they have donated to countless organisations throughout the district.

#### **BILL HEAZLETT**

##### **Walcha Council**

- Mayor 2000-2012, Councillor 1974- 77 and 1987-2021
- Former Member, Staff Committee and Roads Management Committee
- Former Council Delegate Central Northern Libraries Committee and Arts North West

##### **Walcha Central School**

- Teacher 1966-95, Head Teacher 1995-2002

##### **Teaching – Other**

- Richmond High School, 1961-1963

##### **Community**

- Supporter, Walcha Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, current.
- Committee Member/Parishioner, Walcha Catholic Church since 1970s

##### **Walcha Golf Club**

- Former Director 2010s
- Trophy named in honour of Bill

#### **DON MURCHIE**

##### **Walcha Show Society**

- Committee Member since 1961, Secretary 2004-2019, President 1988-1990
- Chief Steward – Farm Produce and Vegetables 1963-1965 and Chief Pavilion Steward 1966-1987
- Junior Sheep Judging Steward 1991-1997

##### **Walcha Showground Trust**

- Former Chair, Member 1970-2019, Secretary 2004-2019

##### **Agricultural Societies Council of NSW**

- Zone 13 Central Northern Group – Treasurer current, Chair 2020
- Central Northern Delegate, AgShows New South Wales, 2002-2014

##### **Royal Easter Show, Sydney**

- Steward, Young Judges/Judging 2004-14

##### **Aged Care**

- Chair, Presbyterian Aged Care Committee, 1996-2002
- Apsley Riverview Treasurer 1992-2002, Committee Member 1988-2002
- Elected Council Member, NSW Aged and Community Services Council, 1996-2002
- NSW Rep, Commonwealth Advisory Group for Rural and Remote 1996-2002

##### **Rotary Club of Walcha**

- Member since 1994, former Treasurer, President 2017-2018, 1995-1996
- Coordinator Youth in Agriculture, Sheep Pr.
- Former Community Service Director

##### **Walcha Australia Day Committee**

- Member, 2006-2020, Former President

##### **New South Wales Rural Fire Service**

- Member since 1967, former Captain 25 years and Secretary 10 years

##### **Presbyterian Church**

- Session Clerk 1970-2004, Elder 1965-2004
- Member Management Committee 1958-2004
- Leader, Fellowship Association 1957-1966
- Former Representative Elder New England Presbytery and NSW State Assembly
- Former Presbytery Moderator, three years

##### **Community**

- Committee Member Rural Women's Conference Walcha, 2019
- Former Member, Walcha Bicentenary Committee
- Walcha Pony Club former Zone President, Camp President and Commandant
- Walcha Junior Soccer Club former Team Manager and Treasurer
- Former President Walcha Central P&C

##### **Awards and Recognition include:**

- Service to Show Movement Medal, Royal Agricultural Society 2019
- Walcha Citizen of the Year 2019
- 50 Years Recognition as a Woolclasser, Australian Wool Exchange 2013
- Paul Harris Fellow Award, Rotary International
- Long Service Badge, New South Wales Rural Fire Service 2002.

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## Stay up to date

The New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) is an investment by the NSW Government in providing a clean, reliable and affordable energy future for our region.

We are planning the REZ to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits, to our local communities. To get your input, a series of community information sessions will be held across the region in June 2023, including:

- **Tuesday 20 June,** Armidale Town Hall, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm
- **Tuesday 27 June,** Dungowan Hall, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm
- **Wednesday 21 June,** Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm
- **Wednesday 28 June,** Murrurundi CWA, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm
- **Thursday 22 June,** Walcha Bowling Club, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm
- **Thursday 29 June,** Scone Motor Inn, 11 am – 2 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm

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## Get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us on **1800 061 114** or by emailing [nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au).

To learn more about the New England REZ, visit our website at [energyco.nsw.gov.au/ne-rez](http://energyco.nsw.gov.au/ne-rez).

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# A win for Steve and Kyle

By AJ Cross

Walcha lawn bowlers Stephen and Kyle Goodwin won the annual John Oxley Pairs event last Sunday. Played at the Walcha Bowling Club, the pair survived a count-back with Oxley pairing Jamie and Gail Smyth to take out the title, while Gloucester's Mark Groves and Brian Wisemantle finished third. Next best were the local pairing of Noel and Allan Goodwin who finished in fourth place.

On Saturday local Mick Wall joined forces with Picnic Point pair Darren Bromley and Garry Melval to win the John Oxley Triples from North Tamworth's Phil Eggers, Harry Wicks and former Walcha resident Graham Cameron. Gloucester's Nicco Dayrd-Hoven, Tony Teerstag and another ex-Walcharite John Andrews were relegated to third spot.

Walcha Bowling Club President Adam Hall teamed up with the Goodwin boys 'Normie' and Kyle, to take out fourth position.

Over 50 bowlers competed over the weekend, travelling from Tamworth, Wauchope, Hibbard, Comboyne, Gloucester and as far as Brisbane to compete.



Walcha Bowling Club President Adam Hall congratulating Stephen and Kyle Goodwin on their win.

# Little Athletes lace up your joggers

A group of local parents are keen to re-form a committee and get Little Athletics up and running once again in Walcha.

Little Athletics is a fun, social and active program for girls and boys aged 5 – 17, and teaches a wide range of Track and Field skills in events. In the past several Walcha Little A athletes have made it to NSW Championships and enjoyed meeting and competing against children from across the state.

If successful in forming a committee, Walcha Little A's would run once a week in summer. With existing equipment available and funding to assist with purchasing new items, local children will have all they need to hone their athletic skills. Instruction days for members and parents will also be held, ensuring correct techniques are taught for each activity.

If you are interested and have keen little athletes in your family, please attend a meeting being held at 6.00pm Wednesday 21 June at the Apsley Arms Hotel.

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**Congratulations to Walcha residents** Bill Heazlett and Don Murchie on being awarded Order of Australia Medals over the King's Birthday Long Weekend. Both Bill and Don have contributed greatly to our community over an extended period of time and thoroughly deserve to be honoured. Good on ya boys!

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**Walcha Rams player Henry Leslie** and part time Upper Yarrowitch River Road resident Eleanor McNaught, who plays for the Barbarians Club in Armidale, represented Central North and New England respectively at the NSW Country Rugby Championships held in Tamworth over the Long Weekend. Central West belted Central Coast 52-5 in the mens final while Hunter rounded up Central West in the Womens decider.

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**Young Walcha Rough Riders** Lachie and Benji Provost headed West to the Coonamble Rodeo last weekend where they handed in some great performances. Lachie won the 11-14 years mini bull ride on Saturday and picked up a 2nd place on Sunday while Benji placed 5th in the under 11 mini bull ride on Sunday before finishing 2nd in the steer ride on Monday. Keep up the good work boys.

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**The 'Big' Hoy Reunion** last weekend went off with a bang commencing at the Bowling Club Friday night followed by a shindig at 'Miltiades' on Saturday before finishing up at the Tia Church on Sunday. A big thank you to the organisers for the time and effort they put in to make the occasion such an enjoyable one.

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**On Sunday there was some tree planting at the Tia cemetery** where Walcha Council Beautification Committee member Phyllis Hoy was in charge. By all accounts Phyllis received plenty of advice especially from Jill Reece and Anna Medaris which drew plenty of banter from nearby on lookers. Phyllis restrained herself from making comment by biting her tongue. Would have loved to be there.

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**Last week John McCormack** was named 2023 Jock Nivison Memorial trophy winner which goes to the Walcha Veterans Golfer who accumulated the most stableford points over the five rounds of the New England Vets Pennants season. It has since been revealed a couple of scores were omitted from the calculations and now Doug McDonald is the new recipient of the prize after he racked up 152 points to nudge out John McCormack on 151 with Cheryl McDonald third on 149. Humblest apologies to those involved.

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**Congratulations to talented allround sportsmen** Stephen Goodwin and his son Kyle on winning the annual John Oxley Lawn Bowls Pairs here at the Walcha Bowling Club last weekend and in doing so added another prize to both their extensive trophy cabinets. Without going into any other sports Kyle has won 11 Bowling Club singles championships nudging ahead of his 'old man' Normie, who has 10 singles titles to his name, when he defeated him in last years final.

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**Best of luck to the Walcha Central School Primary Boys Touch team** when they travel to Glen Innes next Monday to compete in the next round of the PSSA competition. Going on the form the boys displayed here at John Oxley Sportsground a few weeks ago hopefully they can maintain that skill level in Glen Innes. Go gettum guys.

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**My next door neighbour** since late November 1988 Andrew James 'Jimmy' Duck is in the process of selling his house and has already moved back down to the Coast. If you drive past his house in Apsley Street there is a sturdy blue bed frame on the footpath which is available at no cost to the first person who grabs it. First in best dressed.



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## Wednesdays Golf

What a wonderful day we had playing par for the Jeannette Wark memorial trophy on Wednesday. It was such a pleasure to have John Wark (pictured) come and join us for lunch and to present the trophies.

The winner was Jill Burnell with a fabulous score of +5, counting out Prue Morgan on +5. The Back 9 winner was Simone Sweeney +4 and the Front 9 winner was Prue Morgan +3. Sweepstakes went to Sally McCormack +3, Alison Cameron +2, Lorraine Walshe +2 and Barb Mulligan with a square.

Lorraine Walshe had a great NTP on 3 and Donna Martin and Alison Cameron both took out the second shot on 16 resulting in two magnificent birdies.

Today we are playing stroke, monthly mug, and country vets for Terry Hayes trophy.



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### THANK YOU!

To all who supported on 25 May.  
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Delicious sweet and savoury treats prepared by WCS Hands on Learning class.



Art on the Move

Years 9 and 10 participated in a painting masterclass where they learnt about the principles of colour mixing from professional artist Leah Bullen. This class was offered by NERAM art gallery.



CSTouch Football

WCS travelled to Inverell Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 June to compete in Central Schools Touch Football Competition.

Very successful couple of days with Under 16 Boys and Girls, Opens Boys all undefeated, Opens Girls winning 5 from 6 games.

Outstanding effort!





## Ladies Bowls

Three Bowls Championship games played last Thursday resulted in a win to Lyn Burnell and Esther Hunt over Sari Andrews and Jan Cross 26 – 12. Lyn and Esther will now play this Thursday against Carmel Ryan and Debbie Richards in the Final.

A game of Triples was also played with Rosie (who bowled twice) and Debbie Richards winning 19 – 10 over June Hayes, Phyllis Hoy and Pat Laurie.

Our monthly meeting is this Thursday commencing at 1.00pm.

## Bowls

**Dads Army:** The afternoon started off overcast and cloudy and finished very wet which meant both teams only played eight ends.

The chook winners were Tony Asmus, Neil Dark and Eric O'Keefe who defeated Barry Kliendienst and Mick Bullen, who played twice 9 – 4.

The second game saw Noel Goodwin, Warwick Hogan and Geoff Salt defeat John McCormack, John Watts and Peter Hayes 12 – 7. The losers were holding five shots when John McCormack knocked one of the opponents bowls to give them the shot. With his last bowl Noel in attempting to get a second shot knocked out the bowl to

give back the five shots.  
The raffle was won by John Watts.

## Tennis

Round 6 (the final round) of the 2023 Eskimo Comp was played out on Tuesday 6 June in crisp conditions.

Ella Haberman and Hyde Thomson were our Max Scorers this week with 18 from a possible 18. Well done to both Ella and Hyde.

**The Final Wash Up:** Top scorer in Group 1 was Michael Lockyer on 84, Group 2 Chris Bruce on 82, Group 3 Braedon Konneron on 77 and Group 4 Graeme Wall on 62. Congratulations to all the Group winners. Michael Lockyer out of Group 1 was our 23 Eskimo Comp 'Top Scorer' on 84. This was a big effort from Michael fighting it out in Group 1 against tough opposition. Well done Michael. There will be an Eskimo Singles Comp running for a few weeks starting Tuesday 13 June at 7.00pm. Good luck to all players involved.

The next Club Meeting will be held on Monday 10 July at 6.30pm, all members are welcome to attend.  
See you all at the net soon.

## At the 19th

A mixed Two Person Ambrose Keno Qualifier was played in conjunction with trophies donated by Nutrien Boulton's last Sunday, where Michael Stackman and 'Mollydooker' Mal Ballard carded a 60½ nett to win the overall event. Runners-up were ladies club champion Simone Sweeney and her husband David on 62¼ nett, which also qualified them for the next round of the NSW Mixed Keno. Former ladies champion Cheryl McDonald and her husband Doug are first reserves after posting 66½.

Sweepstakes went to the Sweeneys along with Jim Nivison and Jock McLaren 64%. Sharpest shooter at the pins were Allan Green (3), Michael Stackman (9), Jenny Lisle (16) and Ross King (18).

Last Saturday left hander Allan Laurie won the Weekly 9 Hole Competition, but only after he survived a countback with Peter Whellan when both accumulated 16 stableford points. NTP on 3 went to organiser John McCormack. When calculations were recently done for the Jock Nivison Memorial Trophy and all five round scores accumulated to determine the winner, a couple were left out. When revised Doug McDonald was declared the new winner on 152 points from John McCormack 151 and Cheryl McDonald third on 149.

Thus Sunday is a Stroke Medal Round for a prize supplied by D A Locke.

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## In Memory

*Kevin Hickey*

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**Fox Baiting** at 'Bergen-op-Zoom' and 'Alban' from 16 June.

**WALCHA COUNCIL**  
**Draft 2023 – 2024 Operational Plan including Budget**



The Council, at its Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 17 May 2023, approved a DRAFT 2023 – 2024 Operational Plan which includes the budget, fees and charges and Revenue Policy. The DRAFT Operational Plan will be on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as per the Local Government Act 1993 Section 405(3). Copies of the Plan are available at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha and on its website: [www.walcha.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au) until 5.00pm Monday 19 June 2023. During this time written submissions on the DRAFT Operational Plan will be received by Council.

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

## WALCHA COUNCIL

### Nominations for Council Art Advisory Committee



Council have a vacancy on the Arts Advisory Committee and is seeking nominations from community members to apply. No particular qualifications are necessary though a commitment to the activities of the Committee and a willingness to be actively involved in issues or events of the Committee are essential.

Anyone interested in serving on this Committee should pick up a nomination form from the Council Office or download it from our website:

<https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news>  
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## Meetings

**Little Athletics** meeting Wed 21st June, 6pm at Apsley Hotel. Details: Jess Williams 0418 827 088 or Elyce Laurie 0448 165 284.

### AMAROO LALC

Notice is hereby given of an Ordinary Meeting.  
DATE: 29 June 2023  
TIME: 4.00pm  
PLACE: 36N, Derby Street, WALCHA 2354  
AGENDA:

1. Welcomes
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Approval of the Amaroo LALC Community Land and Business Plan (CLBP) 2021 – 2025
5. Agenda will be available at meeting
6. Other Business placed on the agenda not less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
7. Date and time of next meeting.

Please Note: A copy of the CLBP or a Summary is available for viewing on request at the Amaroo LALC during business hours. All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson and or Admin Officer of the Amaroo LALC during business hours.

*Authorised: Alena Stackman, Chairperson – Amaroo LALC.*



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