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Millie excelled at Hereford Youth Expo

By Millie Miller

On 6 July I travelled to the Herefords Australia National Youth Expo in Parkes. This event had over 142 entries with participants aged from 4 to 24 years.

During the event I participated in several practical demonstrations including clipping and fitting.

They also had a great educational program to help enhance our knowledge on Animal health and welfare, NEOGEN DNA and Animal Structure. I found these lectures very interesting. While we were at the lectures, we were being assessed by judges on our involvement to earn points in a herdsman competition, which involved how well we cared for our animals and our involvement throughout the entire event. I placed second in this herdsman competition and fifth in paraders.

The heifer I took was Yalgoo Vanessa T301, she is nine months old. Yalgoo Vanessa was first in her class being one of the youngest at the event, she then went on to win Junior Champion Heifer. Also exhibited at the show was Yalgoo Blush T240 by my cousin Marcus Wythes. Yalgoo Blush also placed first in her class.

Overall, I had a successful show and was pleased with my results. I would like to thank the Nivison family from Yalgoo Herefords in Walcha for giving me the opportunity to break in and show these beautiful, competitive heifers.

Participating in Junior Heifer Shows is a great way to get involved in the cattle industry and meet amazing new friends and contacts.

In September I will be heading to the National All Breeds Heifer Show at Blayney with two heifers from my stud, MG Shorthorns. I will also be competing in the Shorthorn Youth Show In Dubbo in October.



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By SIMON NEWTON

We really have had good weather so far this winter when compared to last year's miserable wet and cold winter. Minus 12 was recorded one morning last week south of town, but it goes to show you how cold it was when east of Yarrawitch last Thursday there was still frost lying in the shade come 11am. The forecast ahead for August looks to be dry with very little moisture predicted which is when we need it the most to get a decent start to spring. Let's hope it's wrong and we can jag a few more fronts as we don't want to be buying any more fodder than we have too.

Livestock emissions seem to be the cause of plenty of unrest among farmers in the UK, particularly Ireland after reports their government had plans to cull 200,000 cows to meet their emissions target. Culling the cattle would be one way to help them cut their emissions by 25 per cent but it just seems ludicrous that they would even consider this. Other countries in the EU are negotiating the position of their farmers as initially any farmer with only 150 cattle would be included under their industrial emissions. It just seems ridiculous considering they have a pasture-based livestock system. At least for the time being the UK farmers have contested the possible legislation and had the threshold lifted to 350 head.

The consensus around the future of Australian beef prices is strong with the majority of people believing we have seen the bottom of this beef price cycle. The outlook for the next five years looks good, especially with all the factors that dictate our prices looking positive. Overall, the prices come down to the old general rule of supply and demand. Australia has recently had an increase in supply due to parts becoming quite dry after three good years of herd rebuilding. Increased supply has caused a bottle neck in our kill space as Australia still struggles with the labour shortages to process these animals. Looking at global markets, the world is hungry for beef and the current oversupply could be largely due to the ongoing drought in USA, which will essentially cause a global shortage in time to come. Consumers like China still have large volumes of beef in cold storage which has created an oversupply for the time being and a sluggish export market. Latest predictions from a top market analyst could see the prices of feeder steers head back towards the \$6/kg range in the next few years due to a beef supply shortage on the world market within the next 5 years. Considering the current feeder market is at a top of \$3.80/kg for an Angus steer, it looks like there are a lot of upsides to our current values when the best price just two years ago was \$6.20/kg, it seemed we may never see it again. Australia needs to invest further in abattoirs and get the labour issues sorted before we enter these periods of high supply, hence why investments by processors into robotics is key. Weather will also be a huge factor in the market regarding these price predictions, a rising tide lifts all boats which could only mean good things for lamb and mutton as well.

The Red Fire Ant is on our doorstep being only 12km north of the QLD and NSW border. Red Fire Ants are venomous and can kill humans and livestock through allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. These little devils can cut cropping yield down by two thirds and reduce livestock production by 40 per cent as the ants' tunnel through the plants' roots and stem. The Red Fire Ant found its way into QLD back in 2001 and ever since has been building in numbers and marching south. The Federal Government has only allocated \$60 million a year to control it and clearly, it's a drop in the bucket compared to what's needed. When they breach the border and by the sound of it they will, then the coldest areas like Walcha should be safe as reports show they don't like the cold weather. We also thought that Buffalo Fly wouldn't come into these cold climate regions, but they seem to be adapting which could be a possible scenario of these Firey Red Ants.

A Maple Tree to remember Trish

The Walcha Tennis Club ladies recently visited Trish's garden at "Warren Park" Walcha to plant a beautiful Maple Tree in her memory. Trish Partridge, who they played tennis with for many years, was a dedicated member of the Walcha Tennis Association committee and is missed by all.

The tree planting was organised by Jenny Hoy and the ladies also enjoyed a cake, baked by Jenny, in celebration of Shelley Marchant's birthday on the day.

The club has also held a Tennis Day in remembrance of Trish. Her husband Lance would like to send a huge thank you to all those involved in both events for their care and kindness.



Thursday tennis ladies planting the tree

Champion Fleece for 'Shalimar Park Merinos'

Alison van Eyk, Des, Jane and Jack Carlon from Shalimar at 'Wollun' were very excited when a fleece from their Stud recently won the Grand Champion Fleece at the 2023 Australian Fleece Competition in Bendigo. With 343 fleece entries the competition was extremely tough. Their winning fleece was from an Ultrafine Ewe, with a micron of 16.3, weight of 7.3kg, valued at \$140.15 and a total score of 95.78,

In 2022 at the RAS Sydney Royal Easter Show this ewe won Supreme Merino Ewe of the Show, Supreme Junior Exhibit and Grand Champion Ultrafine Ewe as a two tooth. Closer to home, at the Walcha Show, this ewe was awarded the Supreme Sheep of the Show in both 2022 and 2023.



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The NSW Government is planning to scrap the card. A petition to keep the Card is at a number of businesses in Walcha, so if you would like this card to keep going you are encouraged to sign the petition.

The petition is available at the following business in Walcha:

- thebigblackbuilding
- Walcha Newsagency
- Walcha Telecottage
- Walcha Neighbourhood Centre
- New Beginnings Hair Salon
- Walcha Post office
- Walcha Council
- Walcha Library

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Fun at St Patrick's with NAIDOC Week

Recently St Patrick's Primary School students celebrated NAIDOC Week by participating in a number of activities that celebrated the history, culture, and achievements of our First Nations people.

The day commenced with a smoking ceremony led by one of our visitors, Tylar. This was followed by the students participating in a storytelling session where Aunty Sue read the book she created with the students of Walcha Central – *Dhulawang Girin: The Rainbow Serpent*. After that Aunty Sue led a discussion recalling her experiences growing up in the Walcha region.

Throughout the day, the students participated in various workshops that included painting boomerangs, playing fly as well as colouring in various Aboriginal designs. The boys had the opportunity to test their didgeridoo playing skills by practising their breathing techniques, while the girls participated in a basket weaving session.

The day was a great success and many thanks go out to our AEA, Jenny Allen, our guests Aunty Sue, Tylar and Colleen, as well as Mrs Clark and Mrs Lisle who cooked the sausages for our barbecue lunch.

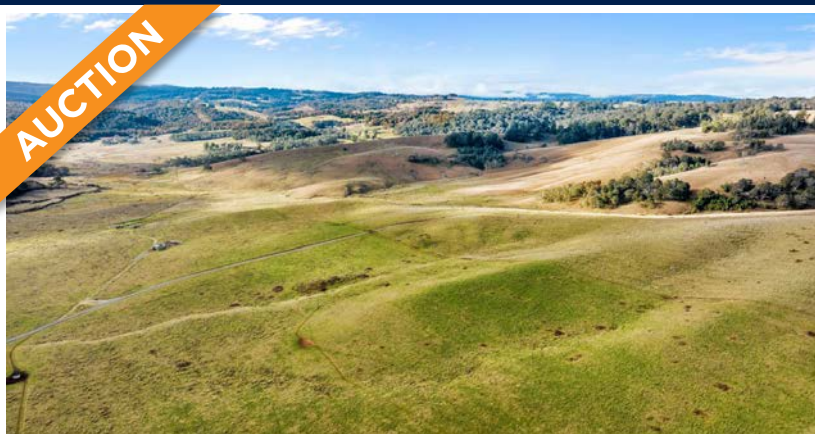


Top: The boys watching Tylar playing the didgeridoo.
Right: Tylar with his didgeridoo. Above: Oscar and Digby decorating their boomerangs.



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Walcha Resilience stories



Another story from Walcha Council's Disaster Risk Reduction Co-ordinator Kruthika Nagananda who is compiling stories from locals as to how they survived recent disasters to help people learn from each other, and for the community to realise they are not alone as everyone has different ways of coping.

Interview with Edwina Payne - Owner of Cafe Graze

Introduction

Edwina moved to Walcha as her husband grew up in Walcha. She has lived in Walcha for 20 years, and owned Café Graze for 18 years. She bought the Café 2 years after she moved to Walcha. "It was already a furnished 3-year-old café then. I was lucky to get such a fabulous place. I added gifts and homewares to the Café, since that was my background in Sydney. It was great to go into an existing business", she said. Retail was her expertise, and she had no background in hospitality. "As time went by, I picked it all up, thanks mainly to my employees who are all great, clever women."

Edwina thinks she has been lucky to have community and her employees who supported her business during all these years. She said, "There have been ups and downs with adversities, but we have always bounced back. The business has remained steady, even grown with time." She has always had her staff support and stick with her through these years. She recalls there are 3 of her current staff that have worked with her for over 10 years, for which she feels grateful.

Period of Drought, Bushfires and COVID

Tourism has developed immensely over 18 years in Walcha, and she has seen changes in clientele; but always had steady amazing community customers which never wavered. COVID was the only time she felt unsteady with the business. "Do I shut, or keep it going? I wanted to keep it going for the town, and for my staff. So, we kept it going! We had a window open for few hours a day, the hard part was shortening my staff's shifts from 4 days a week to 4 hours a week. This went on for 6 months!" During COVID, Edwina was able to keep the business and pay her staff as usual through JobKeeper payments from the Government. Café Graze kept their business to a minimum; coffee and basic food during COVID. Additionally, they also had dinner meals, "Locals were amazingly supportive of that, we had curries and casseroles. They tried hard to support the business, I could tell, they even thanked us for keeping the Café open!" It took a while to get the business back on track post COVID. "It was hard to figure out what the pain points were during COVID, since so many things were happening in Walcha, but it slowly picked up; now it all feels like a dream!", she said.

COVID has taught her to be patient and look outside the square. It taught Edwina to be determined to keep the business going for her community and her staff. It brought their staff closer. "It was a scary time financially, but was a special time in terms of learning. It was all we could do at that time", she said.

During drought and bushfires, the business went up and down; however, it did not impact her business. The community still came and supported the business, "People still came in, I could see the locals trying to be supportive during these times, they kept the Café going", she said. "The morale of the community during that time was so low, it was an awful time. Having said that, I loved that the Café was our little space outside of those hustles. It gave the community a space to gather and escape into another world while running into people you know." The Café was also impacted during the highway shut down, which saw a decline in the regular traveller clientele. "But to what degree? I don't know, I kept on going. I could tell when it was closed though", she said.

Current and future thoughts

With increasing cost of living, small businesses are impacted the most; and Edwina thinks the next few months will be tricky in

terms of people dealing with the increased cost of food, rates, electricity, and rent. "These things impact cafés immediately. It is easier to cut down on coffees if you are watching your expenses. How do I keep my business? I don't want to increase the cost of my coffee. I don't want to pass that onto my customers, onto this town", she said. She also mentioned that businesses in town have to pay higher rates compared to the house property. Her strategies to survive next few months are- looking at the cost of food and tailoring the menu for food around the 'specials'. 'Pushing through hard times, learning to pivot, change direction when needed. Put things behind, focus on what you do, and being able to bounce back after adversity', is the way she defines resilience. She insists on following this over the coming months. In future, she has small plans to improve her business, and renovating upstairs of her building; she would love to keep the business as is.

Edwina buys most of her ingredients locally. "I'd rather spend my money locally, they support me, I find ways to support them. It might not be always cost-effective; but there are ways to make it work." She has always been interested in local, and Australian made - hence the homeware and gifts are mostly Australian made or owned, it is also her passion and love. She thinks it also adds to the tourism, and her business. She would love to see Walcha tourism supporting the small businesses in town, through advertisements and strategies to be shown outside the town. "It will also increase the awareness of the town along with the increased businesses. Other than that, I always felt supported from this community", she said.

"It is amazing little place, Walcha. It is the people! I would be lost without them, we are a closely knit community. It is all thanks to them that my business is still going after all these years, they have been incredibly supportive!", she said.



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- ✎ To Greg's Exceed Property Maintenance. What a great job he did for me.
- ✎ A big thank you to our mail lady who delivered a very heavy parcel to us on Friday. Your kindness was very much appreciated.
- ✎ To Jo Bozza at the Walcha Jobs Australia for being so caring.

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Three Ram Lambs at State Rugby Championships

During the July school holidays three local boys, Kobie Brown, Flynn O'Connell and Bentley Brennan headed to Eric Tweeddale Stadium in Sydney representing Central North 11s Red team in the State Gala 10s and 11s Regionals.

The boys, who all play for Walcha in the weekend competitions across the region were selected to represent Central North at the State Carnival.

This involved two solid days of rugby with five games in total. The Central North Red team won their game against Two Blues convincingly 36 – 0. They were then beaten by Mid North Coast, Southern Districts and Northern Suburbs. The team picked themselves up and came away with a 7 all draw against Manly.

The boys learnt a lot from the experience playing with different team mates, and coaches. They also enjoyed spending time in camp with their team mates. This will hopefully be the start of a long career for the boys on the rugby field.



Flynn, Bentley and Kobie sporting their Central North jerseys.

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RUGBY REPORT WALCHA v MOREE

By Eric the Spider

The Walcha Rams travelled to Moree on Saturday to take on the third place Moree Bulls in what was expected to be a big match for the Rams. The Rams defence in the initial exchanges of the match showed great promise with some big hits and aggression being shown from the lads. Harry 'Kingswood' King put a couple of big tackles on the Moree attack early in the game forcing the ball free. But a couple of crucial one-on-one tackles were missed and Moree were able to capitalise, jumping ahead to an early 12 point lead after scoring two quick tries. Walcha managed to wrestle some momentum away from the Moree side, and put some phases together working their way up field. Some strong carries from Sione 'big Ulu' Kamoto put the Walcha team on the attack and a well worked backline move saw Jason 'Jeff's Mate' O'Keefe slice through a nice hole and score Walcha's first try of the match. Walcha 7 Moree 12. Both teams were battling for dominance early in the match with Moree sending their big ball running forwards into the Walcha defence. Joe 'Dungeon Master' Makeham was up to the task, flooring the would be Moree attackers on a number of occasions. Moree being one of the top sides this year continued to come at the Walcha team, eventually cracking through the Walcha defence for a try. Walcha 7 Moree 17. Late in the second half the Rams needed to get their hands on the ball and put some phases together to stop the constant Moree attack. Walcha managed to hold onto the ball with some great runs from Patty 'the ugly keen' Keen and Josh 'Mr Mol' Maloney, who both carried strong all game. The Moree defence proved too good late in the second half repelling the Walcha attack. Walcha failed to convert their possession and territory and went into the halftime break trailing the Moree Bulls.

The Walcha team failed to switch back on after the halftime break and Moree managed to score two quick tries right after halftime, making the Rams job extremely difficult. The Rams played some excellent rugby throughout the second half showing why they are a genuine top four side, but failed to maintain pressure and let Moree off with some simple handling errors. Wally 'The slippery Somerton sheep breeder' Davidson

had a great game. Never giving up, having plenty of runs. Joel 'joog baby' Ballon played well, putting effort in right across the park in both attack and defence. Matty 'lil tis' Tisdell had a good game passing well and having a few nice runs off the base of the ruck. To their credit the Walcha Rams never gave up, continuously challenging the Moree defence, and making a number of line breaks right till the end of the match. After a number of phases the ball was spun back to the short side with a nice cut out pass picking up Patty 'the ugly keen' Keen, who broke through to the back field and chipped over the fullback, then regathered to score the final try of the match. In the end Moree were the better team on the day and ended up beating Walcha. Walcha 12 Moree 52.

Points: 3 Joel Ballon (players player), 2 Wally Davidson and 1 Patty Keen

This week the Walcha Rams are taking on the Quirindi Lions at Walcha. It will be the Walcha Rams **Ladies Day** so everyone is encouraged to come along and enjoy a glass of bubbles and support the Rams.

NOTE KICK OFF TIMES: Second Grade 1.20pm, First Grade 2.45pm

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Darts

Last week we played at the Apsley, Winners for the night were Chris Watts and Karl Anderson taking \$60.00, second place Tim Baumer and Vince Costigan taking \$40.00 and third place Will Nicholls and Veronica Jamieson taking \$20.00. Top scores for the night were Chris Watts with 121, 140 & 100 4, Tim Baumer with 140, Glenn Olrich with 101, Vince Costigan with 117 and Veronica with 3. This week we play at the Walcha Bowling Club, names in by 7.00pm, \$5.00 entry, everyone welcome!!!

Wednesday Golf

A Stroke Round with putting and monthly mug, along with the fourth Medal Round. It was a beautiful day for golf, so we had no excuses! Cheryl McDonald was our winner with a nett 72. Sweepstakes were taken out by Lorraine Walshe with 76 nett, Barb Mulligan 76 nett, and Polly Locke 76 nett. The second shot on 18 was sharp shooter, Simone Sweeney. The Division 1 winner was Cheryl McDonald, Division 2 Lorraine Walshe and Barb Mulligan took out the Division 3 mug. Putting won by Cheryl McDonald with 28 putts.

Today we play for a par for a trophy donated by Lyn Laurie.

At the Nineteenth

Club President Allan Green accumulated 39 stableford points to win a trophy donated by Kyle Goodwin last Sunday, a point clear of club Handicapper Don Brooks on 38 points. Sweepstakes went to Julie Presnell 37, Owen Presnell 35, Pauline Carter 34, and Doug McDonald 33. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Don Brooks (3) and Michael Stackman (18).

This week's 9 hole competition only attracted four players

last Saturday so it was called off, the people who turned up played the back nine holes instead. Sunday is a Par event where Dion Bird supplies the prize.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday eight lady bowlers turned up and played two games of three bowl pairs. Wins to June Hayes and Jan Cross over Esther Hunt and Lyn Burnell, and Phyllis Hoy and Deb Richards had a 17-8 win over Carmel Ryan and Janice Rizzi.

Players who have nominated for the district matches please check the board for when you play. The first matches will see Walcha represented with two teams in the triples on the 10 and 11 August at Services in Armidale, followed by one team in the fours which will be at City Armidale on the 15 and 16 August. Social bowls on Thursday morning.

Bowls

Dads Army: Two games of pairs were played last Thursday afternoon resulting in big wins for the winners. The chook winners Brian Goodwin and Geoff Salt were far too good for Peter Hayes and John Watts 23-6, and Noel Goodwin and John McLean defeated John McCormack and Matt Andrews 16 - 4. Tracey Crisp won the raffle.

Rugby League

The Walcha/Uralla Tigeroos won their Group 19 Round 13 match against Bingara 40-28 at Walcha last Saturday. Spectators had barely made themselves comfortable in their seats when Tigeroos centre Josh Dailey touched down in the old Ambulance Station corner, and when winger Harley Carlon raised the flags with his touchline conversion attempt the hosts lead 6-0. Ten minutes had elapsed before fullback Shuaib Rhodes-Swain scrambled over from close range to touchdown and then 20 minutes later front-rower Harley Cox burst through a gap before putting utility player Cooper Boyd over for a try. Carlon converted and later he touched down for his own four

pointer giving the Tigeroos a handy 22-0 lead.

Five eighth Jack Doran found his way over the try line after good all round lead up work by his team mates. When Carlon converted, home side lead 28-0 at halftime.

Bingara opened their account early in the second session with a converted try only to see Tigeroos centre Maurice Kelly run 60 metres and score next to the posts which Carlon converted giving his team a 34-6 lead.

The visitors bounced back with two tries midway through the second stanza, one of which was converted to reduce the deficit to 34-16. With 13 minutes remaining Carlon scored his second try and landed his sixth conversion before the Bullets scored a couple of late consolation converted tries to finalise the score.

Best and Fairest Points: Group - 3 Harley Carlon, 2 Keirin Stiff. Club - 3 Kaleb Doran, 2 Harley Cox, 1 Zac Walters who was also judged to be Players Player.

Round 12 Club Points were omitted from last weeks report and were: 3 Cooper Boyd and Players Player, 2 Zac Walters and 1 Jack Doran.

Jillaroos

In a low scoring affair the Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos were defeated 10-4 by Bingara here at 'The Park' last Saturday after trailing 6-0 when oranges were taken.

Ten minutes into the game the visitors scored a long range try under the posts which was converted and although the home side had a few opportunities they couldn't convert them into points.

Just three minutes into the second half Bingara increased their lead to 10-0 with an unconverted try before Jojo Matapakia outpaced her opponents over 80 metres to score a great individual try. Midway through the second session fullback Rachael Green had a great game in defence. Full time score was 10-4.

Best and Fairest Points: Group - 2 Jojo Matapakia, also picking up 3 Club Points and Players Player. The other Club Points to Rachel Green 2 and Kirra-Lee Murphy 1.

This Saturday Walcha/Uralla play Armidale in both grades at Woodville Oval in the final round of the Group 19 competitions.

what's the goss

with AJ Cross



Congratulations to former Walcha Resident Debbie Wark on being named a Club Influencer by the Brisbane Womens Hockey Association (BWHA), during their 90th year. Debbie has made a substantial contribution to the advancement of Hockey at both Club and Association levels, during which time she has been a player, coach and administrator, taking on a diverse range of responsibilities across her long and varied involvement in hockey within the BWHA and at the club level through her tremendous contribution to the Redcliffe Hockey Club.

Joining the Redcliffe Club in 1988 after moving over from City United Deb played Division 1 from 1988 to 2000, where she was awarded the Club's Best and Fairest trophy in both 1991 and 1996. Early this century Debbie moved to DPI and her career extended across a further two decades representing in Masters teams where she earned selection at Regional, State and Australian levels. Not only did she have an outstanding playing career, Deb also contributed at both club and representative levels as a coach, guiding young players in a positive and highly professional way. The above information was partly taken from a press release by the Brisbane Womens Hockey Association. Good on ya Debbie.

Up until leaving Walcha Debbie lived at 'Miltiades' with her parents Kevin and Phyllis, brothers Barry and Stephen as part of a very talented all-round sporting family. To say that those days would have been 'slightly competitive' may be understating the fact.

Last Thursday after playing their weekly Social Tennis about ten ladies headed out to 'Warren Park', the property of Lance Partridge to have lunch and plant a tree in memory of Lance's late wife Trish who was a member of the Social Tennis Club.

The Jillaroos guernsey auction held at the Bowling Club last Saturday was a success raising over \$8,500 with highest amount of \$1,200 outlaid for the jumper number of the late Jillaroo Hannah Howard. Proceeds from the auction will be divided between Rize Up Australia and the Walcha Hospital Auxiliary. This Saturday is the final round of the Group 19 Competition where the Tigeroos and Jillaroos take on Armidale at Woodville Oval which is also Sponsors Day and Tigeroos Guernsey Auction Day to take place at the Uralla Golf Club from 6.00pm.

Footy Tipping Big wigs of the week: Bowling Club – Willy Makeham, Apsley Arms – Brian Smith and Newie – Kurt Brazel all scored 14 points while AJ Cross racked up 14 points at all three of those venues. Vet Supplies – Kyle Goodwin, Adam Barillaro, Reya Kirby and Jason Scott 10 points. Thunderbolt's Way Cafe – Miles Lawrence 10 points. Leaders with six rounds remaining are BC – Kyle Goodwin 220 from David 'LJ' Hooker, 214 Apsley – Stephen 'Normie' Goodwin 211 from Lachie Moran 203, Newie – Liam Brennan 220 from Dal Evans 218. Walcha Vet Supplies – Kylie Goodwin 210 from Dion Bird 204. Thunderbolts – Emily Smoulders 199 from Paul Nash and Shauna Hawkins 193.

Group 19 have announced a new semi finals series format where the top four teams in the Mens and Ladies League Tag will form A Grade, while teams from fifth and eighth on the points score ladder will be in a Reserve Grade competition. The Tigeroos and Jillaroos have both qualified for Reserve Grade, with who and where they play their semi finals dependent on this weekend's results.



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Meetings

Little Athletics Committee formation meeting, Wednesday 16 August, 6:30pm at the Apsley Arms Hotel. Elyce Laurie 0448 165 284, Jess Williams 0418 827 088.

Walcha Garden Club AGM and monthly meeting, Friday 4 August, Walcha Bowling Club commencing 9:30am. Contact Di Bazeley on 0403 464 865 or Diana Lisle 0429 779 083.

Expressions of Interest

Calling for expressions of interest in the formation of the **Walcha Road Classic and Historic Car Club**. Those interested are requested to join the inaugural meeting at the Walcha Road Hotel on Wednesday 2 August at 6:30pm.

Public Notices

Draft Waste Strategy on Public Exhibition and Waste Collections Calendar 2023 – 2024



Council's draft Waste Strategy is now out on public exhibition and we would like your feedback. The draft Strategy is available on Council's website via our News page. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager via council@walcha.nsw.gov.au by COB Friday 28 July 2023.

The distribution of the Waste Collections Calendar for 2023 – 2024 will be delayed until all community feedback on the draft Waste Strategy has been received and considered. Until then, collections for July and August 2023 will continue on Thursdays as normal, see dates below. Hard copies are also available over the counter at our Customer Services Centre.

Collections*		July 2023				
General (Red)	6th	13th	20th	27th		
Green Waste (Green)	6th					
Recycling (Yellow)		13th		27th		
Collections*		August 2023				
General (Red)	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st	
Green Waste (Green)	3rd				31st	
Recycling (Yellow)		10th		24th		

* All Collections are on Thursdays, unless otherwise notified.

Walcha Council New Community Grants and Donations Policy & Procedure



As part of Council's commitment to review expenditure Council updated its Community Grants & Donations Policy to ensure we provide a framework whereby requests for financial assistance are assessed and accounted for in an open and transparent manner. Applications for donations will be called once per year, with organisations encouraged to apply during the application timeframe. Should your community organisation, school, hall or group require a donation or grant from Council please apply now with applications forms available on our website or from Council. Applications close on Friday 11 August 2023.

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

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Public Notices cont

New England Accounting will be closed from 26 to 28 July 2023.

Christmas in July Saturday 29 July 5pm at the Woolbrook Hall. Please RSVP by 21 August to Belinda Laurie 0428 628 327 or Tim Laurie 0482 775 813.

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