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Operator needed to keep Riverview open

Last year Apsley Riverview Hostel celebrated 30 years of caring for our seniors, being founded in 1992 by a locally based Management Committee and Presbyterian Church. Thirty one years down the track, Riverview is now looking for an operator to keep the doors open after Presbyterian Aged Care (PAC) divested itself of all of its aged care facilities late last year.

PAC sold many of their facilities to Anglicare, however the Walcha facility is not on their radar and to date no other provider has shown interest in taking over the operations of the much loved 'home on the hill' of our elderly residents.

Local Presbyterian Church representatives approached Walcha Council to assist them in finding a provider to run the facility. Council has since been in talks with stakeholders both locally and in Sydney to investigate all options.

These options include the possibility of Walcha Council becoming the operator. Walcha Council Mayor, Eric Noakes stressed the point that they are in talks, and not negotiations. "Taking



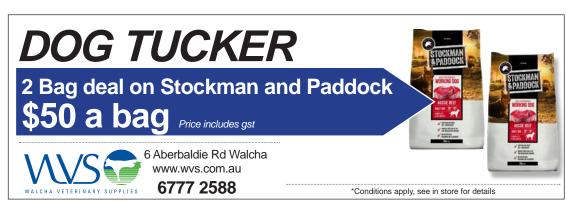
the operations of Riverview has risks, both financial and governance for Council. Any path forward will be heavily scrutinised and communicated to the community, as transparency is vital," he commented.

Riverview provides both respite and care for the people who have guided Walcha over the past century and it provides an extremely important link in the fabric of our community.

Apsley Riverview Hostel was conceived, designed, built, extended, managed and financed from the activities of the Walcha Board, the community and a Federal Government grant. However, PAC has always held the bed licences. PAC took control of management and the accounts in May 2006. "I personally believe that while PAC have maintained an excellent and caring role since 2006, Riverview may be better off in the hands of the local community again," Eric Noakes said.

The provision of aged care is not only vital to the social responsibility of a community but also provides care for some of the more vulnerable members of that community. "If Walcha Council considers becoming the provider of this service we would need to be sure that we can continue to deliver the excellent services already provided and maintain a strong financial position both for the facility and Council," Mayor Noakes said.

"I believe, as does the Council, that despite the challenges the benefits to Walcha signify we must do everything within our power to ensure its future viability and availability," Eric Noakes concluded.





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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Great to watch the Matilda's get the win over France on Saturday night. What a thrilling end to the game, and to think they had to have a 10goal penalty shootout after 2 hours of play to decide the winner. Word is even some of the locals were keen enough to watch the game and didn't realise they were watching an old friendly game on the wrong channel between the two sides and not the live World Cup game! I look forward to the next game against England on Wednesday night but I'm not sure a national public holiday is in order if they win the World Cup. We are already struggling to get people to work, and most likely small business will continue to work through the public holiday and will be forced to pay extra to do so.

Word is that there has been good rain in the Bay of Bengal and I'm told when they have good rain through those areas Australia tends to benefit from moisture coming through from the West coast. I hope these predictions are right, well by the looks of things only 10 days ago we had nothing on the forecast for rain and now there looks to be 5-25mm of rain until the end of August. It really has been warm as I travelled to Inverell just yesterday and the temperatures were already hitting the high twenties. Majority of the crops appear to be now struggling with the lack of moisture but if they could jag some of this predicted rain they would take off again, especially with the warmer than usual temperatures. If we can keep these daytime temps and mild nights, we will begin to grow grass, worst part in the last week has been the return of the horrible winds but we are nearly in September.

There have been further detections of Lumpy Skin disease in Australian cattle in Indonesia which were on the water at the time of the last detections. Australia continues to point out it has never been detected in our country. LSD is spread by biting insects, and it has an incubation period of 28 days. Indonesian officials are saying the cattle may have been exposed in Australia, not just on the trip to Indonesia. Currently we remain free of LSD and Australia hasn't had a positive test. It's obviously a developing story and I do hope we don't see any cases on our soil as it would have huge ramifications for our beef industry. We have already felt the push back from this with Malaysia following suit and suspending all live cattle and buffalo exports from Australia.

The latest lamb slaughter numbers have highlighted the current supply impact on prices with this last week being the highest in 2.5 years. 444,479 lambs had been processed last week, which was 64,093 lambs more than the same week last year and so far, year to date an extra 831,102 lambs have been slaughtered. These numbers don't come as news to me as an extra 3.5 million breeding ewes had been joined just last year in comparison to the previous year and the national flock climbing to nearly 79 million sheep this year, its highest level since 2007. The current kill prices, coupled with the dry weather have filtered through to restocking prices with the new season sucker lambs heading back to the paddock online for around \$1.80-2/kg liveweight. I mentioned it only last week but light lambs, especially merinos are finding it hard to find homes at all and look to be great value, especially if you can cash in on a rebate on their backs and finish them for slaughter.

1750hd of cattle was yarded in Tamworth on Monday with young cattle and cows dominating the sale. Young light weight weaners sold to cheaper trends down 20c/kg as grass gets harder to grow. Feeder cattle sold to cheaper trends due to reduce buyer orders with Angus steers, 385kg selling to a top of 336c/kg, while 405kg heifers made 304c/kg. Cows followed a similar trend down 5-10c/kg and topped at 230c/kg. 3300 lambs and 1300 mutton sold to varying trends in Tamworth depending on condition and quality. New season trade weight lambs topped at \$128, heavy lambs sold to \$165 while heavy cross bred mutton sold to \$122.

'Man's Not a Camel' purring along

The back roads of western Queensland have posed no problem for our two intrepid fundraisers and their Falcon ute as a part of the Mystery Box Rally this week.

The *Man's Not a Camel* team of Jed Wittig and Cameron Norbury have so far tackled and conquered 1500km on the Rally and arrived in Charleville on Monday night (pictured). "The ute has been unbelievable, we've got a cracked engine mount but it hasn't caused us any problems so far," Cameron said.

The Rally departed Bundaberg on Saturday morning, with the destination each day being a mystery until you are given a map as you set off. There are 110 cars in the Rally, with all participants having two aims, to have fun and to raise as much money as they can for the Cancer Council.

The first day saw the boys head west to Springsure, and from there they went north west to Aramac for the second night. On Monday the Falcon headed south to Charleville and yesterday they tackled the back roads to Taroom. They are on their final leg today back to Bundaberg for the final night of celebrations.

Cameron said that the 110 cars are divided into buddy groups with the Walcha team being very fortunate to snare a fantastic group of five to travel alongside. "We have got the best group, we have been sitting at the back of the Rally, cruising along with our buddies, having a really relaxed time with great people," he said. Each day the boys take it in turn to drive, to allow the other a relaxing day off!

Each night the 110 crews are accommodated at the local showground, with lots of

chat and laughter during the aprés games. "We have met some really cool, fun friendly people from all over Australia. There are lots of Victorians and a few from Perth on the rally. One of our buddies is from Merriwa!" Cameron laughed.

Man's Not a Camel is sitting in third or fourth on the fundraising leaderboard with their total currently \$17,500. "We would really like to crack the \$20,000 mark if possible. Our fundraising page stays open for a few weeks after the Rally, so we are hoping to get there," Cameron said.





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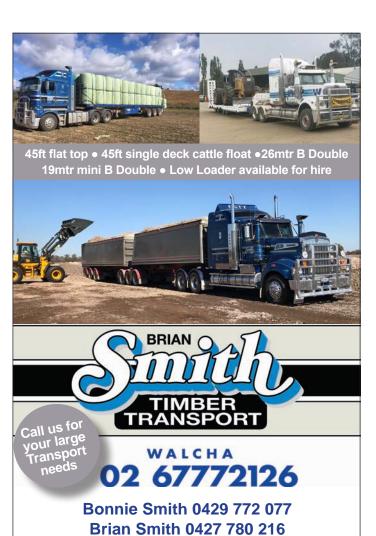
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https://app.galabid.com/stpatswalcha

However if you would like to pay cash please contact P&F member Amy Clark who will be happy to assist. Phone 0408 750 747.



Walcha Uralla Rugby League

The Walcha Uralla Rugby League held their annual Ladies Charity Auction on Saturday 22 July 2023 at the Walcha Bowling Club after a day of footy.

The ladies team picked their charities of choice to support this year – RizeUp Australia and the Walcha Hospital Auxiliary.

RizeUp Australia is a national organisation that works in partnership with domestic violence agencies to enhance the service options they provide. Their mission is to drive awareness of domestic and family violence within society by generating life-changing, practical support for the families affected, giving them the hope, empowerment and ability to move on to a life free from violence. The Walcha Uralla ladies team proudly donated \$5000 to this worthwhile charity.

A further \$2,000 was donated to the Walcha Hospital Auxiliary, with a cheque being presented to Auxiliary members, Margaret Cross and Vicki McIvor, at the team's training session on Tuesday 8 August at Peter Fenwicke Oval.



Always be courageous

Harriet's Laurie's winning story from the Students as Authors Awards



"Once upon a time and half ago on dark Sunday the courageous hero Hacksta was bored. 'Bored, bored bored, any more boards and I could build a boat' he said grumpily. 'I am waiting for something exciting to happen.' When suddenly, he realised it was almost 12 o'clock and the sun still wasn't out. Because Hacksta could fly he flew up and around to the other side of the world and saw that they were still playing about in the sun. he was angry humph. So, he went up to the sun and got his lasso out and lassoed it around the sun and flew back to his side of

the country. And now everyone was out of their bed saying, woah look at the time. And Hacksta had saved his country again.

The next day. Everyone found out about Hacksta's secret though. He couldn't stand up to bullies.

It started on this playful Monday morning Hacksta was going to get his super groceries (that was really only milk and bread but super-sized) and on the way back, carrying his super BIG milk and bread a big bully was trying to hurt his feelings. He had eaten a banana and put the skin where Hacksta was going to walk to make him slip and fall. Hacksta didn't noticed the banana skin so walked up and fell 'Whoops, Smash, OUCH' said Hacksta. Hacksta got up, and tried to say that wasn't very nice to the bully but didn't have the guts to say it. With his bottom very sore and milk all over the floor he walked away.

A little girl in a pink sparkly tutu, had seen the whole thing. She said to the bully that wasn't the best thing I've ever seen, actually its probably the worst thing I've ever seen she said and she walked up to go help Hacksta with the cream that she had brought for sore bottoms.

Even hero's get scared sometimes but everyone in whole entire world can be courageous if they try, even little girls in pink sparkly tutus.

THE END

From practice to the podium

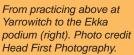
With the The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) getting underway in Brisbane on Saturday 12 August, local axeman Austin Scrivener has already managed to step onto the podium twice.

Austin placed third in an 11" Underhand Handicap final on Sunday, and also qualified for the final of a Standing Block the same day. While Austin didn't manage a place in that event, Monday proved more successful when he teamed up with Martha King from Pennsylvania (USA) in the Jack and Jill Double Handed Sawing Handicap.

Martha, the current Women's Stihl Timbersports® World Champion, spent the week prior with the Scrivener family practicing and preparing axes and saws ... and it has definitely paid off.

While Mitch Scrivener was also meant to be competing at this year's Ekka, he unfortunately had to withdraw due to injury. He is now hoping to be fit by November when he is due to travel to Christchurch NZ as a member of the NSW Axemen's Team.







NSW RFS advises of the START OF BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD IN THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT





The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for the New England District has commenced as of Tuesday the 1st of August 2023 in the Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Walcha, Armidale and Uralla.

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is reminding residents to prepare their properties. "The Region is currently experiencing dryer

than average weather conditions so the RFS in consultation with other agencies, has announced the start of the BFDP as of Tuesday the 1st August 2023.

Acting District Manager Matthew McKean stated "Residents should know their risk and prepare their properties prior to the start of the BFDP. This can be done by removing flammable materials from their yards, clearing leaves from gutters, checking hoses can reach all around the house, and where appropriate conducting safe hazard reduction activities.

For more information on property preparedness go to:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/prepare-your-property

THE RFS ADVISES FIRE PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED

To obtain a Fire Safety Permit contact the New England Fire Control Centre on 6771 7700 between 8am and 4.30pm Monday - Friday. Landowners are reminded they must notify their neighbors and the RFS 24 hrs prior to lighting up. You can notify via the RFS Website by following the "Notify us of your planned burn" link below:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications

"Never leave a fire unattended and if a fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise the damage," Mr McKean said.

Information about hazard reduction burning and required notifications is available on the NSW RFS website at

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP.

Darius excels in UNE's 2023 Acquisitive Art Prize

Congratulations Walcha Central Student, Darius Naylor, on his recent achievements in the University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize.

This year more than 500 artworks from 50 schools in the region were submitted to the award. A selection panel of art and education professionals selected the finalists across four categories – Infants, Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary.

Friday 11 August was the opening night at NERAM, and included the presentation of awards. Darius was in attendance and was announced as runner-up in the Senior Secondary section with his acrylic artwork titled 'My Story'. The judge made the following comment on his work "A strong and powerful painting with symbols and colours of personal significance. The variety of tone and lines create a strong and inviting image." Isabelle Devos, UNESAP 2023





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Town & Country gearing up for Spring Luncheon

By Rebecca Whillock

I am pleased to present my President's report to the AGM covering our achievements in the 2022/23 year, fundraising towards 'For our Community – Water Park'.

Given the restrictions imposed by COVID it was a breath of fresh air to be able to host a sit-down Luncheon in October 2022. The first half of the financial year



Outgoing president Bec Whillock and newly elected president Bec Partridge

saw the lowest committee member numbers for a while, due to this, the luncheon was our only major fund-raising event. Had the weather played in our favour, I feel we could have held a larger event in a local garden and opened ticket sales up to host more attendees. Having said that, the resounding support we still received from the Walcha community was truly humbling and something that we are continually appreciative of.

Some of our key achievements include:

- Sponsorship of a student at Walcha Central School who shows initiative, leadership, compassion for those around them and community spirit \$100.
- Very successful street stall fund raising Christmas Raffle 2022, Autumn 2023
- 2022 Luncheon at the Showground
- \$1000 to WCS and to St Patrick's Primary schools to help fund their Term 4 swimming programs
- \$2200 Walcha Clinic for new equipment
- \$250 Gubi Gaban Hall hire sponsorship

I would like to the acknowledge the dedication and contribution of the committee for their efforts and valuable contribution over the year. You have such determination to succeed, have fun doing it and ultimately are a valued fund-raising group for the benefit of the Walcha community. All events have been strongly supported within the community showing the confidence and respect we have built as a club. It is a privilege to work with such a dynamic and committed team.

I would like to thank our lovely donors and community members that helped make the 2022/23 financial year successful. This generous support is what keeps the Walcha Town and Country Club thriving.

This year we still have our Annual Ladies Luncheon to look forward to and a December street stall fund-raiser to go.

The luncheon date is the 21 October, generously hosted by Peter Betts at 'Wittersham'. Invites will go out on the 18 August as well as our Trybooking page going live https://www.trybooking.com/CKNDX. You will also be able to pay by cheque or cash if preferred.

As a committee, we can always use an extra hand to help achieve our fund-raising endeavours. Volunteering a bit of your time doing something a little extra for your community, with a supportive bunch of people, can make a real positive difference. For the continuation of this amazing committee and its role as an asset to our community, we really need people to step up and commit to volunteering. During the year we hold two street stalls and a luncheon in October. Having members with diverse qualifications and passions who could commit to even one or all three events would be immensely beneficial to our community as a whole and make the committees job that much easier.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can find us on Facebook, Instagram or email walchatandc@hotmail.com.

what's the goss 🧠

Things didn't quite go to plan when Margy Willingham was farewelled with a graveside service at the General Cemetery last week. There was a bit of a hiccup early when Marg's daughter Barb Goodwin left part of the eulogy she had prepared at home. A 'speedy' rescue mission, by Barb's son Nathan and Tommy Tickle who drove Marg's trusty vehicle 'The White Bullet', soon had the service back on track just as a plane buzzed around overhead making it a bit difficult to hear Barb's eulogy. At least Barb's sense of humour pulled her through, making mention that her mum would have had the last laugh, smiling down as the service proceeded.

Last Saturday was the 12 August but some of the patrons who watched the big Womens Soccer World Cup Quarter Final could have quite easily thought it was mid-July. Word has it the crowd was glued to the TV throughout the game unaware they were actually viewing a recent warm-up replay between the two countries. The good news is those people who missed the history making main game last Saturday including National Party Politician Barnaby Joyce who was in attendance at the Commercial Hotel can tune in tonight from 8.00pm on Prime TV when the Matilda's take on England in their semi final fixture.

How much pressure on those girls when they were faced with a penalty shootout to decide the quarter final. Personally I find it a bit hard to watch a full game of soccer, but last Saturday wasn't one of those occasions. And how good was goal keeper Mackenzie Arnold who was deservedly voted 'Most Valuable Player'.

Congratulations to 'Mollydooker' Jamie Bowden on his first hole in one in the 47 years since he commenced playing while attending school at Farrer nearly half a century ago. 'Bowdo' hit a seven wood off the first tee here at Walcha into the hole last Sunday and in doing so robbed the

'Eagles Nest', sponsored by Dark's Plumbing of 7 balls. The excitement must have been too much to handle as the lefthander then registered 9 shots on the second hole after experiencing some tree trouble - Not that it worried him too much.

When Newie bar staff member Cindy Brown poured regular patron Stan Marchant a red wine last week it went right to the rim of the glass. which prompted me to say that Cindy couldn't get much more liquid in the glass even if she tried. Quick as a flash Stan commented that Toby Smith from the Old Niangala Grog Shop could fill a glass 1/8 of an inch above the rim and not spill a drop back in the Good Old Days.

Outback adventurers Cameron Norbury and Jed Wittig were on a 'Mystery Box Rally' in Southern Queensland earlier this week where all proceeds from the Rally go to the Cancer Council. Up around the town of Blackall, Cameron spotted a sign in a bar so he took a photo of it and sent it to his oldman Peter. It read - 'Our town is so small we don't have a town drunk we all take turns.'

Good luck to the Walcha Rams when they travel to Tamworth to play the Pirates in the final round of the Central North Rugby competition this Saturday. Competition leaders Pirates didn't do the Rams any favours when they were defeated by Narrabri 40-38 last weekend while the Rams thumped Inverell 73-10 here at home.

Mathematically the Rams can still make the semi finals but they would have to beat Pirates and hope Gunnedah round up Narrabri. The current points score ladder is Pirates 72, Gunnedah 70, Moree 69, Narrabri 57, Rams 55, Quirindi 53, Inverell 33 and Scone 28.

Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the week: There were over 50 tipsters who picked the full card around town in various competitions, a few too many to list this week. The Newie led the way with 24 correct, BC - 21, Apsley 4, Vet Supplies and Thunderbolts Way Cafe 3 each.

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RUGBY REPORT WALCHAVINVERELL

Reserve grade

With Inverell short some players the boys kicked off a 12-side game. Walcha got off to a great start with some barnstorming runs from the forwards, gaining great territory and spinning the ball wide to Thor Crombie who crossed for the first points of the afternoon. Walcha 5 -Inverell 0. Both forward packs began to slug it out through the middle of the field and with Walcha giving away the ball, the Highlanders got out running and scored their first try. Walcha 5 - Inverell 7. Walcha gained the ball back off the kick off which allowed them to apply pressure on the Inverell line for a long period of time. Trying to spread the ball wide Walcha lost possession of the ball giving Inverell the opportunity to strike. Dale Graham took a great intercept and crossed for Walcha's second try of the afternoon. Walcha 10 - Inverell 7. Walcha strugged to get out of the their own half, Inverell were able to spread the ball on multiple occasions and put a couple of tries on the board. Walcha 10 - Inverell 26. Some big runs from Archie Lawrence and Ben Burwell, saw Walcha get some quick ball out to the backs, allowing Nick 'Dodge' Rodgers to swing it wide to Dale Graham who put on a nice fend and crossed for his second try on the half time whistle. Walcha 15 - Inverell 26.

The second half started with Walcha kicking off. After some nice footwork and a few flick passes the Highlanders were back on the front foot crossing the line. Walcha 15 - Inverell 33. Not going down without a fight, the Rams received a few penalties in row allowing Thor to take a quick tap to take on the Highlanders. Just falling short of the try line, Benny "big man" Hall threw a bullet out to Fred 'Benji Marshall' Muller who put on some good footwork and scored his first try in the red and white. Walcha 22 - Inverell 33. The next 20 minutes was a hard slog for the Rams, with some slipped tackles the Highlanders were starting to find gaps throughout the Walcha defence, opening the flood gates and crossing for numerous tries. Walcha 22 - Inverell 48. Trying to put together one final run, Dave 'Maddog' Healey put on some good hits forcing Inverell to knock the ball on, giving Walcha a scrum in the opposition's 22. A few nice runs allowed Tommy Hoy to bounce a couple defenders off to score. He topped that off by converting his own try, what a kick! Walcha 29 - Inverell 48. Starting to run out of gas, Inverell finished the game off with a quick couple tries. Final score Walcha 29 - Inverell 60. Well done to all the boys who played.

Points: 1 Fred Muller / Ben Burwell, 2 Ben Hall, 3 Dale Graham.

First Grade

The last home game of the season for the Rams and boy did they put on a show. Walcha took on Inverell in a game that was entertaining for most, besides if you were an Inverell supporter. The boys came out firing from the start. A strong set piece from the piggies laid the platform for the backs to shine all afternoon in the glorious sun. Walcha got off to a strong start with a few quick tries. Mention must go to young Toby Moore

stepping up and making his first grade debut at fly half. He scored a brilliant and well executed try from 10 out with a nice Quade Cooper like step and show and go. Also big Sionee "ulu" made a very big charge, some thinking he won't go all the way but ran through about 6 blokes to get another try to put the Rams on the front foot. Walcha went into half time 38 nill.

To Inverell's credit they never gave up and made the boys work for every try. The second half saw much of the same as the first half. More strong ball carries and some slick passing from the backs to put on a dominate display which saw Dom Bower finally get off his nudie run. It has only taken the whole season but none the less he was determined to score and I think tweeked a hammi in the interim.

The highlight of the day has to go to Sam Collwell. With a nice little pop pass on half way from Matty Tisdell, Collwell did a step that no one thought was possible. Busting the line and with no one in support he had to do it all on his own. This kid has some pace so that was no worries at all!! With the full back to beat he decided to take him head on like how he wrangles those bulls in the yards out at Yarrowitch. The full back was no match for turtle and he was soon sat on his buttocks with big Sammy going over for the try of the year! Full time 73-10. The game really was played with the form Walcha has been looking for all season. As we go down the hill next week to take on our arch nemesis Pirates for our last round game hopefully we can pull a bit of what we displayed against Inverell and come away with an upset. We haven't made it easy for ourselves this year for a top 4 spot and it will go down to the wire this weekend! We encourage all Rams suporters to get down to Tamworth and get behind the lads for what sure will be a cracking game of footy. Walcha will need a win this weekend for a top 4 spot and also will need a bit of luck with Gunnedah taking on Narrabri. Gunnedah need to win to keep Narrabri who is currently in 4th position out of the race!

Points: 3 Sam Colwell (Players Player), 2 Toby Moore, 1 Joel Ballon.

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Volunteer Grants 2023 – 24 guidelines released

Community groups in Walcha are being encouraged to view the extension of the previous Coalition Government's Volunteer Grants program 2023-24 guidelines.

The program is designed to assist the efforts of community organisations to secure and support Australia's volunteers, and to help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering.

Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said volunteer organisations can commence the Expression of Interest (EOI) process through his electorate office to apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000, but it is important for applicants to understand the guidelines and criteria in order for their applications to be considered and be successful.

Mr Joyce said the Australian Government's 2023-24 Volunteer Grants program will be open 6 November 2023. Eligible organisations must submit an EOI to be considered for a grant.

Mr Joyce, with the assistance of a committee of local community leaders, will consider the submissions and nominate projects.

Nominated organisations will then be invited to apply for funding from 6 November 2023. Successful applicants will be announced in May 2024.

"There are three types of people in this world, the ones that throw rubbish out a car window, those that complain about those that through rubbish out the car window and there are those that pick it up. This program supports those special people in our community that pick it up", Mr Joyce said.

"Whether it's volunteering with Meals on Wheels, helping in the canteen at the junior soccer or responding to emergencies with the State Emergency Service, our volunteers play an important role in our communities.

"These grants can help pay for equipment or for promotional activities that increase participation in volunteering, as well as reimburse fuel costs associated with transport and training," Mr Joyce said.

The Volunteer Grants Guidelines are available by contacting the Tamworth electorate office on 6761 3080 or by downloading the guidelines at barnabyjoyce.com.au.

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Bowls

Dads Army: Thursday afternoon saw the sun shining but the strong wind made it sometimes a little chilly for the five players brave enough to show up.

We played eighteen ends of consistency in which Noel Goodwin won with 28 points from Brian Goodwin 27, Geoff Salt 26, Peter Hayes 16 and John Watts 11.

Darts

Results for 27th July at the Bowling Club

Coming in 1st Neil Dark & Cameron Sweeney taking \$60.00. 2nd Tim Baumer & Kurt Brazel taking \$30.00 and 3rd Steven Eveleigh & Ben Tooth.

High scores for the night were Karl Anderson 129 & 100, Tim Baumer 100×2 , Steven Eveleigh 100, Ben Tooth 100, Cameron Sweeney 125 & 100×2 and Neil Dark 117. A big thanks to the Walcha Bowling Club for helping out with the prizes.

Last weeks results 3rd August at the New England Hotel Coming in 1st Lisa Swanton & Vince Costigan taking \$80.00, 2nd Neil Dark & Taminka Stackman taking \$30.00 and 3rd Samantha Steel & Tim Baumer

High scores for the night Neil Dark 121 & 9, Tim Baumer 100 x 4 & 5, Fraser Evans 102 & 129, Karl Anderson 100, Vince Costigan 125, Taminka Stackman 104 & Lisa Swanton with 4. Thanks to the New England Hotel for helping out with the prize money.

Last week 10th August at the Apsley Hotel, Winners for the night were Daniel Boyd & Vince Costigan taking \$60.00, Runners Up Karl Anderson & Taminka Stackman taking \$30.00 and 3rd place getters Ben Robinson & Zac Mallise taking \$20.00. High scorer for the night was Daniel Boyd with 118, followed up with a 0 off 3 darts.

A big thank you to Ganesh at the Apsley Hotel for helping out with the prizes.

This week we play at the Bowling Club, names in by 7pm, \$5.00 entry, everyone is welcome. See you there.

At the Nineteenth

Former Walcha Mayor and Order of Australia Medallist Bill Heazlett was the winner of the monthly Stroke Medal Round last Sunday after he carded a 65 nett which also entitled him to a trophy donated by Mitch Crawford and the C Grade mug.

A Grade went to Wayne Brennan on 68 nett, club secretary Jenny Lisle took out B Grade with a 70 nett while Tim Stackman produced the lowest score off the stick to win the scratch section after he registered a six over par 76.

Sweepstakes went to John McCormack and Andrew Robertson both on 67 while the remaining ball went to the A Grade winner.

Long drives, sponsored by Tony 'Backhand Larry' Asmus, were caressed by Miles Archdale (A) and Isaac Stackman (C) while no B Grade player was accurate enough to find the fairway on the longdrive hole.

Sharpest shooters at the pin were Bill (3), Doug McDonald (9), Isaac Stackman (16) whereas no-one was clever enough to reach the 18th beach.

The putting competition went to Rose Baumer after she survived a countback with Andrew Robertson when both players registered 25 putts while Sue Partridge collected the coveted 'Pink Shirt' with 34 jabs.

A field of 22 players teed off where 'Molleydooker' Jamie Bowden racked up the highlight of the round when he aced the first hole.

Last Saturday Mark Hogan won the weekly 9 hole competition after accumulating 17 points which included

the N.T.P on 3 whereas John McCormack was runner up on 16 points.

This Sunday is the annual Mr and Mrs T.C Fenwicke Memorial mixed foursomes championships for trophies donated by Coll King.

Wednesday Golf

The second and final day of the 2 Ball Stroke Aggregate Championship was played last Wednesday, with the result being very close and an exciting finish.

The Stroke Aggregate Championship was taken out by Julie Olrich and Cheryl McDonald with a gross score of 355, just one point ahead of the runners up, Donna Martin and Vicki Heffernan with 356.

The overall nett winners were Sally McCormack and Alison Cameron with 284 nett, winning a trophy donated by Katie Smith

The nett winners for the second day of competition were Julie Olrich and Cheryl McDonald with 136 nett, winning the Walcha Newsagency trophy.

Sweepstakes went to Donna Martin and Vicki Heffernan with 139 nett, and Lyn Laurie and Katie Smith with 141 nett. Cheryl McDonald won nearest the pin on 3 and Polly Locke had the closest second shot on 18.

Today we are playing a stableford event for Sally McCormack's trophy.

Jillaroos

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos were defeated 26-0 by Guyra in the Group 19 Ladies League Tag Reserve Grade major semi final at Guyra last Sunday.

Down on key players going into the game the Jillaroos were always going to be behind the eight ball but trailed just 10-0 at halftime after Guyra scored two tries in the opening stanza.

The players that did take the field skipper Nicola Hoy, her sister Jordy, Caitlin Harris, Finlai Bird, Marissa Elliot, Natasha Foster, Jojo Matapakia, Hannah Byrne, Kirra-Lee Murphy, Maddie Lance, Eleanor Brazel and Bella Swift all tried their hardest throughout the match.

Gurya ran in another three unanswered tries in the second session to qualify the L.L.T Reserve Grade grand final in a fortnights time at Armidale after Narwan defeated (A Grades mens) minor premiers Guyra 26-20 to advance to the 'Big Dance'.

The Jillaroos played Guyra last Sunday because Inverell withdrew from the competition last week and now do battle with Narwan in the Preliminary Final at Guyra this Sunday. At the time of going to print kick off time for that game is scheduled for 10am but the way things have been unfolding in Group 19 during recent times that may change.

Best of luck to the Jillaroos. Go Gettum Girls.

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- ♦ To all the Walcha teenagers working at our local supermarkets and cafes.
- To the dreadful state of the old Craft Shop building

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- Hamilton St Crown lift, minor trim on some trees, tree pollarding on dead limb removal.
- Middle St Sucker removal on all trees, minor crown raising and thinning.
- John Oxley Oval several medium trees, minor crown raising.

For enquiries, please call Council on 6774 2500.

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

Walcha Council Notice of proposed development application



Walcha Council has received an application from Mr A C Pollard seeking permission to construct a Firearms range at Tangmalangmaloo/100 Echo Point Road WALCHA 2354.

The application and the documents accompanying the application may be inspected at the Walcha Council office during business hours on or before 30 August 2023.

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the development application. Submissions must be received by Walcha Council in writing before close of business on 30 August 2023.

For enquiries, please call Council on 6774 2500. Phillip Hood, Interim General Manager Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

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Meetings

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

Amaroo Local **Aboriginal Land** Council

Address: 38N Derby Street

Ph (02) 6777 1100

DATE: 3 September 2023

Notice Of Ordinary Meeting

TIME: 10am

PLACE: Amaroo LALC Café - 36 Derby St, WALCHA

AGENDA:

- 1. Welcomes/apologies;
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting;
- 3. CLBP workshop;
- 4. Approval of Amaroo LALC CLBP 2019-2023;
- 5. Housing Update;
- 6. LALC Operational Report;
- 7. Summervale Aboriginal Village;
- 8. Land Issues:
- 9. Complaint process;
- 10. Assets; and
- 11. Membership.

Please Note: A copy of the CLBP or a Summary is available for viewing at the Amaroo LALC during business hours.

Authorised: Alena Stackman, Chairperson -Amaroo LALC.







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