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Scholarship sends Oscar flying high

At only 15 years of age, Oscar Blomfield is following his passion and has his sights set on a career in aviation.

The Year 10 Calrossy student joined the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) at the beginning of Year 9 and was this year awarded an Air Force sponsored Gliding Scholarship. This scholarship allows Oscar the opportunity of spending four week-long sessions at the Australian Defence Force facility in Bathurst completing training to obtain his Glider Pilot Licence.

Oscar recently returned from his first training session which he thoroughly enjoyed. "We completed both practical flying sessions, as well as theory at the ground school learning radio communications and effective controls," Oscar explained.

The scholarship also allows Oscar to stay in the Air Force quarters to get a real feel for what life in the Defence Force offers. Oscar is a member of the 310 squadron based at Tamworth airport. He attends parade nights every Wednesday for four hours, as well as holiday and weekend activities when offered.

"Following Year 12, I am aiming to join the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and complete a degree in either Engineering or Aeronautical Engineering through the Australian Defence Force Academy," Oscar said.

A Cadet Corporal, Oscar has had an interest in aviation since primary school and hopes to participate in as many opportunities as he can as a part of the AAFC during Year 11 and 12. "They offer personal development and leadership courses, and you learn skills in aerospace, field work and drill work," Oscar said.

He has already spent a weekend at the RAAF base in Richmond where he flew in a Diamond DA40 aircraft. During the weekend the cadets learnt about the security



division and base defences with the attack dogs. The cadets then got to experience life as a serviceman with a week of General Service Training at Williamtown Air Base. "I learnt a lot during this training," Oscar said.

For now Oscar is back at school and looking forward to the next session in Bathurst at the end of September, getting back into the DG 1000 glider, which he will be piloting solo by Easter next year!

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Spring is around the corner, and it can't come soon enough given everyone looks to have their paddocks a tad short which is normal for this time of year. Wattles around the district are flowering, trees budding up and the grass is even trying to grow. Last week's fall of rain was timely and needed by all, especially those who are on tank water. The southern part of the district topped the rainfall total with 30mm, while the further north you headed from Walcha the less rain fell. There was even a light dusting of snow on the high elevation country which is our first fall for the year. Majority of the New England Tablelands recorded from 5-14mm, but a good news story was parts of the Hunter received 30 mm of rain which wasn't predicted, plenty of those parts are in desperate need of rain.

I travelled to Dorrigo over the weekend and the country didn't change at all, the Dorrigo locals said they were dry, but it looked short, green and the stock looked well. I think the New England Tablelands are sitting in a reasonable position moving forward into the spring, but our situation could change rapidly depending on rain and temperature. Currently we still have a lot of moisture just below the surface and like last week, general rain will kickstart our spring. The bureau is not predicting a great season ahead with the threat of El Nino sprouted around, yet an El Nino doesn't necessarily mean drought or no rain. I think our biggest issue will be the temperatures with August nearly hitting 20 degrees this week, we might be in for some very hot days over summer and those wild storms that we've had in the past.

Beef producers are really concerned about the season ahead and the latest MLA slaughter reports suggest that the offload has begun. The scales have tipped back into herd liquidation mode with a higher percentage of females being slaughtered with an increase of 20 percent on the weekly slaughter numbers compared to the same week as last year. Long term the beef market looks promising but our prices at the farm gate won't change unless the season goes with us. The feedlot sector is still full of numbers, but the upcoming grain harvest might put more pressure on feed prices and more pressure on the feedlot prices. The feed ration prices have increased overnight with China now deciding they will drop the tariffs on barley, seeing a jump of \$30 a ton for barley. It just seems that currently we are experiencing multiple pressures on the beef and sheep industry that we can't control, it's like a domino effect on our markets.

Bull sales have been in full swing with Highrent Angus heading to an online Auctionplus only sale this Friday 25th August at 1pm with 31 bulls. Ben Nevis Angus have 81 bulls that will go under the hammer next Thursday 31 August at 1pm on farm. Yalgoo had a successful sale on 14 August selling 34/36 bulls to average \$10,242 and topping at \$26,000.

Last Friday's store cattle sale in Tamworth looked to be a hard day at the office with the best of the steers selling to \$1050 while the heifers topped at \$860. Majority of the weaners sold from \$500-\$800 which if you're worried about the potential dry season ahead it would make sense to get in and buy some low dollar value cattle which would take less to feed. The best buying looked to be either cows and calves which made from \$1000-\$1300 or PTIC heifers or cows from \$600-\$900.

1910 head of cattle were yarded in Tamworth on Monday with the market quoted as being cheaper throughout. Light restocking steers sold from 140-250c/kg while light heifers made from 160-200c/kg. Feeder steers over 400kg made from 250-328c/kg while the heifers portion sold from 226-266c/kg back 20c/kg and more on the previous week. Cows sold to similar money compared to the previous week topping at 225c/kg for heavy kill cows. 2000 sheep and 2950 lambs were yarded on Monday in Tamworth with lambs with trade weight lambs up to 24kg selling to a top of \$100 and extra heavy weight topping at \$165 for over 30kg of carcass weight. Mutton was on the nose yesterday with heavy XB ewes topping at \$80, back \$20-25/hd on the previous week.

New faces at the Telecottage

Customers at the Telecottage will have noticed some new young faces this year with the team expanding to include Emily Scrivener and Joscisca Matapakia.

Emily has been working at the Telecottage casually since late last year, fitting work in between studying a Bachelor of Agriculture online through UNE and working on the family property. In any spare time she has, Emily is starting to get back into show jumping, training a team of young horses, one of which she will be competing this weekend at the Tamworth World Cup Show. Emily also has a number of bull calves and heifers she is preparing to show in the future.

Emily works at the Telecottage Mondays and Thursdays, focusing mainly on Classified advertisements on Monday, and graphic design/print jobs on Thursdays.

Joscisca Matapakia finished Year 12 last year and has been working casually with us since March. In July Joscisca became a permanent part time staff member and is really enjoying the variety of work the Telecottage offers. Joscisca studied photography, and her work with Photoshop and creating videos has been very useful assisting



customers at the Telecottage.

During her spare time Joscisca can be found on sporting fields of all shapes and sizes, this weekend lining up for the Jillarooks in their grand final for League Tag in Armidale. Joscisca has speed and agility, being one of the leading try scorers this season, as well as being very handy at conversions.

Both Emily and Joscisca have added a youthful addition to the staff, have fitted in extremely well and are learning all facets of the operations.

"We have been very fortunate to be able to offer local girls employment in our community organisation, which benefits all involved, as well as the Walcha community," Manager, Anthea Macpherson said.

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The Telecottage team includes Anthea Macpherson, Rosalie Gibson, Megan Scrivener, Kylie Dunn, Emily Scrivener and Joscisca Matapakia.



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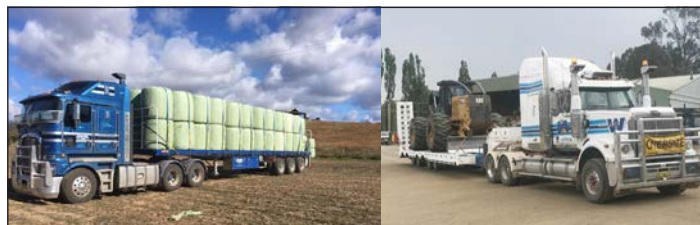
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Daffodil Day is back this Friday

The Quota Club of Walcha is reviving the Daffodil Day Cancer Council street stall. It will be held this Friday August 25 from 8.30am at the Fitzroy Street stall site.

Donated bunches of fresh local Daffodils and flowers will be available for sale and an excellent raffle. The raffle will be a fruit and vegie tray, a bottle of wine and a voucher for a barbeque chicken at IGA. Cash and cheque donations will also be accepted. We cannot take credit card or debit card donations. These donations can be made directly to the NSW Cancer Council. There will be no Cancer Council merchandise for sale as we cannot access supply.

It's a chance for Australians to come together and, for all that cancer takes; give. We all have the ability to create change in the lives of people impacted by cancer by funding cancer research.

In 2022, Daffodil Day raised around \$2.5 million for lifesaving cancer research. This year, we're asking for your essential support once more. Tragically, with 1 in 2 people being affected by cancer in their lifetimes, we will all be touched by this heartbreaking disease.

That's why we're encouraging you to give hope, by donating to the cause by supporting the street stall with flowers, buying flowers and raffle tickets or giving a donation. The Cancer Council has funded lifesaving breakthroughs in cancer research over the years. This research wouldn't be possible without the support of thousands of donors.

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Huge effort from St Patrick's students



Left: A huge effort by Annie to win the Senior Girl Champion trophy.
Above: Members of the St Patrick's athletics team ready to warm up for their events in Tamworth.

Annie Patterson-Kane blitzed the competition on Friday at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival, bringing home the trophy for Senior Girl Champion. "This is an outstanding achievement as only six out of 600 competitors received a championship award," St Patrick's Principal, Dallas Hyatt said.

Annie was one of a 25 strong team from St Patrick's School in Walcha, competing against the best athletes from across the region at the Tamworth Athletics Centre.

Annie had a fantastic day, coming first in the 800m and the 1500m, second in the 200m, as well as smashing the senior girls 800m record by two seconds.

It was a successful day all round for the St Patrick's team with the following results:

800 metres: Jessica and Grace F were first up, placing first and tenth in their heats before Jessica went on to place second in the final. Emily, the only representative in the 11 years girls section, placed eighth in her heat. Annie led the way in senior girls final, placing first, breaking the Diocesan record by two seconds. Benji and Shaun ran in the same heat with Benji coming home second and Shaun fourth. Henry, the only representative in the 11 years boys placed eighth in his heat. Nate and Lachie then competed in their 800m heats with Nate coming fifth and Lachie coming first and fifth overall.

100 metres: A majority of the students competed in their 100m heats, all running exceptionally well, with a number of narrow defeats.

Relays: Three teams competed in the school relays against schools from Tamworth, Armidale, Gunnedah, Moree, Inverell, Glen Innes, Narrabri and Wee Waa. All teams performed very well, as the youngest team competing in each of the heats along with being the smallest school.

Field events: Students also participated in various field events. In the shot-put, Grace S came second overall in the junior girls section and was selected in the Armidale Diocesan squad. Katie placed twelfth in the same event. In the junior girls discus, Jessica placed third, and Digby came sixth in the junior boys. Lilah came fifth in the 11 years girls shot-put, Tom placed sixth in the junior boys shot-put and Henry's efforts saw him finish ninth in the 11 years boys shot-put.

A record number of students participated in the high jump including Albert, Annie, Grace S, Hamish and Emily. All of these students should be proud of their achievements. Digby and Jessica also participated in the junior boys and junior girls long jump, placing sixteenth and fifteenth respectively.

200 metres: A number of students placed in the top three of their 200m heats with a special mention going to Josie and Grace F, who were in a photo finish, which saw Josie pipping Grace F by a small margin! Annie came second in her heat before placing second overall and has been selected to represent the Diocese in this event at the Polding Athletics Carnival.

1500 metres: The final running event of the meet was the 1500m and our three participants went very well. Jessica placed second overall in the junior girls, Annie first in the senior girls and Lachie second in the senior boys. All three students will go on to represent the Armidale Diocese in this event at the Polding Athletics Carnival later in the year.

"Thanks again to the parents and grandparents who attended and supported our students on the day! It is very much appreciated," Dallas said.

We wish Annie, Jessica, Grace S and Lachie all of the best when they represent the Armidale Diocese at the Polding Athletics Carnival on Friday 13 October at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.



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E-Scooter trial now in Armidale

Armidale residents and visitors will soon be able to scoot to their destinations, becoming the newest location in NSW to welcome a trial of shared scheme e-scooters.

The trial, which is expected to run for 12 months from Thursday 7 September, allow e-scooters, hired through Beam Mobility, to be ridden across most of Armidale, including from The University of New England to the city centre.

The scooters are limited to a maximum of 20km/h on bicycle paths, or roads with a speed limit up to 50 km/h, and a speed limit of 10km/h for shared paths. E-scooters are not permitted for use on footpaths.

Riders must adhere to the rules of the trial, wear a helmet, remain below the speed limits and must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Privately owned e-scooters remain illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes.

To find out more about the trial in Armidale or other trials operating in NSW visit:



Minister for Transport Jo Haylen said: This e-scooter trial will open up a new mode of transport for the people of Armidale, giving people the option of a convenient, low cost and low emission journey.

These scooters will be a great option to jump on and get to your destination or to get out and explore this beautiful city. We look forward to seeing how the e-scooters are used and enjoyed by locals and visitors over the next 12-months.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said: Trialing e-scooters across the city is a step in the right direction to our region achieving its Zero30 carbon emissions goals. The use of e-scooters is gaining momentum across the globe and provides a cheap and accessible mode of transportation and importantly a sustainable one that cuts back on our Co2 emissions.

Beam's General Manager (ANZ) Tom Cooper said: We have seen shared micromobility take off in other cities and towns across the country, with data showing a shift from cars to our climate neutral e-scooters for shorter trips under 5 km, and we look forward to seeing the same modal shift benefits in Armidale.

As we prepare to commence the city's first shared micromobility service, we are committed to forming partnerships with local community members and organisations, and engaging in discussions around the safe operation of e-scooters to ensure the safety of riders, pedestrians and other road users.

Our e-scooters feature safety-first technology that will support both rider education and enforcement, including GPS tracking, geofencing and speed limiting technology to ensure micromobility's safe integration into the city's transport network.

"We know e-scooters are new to the community, and we are committed to working closely with the local community to ensure riders know their responsibilities when on an e-scooter."



President's Report

By Denise Cox

The Walcha Farmers Market continues to grow since its inception on 21 September 2013. A place for the community to gather, enjoy a coffee, good food and catch up with friends.

Our 2023 season opened with a pet parade judged under the watchful eye of mayor Eric Noakes. February, with the expertise of Archie, Lance and Stuart we held our infamous chook washing and grooming demonstration. An event that always draws a great crowd.

As a Farmers' Market, the theme is "Make it! Bake it! Grow it!" and the committee carefully curates the market for this focus. This year we welcomed Becca Bakes, Beelike, Moquet Garlic, Myles' Native Flowers, Sheetal's Kitchen, Walcha Historical Society, Wild Apple Fun and the RSPCA Armidale Supporters Group. The Farmers' Market is also proud to be able to encourage and support young entrepreneurs from our community and nearby districts. This season we welcomed Sienna's Seedlings, Emily's Craft, Thom's Fruit & Veg and Jazz serving up Walcha Coffee.

The market has also enjoyed the continued support of our regular and seasonal stallholders, Sunhill Dairy Goats, Nan's Homestyle Condiments, Carinya North Nursery, Kentucky Tree Nursery, Deano's Smoked Trout, 216 Collection, Kate's Cacti and Succulents, Stamp Ahead, The Bush Patisserie, Guyra Potato Man, Moodee and Sass, Primal Alternative by Fiona, The Short Stories Of Tildy, HEM Resin Walcha Photography, Walcha Coffee, and Rotary with their barbecue. The community stall, another feature of the market, saw a huge variety of produce, baked goods and seedlings come through and continues to be a great way for the local community to sell their excess produce or something they have baked or created, without having to have their own stall.

In 2017 we were lucky to have the Walcha Rotary Club come on board bringing their BBQ skills to the markets and to this day they continue serve up a delicious all day breakfast of egg and bacon rolls and sausage sandwiches.

On June 20th I was invited to speak at their meeting on the Walcha Farmers' Market. I thank them for their hospitality while I spoke on how the markets came about, the many challenges we have faced through drought, floods, fire, storms, road closures and COVID, to where we see the markets in the coming years.

This year the Walcha Farmers' Market also took the opportunity to give back to the local community donating \$300 to the Walcha Men's Shed and \$500 to Walcha Neighbourhood Centre. To Howard "The Banjo Man" and Barb we thank them for your continuous commitment to entertain us and bring music to the markets and to Kerry Carey for her amazing dance routines.

I would also like to thank our amazing committee members, their families and volunteers who continue to support and give above and beyond to make the markets the success they have become.

Our executive includes President Denise Cox, Vice President John Stanton, Secretary Eliza Lockyer and Treasurer Kath Little.

To our stallholders and the Walcha community, thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you when the Walcha Farmers' Market recommences on Saturday 16th September in McHattan Park.



Walcha Central School Debaters

This year Walcha Central had five teams in the Premiers Debating Challenge. Students competed in zones, with six teams in each zone.

Primary students debate four times, secondary debate three times, either in person or online. Students are given one hour preparation time, in which they flip a coin to decide on the topic and who will be the affirmative and negative. The hour goes very quickly! The teamwork has been amazing this year.

Students then formally debate each other, rebutting back and forth. Topics are based on the themes of, education, social media, parents and kids and health.

The adjudicators have been very impressed with this year's debaters, especially their listening skills, resulting in entertaining debates with impressive rebuttals. It's been lovely to have supportive audiences at the debates proudly hanging on every word the students say.

Teams:

- 5/6 Walcha Warriors Georgie, Hannah, Simon, Dustin, Veja
5/6 Walcha Wizards Olivia, Anna, Jessica, Xaphyn
7/8 M&Ms and Skittles..... Matisse, Sarah, Logan, Olivia, Charlotte
7/8 Walcha WarriorsArmani, Samantha, Jacob, Jaxon
9/10 Discussion Time Kayleigh, Lacey, Matilda, Katie, Charlee



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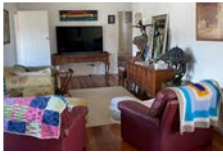


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Walcha Rams finished their 2023 season at Pirates on Saturday going down 43 – 10 in Reserve grade and 50 – 17 in First grade.

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2023 CENTRAL NORTH FIRST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	+/-	BP	POINTS
1	TAMWORTH PIRATES	14	10	0	4	197	17	77
2	GUNNEDAH DEVILS	14	11	0	3	211	10	74
3	MOREE BULLS	14	10	1	3	227	12	74
4	NARRABRI BLUE BOARS	14	7	2	5	33	6	58
5	QUIRINDI LIONS	14	6	1	7	-65	12	58
6	WALCHA RAMS	14	6	1	7	-58	9	55
7	INVERELL HIGHLANDERS	14	2	1	11	-284	8	38
8	SCONE BRUMBIES	14	1	0	13	-261	5	30

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At the Nineteenth

A modest field of 20 players teed off in the annual Mr and Mrs TC Fenwicke Memorial event last Sunday, where their daughter Coll King was in charge of providing the prizes. Scratch winners were ladies champion Simone Sweeney and her husband David after they carded an 11 over par 81, seven shots ahead of runners-up former Ladies Champion Cheryl McDonald and her husband Doug on 88 off the stick. Nett winners were Club President Allan Green and Secretary Jenny Lisle after they registered a 69 nett while the Sweeney's were next best on 71 nett. Sweepstakes went to the Sweeney's, Don Brooks and Sue Partridge 72^{1/2}, the McDonalds 74, Peter Berry and new ladies member Noelene Dark 78. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Jenny Lisle (3), Sue Partridge (9) and Peter Berry (18). No Saturday golf last weekend and the way the weather was there is little wonder why. This Sunday is the annual Workplace Challenge 3 person Ambrose event, sponsored by the New England Hotel followed by 4BBB Championships the next two Sundays.

Wednesdays Golf

Last Wednesday saw us play a Stableford event for Sally McCormack's trophy. The winner was Jenny Lisle with 37 points, closely followed by Julie Hoad with 36 points. Next sweepstakes went to Barb Mulligan on 35 points and Clark Street with 34 points, counting out several others on 34. Julie Hoad was the sharpest shooter on the third hole and Sue Partridge took the honours on hole 16.

A meeting followed play mainly to organise things for the NSW Sand Green Championships, which are being held here on 21 – 22 October.

Today we are playing stroke for the President's Trophy, along with putting, monthly mug, and Golden Jubilee fifth Medal round.

Bowls

Dads Army: Eleven players enjoyed a good afternoon of bowls on Thursday afternoon where two games of triples were played.

In the first game Barry Hoad and Noel Goodwin, who played twice, defeated Eric O'Keefe, John Watts and Warwick Hogan 20 – 11.

The second game was a 15 – 10 win to Peter Hayes, John McCormack and Matt Andrews against Brian Goodwin, Geoff Salt and John McLean.

Peter, John and Matt won the chooks and the raffles were won by Geoff Salt and Noel Goodwin.

Draw: Saturday 1:00pm start: G Bird & S Goodwin v G Clare & B Kliendienst. N & B Goodwin v G Carter & R Kerr. Bowlers please note that on the 9 and 10 September the fours Championships will be drawn, and are to be completed.

Ladies Bowls

The District Championships began last week with Walcha having a triples team, who lost their game to Guyra by a shot. The other team however had to forfeit due to player sickness and were unable to find a replacement.

Last Tuesday the Senior Fours was played. We won our first game against Guyra in the morning, putting us into the final which was played in the afternoon. The team of Lyn Burnell, Carmel Ryan, Esther Hunt and June Hayes played

very well together throughout the day going down to Uralla in the final.

There were no bowls last week due to the inclement weather.

We held our AGM last Thursday and the following executive for the 23/24 year are President Debbie Richards, Secretary Pam Makeham and Treasurer Carmel Ryan.

Social bowls this week and the next District Championships are the Senior Pairs being played in Walcha on the 7 and 8 September.

Jillaroos

The Walcha/Uralla Jillaroos progressed to the Group 19 Ladies League Tag Reserve Grade Grand Finals after they defeated Narwan 16 – 8 in their Preliminary Final at Guyra last Sunday.

Just under three minutes had elapsed on the clock when speedster Shae Partridge scored a try adjacent to the goal posts and when Jojo Matapakia raised the flags with her conversion attempt the Jillaroos led 6 – 0.

Either side of the 20 minute mark Narwan scored two unconverted tries to hold an 8 – 6 advantage which stayed that way up until halftime.

The Jillaroos were called on to defend for a ten minute period early in the second session before Partridge touched down between the sticks after a great run to rack up her second try of the game.

When Matapakia converted the Jillaroos lead 12 – 8, which was increased midway through the second stanza to 16 – 8 when Jordy Hoy scored out wide.

The last two minutes of the elimination final turned nasty resulting in an all in melee after the fulltime hooter.

Coach Josh Lordanic expects his team to be at full strength this Sunday when they play Guyra in the Grand Final at Bellevue Oval at the Armidale UNE from 9.30am.

what's the goss

with AJ Cross

Walcha Veteran Athlete Taddy Macfarlane competed in the recent Sydney City 2 Surf foot race where he won his age group 75 to 79 years after he stopped the clock in 1 hour and 16 minutes. He finished first of 118 competitions after covering the 14 kilometre journey at an average pace of 5.42 km/hr. Of the overall 68,846 runners who completed the course Taddy placed 13,513th and of the 35,514 male competitors Taddy was 10,712th over the finish line.

A week earlier Taddy warmed up for the City 2 Surf when he ran in the Tamworth Fun Run over 10 kilometres where he finished first in the 70 to 79 age group with a time of 53.15 minutes and 74th out of 160 who lined up for the race. Considering Taddy is at the end of both age groups as he turns 80 next April he has no intention of hanging up his runners any time soon. Good on ya Taddy it is a credit to you.

Bad luck to the Matildas who although missing out on a podium finish in the womens Football World Cup made the nation proud. Don't know about you but I found watching the girls play Sweden last Saturday in colours other than gold and green a bit different.

After copping plenty of flack about playing the wrong telecast the night of the World Cup Quarter Final at the Commercial Hotel two Saturdays ago at least publican Kristian Schmidt had a sense of humour about the whole thing when he posted on Facebook that he had the correct telecast on at the pub for the semi final last week. Not a bad P.R exercise really, the wrong telecast drew attention to the Commercial Australia wide and other places.

Congratulations to local veteran cricketers Bill Duncan and Barry Hoy along side part time resident Steph Sweeney on their selection in

the NSW over 60's squad to compete in the National Championships in Perth later in the year. Good luck boys when you head west.

Walcha were represented at the Oxley Bowls Triples competition last Saturday by three teams – Mick Steep, 'Gutty' Marshall and 'Frog' McGuffog who finished equal fourth overall with Club President Adam Hall, his wife Jules and Greg Carter while Tony Asmus his partner Debbie Richards and 'Pole' Bath also played. Word has it the equal 4th place gathers were presented with a 'longneck' of beverage each for their efforts.

Big wigs of the week: Newie - Ross Green, B.C - Barry Kliendienst, Dave Hooker and Rodger Jamieson, Apsley - Scotty Swain. All picked the card. Thunderbolts Way Cafe - Jacki and Paul Nash, Vet Supplies - Apii Fontanella and Kyle Goodwin all 14 points.

Leaders with two rounds remaining. Newie - Liam Brennan 274, Charlotte Lyon 264, Dal Evans and Filbert Green 260. Vet Supplies - Kyle Goodwin 266, Dion Bird 252, Jason Scott and Pete King 250. B.C - Kyle Goodwin 276, L.J Hooker 272, Carly Goodwin 266 and Jagger Jamieson 264. Apsley - Normie Goodwin 265, Scotty Swain 257, Beau Smith and Ian Cameron 251. TWC - Paul Nash 255, Emily Smolders 249 and Shauna Hawkins 235.

Most improved Tipster of the week: Newie competitor Peter 'Granite' Norbury selected three correct last weekend after he somehow failed to pick a winner the previous round when over 50 people 'Picked the Card' around town which would have been a record in itself.

The Golf Club welcomed a new ladies member last Sunday Noelene Dark who partnered Newie publican Perc Berry in the annual Mixed Foursomes Championships, where the 'Dynamic Duo' collected the final sweepstakes prize. Noelene looks remarkably like club Life Member Neil Dark. Maybe they might be related.



Funeral Notice

Hall: Noel Geoffrey

18th August 2023

Beloved husband of Mary.

Loving father of Dale (dec), Scott, Matt,

Peter, John and Nick.

Aged 80 years

Funeral service to be held at Piddingtons

Funeral home, Uralla Road Armidale,

Wednesday, 30th August 2023 commencing at 11am followed by a private interment at the Walcha Cemetery.

In Memoriam

Linda Naylor

16.01.1950 to 5.08.2022

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Meetings

NSW Farmers Walcha Branch Dinner with the President. Monday 28 August, 6:30pm Walcha Bowling Club. Guest Speaker: Xavier Martin, NSW President. All members welcome. **RSVP** essential: Sonia O'Keefe 0448 233 082 or sonia@norton.com.au

Thank You

Brian, Barry, Julie and their family wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and sympathy expressed on the passing of Nancy. Many thanks to the staff at Riverview and Dr Allen for their care. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Public Notices

Walcha Council Scheduled Tree work



Walcha Council will be undertaking Scheduled tree work from 21/8/23 to 22/9/2023 in the following areas below:

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- Middle St – remove damage limbs
- Hill St – Crown lifts, sucker removal and dead limb removal
- Apsley St – Crown lifts, sucker removal, dead limb removal and overhanging branch removal.

For enquiries, please call Council on 6774 2500.

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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.

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- 👍 Many thanks to Walcha Council for hosting the terrific bushfire information session last Saturday. Such important information for the whole community.
- 👍 To Danielle and the crew at Services NSW for their help with my license and registration problems
- 👍 To Ian Cameron who came to my aid and helped me with changing my number plates. Greatly appreciated.
- 👍 To all of the wonderful people in Walcha.
- 👍 To Walcha Council staff for the pruning of trees in South Street, a great job.

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