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Garden Club luncheon celebrates 75 years

Over 100 members and visitors were in attendance to celebrate the Walcha Garden Club 75th Birthday luncheon at the Walcha Bowling Club last Friday.

The Walcha Horticultural Society, as the club was initially named, was founded in 1948 by 15 ladies who wanted to further their interest of all things gardening, with the name changing to Walcha Garden Club in 1989.

In the 1960's the club began assisting with the organisation of the Show Society's Horticultural Pavilion and members also joined the Town Beautification Committee. The Walcha Garden Festival, their major fundraiser for the community, was held from 2002 through to 2016 showcasing beautiful local gardens.

The Club keeps busy with events and activities throughout the year. These include; community days to assist with garden maintenance of the Walcha Health Service, Historical Society and Riverview Aged Care; bus trips to view other gardens; monthly meetings – including guest speakers; and a regular column in the Advocate. A highlight for many is their annual Garden Club luncheon held each September.

At this year's luncheon last Friday, Hep Tozer, Barbara Dunn and Phyllis Hoy were awarded Life Membership for their years of dedication. Those in attendance also enjoyed a wonderful presentation from guest speaker, Peta Trahar, from Bilpin. Her vast knowledge of cool climate plantings were evident in the photos of her garden which were taken through the four seasons.

The Walcha Garden Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to another successful club event.



*Above: Life Members
Barbara Dunn, Phyllis
Hoy and Hep Tozer.
Left: Gwen Lisle (oldest
member) and Eliza
and Clancy Lockyer
(youngest members) cut
the beautiful birthday
cake which was made
by Vicki McIvor. Below:
Guest Speaker Peta
Trahar being presented
with a thank you gift
from Walcha Garden
Club's Gwen Higgins
and Babs Fawcett.*



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

If luck was on your side last week then a handy storm swept through the district on Wednesday night dropping anywhere from 5-15mm which was a great top up. There was plenty of lightning in the storm which can spark spot fires and cause plenty of headaches for the Rural Fire Service, luckily, I don't think there were any. Fifty thousand lightning strikes swept through southern QLD yesterday in a front that didn't drop much moisture, yet probably caused a few problems. These wild storms are only the start, and part of the reason why we are already seeing total fire bans, especially given the amount of vegetation that has grown over the last three years. Temperatures are already starting to hit the low thirties in places which will also ramp up the need to be cautious about potential fires.

The Live export trade with Indonesia is still at a stand still after an additional eight head of Australian cattle tested positive to lumpy skin after their arrival in Indonesia. The longer this plays out the worse it can become for us. The only thing we are being told is that all the cattle that have been tested prior to leaving Australia have tested negative. Sounds like the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry need to test these cattle prior to leaving the boat to figure out where the infection is starting from biting insects, but the Indonesian Authorities are continuing to point to the incubation period which could be up to 28 days. I'm hoping it could be literally on arrival as they are unloaded but still this needs to be sorted out directly as Indonesia is Australia's largest market for live cattle with more than 300,000 head exported annually. No doubt other countries who trade with Australia due to its disease-free status will be keeping a close eye on this developing story.

The downturn in the beef trade globally has seen a real market developing in Australia for retail beef sales. Large cold storage warehouses have been set up to sell whole primal cuts and bulk beef at low margin, high volumes to clear some of the backlogged product. It's a great opportunity to buy top quality beef that would have normally been too expensive and destined for the high-end restaurant trade in other parts of the world. People are very price sensitive now and plenty of consumers are happy to buy quality meat and entertain at home instead of heading out to restaurants and pubs for dinner, thus saving money. These warehouses are selling pallet loads of top quality primal which are literally half price compared to 6 months ago and people are flocking to the products. We have an excellent product and it's nice to see that people can afford to eat it. Why haven't we seen this with the sheep and lamb sector, why doesn't someone start to wholesale lambs and get a heap of product out, low margins but value for the consumer? It's seriously working and I'm sure people would love to be buying full racks of lamb, or bulk lamb chops at wholesale prices while we have an oversupply in our current markets.

Word is a producer from southwestern Queensland sent a B-double of merino ewes to Dubbo sheep sale last week and the sale of the sheep didn't cover the cost of freight. No wonder we are hearing whispers of producers shooting their sheep as they have no value or are too light in condition to sell. Alarm bells are ringing from WA as Merino wether lambs are nearly unsaleable due to no competition, well all I can say is things must be bad in places if we cannot find a market for stock. These producers are no doubt faced with dry conditions, expensive hay and freight which doesn't add up, hence the stories circling that people may have been putting their livestock down.

Tamworth yarded 1960 head of cattle with the off load of young cattle continuing due to the dry forecast. Light restocking weaners sold from 162c-278c/kg, while feeder steers topped at 308c/kg and the heifer portion made to 242c/kg. Heavy steers to process topped at 278c/kg while heavy kill cows topped at 229c/kg. Victorian cattle markets still seem to be a mile in front with heavy bullocks to process making 304c/kg, while the best of their kill cows topped at 265c/kg.

Farmers' Market celebrates ten years

Ten years ago, when Olivia Nivison and Paula Jenkins saw a gap for supporting local and backyard producers, along with a demand for organic, diverse produce, the Walcha Farmers' Market was born.

The first market was held on 21 September 2013 in South Street, with the move to McHattan Park made in 2014. When forming the markets some of the aims were; to support independent primary producers, hobby farmers and gardeners; to provide seasonal and regular supplies of fresh food; and to encourage sustainable environmental practices.

Initially the committee ran the community stall, barbeque and homemade lemonade stall, but after two years the BBQ was outsourced to local schools and groups, and is now run by Walcha Rotary.

Over the years the committee have held numerous cooking workshops, gardening demonstrations, talks on animal care and welfare, and local Fire and Rescue have been in attendance to talk fire safety. For the children colouring competitions have been held, a fun Kids' Corner, face painting, old fashioned races, along with visits from Santa and Easter egg hunts. For the big kids the committee organised a MKR competition at the Walcha Show many years ago, teaming up a Men versus Women battle which was enjoyed by all.

Other market staples have included the community stall, which is always popular and a great way for locals to sell excess produce. The second staple music has seen musicians and singers entertain market-goers. Howard our banjo man has done so for years, with Barbara Dunn joining him in recent times.

Over the ten years, the committee has gone from twelve strong to now half its original size, all working very hard and donating funds back to the community when they can. In recent years droughts, fires and COVID have all played havoc.

They are always on the look out for volunteers on market day to lend a hand on the community stall for a few hours. If you are interested please contact Market President Denise Cox on 0429 692 214.



Pictured above, from left: Original committee members included Sara Brown, Lisa Kirton, Karen Blomfield, Paula Jenkins and Olivia Nivison. Below left: delicious, fresh and locally grown produce. Right: The popular Kids' Corner.



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letters to the editor



Which way Oxley Highway?

Last Wednesday Voice for Walcha gave a presentation to Walcha Council regarding what can only be called disturbing impacts by the Ruby Hills and Winterbourne projects upon the Oxley highway between Bendemeer and Walcha. The presentation covered four main areas: (1) the impact of Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) trucks used to deliver turbine components; (2) the impact of other Heavy Vehicles during wind farm construction; (3) the transport of cement and steel for tower footings; and (4) the upgrades required for the Oxley Highway to cope with this increased usage.

Delivered by Damien Timbs, the presentation was impeccably researched, all claims thoroughly checked. So what Council received were straight-forward verified facts, not opinions. Facts. And these facts are an absolute eye-opener. Even though already aware of them myself, I was still left stunned at the presentation, and felt sure the councillors had to be as well. For that reason alone I just have to briefly summarise those facts here, so you can judge for yourself their significance to Walcha.

Start with the OSOM trucks, those long vehicles that will bring wind tower components from Newcastle for the 283 turbines mooted for the Winterbourne and Ruby Hills projects. We'll need 3,679 such truck movements for that little show, plus 16,555 pilot vehicles. It means the Oxley Highway will be crowded by 30 such truck events per week for at least 104 weeks. Two years. And those trucks will have to return empty to Newcastle as well.

Then there's the tsunami of trucks required during wind farm construction. (If this doesn't knock you for six, nothing will.) The Winterbourne construction phase will last about 30 months, add say 40 months for Ruby Hills. The combined truck movements for that will come to: 235,400 B-Doubles, 116,600 semis and 368,500 light vehicles. Pause for a mo to absorb those figures if you're feeling wobbly.

Once you've done so, consider the truck movements required to build the cement and steel footings for the 283 wind towers. The concrete alone will require 41,000 concrete trucks, while the 42,450 tonnes of steel will need an army of trucks as well. It's head-aching stuff, and that's only the footings we're talking about!

But there's a nasty catch to all this that makes it truly horrific. Access. The above mind-numbing multitude of trucks and other vehicles will all have to use the Oxley Highway for access. And that access is not only seriously unsuitable for the task, but would need a great deal of work to ever be made so. What's more, NSW Roads & Traffic have very little interest in prioritising that highway for such difficult upgrading. You have to slam on the brakes when you hear that, and ask: Who is gunna pay for this to be done? As my mate Rupert says: "It'd be a joke if it wasn't so scary."

All of this is why Voice for Walcha concluded its presentation by asking Council to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of the impact of such a massive wind project, using Oxley Highway access, upon Walcha's existing well established industries. But more than that, it is also why Voice for Walcha made it known that they would themselves engage a consultant to look at the economic impact of project traffic on the Oxley Highway and to identify pinch points on the road.

John Heffernan and Voice for Walcha



'Airlie Merino' fleeces take out Supreme Champion

The AWN Open Fleece Show was held last week in conjunction with the Rabobank National Merino Sheep Show and Ram Sale in Dubbo. There was a magnificent showing of 93 fleeces from all over the eastern states of Australia. Organiser Brett Cooper said that one industry stalwart described it as "possibly one of the best showing of merino fleeces that he had seen".

Walcha's Airlie Merinos took out the Supreme Champion fleece in the superfine ram class with a final score of 94 out of a possible 100 points, making it the highest scoring fleece in the competition. The fleece weight score received full marks with 30/30, which is almost impossible to receive. This score is based on the gross weight of the fleece as well as the expected clean yield. Without being awarded a high weight score, it is difficult to be in the running to win the class. Glenburnie Merinos, also from Walcha, followed very closely behind receiving a score of 93.5.

In addition to this, Airlie was also awarded the champion medium wool fleece with a score of 91. Judge Andrew Holgate, mentioned that 91 is a very high score considering it is a medium weighted fleece and Airlie was a strong contender to take out Grand Champion in this category as well.

Both judges were very impressed with Airlie's supreme fleece and it was a standout amongst the others. It showed outstanding colour, character, style and handle, scoring very highly in every section not just the weight.

Murray Power of Airlie Merinos said, he was going over to Dubbo anyway for a look so thought he would roll up a few fleeces and take with him.

Andrew also mentioned that the number of fleeces increased by over 30 compared to last years competition. "None of these fleeces looked out of place on the grandstand, they were all of a very high standard, making it very difficult pick out the best ones".



Above: Murray Power of Airlie Merinos is congratulated by AWN's John Croake and judges at Dubbo last week.

Below: A selection of the 93 fleeces on show at Dubbo.
Photos courtesy Brett Cooper



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- 👉 To Sam at the Apsley Hotel for the delicious Nepalese inspired Umami Prawn pasta I shared with a friend yesterday.
- 👉 To Val for her beautiful chicken eggs

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Project Newsletter

September 2023

Thunderbolt Energy Hub is a wind energy project with the ability to provide affordable, reliable power to New South Wales consumers. The project is currently in the development stage.

Response to Submissions – Stage 1

The Response to Submissions (RTS) report was submitted to NSW Government in August and is now available on the planning portal:

planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm

Thunderbolt Wind Farm is now in the assessment phase, and we expect that a final determination will be made in early 2024.



Community Benefit Fund update

Neoen has proposed an industry-leading and generous community benefit sharing program, comprising of a Community Benefit Fund and Neighbour Benefit Fund.

After initially committing to an amount of \$100,000 per year, the amount has increased to \$160,000 following discussions with Uralla Shire Council and Tamworth Regional Council. For further information about the Community Benefit Fund and how it will be administered, please visit the latest news post:

thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/news

You are welcome to contact us if you have any ideas of what types of initiatives you would like to see supported by the Community Benefit Fund.

Neoen Project Manager Change

From the end of September, Thunderbolt's project manager will change from Joanna Murphy to Aaron Gutteridge. Our contact details remain the same.

Please feel free to get in touch with Aaron if you have any questions.



Community review & comment

1

Scoping

Neoen submits the Scoping Report to NSW DPIE

2

SEARs

NSW DPIE provides Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

3

EIS Preparation

Specialist studies are undertaken; EIS report is prepared

4

EIS Submission

Neoen submits the EIS Report to NSW DPIE

5

Public Exhibition

Exhibition of the EIS Report; Submissions made by the community and stakeholders

6

Response to Submissions

Neoen response to public submissions

7

Assessment

NSW DPIE assesses Development Application and public submissions

8

Determination

NSW Minister of Planning or the Independent Planning Commission make final decision on Development Application



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Action packed day at St Pats

FATHER'S DAY • GRANDPARENTS DAY • BOOK WEEK FASHION PARADE

Last Friday was definitely an action-packed morning at St Patrick's. The morning commenced with families, especially our fathers, having a bacon and egg roll, some pancakes and a coffee from *The Herd Bar* at the P&F Father's Day Breakfast. Well done to all committee members with the barbecue and catering – from all reports, the bacon and egg rolls were delicious.

Grandparents, parents and students then had the opportunity to purchase books from a large selection available at the school's Book Fair. This was followed by a visit to classrooms where they were encouraged to take part in a range of interactive activities on offer. After the morning activities, it was time

for everyone to rejuvenate their batteries by having some delicious treats for morning tea. Once recess had concluded it was time for students and staff to show off their costumes by taking part in the annual Book Week Fashion Parade. Students were encouraged to dress up as a 'Superhero' or 'Villain', and they should all be very proud of themselves. The ideas and originality of their costume designs made it very difficult to judge the winners of each learning stage group. Staff members also dressed up as some of their favourite book characters, with a number of animals from Winnie the Pooh taking part in the parade, led by Christopher Robin who was sporting a shocking hairdo.

The morning concluded with an awards assembly where the winners of the fashion parade, colouring competitions, P&F Winter raffle, Mini Vinnies 'number of lollies' guessing competition and classroom achievements were announced.

The morning wouldn't have been such a success without the hard work of the P&F organising the Father's Day breakfast and morning tea, Mrs Healey for leading the Book Fair, along with other staff members who organised various classroom activities. Thank you to those who attended and everyone at St Patrick's are looking forward to dressing up again next year!



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Walcha Central students hit the slopes



Above: Mrs Brazel, Sarah, Mrs Provost, Ryan and Chaden.
Below: Snow boarders



From the 28 – 31 August, students in Years 7 – 10 at Walcha Central School had the opportunity to go skiing at Perisher. This was the first snow excursion offered at the School for many years.

Forty three students attended, with 36 choosing to ski and seven snow board. All of the students were incredibly excited and well behaved, with locals commending them on their behaviour. Teachers and students had a great time learning new skills, and many students expressed an interest in going back next season. Walcha Central hopes to continue offering this excursion in the future.



Matisse, Charlotte and Isabell



Left: Logan and Mrs Provost. Right: Chaden



Enjoy the 'Brilliance of Brass'

For those who enjoy live music, it might be well worth a trip to Tamworth mid month. On Saturday 16 September the award winning Gunnedah Shire Band will be supported by Tamworth RSL Brass Band and Friends at the Capitol Theatre, Tamworth.

This much loved annual event, 'The Brilliance of Brass', will be an evening of rousing brass music and entertaining performances are guaranteed.

The Gunnedah Band has previously won the Australian Open, State and National Open A Grade titles, and on numerous occasions the Ern Kellar International Band of the Year.

The concert commences at 7.00pm and will run for two and a half hours, including interval. Tickets available from the Capitol Theatre, visit www.capitoltheatretamworth.com.au.

If you do attend keep an eye out for Nathan from Stace's Fast Freight. No, he won't be on stage, he ensures us he doesn't have a musical bone in his body. He will be there supporting his mum who is a member of the Tamworth RSL Brass Band.

what's the goss



with AJ Cross

They may not have won the bowls at Croppa Creek last weekend, but the Walcha quartet of Kev 'KC' Creighton, Stephen 'Pole' Bath, Graham 'Gutty' Marshall and Andrew 'Frog' McGuffog certainly enjoyed the hospitality shown to them when they headed to the North Western region of the state. The boys finished fourth, while Gutty won a whipper snipper in a fundraising raffle. Although there weren't any prizes for best dancer, Fred Astair impersonator 'Pole' would have made the podium if there was, going on his outstanding performances on the dance floor.

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Former Walcha President Tony 'Larry' Asmus also played at Croppa Creek where his Zone 3 team finished second in the competition. According to 'KC' the tray 'Larry' won in the meat raffle was the size of a small box trailer.

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Following a recent church meeting and dinner at the Commercial Hotel, new Anglican Minister Neil Hunt was lying in bed at home when it dawned on him that he had left the pub without paying for his meal. Neil tried unsuccessfully to contact the Commercial to plead his case, but he need not have worried too much as by all accounts one of the other people in attendance at the get together, Cameron Hayton, had settled the bill on his behalf.

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Congratulations to the Walcha Central School athletes who qualified for the NSW Championships with outstanding performances at the recent North West trials. Blaine Cooney won both his Shot Putt and Discus events, Veja-Lee Petuha finished second in her 200 and 800 metre races, Kobie Brown ran second in his 200 metre sprint, Anna Blake positioned third in her 800 metre while her sister Georgina ran third in her 1500m event.

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The W.C.S. junior girls relay team Kayeisha Connors, Savannah Lute, Sophie Mulligan and Veja-Lee Petuha finished third by 0.01 of a second and are waiting for confirmation if they are off to the 'Big Smoke'. Well done to all 17 athletes who competed at the North West championships.

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The Walcha/Uralla Rugby League Club will be finalising their season this Saturday night at the Bowling Club from 6pm for a 6:30pm dinner. If you intend attending RSVP's close today for catering purposes. Any queries please contact President Michael Aspinall or Secretary Emma Hillier. Hope to see you there.

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Congratulations to Phyllis Hoy, Hep Tozer and Barbara Dunn on having Life Membership of the Walcha Garden Club bestowed on them last week at the Bowling Club when the Club held one of their 'shindigs'. Let's just say there were no shortage of flowers as decoration.

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Footy Tipping Big Wigs of the Week – Bowling Club - Carly Goodwin, Jenny Bowden and Ben Cross, Vet Supplies, Kyle Goodwin. Newie - Ben Cross, all tipsters picked the card. Apsley - Martin Wratten and Dean Kelly. Thunderbolts Way Cafe - Cindy Swanton and Jacki Nash all 14 points.

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Big Wigs of the Year – Bowlies - Kyle Goodwin 304, Carly Goodwin 298, David 'LJ' Hooker and Rodger 'Jagger' Jamieson 290. Newie - Liam Brennan 296, Ben Cross 290, Charlotte Lyon, Lachlan Green 288. Apsley - Stephen 'Normie' Goodwin 289, Scotty Swain 281, Ian Cameron 277. Vet Supplies - Kyle Goodwin 298, Dion Bird 276, Peter King 274. Thunderbolts Way Cafe - Paul Nash 277, Emily Smolders 275, Jacki Nash 267. Crisp Cross Challenge Cup – AJ Cross 268, Tracey Cross 258. Not a bad season with Kyle taking out both the B.C and Vet Supplies competitions and his father Normie won the Apsley tipping while Kyle's wife Carly was runner up at the Bowlies. Good on ya guys.

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Talk about coming home with a wet sail – At the Newie Ben Cross picked the card to leapfrog Charlotte Lyon and Filbert Green into second position who don't even get bragging rights in their house after they finished equal third together.

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Tipping Parties – BC - Saturday 16th September. Newie - 23rd September. A big thank you to Mitch (BC), Lisa (Thunderbolts Cafe), Michelle (Newie), Kyle (Vet Supplies) and Ganesh (Apsley Hotel) for all their help during the season.

advocate sport



At the Nineteenth

The opening round of the 2023 4BBB Championships was played last Sunday in conjunction with trophies donated by Jock McLaren and Jim Nivison. Former club champion Tim Stackman and his son Isaac accumulated 44 stableford points to win the prizes but only after they survived a countback with Michael Stackman and Dion Bird.

Both teams will go into the closing round next Sunday leading the nett section of the event while Lee Fletcher and David Sweeney lead the scratch section on 71 off the stick one shot ahead of Michael Stackman and Dion Bird on 72. Sweepstakes went to the above players except the winners, whereas Col Berry and Neil Dark 43, Don Brooks and Barry Hoad 42, Simone Sweeney and Rose Baumer 42 all received a ball each.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Col Berry (3), Isaac Stackman (9 and 16) and Tim Stackman (18). Talented young 'Molleydooker' Isaac was actually on all four pins on the day before claiming two.

Last Saturday Lee Fletcher racked up 20 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition from runner up Sally Rutherford on 18 points after she counted out Vicki Heffernan. No player reached the beach on 3.

This Sunday is the second and final round of 4BBB championships where Peter Norbury and Tony Asmus are in charge of supplying the prizes.

Wednesdays Golf

Wednesday's golf saw us play a Four Ball Multiplier, draw for partners and the trophy donors were Vicki Heffernan and Jill Burnell.

Margaret Davidson and Sally Rutherford teamed up well and came in the skilfully deserved winners with 79 points. Sweepstakes were won by Cheryl McDonald and Marg Higgins with 73 points and Ark Street and Polly Locke with 63 points. Sal McCormack was nearest the pin on Hole 3 and Margaret Davidson produced the closest second shot on Hole 7. Julie Presnell's second shot on Hole 16 was a winner and Cheryl McDonald secured the best second shot on Hole 1.

Today is another stroke round, with putting and monthly mug for the Captain's trophy. It will also be the sixth medal round.

Bowls

Results: F Cameron def B Kliendienst 31-19.

Draw for this weekend Fours Championships: Saturday 1pm start – S Bath, M Hamel, G Natty & K Creighton v D Brazel, M Steep, J Byrne & G Marshall. Winner of this game will play Sunday at 9am vs G Bird, G Carter, S & K Goodwin. Also Saturday 1pm M Bullen, A McGuffog, G

Mitchie & R Kerr v M Hoy, T Parker, M Wall & F Cameron. Winner of this game will play again Sunday at 9am vs B Kliendienst, E O'Keefe, N & B Goodwin.

The final will be played Sunday at 1:00pm

Dads Army: The ten players played on Thursday afternoon in a game of triples and a game of pairs. The triples team of Brian Goodwin, Barry Hoad and John McLean had a great win against Mick Bullen, Peter Hayes and John Watts 22-12. They also won the chooks.

Barry Kliendienst and Warwick Hogan had a one shot win, 16-15 over Noel Goodwin and John McCormack.

The raffle was won by Andrew Cross.

Twilight Bowls: Will commence on Friday 6 October at 5.45pm. Only 16 teams can play. To nominate ring Noel Goodwin on 0429 955 280 or write your three team members names on the sheet on the notice board.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday in glorious weather the ladies played a game of pairs and triples. The pairs result is not known but the triples of Rosie, June and Lyn had a close 15-14 win over Carmel, Janice and Sari.

This Thursday and Friday the District Senior Pairs will be played here in Walcha, to commence at 8-30 both days.

Walcha have two teams nominated and the club wishes them the best of luck.



In Memoriam

Herbert Laurie

11.9.2020

Sadly missed by all.

In Memory of

'Bonnie'

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Wedding

James & Joyce Day along with Gregory & Yvonne Lockyer are proud to announce the marriage of Destinee to Josh on Saturday 2nd September at 'Waterloo Station' Glen Innes.

Public Notices

Pony Camp forms now available. Please email walchaponyclub@gmail.com for forms.

Walcha Road Historic Club: The first public meeting of the newly incorporated club is on Wed 13 September, 6:30pm Walcha Road Hotel. Members and non members welcome.

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Church Service Woolbrook 2.00pm, this Sunday. For info Graham Barnes 677 2539

CWA 'Awareness Week' Dinner

Wednesday 13 September, 6.30pm Walcha Bowling Club. \$25 a head. Cash payment on entry. Raffles and Lucky door. Please RSVP for catering by Friday 8. Call Vic McIvor 0427 772 950 or vicete@aapt.net.au

**Walcha Council
Community Grants**

Applications CLOSE SOON



Reminder that it's not too late to apply for a community grant from Council. All applications must be on Council's application form and must provide copies of financial records to support the need for the grant. Forms are available on Council's website in the News section.

Applications close:
Friday 15 September 2023.

Phil Hood, General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

Position Vacant

Medical Receptionist

Walcha General Practice Clinic has a position for a Permanent Part-Time Medical Receptionist to join our team for 40 hours per fortnight.

For further information about the position please contact the Practice Manager Libby Rogers directly on 0427 776574 or 67774292.

Walcha Council are looking for workers and team leaders to join our Operations teams.



We have a number of positions available at the moment.

Classified Roads Supervisor

Working in our Classified roads section, the Supervisor provides leadership of an important crew constructing and maintaining our highways.

Team Leader Grader Crew

Team Leader Maintenance

These positions are based in our Local and Urban roads section, and provide leadership of small teams building and maintaining our road network.

Waste Operator

Based out of our Waste Management Facility, this position contributes to providing a vital service for Walcha Ratepayers.

Water & Wastewater Operator

Providing quality services in support of our community water and wastewater operations, this position joins a small highly effective team.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please go to Council's website – Positions Vacant Section. <https://bit.ly/3A30YDc> for more information

Council is an EEO employer and is a smoke free workplace.

Applications close Monday 11 September 2023

Small Council, Big Opportunities!

Christian Martin, Acting General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

Raffle results

Niangala Hall Committee Stall: 1st Bikey Brazel. Thank you to all who bought tickets.

St Patrick's School Winter Raffle – winner drawn and notified. Thank you to all who supported the raffle and contributing to money raised for the school.

For Sale

Layer pullets All breeds, 20 wks. Delivered Friday 6.10.23. Phone Jim 0428 194 105.

Behringer Instrument Amplifier – as new, \$250. Please phone or text 0444 556 294.

Meetings

Walcha Indoor Hockey Association wishes to advise that its Senior Hockey AGM for the 23/24 season will be held on Thursday 14 Sept at the Apsley Hotel from 6pm. We would love to see some new faces, all welcome. Please have team nominations to Jordie 0427 727 990 by this day.

Walcha Flippers Swimming Club AGM – Tuesday 19th September, 5pm at Walcha Bowling Club. Everyone welcome.

Thank You

Highrent Angus would like to thank all the successful bidders and under bidders for their support in their recent bull sale. Top priced bull Highrent Patriarch T126 went to Tony Gaudron, Meadowbank, Yarrowitch for \$20,000. T126 ranks within the top five percent for seven EBV values. Second to top priced bull went to Don McRae, Loita Downs, Walcha who purchased Highrent Quarterback T188 for \$17,000 which sits in the top fifteen percent or higher for all of his growth EBV's and IMF. Local support was very strong with volume purchasers Neil Dunn, Martin Oppenheimer, Angus Monie and Charlie Norton all purchasing three bulls each. The sale was conducted by Nutrien Boultons, Walcha with an AuctionsPlus online only sale which resulted in an 84% clearance to an average of \$9433.

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Holy Communion 7.30am

Family Service and Kids Club 10.00am

Nowendoc Service 2.00pm

All welcome. Phone 6777 2543 or email: walchaanglican@gmail.com

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Walcha Sunday 9.30am. Woolbrook 2pm

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Friday 8 2.00pm – Close

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