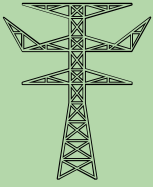


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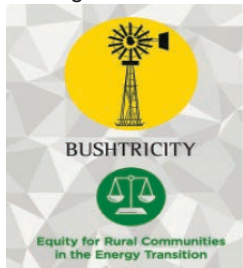
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Walcha secures first ever World Sandgreen Championships

By A.J Cross

Golf NSW Chief Executive Officer Stuart Fraser announced Walcha will host the inaugural 2024 Women's World Sandgreen Championships here next April when he visited the Walcha Golf Club to make the official announcement last Friday.

He suggested these championships will be the largest Sandgreen competition in Australia and maybe the world where 120 players, both international and national, are expected to tee off playing for a minimum \$140,000 purse.

"Walcha Golf Course is regarded as one of the best layouts in the State and holding the World Championships, is just reward for the efforts put in during lead up years," Mr Fraser said.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Golf Northern NSW Regional Manager Sophie Cusack, Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes, Club President Allan Green, Secretary Jenny Lisle and Director Caroline Street were also in attendance for the announcement.



Golf NSW CEO Stuart Fraser travelled to Walcha last Friday to announce Walcha will be the host for the inaugural Women's World Golf Championships in 2024. He is pictured with Caroline Street, Eric Noakes, Adam Marshall, Jenny Lisle, Allan Green and Sophie Cusack. Photo: Simon Scott

Walcha will be also hosting the NSW Womens Sandgreen Championship here on 21 and 22 October this year, and according to President Allan Green, after that's over the Club will continue with preparations for the 'Big Dance' next year.

He never imagined Walcha would be invited to hold such a huge event as the World Championships and although it is going to be challenging Allan is confident staff members and volunteers will get the job done.

There is little doubt the World Championships will generate plenty of interest from all around the region and beyond drawing plenty of people to Walcha for the event which is admission free to all spectators.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Just when we thought we may have escaped the winter frosts we get hit with 3 belters in a row which isn't great for the new growth. The district looks like it's ready to jump away if we could jag a vital 50mm or so of rain, but it doesn't look promising for the next few weeks. Daytime temperatures are set to hit the high twenties on the weekend which will only put more pressure on the new pasture growth when we need it the most. There wouldn't be many producers left around the district who aren't lambing or finished calving now and the fresh growth is paramount at this time of year to the growth of the progeny.

Producers in the north are breathing a sigh of relief with Indonesia lifting the restriction on several export yards which means new orders will slowly begin to gather momentum for the live export. Australian cattle are now more favoured for importers with the current value sitting around \$3/kg while only 12 months ago it was at \$5/kg. These new values make Australian beef more competitive when compared to other sources in Indonesia such as local cattle, frozen Indian buffalo meat and boxed meat from Brazil. The livestock export order is for predominantly Brahman cattle and a line of restocking Brahman heifers at Blackall last week made just \$1.20/kg for 320kg. I'm guessing they only made this due to the uncertainty of potential markets for that breed of cattle but there is no doubt someone is grinning at that price with the resumption of live trade.

I caught a glance of Landline on the weekend, and I was annoyed that the price of lamb on supermarket shelves had only dropped by an average of seven percent over the last 12 months. That is ridiculous when the kill price of lambs has dropped almost forty percent back to 500c/kg carcass weight. We all know that people are struggling with the cost of living and as soon as the opportunity arises that Australian farmers can supply large volumes of protein like lamb and beef at reduced costs to consumers it should be passed on. The only way to get through this over supply of red meat is to make it affordable for people to eat it as I can guarantee that producers can't sell it any dearer than what price is being dictated to them at the abattoirs. The odd thing about our glut of beef and lamb is that I can't find any evidence of these excessive numbers of containers full of frozen Australian protein floating on ships or sitting on wharfs around the world. I'm sure shelf-life would have to come into this scenario regarding frozen protein. Regardless, if the likes of China aren't buying our mutton and lamb at these low prices well why aren't they considering their population.

Feeder cattle are currently hard to place with multiple feedlots on hold with a no quote basis over the last two to three weeks. Feedlot rations are on the rise and talking to a large custom feedlot in Queensland they mention their ration had lifted to \$550 a ton. New forward contracts have come out for kill cattle in the new year which aren't great, and feedlots have reduced their intake prices to stay in positive territory for feeding cattle. It's just lucky for feedlots that graziers are dry, and numbers seem to be plentiful so they can put downward price pressure on entry cattle, especially in the sale yards. Feedlots are buying out of the yards without a direct consignment price as they can capitalise on these softer market conditions. Prices for feeder cattle at Wagga Wagga yesterday dropped by 30-40c/kg and fluctuated between 180c/kg to 300c/kg.

Tamworth yarded 1410 cattle on Monday with lightweight weaners selling to a dearer trend compared to the previous week. Steers under 300kg topped at 266c/kg while the heifer portion made to 242c/kg. Feeder steers topped at 302c/kg while the heifers made to 234c/kg. Heavy domestic kill cattle topped at 267c/kg while heavy export steers made to 274c/kg. Cows topped at 236c/kg for 727kg. 4000 sheep and lambs were yarded and meet weak demand with lambs to kill under 24kg topping at \$97/hd, lambs under 30kg topped at \$118 while heaviest lambs in the yards topped at \$130. The mutton was terrible with XB ewes topping at \$60 and any mutton under 24kg dead making from \$20-40/hd.

New creative space open in Fitzroy Street

Relocating from Coffs Harbour, David and Fiona Barden, owners of *Wood We Create* woodturning gallery, are opening the doors to their new space at 32w Fitzroy Street, Walcha this Saturday September 16 from 9.00am.

Community members are invited to experience the gallery, meet David and view his creative pieces at the opening coinciding with the September Farmers' Market. From artistic to functional, carved, turned or decorated, one-off or regular, *Wood We Create* provides an array of pieces made from salvaged Australian timber, created by David on-site.

David's love of woodturning developed back in his teenage years where upon leaving school he ventured into the trade of engineering patternmaking, which assisted him to develop some of the finer skills and perfection that are evident in the work seen at the gallery. David has taken his skill at woodturning and created an art form.

While understanding the uniqueness of each piece of timber, its history and its charm, David's talents allow him to create one-off originals for the discerning collector, a giving piece of nature for the environmentally conscious or a functional item for any home maker. Like the wood from which they evolve, each piece is original and unique.

The Gallery will initially be open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 3.00pm and Saturdays from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Keep up-to-date with happenings at the gallery through visiting in person, online at www.woodwecreate.com.au, on facebook @woodwecreate or contacting David directly on 0412 085 634.

David and Fiona look forward to welcoming you to *Wood We Create* woodturning gallery from this Saturday, and sharing their love of wood and creativity with you.



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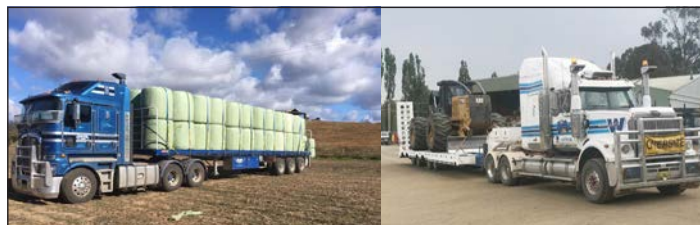
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Important Gym notice

Council has been made aware that some gym members have been sharing their gym fobs including allowing unauthorised persons to enter the facility. We would like to remind everyone that memberships are for the individual only, and are not to be shared with anyone. Each member entering the facility must scan their fob.

Due to these reported occurrences Council will be reviewing facility CCTV for any reports of fob sharing. Any breaches of the membership agreement including allowing unauthorised persons into the facility may result in cancellation of your membership.

This is a community gym and is not run for profit. Its continued operation relies on membership and group booking fees to pay for cleaning, equipment repairs and upgrades.

We would also like to remind everyone that children under 16 are not able to use the gym at all. All members must be over the age of 16.

For those that have children over the age of 16 who like to use the gym in the school holidays, short term memberships are available. Please call into the Council to arrange this. Students (and pensioners) who have a concession card will receive a 10% discount on fees.

	Full Price	Student Price
Weekly	\$28.00	\$25.20
Monthly	\$67.00	\$60.30
Access fob (refundable on return)	\$45.00	\$45.00

Work continues on the Oxley Highway at Mount Seaview

Transport for NSW is continuing major restoration work on the Oxley Highway at Mount Seaview following flooding in 2021 and 2022.

Current work in progress

Restoration work on Slip 5 and 6 started in late June 2023 with work progressing well. The soil nailing process is currently underway and is expected to continue for several weeks. This will be followed by the installation of shot creting and erosion protection. The stabilisation work is expected to be complete around the end of October, weather permitting.

Work hours are from 7.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday. No work is scheduled to be carried out on Sundays or public holidays.

Traffic changes

Single lane, alternating traffic flow arrangements and reduced speed limits will be in place for the duration of the work. Short stoppages of up to 10 minutes may be required during work hours.

Motorists should plan their journeys and allow extra travel time.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Future work plans and upcoming road closure

Planning for Slip 4 and Slip 22 is almost complete with construction expected to start in mid-October 2023. This work is expected to take about 6 months to complete, weather permitting.

To carry out this work safely, the Oxley Highway will be temporarily closed between Knodingbul and Forbes River roads excluding the December/January holiday period. Transport for NSW is also working with council to identify opportunities to minimise the impact of the work on significant community events.

From mid-October to 15 December 2023 closures will be in place Tuesday to Thursday, 7am to 4.30pm and Fridays, 7am to 3pm.

Road closures are necessary due to insufficient room for traffic.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Transport for NSW on 1800 653 092 or email region.north@transport.nsw.gov.au. You can also register to receive SMS updates for upcoming road closures by visiting nswroads.work/oxleyrecovery.

Mountain Motors farewells Phillipa

On Thursday 7 September the staff at Mountain Motors NRMA service centre bid a sad farewell to valued, long time employee Phillipa Lawrence. Phillipa, who has worked at the service centre for 16 years, is sad to be leaving but very much looking forward to her seachange.

Prior to assisting the local community with everything insurance, Phillipa's initial career path on leaving school was as a hairdresser. She later worked at Walcha Newsagency for eleven years, before joining the team at Mountain Motors NRMA.

While at smaller service centres the opportunity to work in specific roles within the NRMA is limited, Phillipa worked her way from insurance consultant to Site Leader, while also taking on managing Mountain Motors. During her sixteen years she has enjoyed helping community members with their insurance requirements, from quotes and policy renewals, to assisting them with all types of claims.

Phillipa has loved her sixteen years working with business owners Chris and Carolyn Feltham and will miss her work family greatly.

Phillipa is looking forward to relocating to North Haven to be closer to two of her three children and their young families. She will join husband Deon, who is now working for Wauchope Council, and is looking forward to becoming involved in their new community. While she may be leaving Mountain Motors, Phillipa will remain with the NRMA, taking on casual work at Port Macquarie, Wauchope and Laurieton branches.

While we will all miss Phillipa's friendly face behind the counter, Chris and Carolyn are excited to welcome Carly Goodwin to the team. New insurance consultant Carly will join Laura Welsh, who now takes on the role of Site Leader, and is looking forward to assisting you with your enquiries

While jumping online to access NRMA services is an option, in this day and age it is important to support local businesses to keep these services available. Pop in and see Laura, Caz, Carly and Leanne and enjoy personal face-to-face service.



Mountain Motors owner Carolyn Feltham with Phillipa Lawrence.

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- 👉 To the Preschool mum who kindly made my daughter a name sticker for her drink bottle. Thank you.
- 👉 To Aspro for all the time and effort that you have put into the Walcha Rugby League over the years. What a great speech on Saturday night. Time to enjoy your weekends stress free.
- 👉 To Wilba for being Emcee on Saturday night. Very clear and organised.
- 👉 To Emma for the great job you do at tennis. Thank you for bringing something to our town where children can learn many developmental skills in one place.
- 👉 To Brooklyn Quarry for their generous donation to Walcha Central School. Thank you.
- 👉 What a potential disaster to see a Coles van delivering groceries around Walcha. What will be the affect on our struggling local businesses?

Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must be accompanied by your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

Spring Gathering in Walcha this weekend

This Friday to Sunday, Quotarians from northern New South Wales and south-east Queensland will be visiting Walcha for a Spring Gathering and just in time to see the town alive with beautiful blossoms.

Hosted by the Quota Club of Walcha, the Spring Gathering will provide an opportunity for Quotarians to continue the connections that have been formed at previous regional Conferences which, before the pandemic hit, were held on an annual basis. Like many rural women, over the past 5 years, these Quota members have personally experienced and lived through the challenging events of drought, bushfires, flooding and the pandemic. Quota Clubs have stayed strong throughout these life changing events and have continued to support their communities and, importantly, one and another. Quota Club of Walcha considers this social event to be very important in supporting the participants' mental health and well-being. Quotarians will be attending various workshops where they will learn new skills / crafts, visit Apsley Falls, go on a walking tour of the Walcha Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, enjoy the amazing displays at the Walcha Historical Museum and Pioneer Cottage and enjoy catching up with friends from years gone by and make new connections over meals during their stay in Walcha.

The members of the Quota Club of Walcha are very thankful for HealthWISE's sponsorship of this event.

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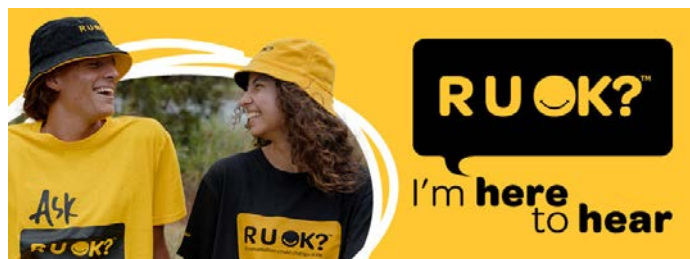
Mountain Motors R U OK Day

The ladies at Mountain Motors will be cooking up a storm for this years R U OK Day, which is taking place this Thursday. It is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that any day is the day to ask, 'Are you OK?' and support those struggling with life.

Everyone is welcome to have a cuppa and some morning tea at Mountain Motors from 10:00am onwards with plenty of tea, cakes and slices to get through.

R U OK? is a public health promotion charity that aims to encourage people to stay connected through conversations that can help others through difficult times.

If you have a feeling that someone you know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would, if they seem out of sorts, more agitated or withdrawn or they're just not themselves, learn about the signs and when it's time to ask R U OK?



Rallying returns to the Walcha region for the first time in over 25 years

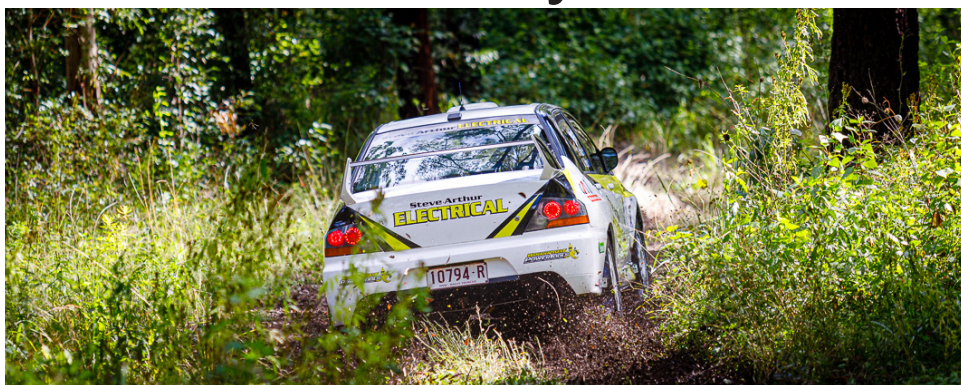
The Australian Motor Sport Action Group (AMSAG) are pleased to be bringing back rallying to Walcha for the first time in over 25 years.

The 2023 Walcha Rally will be held as Round 5 of the Southern Cross Rally Series. In a hotly contested series, competitors from all over NSW as well as Interstate crews will converge on Walcha on 14th October. It is expected that a field of around 40 cars will attend the event, with everything from classic Datsun 1600's and Ford Escorts all the way to more modern machinery such as Subaru WRX and Mitsubishi Lancer Evolutions likely to be in the field.

The event will begin on Saturday morning within the township of Walcha, before heading towards Nowendoc where the crews will compete against the clock over a mixture of both Shire Road and Forestry Stages before returning to Walcha in the late afternoon for our post event presentation.

There will be an opportunity for locals to come and see the cars in action, with spectator instructions to be released closer to the event.

Keep an eye out on the AMSAG Website for more details, www.amsag.com.au



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Register now for Kids Games and camp

Roll up! Roll up! Kids in school years K-4 are invited to join the free Kids Games Circus at Walcha Anglican Church from 26-29 September, running daily from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Each September school holidays Walcha's Anglican and Presbyterian churches get together with a team

of Sydney-based helpers to provide school holiday fun for kids in Walcha. The Kids Games Circus introduces kids to Christ Jesus as we meet him in the Bible, and includes games, craft, morning tea and other activities. Children can be registered to attend individual days or the full four-day program.

Kids in Years 5 – 10 are invited to sign up for the Youth Group camp at Yarrowitch Showgrounds from 27-29 September. Activities will include games, hobbies, Bible studies, bush challenges and an evening activity program. Day campers are also welcome to come and join in.

Registrations for the Kids Games Circus and Youth Group camp are now open and can be found on both church Facebook pages. For a printed registration form or more information please contact Neil Hunt, Walcha Anglican Church on 6777 2543 or Graham Barnes, Walcha Presbyterian Church 6777 2539.

Our thanks to Walcha Council for their continued support.



Markets this Saturday

The temperature is warming. The flowers are blooming in the garden. The birds are twittering in the trees. The smell of spring is in the air. It's September and that means the Walcha Farmers' Market is back!

This coming Saturday, 16th September, at McHattan Park, Walcha, the Farmers' Market starts its new season. There will be a mix of old favourite stall holders and exciting new ones!

Back to start the new season are BeeLike, Beca Bakes, The Bush Patisserie, Carinya North Nursery, Coffee Cubed, Deano's Smoked Trout, 216 Collection, Myles Native Flowers, Nan's Homestyle Condiments, Sheetal's Kitchen, Sienna's Seedlings, Thom's Fruit and Veg, Sunhill Dairy Goats, Rotary Barbecue, Walcha Historical Society, and the Walcha Farmers' Market Community Stall.

New to the market are Bree Thompson with resin and baked goods; Coffee Cubed, Jazz Hayton's new coffee van venture, and Yes Vote, ready to discuss the Yes view of the upcoming referendum.

Representatives of the newly formed Walcha Little Athletics will be on site to sign up your children for their new local athletics program and answer any questions you may have.

It looks like it's going to be a delightfully warm spring day, so grab the kids, pop your esky in the ute and come on down to the Walcha Farmers' Market! 8:30am to 12:30pm, McHattan Park, Walcha.



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with AJ Cross



What a sensational announcement last Friday when the Walcha Golf Club was officially told they would be hosting the 2024 World Women's Sandgreen Championships here next April by Golf NSW Head Honcho Stuart Fraser. It won't be just good for the Golf Club itself it will be great for the whole community and surrounding regions. Congratulations to the people who made it happen.

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Former Bowling Club President Tony 'Larry' Asmus has spent the past few weeks tripping around the state part of the time with his Zone 3 Bowls mates taking three days to get from Quirindi to Croppa Creek. At one stage he pulled into Manilla where free parking was available, an offer he took up, but couldn't work out why his toaster wouldn't work until he realised there is no power at free parking sites.

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During the trip Larry also had some trouble with a sillage hose on his van and thought he had taken the wrong hose with him as it didn't have a screw on threaded end on it. Didn't matter, Larry duct taped one end on to where it needed to be then went to the other end of the hose to check out if any grey water was being emitted. Funny, that was when he came across the screw on threaded section of the hose and duct tape wasn't required after all.

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Calling all Junior Basketballers! A competition is planned for Term 4 of this school year on Friday afternoons from 3.30pm commencing the first week of the term and going for approximately 8 weeks. Cost is \$20 per player with all interested players asked to contact either Amanda Scott 0488 226 722 or Kimberley Lisle 0423 266 182.

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Next Monday September 18 will mark 40 years since the Walcha Roos were defeated 16-12 by Narwan in the 1983 Group 19 Rugby League Grand Final here at the Park. We lead 12-0 at half time and were still in front 12-10 with 23 seconds remaining on the clock only to see the Eels score one of their freakish tries between the posts and win the game 16-12. It's still the biggest disappointment I've experienced in sport by a long way.

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The Roos team that day was Fullback Doug McDonald, wingers - Robert Best and Rodger Jamieson, centres - Bernard Lynch and Daniel Kennedy, 5/8 Rob Laurie, 1/2 Emol Archibald, lock Rod Natty, second rowers Doug Jamieson and Jack Thompson, hooker Mick Archibald, front rower Ian Cameron and AJ Cross. Replacement Garth Clare came on late in the decider which turned out to be his last game of Rugby League.

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Despite the heartbreaking loss the Roos had a good season where Rodney Natty was named Group and Club Best and Fairest player, Reserve Grade hooker Tony Martin finished Group and Club 'B' Grade Best and Fairest player whereas Rodger Jamieson scored the most points in Group 19. Under 18's Best and Fairest went to Braddon Jackson while Rodney Tickle picked up the Wayne Cross Memorial Trophy for under 18's player with most potential.

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Last week in the Apsley Advocate the runner up in the Crisp Cross Challenge footy tipping results was listed as Tracey Cross. Apparently the person who typed the information Rosalie Gibson (nee Partridge) argued that she was Tracey Cross when Rosalie went to school with her. And that certainly wasn't yesterday Rosemary.

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Congratulations to Walcha Dog Trialler Nathan Brown and his dog Buckol Megan on almost scooping the pool at the annual NSW Working Stock Dog Association Awards night recently. Nathan and Megan won three of the four awards on offer - Maiden/ Novice Dog of the Year, Open Dog of the Year and Dog of the Year whereas the only prize Nathan missed out on was Handler of the Year. Great effort Nathan and Megan.

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Have you ever left your kid behind after function or sporting event? It isn't a good feeling when it happens and there was a whisper Bonnie Brown may have left her sons Kobie and Kix for a brief time after her basketball game recently. When Bonnie returned with a sheepish look on her face Kimberley Lisle suggested she had forgotten the kids. At least Bonnie didn't get half way home before she realised Kobie and Kix weren't in the car.

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Congratulations to Walcha Golf Club Member Margaret Davidson on her hole-in-one last Sunday after she hit her seven iron tee shot into the third hole. It isn't Marg's first hole-in-one as she also aced the ninth hole quite a few years back. Although hole-in-ones aren't all that common most of the time, there have been a run of them lately on the local front after Mark Hogan and Jamie Bowden both achieved the feat recently on the 16th and 1st holes respectively.

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Walcha/Uralla Rugby League Presentations

The Walcha/Uralla Rugby League held their annual presentation night at the Bowling Club last Saturday night where a good crowd was in attendance to congratulate all the worthy trophy winners.

Tigeroos:

Best and Fairest Shauib Rhodes-Swain
 Players Player Cooper Boyd
 Coaches Award Kieran Stiff
 Presidents Award Jayden Fletcher
 Rookie of the Year Maurice Kelly
 Most Improved Ben Hamilton

Jillaroos:

Best and Fairest Taneika Landsborough
 Players Player Caitlin Harris
 Rookie of the Year Maddie Lance
 Most Improved Jojo Matapakia and Natasha Foster
 Coaches Award Caitlin Harris
 100 games Jordy Hoy v Glen Innes (15 April)
 Volunteer of the Year Makaala Dodd
 Clubperson of the Year.... Barry Partridge and Leanne Presnell (Walcha), Tim Barraclough and Cassandra Jane Robertson (Uralla)
 Uralla stalwart Charlie Cooper had life membership bestowed upon him by the Uralla Tigers last Saturday.



Walcha Rugby League Roos Life Members A.J. Cross and Peter Berry congratulate Charlie Cooper (Centre) on his Uralla Tigers Life Membership.



2023 Walcha/ Uralla Rugby League trophy winners enjoyed their night at the Annual Presentations

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At the Nineteenth

The closing round of the 2023 Mens 4BBB Championships was played last Sunday where Lee Fletcher and David Sweeney won the Scratch division of the event after carding a two round total 143 (72,71) three shots clear of runners up Tim Stackman and his son Isaac 146 (72,74).

Team Stackman took out the Nett division after they accumulated 91 (44,47) stableford points, three points ahead of runners up John McCormack and Mark Hogan 88 (41,47) who were winners of Round 2 played for trophies donated by Peter Norbury and Tony Asmus after they counted out the Stackman boys which gave them the first sweepstakes prize.

The remaining sweepstakes went to Margaret Davidson and Julie Hoad 46, Darren and Drew Bird 45, while sharpest shooters at the pins were Cheryl McDonald (9) and her sister in law Rose Baumer (16).

Although there was no N.T.P on the third hole no one would have beaten club life member Margaret Davidson if there was as she hit her seven iron tee shot into the hole.

Last Saturday Mark Hogan racked up 18 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition after he snuck home from runner up Lee Fletcher who counted out Pauline

Carter on 17 points. N.T.P on 3 to Ruth Fletcher.

The big news for the Walcha Golf Club this week is that the next World Women's Sandgreen Championships will be held here at Walcha in April 2024.

This Sunday is a Stableford round for a prize supplied by Alex Gill.

Walcha Flippers

The upcoming 2023/24 Flippers season is sneaking up and the club will be conducting its Annual General Meeting at the Bowling Club next Tuesday 19 September from 5pm. The Walcha Flippers are currently taking orders for swim wear and although club swimmers are optional and not a requirement needed to be a Flippers Swimming Club member they certainly look great. Orders need to be made and money paid by Wednesday 20 September and there will be no exceptions. For more details or any questions please contact Rachael Wellings by text on 0429 942 465.



Death Notice

John Riches

05/01/1944 - 27/7/2023

Aged 79 years

Beloved husband of Kerry (dec), loving father of David, Kim, Fiona and Donna, grandchildren and son and daughter in law.

Celebration of John's life -

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Walcha Council Casual Labourer/Operator Information Session



- Where: Council Chambers 2W Hamilton Street Walcha
- When: Thursday 14th September at 09:30am

If you are interested in becoming a Casual Labourer/Operator with Walcha Council, please come along to the information session on Thursday. For more information please call Mike Lockie 6774 2500.

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

Meetings

Walcha Indoor Hockey Association wishes to advise that its Senior Hockey AGM for the 23/24 season will be held on Thursday 14 September at the Apsley Hotel from 6.00pm. 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 19 September, 5pm at Walcha Bowling Club. Everyone welcome.

Walcha Show Society AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 September at 7.00pm at the Walcha Sports Club. General Committee meeting to follow. Enquiries to Dale Webber, Secretary 6777 8191.

Walcha Touch Football Association Notice of AGM Thursday October 5, 2023 at 6pm at The Commercial Hotel. All committee positions declared vacant. All teams please send a representative.

Woolbrook Hall and Park Committee AGM. Mon 25th Sept AIF Hall at 6:30pm. All are welcome.



Wednesdays Golf

A stroke round along with putting, monthly mug and the 6th Medal round was played on Wednesday for Captain Donna Martin's trophy.

Lyn Laurie blitzed the field with a very impressive 66 nett score. Sweepstakes were won by Carl Street, 69 nett, Lorraine Walshe 70 nett, and Simone Sweeney 71 nett. Simone was also the winner of the putting, only using her putter 22 times. Prue Morgan took out both NTP's on Hole 3 and second shot on 18.

Monthly mugs were collected by Lorraine Walshe - Division 1, Carl Street - Division 2 and Lyn Laurie - Division 3. Today we are playing a stableford round and it is also the Warialda 4BBB.

Bowls

Dads Army: Twelve bowlers nominated for the usual Thursday afternoon game of bowls. The two games of triples played saw big winners in both

games. In the first game Noel Goodwin, Matt Andrews and Warwick Hogan defeated Barry Kliendienst, John McCormack and John Watts 20 - 6 after scoring seven shots on the thirteenth end.

Sari Andrews, Peter Hayes and Mick Bullen scored five shots on the third end when they defeated Eric O'Keefe, John McLean and Mark Hogan 18 - 9. Sari, Peter and Mick won the chooks and the raffles were won by Mick Steep and Eric O'Keefe.

Ladies Bowls

The District Senior Pairs Championships were played in Walcha last Thursday and Friday under terrible conditions in which Walcha had two teams playing Janice Rizzi and Carmel Ryan the other being Lyn Burnell and June Hayes with the latter being defeated in the final by the Uralla team of Lyn Watts and Ros Rhodes 28-22.

In a social games of bowls also played last Thursday Rosie and Marg Tickle had a win over Ellie and Sari Andrews 15-7. Coming up is a coaching session by Nanette Jamieson

the time is 9-00am for 9-30 start the date is Thursday 21st September. Also our monthly meeting is that day at 1-00pm.

The lady bowlers would like to thank Noel Goodwin and Gordon Mitchie for their help, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla Cricket will be holding their AGM at the Bowling Club tomorrow night Thursday 14 September from 6.30pm. Armidale held their AGM recently where they decided to start their respective competitions on Saturday 14th October with all teams intending playing this up coming season requested to have nominated by Wednesday 20 September.

Could all players intending on having a run this season please let current President Wayne Boyd know of your intentions ASAP if not sooner.

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