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Many new attractions at Motorcycle Rally in November

Walcha has always been a mecca for motorcycles, being at the crossroads of two of the best road rides in Australia. The Walcha Motorcycle Rally, firmly places Walcha on the map as a top riding destination all year round. This year's event will be held from Thursday evening 16 November through to Saturday evening 18 November and has a packed program of new and exciting attractions as well as past favourites including the street procession and postie bike events.

This fantastic event includes organised rides, trade exhibitors, motorcycle skills demos and stunt shows by some of the best in the industry, hilarious postie bike events, a multi-bike challenge, enduro-x course, strider bike challenge for kids, barrel racing, show and shine, burnout comp, evening live music, food vendors, bar and more.

Combine this with some unique country attractions like BackTrack dog jumping, a demolition derby, wood chop demonstrations, and there really is something for everyone. The diverse program, paired with Walcha's small-town country hospitality are all part of what makes this motorcycle event unique.

The town will come alive on Saturday 18 November with the thrill of the motorcycle street procession, this year led by women riders in recognition of Australasian Women's Motorcycle Ride Day. There will also be a vintage car display near the Walcha Farmers Market.

Rally ticketholders will again have



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access to the free town loop shuttle bus, which runs all weekend for them to enjoy all that Walcha has to offer.

This is a popular event, with Walcha's accommodation already booked out for the 2.5-day event, so if anyone is interested in providing homestay accommodation please get in touch with the girls at the Visitor Information Centre on 6774 2460.

There will once again be a discounted local's ticket available to be purchased online closer to the event, and allows access to the showground from Thursday night to Saturday night for locals to enjoy the diverse program of activities and entertainment.

Organisers are excited to have BMW Off Road Training and BMW Safari attending with an exhibit this year, as the events' reputation and reach continues to grow Australia wide. We're also very fortunate to have Niki Zak Racing, the world's quickest and fastest woman on two wheels, attending with her drag bike and display. With three world records for a woman, including fastest and quickest and the first time a woman drag bike pilot broke the 200mph barrier on the 1/4 mile – it's pretty exciting!

Visit www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au to see the great program and find out more about the event.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The extra warmth over the last week has really applied more pressure to our season that's on a knives edge. The warmth is ideal if we could get some more moisture but there doesn't seem to be anything on the forecast for the next 2 weeks. Total fire bands are in place over some parts of the state with even schools on the south coast forced to close their doors to children on Tuesday. Speaking with numerous graziers its hard to find someone with any optimism about rain or the current livestock markets.

The dry weather is really starting to put extreme pressure on both livestock markets with numerous feedlots still on a no quote basis and kill space stretching out to beyond 6 weeks. Talking to a processor regarding kill space they are still struggling to find labour. They mentioned if they had the labour, they could kill an extra 2000 head of cattle a week and over the 2 abattoirs they operate they could kill an extra 5000 head if they had the work force. If all abattoirs across the country had the labour than then we may be looking at a different market, but it also would mean further pressure on the export market to sell the product. Domestically selling the product isn't a problem speaking to a domestic processor and they also mentioned that the profit margin now was huge. They also couldn't see themselves dropping the self-price much as the consumers are already accustomed to paying the current prices. Consumers who shop at these large retail grocery stores are made to believe through smart advertising that the so-called price drops, like the price being slashed by 7 percent is a bargain when the actual animal is now purchased from the producer at 40 percent less value.

Livestock numbers look to be starting to swell in the sale yards as people decide to offload at any cost deciding not to feed. The cost of fodder and grain look to be as dear, if not dearer than 2019 and our livestock prices are nearly back to a value which doesn't pay to feed them. The dry weather has also forced numerous grain crops to be cut for hay as there isn't enough moisture to fill the seed head properly for grain. This may provide some price relief for fodder prices but judging by the prices I have seen advertised it is dearer than the south, regardless of the extra freight. One thing we have learnt from the last drought is that we should now be more efficient in feeding our livestock. If you are set up to feed than the current market offers some great opportunities to trade some stock and made some money. If you are planning on selling before Christmas, I urge you to be proactive and make plans now given the waiting times on feedlot and kill space.

The sheep and lamb job look like it will still get worst before it gets better as supply heavily outweighs demand and the ability of processors to process the extra numbers. I spoke not too long ago about farmers shooting their sheep as they had no value, well its true and I have also heard of farmers shooting goats, mainly because they are prolific breeders, and the market is terrible. Majority of the goat market is backed by the harvesting of feral goats and those people who are shooting the animals probably captured them which means they never had to pay for the animal.

Cattle number almost doubled in Tamworth on Monday with 2697hd yarded due to a falling market and further concerns regarding the weather. Once again demand was weaker from restockers, feedlots and processors resulting in a significantly cheaper market throughout all categories. Light restocking heifers struggled to attract any competition selling from 95-188c/kg, while feeder heifers topped at 234c/kg. Weaner steers made from 160-240c/kg while feeder steers topped at 264c/kg. Domestic kill cattle made to 240c/kg while the best of the cows made to 188c/kg, back 30c/kg compared to last weeks sale. If you thought the cattle sale was tough well don't read anymore, 4600 sheep and lambs meet reduced competition with the best of the lambs topping at \$122 for heavy new season lambs. Trade weight lambs in excess of 22kg carcass weight made from \$50-80/hd, restocking lambs under 18kg carcass weight made from as little as \$6-30/hd. Mutton was extremely tough making from \$10-40/hd.

Resuscitation Program at St Pat's

Recently all of the St Patrick's Primary Years 3-6 students participated in a resuscitation program led by Cameron McFarlane. Over the last ten years, Cameron has trained over 40 000 students in our region how to save a life by using CPR. Cameron believes it is imperative that every child be given the opportunity to learn this vital lifesaving skill and have the knowledge to perform effective CPR, both around water and in the general community. The program also ensures all students have a sound understanding and knowledge on how to perform an emergency response plan in a time of need.



Wollun Church celebrates its centenary



The Anglican Church in Wollun is celebrating its centenary on Sunday 8th October at 2pm. Bishop, Rod Chiswell will be in attendance and will participate in the service.

The building of the Church commenced in July 1923 and the first service was conducted on 17th October of that year. Many descendants of the families who founded St Martin's are still in the district.

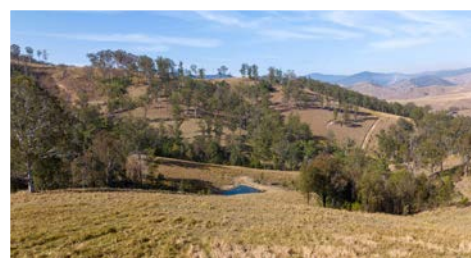
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The many costs of Wind

By John Heffernan & Voice for Walcha

Wind basically took off as a source of renewable energy a bit before the year 2000, and the period up until now (2023) has basically seen the vast majority of wind energy capacity globally installed. That period also basically aligns with a wind farm's life cycle - 20 to 25 years - manufacture, construction, maintenance and decommissioning. Which means that we've effectively reached an historical point where we can seriously assess wind energy and make sound judgements about the Good, the Bad and the In-between of that technology.

Which is exactly what's happening. Quality studies into industrial wind farms are at last emerging. These can provide evidence-based information to help developers, governments and communities make better decisions about what that technology can do for them. Or not do for them. For that reason I want to highlight these studies, and will kick off with an excellent one from the Pusan National University of Korea - by J Dorrell and K Lee - a large comprehensive peer-reviewed study of scientific literature covering industrial wind developments around the world from the year 2000 to 2020, focusing on a raft of negative impacts. Analysing almost 150 articles, it's a serious study.

The study's main thesis is that: **"As wind energy has expanded, the negative impacts have become more evident."** Those negatives are mainly economic, but not entirely. **Unemployment** is one to begin with, despite popular misconceptions. Yes, wind energy creates jobs, especially in manufacturing, but "the net employment impact for the economy as a whole is negative." **Market Volatility** is another negative. "As wind farms have increased, so has overall intermittency of electricity supply", along with "higher levels of volatility in the electricity market". **Higher Energy Costs** have been another negative impact of increased wind farms, sometimes extremely so. Take Germany, for instance: "The national energy transition has almost doubled the price of electricity in just 15 years."

Government subsidies for wind farms are another negative; there has been greater dependence on subsidies in many countries with the growth of wind projects. **Declining efficiency of wind turbines** over their life time is another (often hidden) negativity. So too are significant **decreases in residential house values** due to proximity, visibility and size of wind farms, especially in rural areas - a multifaceted matter, including issues like noise, shadow flicker, electromagnetic fields, visual obstruction, and more. Last but not least is a negative impact of wind farms that's often overlooked: **transition to grid connection**. "Massive infrastructure investment is required for industrial scale electricity transmission lines, driving up electricity supply cost."

The study also found that winds farms globally involved ecological and biodiversity impacts. "These negative externalities include bird fatalities, human health impacts, bat deaths, ground animal ecosystem disruption, and habitat loss." On top of that: "The construction phase of wind farms has also been found to cause significant detrimental effects on residential well-being."

But wait. Be aware that the above negativities are essentially ones that have only become evident over the last twenty-odd years of wind energy's global expansion. The technology already comes with huge onboard economic baggage. As the study emphasises: "upstream processes such as the extraction of raw materials, production of finished materials and components, transportation, and manufacturing as well as the downstream activities such as decommissioning **require massive amounts of capital.**"

That's why this study ends by emphasising that **in order to fully and fairly assess the entire economic performance of wind energy, its entire life cycle from use to disposal has to be understood.** We are beginning to grasp that fact from quality research like this study. But we really do need to take serious notice of such research. Anything less is head-in-the-sand stuff. Ain't no future in being an ostrich.



WALCHA COUNCIL SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Storytime
at Lions Park
Wed 27 Sept
10-11am

Kids Bowls
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Walcha Resilience Stories

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

Louise Clarke with her partner Bill Croll

We have been residents of Yarrowitch for over 20 years, managing Glenferrie, Red Hill and operating a Farmstay named Red Hill Organics. I am a Company Director and currently Chair the Board of Centacare New England Northwest, and a Director on the boards of Rural Assistance Authority, Hastings Co-Op, and P&N Bank.

Our management practices on the properties include rotational grazing, ensuring healthy soils and Low-Stress Stockhandling. Bill is a passionate advocate of low-stress stock handling having studied with Bud Williams. The principles we adopt are to ensure we have ground cover and adequate trees for shade and our stocking rates are adjusted to suit the climatic conditions. During the drought, we focused on our ground cover to ensure we weren't diminishing the feed in the paddocks through overuse and overstocking.

When people come to stay here, they not only see the Werrikimbie National Park but we're able to share with them our farming practices. It allows people to see how we manage a property, to improve the livestock's well-being, the soil and life in a small rural community.

During Bushfires

It was a period where we had a combination of drought, high winds, hot temperatures during the day and very cool nights. We lost about 90% of our properties' when the fire came through, however, we consider ourselves lucky that we did not lose our houses and our main assets. For everyone in the community, it was a harrowing experience.

Red Hill and Glenferrie had two big fires during that period. The first fire, we spent a week managing and we were very lucky our fantastic neighbours, Murray O'Keefe and his son Riley came to help us. The second fire came through, with winds of 120km. I was here on my own, I rang Bill to say, 'It's very dark and eerie here at the moment'. Within half an hour, all the property was on fire. I had to focus on making sure all the animals were safe. I cut our fences as well as our neighbours to allow the stock to get away from the fires. Kangaroo Flat Road was impassable due to the fires so I could not get help until 5.30 pm that day from fire crews from Western Australia.

We took a very positive perspective on the event. We had neighbours who were far worse off than us losing their homes and all the machinery and other assets. We considered ourselves lucky to have survived. One of our observations post-fire was that our management practices had supported us. The areas that we had grazed slowed the fires down. We border National Park and what we observed in the fires there was due to the amount of fuel present. The fires were more destructive and fiercer and the animals were unable to escape.

A positive snippet

During the second fire, we had a group of heifers that just had their first calves. When the fire came through, I opened the gates so they could get away from the fire. The cows were coming down the hill and the fire was pushing behind them. Our neighbours, Margaret and Michael had their dog tied to our front gate, which was an exit for these cows. We saw a few of these cows trying to go past the dog to get back that evening to where I'd let these cows out that morning, but they couldn't go past the dog. The next morning, at about 06:00 these cows tried again and this time they could go past, the dog didn't stop them. Twenty minutes later, each of those cows came back with a calf at foot. They had all survived. They are very resilient; they've got an instinct for what they do in an emergency.

Post Bushfires

Erica Halliday and I set up the Blaze Aid camp. It took a lot of effort to get a team to Yarrowitch, but persistence paid off. The volunteers gave their time over different periods with varying levels of skills. They always had time for listening. Blazeaid hosted a community dinner every Saturday night for volunteers and residents. This provided an avenue for people to share their stories. Storytelling allows people to share lived experiences and lessen the trauma. Backtrack and the Army Reserve from Brisbane also spent considerable time working in the community. They brought different skills but the same level of support and care for everyone.

The community Hall received grant money to host barbecues post-fires. Some people attending those BBQs we may have been familiar with, but until that time we had not had a great deal of interaction. That's the positive thing, it has certainly pulled the community closer together.

Our preparedness

The last bushfires taught us to be always prepared, we've got a 1000-litre firefighting tank on a trailer. Every weekend we start the pump to ensure it's working. We have a large tank on a hill that gravity feeds to a quick-fill hose. This was invaluable during the fires when there was no power.

Having firefighting equipment and tools in the same place is an important step during an emergency. We've got fire extinguishers around the house, but we've also got them on the tractors. Ensuring they work is very important. There is no point in having non-working fire extinguishers.

Biggest learning

I learned from Bill, who has spent a lifetime in bushfire scenarios that he slows down during an emergency. During the fires, I thought I was the only one fighting the fire, whereas Bill methodically worked through what we had to do. My reaction was initially to go into a panic and to try and get everything done instead of taking the time to reflect to sit back and think about it. This is what Bill was doing, that's where you get the



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Gun Club

The Walcha Gun Club held its monthly shoot Saturday 9 September with 23 shooters travelling from Port Macquarie, Cessnock, Singleton, Gloucester, Tamworth, Glen Innes and Guyra. On a cool clear day it was great to see these numbers with many commuting over 3 hours to be here.

Event 1 - 50 Target Double Barrel.

AA Grade: Equal 1st Neil Smith, Craig Rogers, David White 50/50

A: Equal 1st Terry Rumbel and Jasmine Rumbel 49/50

B: 1st Brett Chittick 45/50 and Gary Pascoe 45/50

C Equal 1st Jeff Pritchard and Lesley Langer 48/50

Event 2 - 50 Target pointscore.

AA Grade: 1st Craig Rogers 147/150 and Kevin Bourke 145/150.

A: 1st Terry Rumbel 145/150 2nd Jasmine Rumbel 140/150.

B: Equal 1st AJ Codlington and Gary Pascoe 137/150.

C: 1st Jett Pritchard 137/150 2nd Lesley Langer 131/150.

Event 3 - 50 Target Single Barrel.

AA Grade: 1st Kevin Bourke 48/50 2nd Craig Rogers 46/50.

A: 1st Gary Carlon 44/50 2nd Bill Fletcher 42/50.

B: 1st AJ Codlington 44/50 2nd Gary Pascoe 42/50.

C: 1st Jeff Pritchard 38/50 2nd Hans Model 34/50.

High Gun for the day was Craig Rogers with a creditable 243/250.

Our next shoot is on the 14th October and any interested people are welcome. Maybe it could be the start of a new sport.

Darts

Results for 31st August, Winners Samantha Steel and Neil Dark taking home \$80. Runners up Drew Bird and Kurt Brazel taking home \$40. High scores for the night were Drew Bird 100, Veronica 104, Glenn Olrich 140, Neil Dark 105 and Samantha Steel busted on 135 wanting only 115. Thanks to the Apsley for hosting and chipping in the prize money.

At the Nineteenth

With a number of players competing in the NSW Veterans 4BBB Sandgreen Championships at Narromine a field of 25 players teed off here at home in a stableford round for a trophy donated by Alex Gill where Will Nicholls accumulated 43 points to claim the prize.

Sweepstakes went to David Sweeney and Pauline Carter both 37, John McCormack and Jock McLaren both 36, Simone Sweeney and Nick Hall both 35 and sharpest shooter at the 16th pin was Jenny Lisle while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the 9th hole.

Club secretary Jenny Lisle racked up 21 points to win the weekly 9 hole competition last Saturday, runner up was Crichton Barr on 19 points while David Dunn made a comeback to take on the N.T.P on 3. As from this Saturday the 9 hole competition will be an 8.30am for a 9am start.

Out at Narromine Wayne and Will Brennan won the 18 hole Scratch event on Saturday where Peter Norbury and Jack O'Hara were runners up in the 18 hole Nett event on Sunday. In the 36 hole Nett Simeon Cross and Col Berry carded 92 points (46,46), Will and Wayne Brennan 89 (47,42), North Haven duo Deon Lawrence and Steph Sweeney 88 (46,42), Neil Dark and Don Brooks 88 (47,41), Jack O'Hara and Peter Norbury 84 (40,44), Owen Presnell and his partner Sydney player Allan Davies 77 (38,39) while Julie Presnell competed in the Womens competition where she was runner up on Day 1 and finished 3rd on Day 2.

On Sunday Deon Lawrence and Col Berry won the NTP on the 9th hole in the Handicap 0 to 15 and 16 to 36 respectively.

This Saturday is the Vicki Szpitalak Memorial 3 person Ambrose where tee off time is 10am while on Sunday a stableford round is on offer with David Sweeney in charge of supplying the prize.

Bowls

Dads Army: Thursday bowls - 13 players enjoyed a sunny afternoon with a game of triples and two games of pairs.

The chook winners, Barry Hoad and John McLean had the biggest win when they defeated Eric O'Keefe and Geoff Salt 22-12 after 18 ends.

The second game of pairs Brian Goodwin and Tony Martin defeated Neil Dark and Warwick Hogan 17-2 in a close game.

In the game of triples John McCormack and Mick Bullen who played twice led Peter Hayes, John Watts and Noel Goodwin 9-0 after seven ends but then had to overcome a fight back by their opponents to win 11-8.

The raffles were won by Geoff Salt and Neil Dark.

Twilight comp will commence Friday 6th October. There is still some vacant spots available. Ring Noel or write your team names on the sheet on the notice board.

Ladies Bowls

Eleven ladies turned up last week and played bowls in glorious weather.

Esther Hunt and Sari Andrews played in the Jean McKinnon Friendly Games in Guyra last Saturday winning their first game against Guyra but losing to Ex-Services in the second round. Congratulations girls for participating.

Nannette Jemmeson is coming tomorrow to give us coaching lessons for which we are very grateful. It is a 9am for 9.30am start. Hopefully all bowlers can attend as Nanette is excellent in explaining all facets of bowling and its rules. The monthly meeting will also be held tomorrow commencing at 1pm.

Wednesdays Golf

Wednesdays Golf was a stableford event playing for a Club trophy. It was wonderful to see our newest player Maddie Lance come in the winner with a great score of 39 points. Congratulations Maddie. Sweepstakes were taken out by Cheryl McDonald with 37 points, Sally Rutherford 35 points and Julie Olrich also with 35. Nearest the pin on 3 was Julie Olrich and Jenny Lisle claimed nearest the pin on 16.

Today we have our AGM at 9 a.m. followed by 18 holes. We will play a stableford event for Sally Rutherford's trophy.



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Kindergarten Transition






Over twenty excited transition students have completed their first two visits of big school. They were busy creating craft, playing in the new sensory garden and writing their name. We look forward to seeing them again on Friday 13 Oct 8:30-3:10pm.



John Coutis visit

Wellbeing Day included a visit from John 'JC' Coutis who is a remarkable Australian born with a severe physical disability. His inspiring address to years 7-10 was well received by students and staff.

Happy Holidays

**K-12 students return
Monday 9 October 2023**

Wood Turning Gallery now open



Mary Brearley, Sue Harrison and Vicki McIvor looking at the kitchenware

Walcha Woodturning Gallery opened its doors to the business community on Friday afternoon, with the gallery now open to the public at 32w Fitzroy Street. David makes all of his products on site from locally sourced salvage timber, preserving nature in a way that is able to be passed on to generations. The Gallery is open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.



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Year 2/3 Minor & Major Premiers Red Fire: Audrey Curtis, Benji Provost, Emily Grayling, Isaac Olrich, Josie Wauch, Theodore Healey. Runners Up Green Grass: Charlie Makeham, Florence Davey, Leroy Robertson, Lucy Rizzi, Penelope Taylor and Rebee Wark. Most Improved Nina Blomfield & Leroy Robertson. Most Consistent Josie Wauch and Alex Hobbs. Encouragement Award Charli Makeham and Highest Point Scorer Rebee Wark.

Year 4/6 Minor & Major Premiers Blue Clouds: Angus Fletcher, Bentley Brennan, Claire Williams, Nate Powell and Wyatt Hayton. Runners up White Milkos: Aliyah Powell, Eli Wellings, Ethan Olrich, Lilah Tate, Mark Grayling, Olivia Hoy. Most Improved Claire Williams & Wyatt Hayton, Most Consistent Indie Powell & Lachie Provost. Encouragement Award Anthea Taylor and Highest Point Scorer

Henry Blomfield.

High School Year 7-12 Minor & Major Premiers Blue Rangers: Cameron Mooney, Ella Lynch, Jazz Hayton, Logan Stace, Rain Pritchard, Stuart Lawrence. Runners Up Green Holden: Byron Cross, Isabella Mooney, Isabella Hayton, Olivia Brown, Shaun McKenna. Most Improved - Olivia McKenna and Micah Hayton. Most Consistent Ella Lynch and Charlie Powell. Encouragement Award Kayleigh Hobbs and Highest Point Scorer to Isabella Mooney.

The Trish Partridge Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Sportsmanship was won by Shaun McKenna.



K-1 prize winners

McKenzie Wark, Archie Clarke, Edwina Lisle, Jack Provost, Levi Williams, Archer Clark



2-3 prize winners

Alex Hobbs, Josie Wauch, Charli Makeham, Rebee Wark, Leroy Robertson



Yr 2-3 Minor and Major Premiers Red Fire

Benji Provost, Emily Grayling, Josie Wauch, Isaac Olrich, Theodore Healey, Audrey Curtis



Yr 4-6 Minor and Major Premiers Blue Clouds

Angus Fletcher, Nate Powell, Bentley Brennan, Wyatt Hayton and Claire Williams



Trish Partridge award

Shaun McKenna

4-6 prize winners

Wyatt Hayton, Claire Williams, Indie Powell, Lachie Provost, Anthea Taylor, Henry Blomfield



Yr 7-12 Minor and Major Premiers Blue Rangers

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Yr 7-12 prize winners

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Walcha Sunday 9.30am. Woolbrook 2pm
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CATHOLIC Sunday 10:00am Mass.

Walk to raise funds for Mental Health

The inaugural "Lift the Lid Walk" on Physical and Mental Health will be held at Dorriggo on Sunday 15 October 2023. The Walk is proudly presented by the Rotary District 9660 of which the Rotary Club of Walcha is a member. The original 'Walk for Mental Health' was held in 2016 and it has grown since then. This year 26 Rotary clubs across Australia will hold this event.

The Walk will commence at 9:00am with registrations on the day starting at 7:30am on Sunday 15 October 2023. The 6km (10,000 steps) walk begins at Dangar Falls Dorriggo and early bird tickets are \$30 (plus a \$1.54 fee by 29 September 2023). It is not a race, and the leisurely walk can be completed in less than 2 hours. Dogs on leashes, strollers, walking frames, mobility scooters etc. all are encouraged to attend.

You will be helping Australian Rotary Health, one of the largest independent funding bodies in Australia who will donate this year over \$53 million for Australian research, awareness and education into physical and mental health.

For your \$30 per adult entry fee, you will receive an event T-shirt on the day. Kids under 15 years old walk for free, and a kids T-shirt can be purchased on the day.

So come along and support our Dorriggo neighbours, and at the same time be part of supporting vital physical and



Sunday 15th,
October 2023



Event starts at 9am
with registrations
on the day from
7:30am



Starting at
Dangar Falls
(more details below)



\$30 early-bird
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mental health research in Australia. 100% of funds raised go to Australian Rotary Health.

To buy a ticket go to <https://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/dorriggo>

what's the goss



with AJ Cross

Congratulations to one of nature's gentlemen Max Holstien on having Life Membership bestowed on him when the Walcha Bowling Club held their Annual General Meeting last Sunday. Max has been an active member of our sporting community for the majority of his 91 years on the planet and thoroughly deserves the award. Max is also a life member of the Walcha Golf Club.

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For the third season in succession a Walcha Junior Rugby League player has won the Armidale Rams u/16's Best and Fairest player when Chaden Hawkins received the trophy at the Rams Presentations last weekend. Chaden's older brother Troy picked up the award in 2021 followed by Tom Bullen in 2022. The 2023 Rams coach's award went to Preston Boyd where former Australian player Greg Inglis was the special guest at the prize giving day. Good on ya boys.

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Last week I was fortunate enough to attend the Multi Purpose Centre to hear eight candidates tell why they should be voted in as the next Walcha Central Primary School Captains. In order Jack Lisle, Veja-Lee Petuha, Frankie Nivison, Dustin and Eli Wellings, Kobie Brown, Mark Grayling and Olivia Barnes all made a great speeches which would have made the job for decision makers very difficult.

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Back in 1974 while in 6th form (Year 12) at Walcha Central I was lucky enough to be vice captain of the school and would have struggled to deliver a speech as good as any one of the above mentioned students. And what's more they are in Year 5 not Year 12. Good on ya guys.

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The Uralla Golf Club have a remarkable member 96 year old Les Forde who still plays two or three rounds each week. On occasions Les receives assistance teeing up his ball and taking the tee out after he has hit, by players who are going around with him on any given day. Recently Walcha golfer Wayne Brennan had his turn assisting Les over 18 holes but wasn't sure if he was being g'eed up or not and blamed Neil Dark for the 'set up'. Dark reckons that wasn't the case and it was all legit. Not that 'Brenno' would pull a little party trick like it. Footnote: last Thursday Les once again shot under his age to register 40 stableford points to win the weekly vets competition at Uralla.

During recent times Stephen Dunn dropped off his car at Apsley Motors to have some maintenance work done on it but when he returned to pick his vehicle up was told there was something going wrong as the car couldn't be unlocked. On investigation the reason why was a wrong set of keys were being used at the time, not the ones required to get the job done.

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The NRL competition is getting to the pointy end where only the top 4 teams remain in the race for the big prize. Sadly for some, the further your team goes the bigger the disappointment if they are eliminated. Something us Sea Eagles fans didn't have to worry about. Newie Tipsters don't forget your End of Season Party kicks off at the pub from 12.30pm this Saturday.

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Anyone driving or stopping along the eastern section of Apsley Street may well get the impression the people living behind the sizeable hedge may not be the best neighbours going on the houses on both sides of them are up for sale. Personally I know who lives behind the hedge and to the best of my knowledge they aren't all that hard to get along with, so that shouldn't come into any calculations for any future home purchaser.

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Last Friday I visited the Barber Shop for a trim and parked the vehicle I was driving in front the old cafe. After Amanda Thornbury had completed her task it was off to IGA for some groceries but on my return to the car it had disappeared. Well it hadn't really, I was looking for my white vehicle not the dark grey car of my sister in law Sandra Laurie which I was driving at the time.

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Congratulations to Rugby Referee Kath Little on being named winner of the Peter Haynes Services to New England Rugby recently. Kath has been refereeing for well over 20 years, is Vice President of the N.E Refs Association and does referee coaching for both Rugby Australia and NSW Shute Shield. Good on ya Kath.



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Applications Close: Sunday 1st October 2023, by 11:59pm AEST

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Waste Transfer Facility Hours

Walcha Waste Transfer Facility hours will be changing as per the recently adopted Waste Strategy.

Saturday openings will commence on the 23rd September 2023.

The Facility will be closed every Monday & Thursday starting Monday 25th September & Thursday 28th September.

Waste Transfer Facility 6777 1444	
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Garage Sale

Saturday 23rd Sept 8am-6pm. 20E Croudace St. Old tools, washing machine, fridge and household items.

Meeting

Walcha Support Group Inc. Thursday 28 September at 1pm in WCCC Rooms. All welcome.

Thank You

Walcha Quota Club - Thank you everyone for your support of Daffodil Day. We raised \$6513.55 including donations. Raffle winner Vicky McIvor.

thumbs



- 👍 To the amazing staff at IGA. A special mention to Matt for his good deed last Friday.
- 👍 To all the staff at Walcha Vet Clinic. I am very thankful for their kindness and professionalism.
- 👍 To the Lions Park. A great spot for a BBQ. Very much appreciated.
- 👍 A big thank you to Mary Brearley, Chris Ozinga and Megan Scrivener for collating the beautiful 75th anniversary Walcha Garden Club calendar which is at the Craft Shop for sale.
- 👍 To Adam Dark and Harry Partridge (Dark's Plumbing) for a well done job. Also to Ian Bird for his help. Thank you.
- 👍 With a motto of "Make it, Bake it, Grow it", it was confusing to see the political stand at the Farmers' Market last weekend. The Walcha Farmers Market should stick to its core mission and rules.

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.

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6:00pm Bistro

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