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27 September 2023

Celebrating the end of an era



Back: Chloe and Olivia.
Front: Troy, Kirra-Lee, Austin,
Joseph, Parker, Arlen, Anika,
Marlee and Year Advisor
Bonnie Brown.

On Wednesday 20 September, Walcha Central School Year 12 Farewell and Leadership Assembly saw dancing, singing, tears of happiness and sadness, along with plenty of applause. The audience were greeted by Year 12 performing an entertaining entrance followed by a formal address by Principal Amanda Cooper and Year Adviser Bonnie Brown.

Joseph Cheetham, Chloe Cox, Parker Doherty, Arlen Evans, Olivia Haslem, Troy Hawkins, Austin Heazlett, Anika McKenna, Kirra-Lee Murphy, Marlee Wall and Jacob Williams all received their portfolios, recalled their favourite school story and thanked a special person that made their schooling journey memorable.

Presentations were made to students Troy Hawkins WSC Citizenship, Ampol Best All Rounder. Austin Heazlett: Mountain Motors Tvet Excellence Award, University of Newcastle Vice Chancellors Award, TAFE certificate of recognition, TAFE Outstanding Achievement Award, ADF Future Innovators Award, Aurora College Academic Achievement Award, Commendable Achievement Award. Anika McKenna: Secondary RSL Citizenship Award. Kirra-Lee Murphy: University of New England Spirit of Sport Award. Marlee Wall: Vocational Education Achievement Award, Nutrien Boulton's Award for Excellence in Agriculture, PKF Secondary Technology Award,


Aurora College Academic Achievement Award, ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award and DUX 2023.

Special memories were shared of the year group's butterfly Hannah, along with a slideshow of the year's schooling life and a presentation of a gift to the school of sporting house banners, with artwork by staff and students.

Presentation of Senior Badges to Year 11 by Year Advisor Michelle Bruton, were followed by presentations the announcement of school and primary captains.

2024 K – 6 Captains: Veja-Lee Petuha and Francesca Nivison. Vice captains: Olivia Barnes and Eli Wellings. 2024 School Captains: Jasmine Lynch and Charlotte Mooney. Vice captain: Thomas Bullen. School Prefects: Sariann Andrews, Riley Bloomfield, Chelsea Denny and Molly Williams.


It was a race to the end with Year 12 running out the doors of the MPC to finalise the assembly. Their Year 12 Formal was held last Thursday evening to conclude and celebrate their schooling journey. Congratulations to all students on a remarkable achievement and best wishes for exams and future adventures.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

I know we would all like it to be raining, but sadly the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) just last week declared the El Nino weather pattern to be active over the Pacific. The El Nino and another significant climate driver, a positive Indian Ocean Dipole has also developed, meaning hotter, dryer weather for the eastern parts of Australia. We are already experiencing these warmer temperatures and dryer conditions, but this announcement has come with a stern warning about extreme heat and less rainfall for the Spring/Summer period ahead.

No matter how you look at the costs of hand feeding it still doesn't stack up for a lot of people when hay is at \$450 – 550/tonne delivered. I completely understand why people retain their females, but I can also see the benefit of cutting your losses and selling. We are seeing a lot of pressure on both markets as producers continue to offload numbers, especially cattle due to these costs.

Sitting down and working out that it will cost between \$600 – \$800 worth of hay per breeder for 20 weeks of feed is a hard pill to swallow when the current drop of weaners is worth less than that feed. We have been in this situation before as the EYCI drops to 374 and at this exact time last year it was at 1068c. One thing we should all be able to do now is feed efficiently, and there are plenty of options in the current market if you decide to buy and feed. Producers are looking at shifting their position, say from a breeder with a calf at foot in exchange for two light weaners, or just selling heavier cattle to buy lighter cattle to halve your DSE.

Word is a large producer in Western NSW has offered to take 50,000 sheep at no value instead of people shooting them, which is a great option. I'm sure they have been inundated with offers, especially because any sheep that are light in condition have nil value to kill and the cost of feeding would not stack up. Imagine the shutdown of the live sheep trade on the West Coast and the issues it will cause to the already crumbling processing sector. They can't process the numbers on offer now, let alone another one million sheep that are sold as live trade. Without rain and no grass, buyers in the sheep and lamb industry have some painful times ahead and I don't want to think about it if it's still dry come store lamb selling season for the New England.

The banks are beginning to tighten the screws on everyone, considering that your beef or sheep herd is now worth one third of the value it was last year. Cash reserves are drying up as the dry continues to strengthen, and not only are the livestock producers feeling the pinch, but grain growers are staring down the barrel of poor yields – if any. These current markets are putting a lot of downward pressure on property sales, as buyers are exiting the property market due to their banks pulling their reins back the worse these market conditions become. No doubt we could see a drop in property values soon, just purely based on the ability of someone being able to pay the debt back from current farm profits. I think we will see less impact in the high rain fall regions than the marginal areas and could possibly see more interest in time to come once we get out of these cycles.

The constant strain of no quotes and the availability of kill space has pushed more livestock numbers onto the physical market this week and as a result a further drop in prices. Tamworth yarded 2,700 head, Wagga 5,000 head of cattle on Monday, while Gunnedah yarded 3,000 and Inverell 1,100 on Tuesday. Both Tamworth and Wagga recorded drops of 20 – 50c/kg on multiple categories of cattle, with feeder steers averaging 221c/kg and feeder heifers 162c/kg, while heavy kill cows topped at 191c/kg in Wagga and 188c/kg in Tamworth.

The prices in the south now seem to be aligning with ours with less kill space and no feedlot quotes. Word is that there is plenty of grass in areas down south, but no one wants to take agistment, nor purchase stock given the state of the market. 4,200 sheep and lambs met weaker competition in Tamworth on Monday with drops of \$5 – 10 across all categories. Heavy lambs topped at \$108, trades to \$72 while mutton topped at \$55.

Great support for 'Ride for the Chopper'

'Ride for the Chopper' cyclists rode into Walcha last Thursday on the last leg of their journey from Woolgoolga to Tamworth. The group called into Apsley Riverview Aged Care to visit the residents and to accept a kind donation from the Riverview Charity Club for \$1900, as well as a cheque from Col King.

The riders said local towns along the way were very generous, filling their eskys with donations. Thursday saw them spend the night in Walcha and enjoy a meal at the Walcha Bowling Club. Here they were joined by members of the Walcha Westpac Support Group, along with Richard Jones – Westpac Rescue Helicopter's Head of Community Engagement.

Local rider Hamish McLaren would like to thank all who sponsored him on the ride, with a special thank you to Brian Smith Transport for their generous donation.

Donations as of Monday 25 September
Total all riders \$70,109 with Hamish raising \$19,440.



Riders rest up at Riverview after a long ride from Armidale on Thursday



Above: Hamish McLaren, his mother Jane, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Head of Community Engagement – Richard Jones, and members of the Westpac Walcha Volunteer Support Group night. Below: All smiles as Apsley Riverview staff present Hamish and some of the riders with a generous donation.



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letters to the editor



Polling Booth at Nowendoc

For the upcoming referendum on 14 October there will be a polling booth operating at the Nowendoc Memorial Hall. It is important that as many people as possible use the polling booth at Nowendoc to enable us to keep the privilege of being able to vote at home. If the booth is not patronised it will be taken away from us and we will lose the privilege and convenience of local voting.

Cheryl Margery

Be kind to your dogs

With the warmer weather around the corner a friendly reminder to park your vehicles in the shade when you have your dogs on the back or inside. Also consider a rubber mat as steel floors on tray backs heat up quickly.

Kerry Carey

Worried about Banking scams?

Scammers may target you online or on social media, by phone, text or email. If someone asks you to verify or give your personal details, it could be a scam. Scammers can use your personal information to steal your money and run up debts in your name.

On Wednesday 18 October 2023 the Quota Club of Walcha will hold their annual Friendship Dinner where a representative from our local Commonwealth Bank will speak to everyone about how to spot a scam and protect yourself against scammers.

We invite all local ladies to join us for dinner at the Walcha Bowling Club. The cost is \$30 and we would appreciate your RSVP by 13 October to Julie on 0427 780.

Students learn the skills of pork production



Walcha Central School Years 9/10 and the livestock team have been learning about Pork production. Thank you to Jeff Pritchard for the donation of two pigs for this unit of work.

The pigs were grown and finished at the school and washed and prepared for showing at the Northern Schools' Pig Show at Bingara. 'Snickers' placed second in her weight class and fourth over the hook. 'Turkish Delight' placed fourth in her weight class and second over the hook. Five students also participated in information sessions and junior judging at the show.

The students visited Cross Bros Butchery to watch Jonathan Cross process the pork for them. The pigs weighed in around 80kg each. Fifteen Ag students watched intently as Jonathan demonstrated the processing of primal cuts, subprimal cuts, operation of the mincer, sausage maker, band saw and brine pump, as well as packaging.

Thanks to Jonathan and his team at Cross Bros Butchery for their professionalism, expertise and encouragement of our students.



WALCHA COUNCIL SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Storytime at Lions Park

Wed 27 Sept
10-11am

Kids Bowls

Walcha Bowling Club
Tues 3rd Oct 10am - 1pm
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For brighter communities, CommBank Walcha supports locals through community donation

Commonwealth Bank Walcha branch has donated \$500 to Walcha Lions Club as part of a nationwide community donation program.

Commonwealth Bank is committed to driving positive change in the towns it serves to help build a brighter future for communities across Australia.

As part of this, the bank has again pledged to donate a further \$500,000 Australia-wide to recognise those organisations that make a difference to the communities in which they operate. Each Commonwealth Bank branch and customer-facing team has been allocated \$500 to donate to causes important to their local community.

Commonwealth Bank's Walcha branch team nominated two local community organisations as potential recipients for the donation. For six weeks over July and August, Walcha branch customers, along with members of the local community, voted for which nominated community organisation they would like to support. The runner-up community organisation program will also receive a donation of \$250.

"Our Community Donations program has been running for several years now and it's been great to be able to support local organisations who do such good work within our community. It's also been wonderful to have our branch customers and the local community involved in the program", Anne Martin, Commonwealth Bank Walcha Branch Manager said.

"The Walcha Lions Club makes such a valuable contribution to our community and these funds will be used to go towards a Defibrillator for the Walcha Community. We hope the donation will help them to continue their great work."



Commonwealth Bank representatives Anne Martin (Left) and Alice Gibson (Right) presenting Peter Boyd and Loyd Levingston the Lions Club donation. Pictured below, Aurora and James Reilly accepting the runner-up donation for Rotary Club.



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Run for RUN DIPG

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and was first proclaimed in the United States in 2010. Since then it has become a global initiative, raising awareness for childhood cancer. Each year, more than 1,000 children and adolescents in Australia and 300,000 children worldwide are diagnosed with cancer.

Yarrowitch locals, Emily and Austin Scrivener, did their bit to raise funds for childhood cancer by taking part in this year's 'Run for RUN DIPG' on Sunday 24 September held on the Fernleigh Track in Newcastle. The family have been supporters of RUN DIPG since 2021 when a friend's daughter Amber was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) at the age of 16. She sadly lost her battle in October 2022, just over 12 months after diagnosis. Some in the Walcha community may have seen the 'Posties with a Purpose' go through town in December of 2021 or spotted the RUN DIPG touch football team in this year's comp, these have been in support of 'Team Amber', RUN DIPG and raising awareness of this deadly childhood cancer.



Emily and Austin Scrivener at Run for RUN DIPG in support of Team Amber

'Run for RUN DIPG' raised \$105,804 which will be used to assist with the advancement of DIPG/DMG research. With the support of friends and family from far and wide, Team Amber's contribution of the total raised came to \$29,709.

What is DIPG? Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma is a brain tumour that forms in the 'pons', the brain's control centre located atop the spinal cord. A type of 'Diffuse Midline Glioma' (DMG) the cancer is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. Primarily affecting children, with most diagnoses occurring between 6 and 9 years of age, it makes up 10 – 15% of all brain tumours in children, with about 20 – 25 new diagnoses each year in Australia. Unfortunately, fewer than 10% of children survive two years from diagnosis with a medium life expectancy post-diagnosis of 9 – 11 months.

DIFFUSE: Spread throughout an area, not well contained.

INTRINSIC: Forming from within, growing through the brain's network of neurons making it impossible to remove.

PONTINE: Referring to the region of the brain known as the 'pons'.

GLIOMA: A tumour arising from 'glial' cells, the connective material of the brain.

Who are RUN DIPG? When Josie, the daughter of GP, Dr Phoebe Hindley and Biomedical Scientist, Professor Matt Dun, was diagnosed with DIPG, they along with her oncologists set out to understand everything they could about the cancer. It soon became clear to Matt that very little was known. To address this, Matt's own cancer research group (previously leukaemia-focused) at The University of Newcastle and Hunter Medical Research Institute set about creating their own program of DIPG/DMG research and RUN DIPG was formed. Josie passed away 22 months after diagnosis aged four.

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- 👍 To the Vet Clinic for being so caring.
- 👍 To Rosalie and the girls at Telecottage for always hospitable and going above and beyond.
- 👍 To the fantastic WCS Year 12 school assembly. Us 'old farts' can rest easy knowing society is in good hands with this group of incredible young people, those heading out into the big wide world and those heading into their last year at school.
- 👍 To the newly opened woodworking gallery – beautiful works of art, very reasonable prices and friendly service. Thank you for bringing your business to Walcha.
- 👍 To the Emergency crew at the Hospital who helped me back to my car safely. Thank you.

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October long weekend deadline

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Sport Reports
9.00am Tuesday

what's the goss

with AJ Cross



The gremlins were certainly busy when the golf report was written last week where the Vicki Szpitalak Memorial was listed for last Saturday followed by a Stableford round for David Sweeney's trophy on Sunday. That wasn't the case as a stroke medal round was played for a prize supplied by Andrew Crawford last Sunday while the other two events are scheduled for 7 and 8 October. Sorry about that.

Still on golf, putting wasn't a hot topic with some of the competitions last Sunday. Club President Allan Green wasn't a happy little camper after he walked off the first green (his 10th on the day) having chalked up five putts. To his credit 'Greeny' responded well by only registering nine putts in his final eight holes. Despite three jabbing six holes Julie Presnell was unable to wrestle the converted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts off Alex Gill who 'eagerly' claimed the prize with 36 jabs.

It is only fitting the two best teams in the NRL competition will fight it out for the premiership when Penrith take on Brisbane in the Grand Final this Sunday. Let's hope the result isn't decided on a dodgy referee call as was delivered during the Preliminary Final between the Broncos and Warriors last Saturday night.

North Sydney Rugby League tragic Gerry Moran wasn't thrilled when his beloved Bears were beaten by South Sydney in the NSW Cup Grand Final last Saturday and let out a few expletives at fulltime. Word has it that Gerry's better half Mary responded with 'Thank God they aren't in first grade'.

So close but yet so far! Last Saturday three tipsters were still in the hunt going into the final race of the 777's at the Newie – Andrew 'Kerno' Kelly, 'Former English Wrestler' Mal Ballard and Irish Town Mayor Michael

Steep. All three had different selections in Race 7 at Toowoomba, where 'Kerno' was on 'Nikav Spur', who threatened in the straight but couldn't overtake eventual winner 'Military Gambler', which Mal and Mick weren't on. This Saturday the jackpot prize is up to \$424 and all you have to do is select the winner of Race 7 at Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne for a princely price of just \$2.

Calling all touch footballers your AGM is on next week Thursday 5 October at the Commerical Hotel from 6pm, where all committee positions have been declared vacant. All teams that intend playing in the 2023/24 season are requested to please have a representative at the AGM.

Europambla resident Annyka Overton drove off down the main street with car boot open the other day, causing a few observers to yell out to her as she turned out of Fitzroy Street into Derby Street. When I took off after Annyka and caught up with her near Derby Street pedestrian crossing she explained her new car was giving a bit of grief working out how certain controls operated.

Walcha/Uralla Cricket President Wayne Boyd was returned to his position when the association held their AGM at the Bowling Club recently. His son Daniel has taken on the position of secretary and will give his old man a hand with curator duties. Treasurer is Ed Blomfield. Vice President Lachie Fletcher. Patrons Rob Laurie, Peter Boyd and AJ Cross. Auditors Patterson, Byfield and Bryen. While AJ Cross has commenced his 38th season as Publicity Officer and Recording Secretary.

When I asked my better half Linda about meal preparations recently she replied there was a frozen potato bake defrosting on the sink to go with any meat of my choice. When I checked on the 'potato bake' I thought it looked a bit different than what I expected, simply because it was curried sausages instead. When Linda and her sister Sandra Laurie arrived home shortly after I informed Linda about the potato bake to which Sandy came back with "At least you know whats on the menu tomorrow night".

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1.		PLAN AN ALTERNATE OPERATION LOCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » If your premises are damaged by disaster you may need to operate in an alternate location » Identify other off-site areas where you might operate your business from (e.g. from home) » Put measures in place to allow employees to work remotely (e.g. video conferencing) where possible 	By / / Signed:
2.		PLAN AN ALTERNATE STOCK SOURCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » If a disaster negatively impacts one of your suppliers or the road networks between you, it may mean you're unable to source stock to run your business » Explore other supplier options that you could call on if such an upset occurred 	By / / Signed:
3.		PLAN METHODS TO MAINTAIN CUSTOMER RELATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » If your business cannot operate in its usual location or even operate at all customers may choose to opt for a different vendor/supplier » Making efforts to communicate with customers during this time, reminding them of how much you value them could help to maintain customer loyalty » Develop channels of communication now (e.g. social media, email lists) that do not require a face-to-face presence, so that they are possible avenues of communication during and post-disaster 	By / / Signed:
4.		PLAN METHODS TO KEEP STAFF ENGAGED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » If your business is severely damaged by a disaster and cannot reopen your staff's livelihoods are at risk » Develop plans to keep them engaged (e.g. clean up and building duties) in the rebuild process » Ensure they are part of the disaster planning process to create a sense of ownership of the business outcomes » Remember: staff may also be affected personally by the disaster and be unable to work/assist the business. Train multiple staff members on all tasks to avoid relying on one person if they are unable to work 	By / / Signed:
5.		PLAN FOR HOW YOU WILL SAFEGUARD ALL OTHER CRITICAL BUSINESS AREAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Think about the other areas of your business that are crucial for it to operate » Plan for how you will continue these essential operations if a disaster strikes 	By / / Signed:



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4

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5

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3. Get your business ready

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1.		DEVELOP A DISASTER FINANCE PLAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » When disasters strike the costs of repairs coupled with ever-mounting fixed costs can be staggering » Insuring your business is the BEST way to protect your business's future » There are several types of insurance to consider, not just disaster protection (e.g. business disruption insurance) » Explore insurance options that might suit your business by going online or contacting an insurance broker directly » If you cannot get insurance, you need to create financial reserves that would help to cover costs if anything were to happen 	By / / Signed:
2.		BACK UP ALL DATA ON CLOUD SERVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Disasters can destroy physical documents and computers within minutes » If your data is not backed up on a cloud server, it could mean that you cannot access vital information, like outstanding invoices, critical documents or contacts. Think of all you stand to lose if that data is destroyed » Explore cloud storage options online to see which one suits your business needs and back up your data before it's too late 	By / / Signed:
3.		ENSURE THAT FIXTURES AND STOCK CAN BE MOVED EASILY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Being able to move your fixtures and stock in a hurry can help to save precious time when a disaster is looming » Speak with neighbouring businesses about the measures they have in place to move fixtures and stock at speed » Explore inventive storage solutions online to see if any suit your business 	By / / Signed:
4.		CONDUCT GENERAL PREMISES MAINTENANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Keep on top of your premises maintenance to ensure it's always ready for disasters » Critical tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear gutters - Check wiring - Fill any structural cracks - Install sprinklers and/or fire extinguishers 	By / / Signed:

Walcha United Football Club presentation day

On Saturday 23 September the Walcha United Football Club held their presentation day to conclude a wonderful 2023 season. It was great to see so many participants this year trying their hardest each week, representing our fantastic town on the field.

Well done to all of the players, coaches and trainers. A special mention must go to Club President, Meggie Davey, for all of her hard work and commitment to the club, along with Kim Lisle, Karen Blomfield and Elyce Laurie for their work on the committee.

Thank you to Cross Bros Butchery for very generously providing the sausages on the day, which were well cooked by Troy from Pitt Sons.

Thank you also to Kristian from the Commercial Hotel for being such a big supporter of soccer, both locally and nationwide, and for donating the Best and Fairest awards for the season.

Best and Fairest for the 2023 season were awarded to:

U6 Giants	Alfie Davey
U7 Brumbies	Evie Barwick
U7 Lions	Rupert Fletcher
U7 Vikings	Cooper Clarke
U8 Bears	Harry Fletcher
U9 Wolves	Rebee Wark
U10/11 Strikers	Henry Blomfield

We look forward to a bigger and better season in 2024.

Walcha United Football Club Committee



Winners of the 2023 Best and Fairest Awards



Under 7s Vikings



Under 10/11 Strikers



Under 9 Wolves



Under 7 Lions



Under 8 Bears

Basketball Grand Finals for 2023

The basketball season concluded on Wednesday 13 September. It was super to have so many spectators in attendance.

Women's Grand Final

The women's game between Longmires and Boston was very closely contested. It was a fairly low scoring game, but this was due to the high level of defense. At half time there was only one point separating the two teams. In the second half the lead see-sawed and no one was game to predict the winner. When the final whistle blew Longmires were triumphant 21 – 17.



Longmires: Jasmine Lynch, Lacie Newton, Hannah Dunn, Bonnie Brown, Ella Lynch and Molly

Men's Grand Final

The men then took to the court with Hawks playing Tigers – there were two very close games leading to the grand final: Hawks defeating the Bulls 45 – 43 and Tigers defeating the Kings 35 – 31). This was another entertaining game, where Tigers lead by just seven at half time. In the second half Hawks gave it their all but Tigers turned up the heat and ended up winning 51 – 36.

Congratulations to the winners, runners up and teams that didn't happen to make the grand finals. It was a fantastic season and wonderful to see so many new faces, especially the younger players.



Tigers: Matthew Ireland, Jason Naylor, Tom Wicks, Koby Brennan and Jack Ackling

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Squash

Squash Grand Finals were played on Tuesday 19 October.

A Grade: Will Nicholls 3 def Mick Boyd 1.

B Grade: John Byrnes 3 def Glenn O'Brien 2.

C Grade: Graham Heagney 3 def Mark Barnes (Retired Hurt) 0.

D Grade: Mel Brazel 3 def Danielle Hoy 0.

Nerstane/Ohio Cup: Jock McLaren 3 def Jim Nivison 2.

Owen Presnell engaged his flat stick on 23 occasions to win the putting competition, while Alex Gill collected the converted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts with 36 jabs.

Last Saturday Margaret Higgins accumulated 22 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition. Runner up was Sue Partridge on 20 points, whereas Pete Whelan took out the NTP on 3.

This Sunday is a 4BBB Medley for prizes supplied by Angus and Pip Monie.

Bowls

Dads Army: Fourteen players turned up on Thursday afternoon for a great game of bowls.

One game of triples and two games of pairs were played with the results of all games closely contested.

Only one point separated the teams in the triples where Mick Bullen, Barry Hoad and John Watts scored two shots on the last end to win 20-19.

In the first game of pairs Terry Parker and John McLean defeated Eric O'Keefe and Mark Hogan 16-14 and in the second game Barry Kliendienst and Peter Hayes were 22-15 winners over Noel Goodwin and Geoff Salt.

Barry and Peter won the chooks and the raffles were won by George Lawrence and Neil Dark.

Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday Nanette Jemmeson came down from Armidale for a rules and coaching morning. Fourteen ladies attended and thoroughly enjoyed it. They learnt a lot and it was then suggested to do the same in six months.

On the weekend the Jean McKinnon Friendly Games were played in Uralla with Walcha having three players selected in the New England District teams. Sari Andrews, Esther Hunt and June Hayes. Central North won on 114 points, New England 103 and Naomi 81.

At our monthly meeting it was decided to hold the Ivy Makeham Singles in November, with nominations closing 26 October to commence on the 9 November. A sheet is on the board for you to put your name down.

Social bowls this Thursday.

Wednesdays Golf

We played for Sal Rutherford's trophy on Wednesday and the event was Stableford. Alison Cameron was our winner on the day with a great score of 39 points.

Sweepstakes were won by Jill Burnell with 37 – counting out Ark Street on 37, Jenny Lisle on 36 – counting out Vicki Heffernan on 36, followed by Pauline Carter with 34 points.

Simone Sweeney was NTP on Hole 3, Pauline Carter the closest shot on 16, and the second shot on Hole 7, was won by Polly Locke. The second shot on 18 was our winner, Alison Cameron.

Prior to the game we held our AGM and elected next year's Committee. Ark Street stepped down as President, and Simone Sweeney was elected our new President commencing in 2024. Alison Cameron stepped down as Secretary, and Pauline Carter was elected our new Secretary. Cheryl McDonald and Donna Martin remain as dual Captains, Sue Partridge as treasurer, and Lorraine Walshe as our handicapper.

Today is a par event playing for Rose Baumer's trophy.



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Walcha Council Waste Transfer Facility Hours



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

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Meetings

Yarrowitch Campdraft Committee AGM and General Meeting. Tuesday 3 October 6.30pm at Yarrowitch Hall. All are welcome.

Walcha Garden Club meeting Friday 6 October at David & Trish Riching's garden, 'Shiloh', 147 Kalinda Rd, Invergowrie. Cars departing McHattan Park at 9am. BYO chair and cup. RSVP for Lunch at Top Pub, Uralla. Contact: Di Bazeley 0403 464 865, Diana Lisle 0429 799 083. New members welcome.

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (ALALC) Notice of General Meeting



DATE: 19/10/2023

TIME: 4pm

VENUE: Amaroo 36N Derby Street, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Members meeting
4. Memberships

All questions about this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson, Ms. Alena Stackman at the Amaroo LALC Office (02) 6777 1100 or via email office@amaroolalc.com.au during business hours.

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL NOTICE OF 2019/2020 OUTSTANDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Notice is hereby given of the outstanding 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting of the Amaroo LALC:

DATE: Thursday 19 October 2023

TIME: 5pm

VENUE: Amaroo 36N Derby Street, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting;
2. Receipt of 2019/2020 Amaroo LALC Annual Report including CLBP implementation report;
3. Receipt of 2019/2020 Amaroo LALC Audited Financial Statements and management letter;
4. Meetings closed.

This meeting will be followed by the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Amaroo LALC.

Meetings cont.

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (ALALC)



NOTICE OF 2022/2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 2022/2023 Annual General Meeting of the Amaroo LALC:

DATE: Thursday 19 October 2023

TIME: 5pm

VENUE: Amaroo 36N Derby Street, WALCHA NSW 2354

AGENDA:

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting;
6. Receipt of 2022/2023 Amaroo LALC Annual Report including CLBP implementation report;
7. Receipt of 2022/2023 Amaroo LALC Audited Financial Statements and management letter;
8. Election of the Amaroo LALC Board for 2023-2027;
9. Meeting closed.

PLEASE NOTE: In relation to the election for Board members

A voting member of the ALALC is not entitled to vote, nominate, accept a nomination or be elected to office in elections for Board members if the member has not attended at least 2 meetings of the ALALC in the preceding 12 months as a voting member.

For any enquiries, please contact the ALALC Chairperson during business hours.

AUTHORISED BY: Alena Stackman
Chairperson, Amaroo LALC

Raffle Results

Lions Club Raffle 1st C Mavin - wood, 2nd Mary Cross - meat tray, 3rd Mal Ballard - Fruit & Veg.

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6:00pm Bistro

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