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After being in recess for almost 20 years, Little Athletics has made a return to Walcha in force with the 'Come and Try Day' on Sunday being an overwhelming success.

Energetic children had a fantastic time trying their skill at shot put, long jump and a few track events, while volunteers participated in a training session on how the program will work and a run down on roles required to make the season a success. "Thank you to everyone who came along to see what it's all about. We were overwhelmed and excited by the number of kids and volunteers in training in attendance," Committee member Elyce Laurie commented.

The second 'Come and Try Day' will be held this afternoon, Wednesday 11 October at 3:30pm at the Walcha Central School oval. "This will also be our registration day for the season," Elyce said.

Little Athletics will run weekly on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm, with the first official day being Wednesday 18 October. It is for all school-

aged children from Kindergarten upwards. "We are also going to run a Tiny Tots program for children aged 3 years and older," Elyce said. Sign up for all groups will be held this afternoon at Walcha Central School oval.

Organisers are also very keen to hear from anyone who may have a special skill in athletics you feel you can pass onto the younger generation, or anyone who is just keen to help.

"We would love to hear from you. Send us a message on the Walcha Little Athletics Facebook page or call 0448165284," Elyce said.

Little Athletics provide a program to follow with a set list of activities each week which will be rotated to cover all aspects of track and field.

The Little Athletics committee would especially like to thank Walcha Central School for allowing the use of their grounds and facilities and being so accommodating - it would have been much harder to get this up and running without your help.

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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Everyone was happy to see some rain last week and it was just the boost in confidence we needed, that it can and will rain. Recordings of 10-20 mm were widespread throughout the district with some graziers recording over an inch for the week. This next week doesn't show any chance of rain but some of the forecasters are showing a decent change later in the month and early into November.

I'm sure everyone who watches the news or listens to the radio has seen or heard about the horrific scenes in Gaza over the weekend. The war between Israel and Hamas has intensified which will disrupt oil supplies around the world and Australia already warning everyone to expect fuel price rises. It's just outright barbaric what these people have done and then to parade them around the streets is just disgusting. We live in Australia and to see the pro-Palestine rally allowed to happen by our government is an embarrassment. They were celebrating the loss of innocent lives and labelled the Hamas attack as a day of pride and victory. If these people wish to do this amongst our multicultural community then they should be sent home and celebrate with their own culture.

The feedlot sector is also having the same issue as all rural agricultural sectors in resourcing labour to operate. Depending on the size of a feedlot they would need around 20-25 staff to complete the everyday running of a feedlot and talking to a buyer last week he said the biggest problem was affordable housing. The cost of rentals has risen dramatically in rural areas and availability has dropped, especially in areas of QLD that compete with gas projects and mining. He mentioned that they just can't get housing for workers. I personally don't think the government is doing enough to solve these housing issues, obviously they are trying to attract skilled migrants to help with our labour shortage, but they forget they also need to have a roof over their heads. Since COVID, where have all the workers gone, or have we as a nation just got lazy!

The rain in the south last week didn't kick the market a lot but it did improve the interest in cattle. AuctionsPlus had its lowest listing of cattle in 14 months which in return improved the prices online. Steers back to the paddock were up to 25c/kg dearer than the previous week with lightweight Angus weaners, 213kg topping at 314c/kg. Heifers didn't see the same lift but managed to increase by 5-10c/kg, while feeder cattle continued their downward trend, dropping by 10c/kg to average 231c/kg. PTIC females still seem to be tough enough to move with cows topping at \$940, while cows and calves made from \$840-\$1500. The sheep market also improved with its biggest lift in the mutton indicator week on week by 67c. The wet weather held back mutton and lamb numbers which resulted in a sharp rise due to less supply with new season trade weight lambs selling over \$100 and up to \$138, while heavy old season lambs topped at \$197. Heavy mutton bounced by \$30-40/hd with heavy XB ewes selling to \$81.

1855 head of cattle were yarded on Monday in Tamworth with light restocking cattle seeing a small improvement due to last weeks rain. Feeder steers saw little change making to 242c/kg while the heifer portion slipped 10c/kg, topping at 192c/kg. Heavy grown steers sold to cheaper trends topping at 222c/kg for 655kg while the heavy cows lost 20c/kg and topped at 168c/kg. 3370 sheep and lambs in Tamworth followed the southern markets and sold to dearer trends on Monday. New season lambs over 22-24kg made up to \$110 while heavy young lambs topped at \$122. Restocking young lambs made to \$65, while a run of XB ewes and lambs made to \$69 a unit. Heavy mutton sold to dearer trends topping at \$55 for XB ewes and \$85 for a pen of heavy XB hoggets.

Hard to believe that Christmas is just over ten weeks away and the children have just returned for their final term of school for 2023, where has the year gone?



# Fire trail inspections underway

Crown Lands has been conducting aerial (helicopter) fire trail inspections across our area as part of a statewide inspection program leading into summer. The aim of the inspections is to check trails and pinpoint any areas needing final maintenance prior to the summer bushfire season.

The aerial inspections are being undertaken by Crown Lands and the Rural Fire Service, with the Soil Conservation Service assisting with trail repair work.

Follow up trail work can include clearing vegetation and fallen trees, maintaining or creating passing and turning bays for firefighting vehicles, and earthworks to manage water drainage, soil stability and erosion.

The NSW Budget recently allocated an additional \$10.6 million to maintain and upgrade fire trails on Crown land across the state to ensure firefighters have ready and safe access to fight bushfires and conduct hazard reduction work.



Crown Lands crew members Paul Crain, David Stapleton and Cindy Garner with Helisurveys pilot Calum Harrison

# AMSAG Rally cancelled

Organisers of the AMSAG Rally scheduled for Walcha this weekend have made the difficult decision to cancel the Walcha rally for this year.

With no available slots remaining in 2023 to run the event, this will now be pushed out to next year.

The decision was not made lightly, and was made in conjunction with Forestry, National Parks, Walcha Council and the Rural Fire Service.

The current dry conditions in the Walcha/Nowendoc region, along with the moderate fire danger rating and lack of substantial rain in the short term forecast have all ultimately led to the decision being made in the interests of safety. Given almost half of the event was to run on shire roads around farming properties, the risk to not only farm lands but also livestock was a high consideration in the decision.

"We understand that people will rightly be unhappy with the outcome, but we wanted to make the call as early as possible to allow time for people to cancel plans rather than pushing forward and hoping for the best next week," organisers said.

AMSAG are in the process of finalising our calendar for next year, and plans are in place to move the event to a different time of year to help with these types of issues.



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Anna practices under Anna Thew, but out and about in Walcha she may be more familiar to you as Anna Young. Anna is a Clinical Psychologist providing her impressive skill set to the Walcha community.

A Clinical Psychologist has a plethora of techniques and competencies in their 'toolbox' to help people gain insights into mental wellbeing and equip you with valuable tools for resilience and growth.

"We are really looking forward to hearing from this incredibly personable and caring woman, her personal experiences with coming to live in Walcha and a little bit of the day-to-day practices that we can take away," Town and Country Club member, Bec Whillock said.

Ticket RSVP's are due by this Friday 13 October ahead of the luncheon on Saturday 21st. Info can be found on Walcha Town and Country Club's FB or Instagram sites or email [walchatandc@hotmail.com](mailto:walchatandc@hotmail.com) for further information.

You can purchase tickets directly from Trybooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKNDX> or make a direct deposit to the T&C account, **BSB: 082-885 Account number: 509986511 Reference: Your Name**

All funds that are raised on the day go directly back into community projects. The Club would like to pass on our sincerest thanks for your support.

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# Marshall pushes for new fire station in Walcha with Minister

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall is continuing his campaign for a new and upgraded fire station at Walcha, turning up the pressure on the Emergency Services Minister with more questions in State Parliament about when the critical works will be undertaken.

The existing Walcha station was built in 1966 and there have been no upgrades or extensions since that time, with larger fire trucks and more personal safety gear putting the squeeze on what little space there is.

"Times have moved on since 1966 when the smaller fire truck, male-only firefighters and far less safety and protective gear didn't fill this little station to the brim," Mr Marshall said.

"Today, the 57-year-old station is simply not up to scratch for modern firefighting operations – it is far too small and does not have the mandatory safety areas, training space, changerooms or amenities.

"Put simply, the conditions are appalling for our local firefighters and far from conducive to attracting new men and women into the service – this needs to change."

After inspecting the station in June and discussing conditions with local firefighters, Mr Marshall questioned the Minister on what plans the government had to upgrade the existing station or build a new one.

The Minister replied in late July that an assessment of station in February this year "...confirmed the facility is not reflective of the needs of a modern and diverse fire and rescue service."

He also told Parliament that, in regard to when any upgrade works would be undertaken, "the timing and scope of works is dependent upon the annual budget process."

Mr Marshall said now that the new government's first Budget had

been handed down, he was pressing the Minister for further detail on the scope of the proposed works, total cost and when the community could expect those works to begin.



"The Budget provided additional funds to Fire & Rescue NSW to upgrade more of its stations and build new ones, just like we are seeing in Uralla right now," Mr Marshall said.

"The Walcha station should be immediately prioritised for funding under Fire & Rescue NSW's Fit for Purpose Program so a new and larger facility can be constructed on the existing site.

"Walcha's firefighters do an extraordinary job protecting the community I am determined to work to secure the funding so that the station can be rebuilt on the existing block of land to better cater for the firefighters and their equipment into the future.

"I now eagerly await the Minister's reply in Parliament in the hope it will provide some good news for the Walcha community."

The Minister has until 26 October 2023 to answer Mr Marshall's questions in the Parliament.

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# Living life to the full over the school holidays

Yarrowitch showgrounds were taken over by youth-aged kids, camp leaders and helpers for the recent 'Life to the Full' Youth Group camp during the school holidays. The youth spent three days doing bush activities, team challenges, Bible studies and hobbies including cooking, horse care to glider golf. An 'Evening of Random Talent' on the final night was a highlight for all.

Youth in school years 5 - 10 are welcome to come along to Youth Group on Saturday evenings at the Presbyterian church, 5pm - 7pm. Dinner is provided and it's free to attend. Thank you to the Quota Club of Walcha for their generous support of the camp, and contribution to Youth Group's weekly catering costs.



## Learn how to be a Junior Judge before Show season

With the Walcha Show and other Shows around the region coming up in early 2024, now is the chance to learn the skills to participate in the many Junior Judging competitions on offer.

A Workshop weekend is being organised by the Armidale and New England Show Society to teach you all aspects of Junior Judging, with the opportunity to put into practice what you have learnt on the final day of the workshop where you become the Judge.

Open to all over the age of 12 years, the weekend will be held at Guyra showground with camping available for only \$10 per group.

Age categories ( as as 15 November)

Junior..... 12 yrs under 14 yrs

Intermediate..... 14 yrs under 16 yrs

Senior ..... 16 yrs to 18 yrs

Open..... 18 yrs and over

All information and bookings for the event are available at <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/39862/2024-young-judges-workshop>

There is no cost to register for the event, with the optional dinner on Saturday night at Guyra Bowling Club being \$30p.p.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
5.30pm	Welcome Dinner
7pm	Youth Activities

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November					
	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Open	Demonstrations
9am	Registration				
10am	Welcome & Introduction				
10.15am	Fruit & Veg	Meat Sheep	Soil	Grain	How to run a Zone Final?
10.45am	Wool	Merino Sheep	Meat Sheep	YW/RA	
11.15am	Morning Tea				
11.30am	Soil	Wool	Grain	Fruit & Veg	YJ Scoring: How it works?
12pm	Merino Sheep	Fruit & Veg	Wool	Meat Sheep	
12.30pm	Lunch				
1pm	Meat Sheep	Soil	Merino Sheep	Wool	
1.30pm	Grain	YW/RA	Beef Cattle	Goats	
2pm	Goats	Beef Cattle	YW/RA	Soil	
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea				
2.45pm	Beef	Goats	Fruit & Veg	Merino Sheep	
3.25pm	YW/RA	Grains	Goats	Beef Cattle	
6pm	Dinner				

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November				
	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Open
9am	Registration			
9.30am	Beef Cattle			
10am	Meat Sheep		Merino Sheep	
10.30am	Morning Tea			
11am	Wool			
1pm	Lunch			
1.30pm	Fruit & Vegetables		Grain	Soil
3pm	Awards Presentation			
4pm	Conclusion of Event			

# what's the goss



with AJ Cross

As he was leaving the Apsley Falls the other day Shane Britten was flagged down by a bloke with a giant backpack requesting a ride to where he could get mobile phone service. He told 'Britto' he had just flown in from Mount Borah and needed to get somewhere to phone one of his mates to come pick him up, which made Shane think that he might have a 'live one' on his hands.

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As the conversation progressed it became obvious to 'Great Britten' that the bloke was legitimate and had paraglided from Mount Borah near Manilla and had spent over 3 hours in the air covering around 110 kms. Shane kindly helped the Melanoma Surgeon from Sydney by giving him a lift to town.

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New England Hotel publican Peter Berry was driving his golf cart while playing 9 holes last week when his mobile phone slipped out of the cart and landed near the road leading to the club house. The impact with the ground triggered a call to triple 000 which Perc cancelled shortly after while explaining to the phone receptionist what had happened.

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As we headed up the fifth fairway a few minutes later I pointed out to Perc that his cancellation mustn't have been swift enough as the local paddy wagon was just about to cross the ramp at the entrance gate. When we waved Jed Wittig down he was relieved that he was dealing with a false alarm because he had some strange thoughts on what he was about to deal with. Jed's response time was certainly impressive despite the accidental call.

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Congratulations to Junior Cricketers Cameron Mooney and Koby Brennan on their selection in the Armidale Under 15's Representative

Team, along with Uralla's 2021/2022, Walcha News Cup Grand Final Player of the match Blake Swilks. Also well done to Bentley Brennan and Henry Blomfield on their selection in the Armidale Under 11's team. Good on ya boys.

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There is a Junior Cricket 'Sign on Day' this Saturday at John Oxley from 9am to 11am for age divisions of 9, 11, 13 and 15 years although there probably won't be enough numbers for 15's. Come on kids turn up and have a go.

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A belated congratulations to former Walcha Golf Club Champion Wayne Brennan for winning the Veterans Scratch Division of the Central North District Championships held at Uralla a few weeks back. 'Brenno' also took out the overall Nett section of the event after carding a 68 nett.

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Family and friends were in attendance at a farewell for Neil and Lyn Dark held at the Bowling Club last Sunday to wish the 'dynamic duo' all the best before they relocate to Lakewood Village in the Laurieton area at the end of the month. The Golf Club have another send off for their life member and his bride planned for this Sunday following the completion of the weekly competition round.

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Walcha Bowling Club was represented at the Weeping Willows Triples Carnival at Bendemeer last Sunday by Kevin Creighton, Stephen Bath and Mick Steep who finished runners up on the day. A total of 14 teams competed in the competition including a composite side of Tony Asmus, Andrew McGuffog and a Zone Representative. As usual the winner of the raffle was 'Larry' Asmus.

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One thing golfer Will Nicholls won't have to worry about anytime soon is playing off a handicap of 23 which he did last Sunday when he won the stableford event with 42 points. The Walcha Squash Club Champion lost nine shots according to Club Handicapper Don Brooks and will start off 14 next time he tees off in a competition round.

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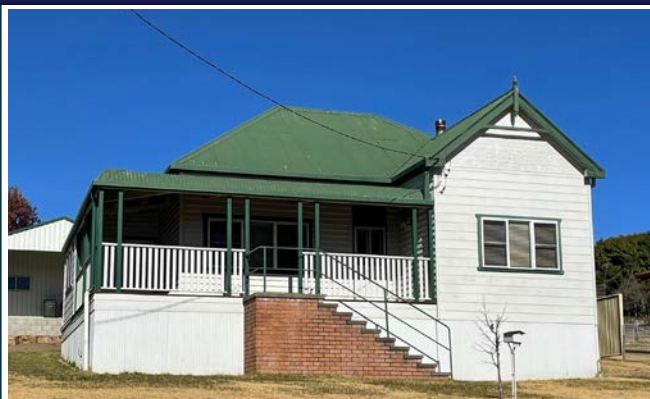
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7u9 – Phoebe Grills (Ch), Penelope Taylor (RC)  
and Brock Lockyer (Ch).



9u11 – Cleo Carter (Ch) and Grace Smith (RC).  
Benji Provost (Ch) and Ben Lockyer (RC).



11u13 – Tori Carter (Ch) and Mia Goodwin (RC)  
and Lachie Provost (Ch)



13u15 – Lilly Meredith (Ch)  
Sybella Miller (RC)



15u17 – Abi Van Eyk (Ch), Tegan Rhodes (RC)  
and Cameron Magann (Ch).



Associate Girl Champion – Tyler Sutton and  
Associate Boy Champion Dominic Magann (Ch)  
and Stuart Lawrence (RC).



Above: Lachie Provost - EH Green Shield for  
highest Overall Point Score and winner of the Blue  
Bell Cup for Best Sporting Horse.



Left: Tori Carter - Wainies  
Cup, Horse skills trophy.  
Brock Lockyer - Walcha  
Pony Club most improved  
Junior rider



Far Left: Jess Patterson-Kane - Jess Mathews Friendship Trophy. Left: Lilly Meredith  
- George Hicks Trophy for Best Working Condition Mount and also the O'Gorman  
Trophy for Highest point scoring rider on the flat. Above: Abi Van Eyk - Sharp Cup  
for Most Improved Senior rider and Chief Instructors Award. Above Right: Dominic  
Magann - Stan & Beryl Brazel Memorial for Highest Associate Point score.



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## At the 19th

The annual Vicki Szpitalak Memorial 3 person ambrose event was held last Saturday attracting 17 teams consisting of 51 players, where Craig and Prue Morgan teamed up with Barb Mulligan to win with 56 nett.

Runners up were, Michael Stackman, Drew Bird and Harley Carlon 58<sup>2/3</sup> while at the other end of the scale were Bradmans Bat winners for the highest score Bill Fletcher, Andy McCormack and Ian Brookes.

Front 9 hole winners were Caroline Street, Simone and David Sweeney whereas the back 9 holes went to Wayne Brennan, Peter Norbury and Brian Lynch.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Jill Burnell and Crichton Barr (3), Sally McCormack and Byron Cross (9), Julie Olrich and Doug McDonald (16). Long drives to Tim Stackman (Men's handicap 0-20) and Will Nicholls (21-36), Cheryl McDonald (Ladies 0-20) and Polly Locke (21-36).

Mens second shot on the 14th was taken out by 'Molloydooker' Mal Ballard while the ladies second shot on the 7th went to Prue Morgan.

Two dozen players teed off in a stableford round last Sunday for a trophy donated by David Sweeney where new member Will Nicholls accumulated 42 points to collect the prize.

Runner up was former 'English Wrestler' Mal Ballard on 40 pts whereas the remaining sweepstakes went to Ollie Crawford 39, Sue Partridge, Angus Crawford and Col Berry all 38, Will Brennan 37, Simone Sweeney and Alex Gill both 36. NTP's to Bill Heazlett (3) and Angus 'Fatty' Crawford (18).

A working bee has been scheduled for this Saturday 14th October from 8am where all members are invited to attend.

This Sunday a farewell has been organised for club life member Neil Dark and his wife Lyn, after golf probably from about 4pm onwards.

Sunday is a stoke medal round for a prize supplied by Cheryl McDonald and then the following weekend the NSW Womens Sandgreen Championship are scheduled where the course will be closed for everyone who isn't competing in those championships.

## Wednesdays Golf

A good field of players turned up for the first week of the Secretary's Eclectic on Wednesday for a trophy donated by Jenny Lisle. The winner with an outstanding score of 62 nett was Marg Higgins. Sweepstakes were won by Pauline Carter with a 65 nett, Lorraine Walshe with 68 nett, Katie Smith 69 nett, and Cheryl McDonald 69 nett.

All great scores. Well done girls.

Lorraine Walshe took the honours on Hole 3 with her nearest the pin and Alison Cameron was nearest the pin on Hole 16.

Today we are playing the second week of the Secretary's Eclectic for Janie Fenwick's trophy.

## Cricket

Registrations are going well for the upcoming Armidale and District Cricket season but the Walcha/Urala Club need plenty more numbers to help defend their 2nd and 3rd Grade titles.

Players who intend having a hit this season can register on <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/walcha-colts-cricket-club/e9bd84d2>.

Although Armidale have the starting date for the season as this Saturday 14th October, a draw hadn't been announced at the time of going to print.

## Bowls

**Dads Army:** Only nine players were present on Thursday to play on a cool and windy afternoon.

Mick Bullen played twice and was joined by Noel Goodwin to defeat Brian Goodwin, Neil Dark and Peter Hayes 19-12. The score was 12 all with one end to play and scored seven to win.

Geoff Salt and Warwick Hogan had a big win in the game of pairs against John McCormack and John Watts. The score card showed that both teams won ten ends each but the winners scored four shots on four of theirs.

The chooks were won by Noel and Mick and the raffles were won by John McCormack and Pauline.

Twilight: All fourteen teams turned up on Friday afternoon and a good time was had by all.

Its good to see several new players participating as well as the regular players.

Next week is "Black Friday" and if anyone wishes to dress for the occasion it would be great.

## Ladies Bowls

Six ladies braved the awfully windy weather last Thursday to play a game of triples.

The score was very close throughout play. Lyn Burnell, Marg Tickle and Ellie Pullen won 13-11 against Janice Rizzi, Rosie Aitken and Jan Cross.

Don't forget to write your name on the sheet on the board to play in the Ivy Makeham Memorial Singles Trophy by 26 October.

Social bowls will be on again tomorrow.

## Saturday Morning Tennis

The Walcha Tennis Club will run a 6 week programme from the 21st October until 25th November

**Cost:** \$50

**Ages 5-7** - will be from 9am - 10am which will be skilled based

**Ages 8-12** - will be from 10am - 12pm which will be match play

**Please contact Emma Wauch if you are interested or have any questions**

0429 958 881 or email: [mstennis2354@gmail.com](mailto:mstennis2354@gmail.com)



## In Memoriam



**Dos O'Shannessy**

31/10/1963 - 12/10/2022

### Memories

Of your smile, time spent together,  
plans for our future.

Your beautiful brown eyes, your laughter and  
a soul of gold.

The love and memory of you  
shall never pass away.

Love always

Linda Scherff OX

Bonnie



## Meetings

**The Annual General Meeting** of the Walcha Senior & District Rugby League Club, will be held at the Walcha Bowling Club on Sunday 5th November 2023 at 3pm. All committee positions will be declared vacant. Any and all parties are welcome to attend.

## Raffle Results

**Friends of Riverview Street Stall results.**  
1st Anna Lewtschenko, 2nd Sue Green, 3rd Peter McIvor. It was a wonderful street stall. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## thumbs



- 👍 For all the organised helpers for the Kids Games. What a great event for our town. The children loved it so much and loved the delicious morning teas. Well done.
- 👍 To the Walcha Men's Shed for helping mount our sign.
- 👍 To Walcha Pony Club for a great week.
- 👍 To the young employee at Apsley Motors who filled my car with fuel when I was having difficulty walking, and cleaned up a fuel mark on the side of my car. Much appreciated.
- 👎 To the person who stole my brand new rustic sprinkler holder. If you have a conscience could you please return it.

**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.**





## Position Vacant

### Walcha Pool Season Coming Soon!



With our 2 year refresh program well underway, Council is looking to open the pool in early November for a 5 to 6 months season (depending on the weather).

We are looking for Casual Pool Attendants over this period.

These positions involve lifeguard duties, as well as staffing the gate & kiosk, and everything else needed to make this season a success. Enjoy the sun and work with a great friendly team. We are happy to train the right applicants.

Applications close Monday 16 October 2023, so get your application in as soon as possible.

You will be working as a valued member within a supportive and encouraging environment, and your responsibilities and actions will reflect Walcha Council's core values of teamwork, respect, customer first focus and willingness to carry out assigned tasks.

#### **Small Council, Big Opportunities!**

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

For more information and to apply, visit our website at <https://bit.ly/3A30YDc>

Applications for this position close 16 October 2023

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

#### **Employment Opportunity**

Richardsons Hardware and Agriculture Walcha is a retailer of hardware, building supplies and agricultural supplies based in Walcha.

We currently have a vacancy in our business for a suitable team member. The position will involve providing great customer service to our clients be they farmers, builders, DIY and the general public. The candidate should be capable of conducting activities of the running of a hardware and agricultural business such as merchandising, using point of sale software, stocktaking, customer service etc.

Previous experience in relation to this would be highly valued. The position could be full time or part time depending on the candidate and would have some good career opportunities.

Interested candidates should forward the cover letter and resume to:

The Manager,  
Richardsons Hardware and Agriculture  
16w Fitzroy Street, Walcha 2354.

## Position Vacant *cont*

### WHS Advisor Walcha Council & Uralla Shire Council



Are you passionate about Work Health and Safety and looking for a great opportunity to provide your expertise to Walcha and Uralla Councils? If so, we have the role for you.

We are looking for an expert in WHS to advise both Councils and ensure that we develop and implement the necessary policies, procedures and systems to let our staff work in a safe environment every day.

You will be working both in the field and in the office and will hold relevant qualifications or industry experience in Work Health and Safety, and ideally have experience in Local Government.

You will enjoy travel, and visiting construction sites, depots and other Council facilities, and communicating effectively with our staff.

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This is a permanent full-time position (35 hours per week) with a (negotiable for the right candidate) starting wage of \$1951.60 (gross per week) based on the Local Government (State) Award 2023.

We also offer all the usual great benefits of working in Local Government; generous Long Service Leave, flexible working conditions, and generous sick leave allowance.

As the role involves travel, the position includes a commuter use Council vehicle, with the option of a leaseback arrangement, as well as mobile phone. If you are considering re-locating to Walcha (it's a fantastic community) there is also the possibility of Council provided housing.

For more information please visit our website positions vacant at <https://bit.ly/3A30YDc>

Applications close Monday 30 October 2023

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## Public Notices

DR GENEVIEVE FREER  
Phone 6777 2068 0429 668 583

#### **Walcha Support Group Annual Luncheon**

Thursday 19 October, 2023 at Walcha Bowling Club. Commencing at 11:45am with lunch served at 12:30pm. \$30 p/p. Please RSVP to Broni Koebel on 0474 477 534 or email: [cbkoebel2@gmail.com](mailto:cbkoebel2@gmail.com).

## Public Notice *cont*

### Nominations for Council's Australia Day Advisory Committee



Council is seeking nominations from community members to serve on the Walcha Council Australia Day Advisory Committee.

No particular qualifications are necessary though a commitment to the activities and a willingness to be actively involved in the event are essential.

Anyone interested in serving on this Committee should pick up a nomination form from the Council Office or download it from our website: <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news>. Current and past Committee Members are encouraged to apply. Nominations must be submitted to Council by 5:00pm Monday 23 October 2023. For further information please contact Council on 6774 2500.

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

### KENTUCKY SPRING FAIR

**Sunday 15th October 9am-1pm**  
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## Wanted

### CASH FOR LOCAL BOTTLES

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**Phone 0459 799 119  
for a free appraisal**

## Garage Sales

**Moving house sale.** 14 October 9am at 216W Hill Street. Household items, clothing, outdoor setting, freezer, fridges, mower, garden tools, camping gear and lots more.

**Sales** - in Evans Street, Saturday 14 October. Balloons out at 8:30am.

**Deceased estate** - Sat 14 October 9am, 72E Fitzroy Street. House & Shed items, wardrobes, single ensembles & more.

**Garage Sale** - 17W North Street Walcha. On the 14 and 21 October.



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**Mon – Wed** 4.00pm – Close

**Thursday 12** 12.00pm – Close

Ladies bowls 9.30am for 10.00am start  
 Social bowls 1.00pm

**Friday 13** 2.00pm – Close

**2.00pm** Bingo

**6.00pm** Bistro

- Devilish steak sandwiches
- Cream chicken cobb
- Lemon butter fish
- Normal menu available, takeaway and delicious desserts

**6.00pm** Tickets available for raffles –  
 meat and veg trays

**6.00pm** Free Bingo

**7.00pm** Raffles drawn & Members Draw

**Saturday 14** 11.00am – Close

**6:00pm** Bistro

**2 – 4pm TOSS THE BOSS**

**Sunday 15** 11.00am – Close

**12.00pm** Bistro open. Children U/10

kids meal free with an adult order

**12.00pm** Meat, fruit and veg raffles

**1.00pm** Raffles drawn

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