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Left: Cynthia Morris accepts the award for the Bev Betts Rose garden in the Bush Spirit category
Right: Aunty Sue Green with Riley Bloomfield and Jaxon Marsters accept the Heritage and Culture Award

Walcha scooped the pool at the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Tidy Towns Awards over the weekend. The awards were hosted in Scone, who were the overall winner last year.

Walcha competed in the Population Category A awards for towns <1500 and received two wins and two highly commended prizes.

Walcha Mens Shed won the prize for Local Legends >65 years. The award recognised their commitment to reducing landfill by creating items from recycled timber to sell at local markets; as well as growing plants to sell locally. The judges were quite impressed that the Mens Shed also hold information sessions from health professionals and tradesmen to share and gain knowledge. In addition the Mens Shed repairs and restores watches, furniture and other items using second hand tools and machines that have been donated by individuals and businesses, to reduce consumerism.

Also in the winners circle on the night was the Aunty Sue Project. This project was initiated by Walcha Central School as an extension of the 2018 NAIDOC

Week theme "because of her, we can". The school approached Aunty Sue Green and asked if she would consider sharing a story. Over the course of a year, students worked with Aunty Sue Green to listen to and then retell part of her story through the creation of a 42-page student-created illustrated book; and the built on this experience with the opening of a sculpture, garden and yarnning place.

The Bev Betts Rose Garden was Highly Commended in the Bush Spirit Award. The brainchild of the former Walcha & District Beautification and Tidy Towns Committee, the rose garden is now an attractive and popular new landmark in our town.

In the Overall Tidy Towns Awards, Walcha was a finalist in our population category. We were narrowly defeated by Bowraville. Keep Australia Beautiful NSW said that our town, although small and quaint, is well maintained, featuring clever public artwork, and cherishing a rich colonial history. "Although Walcha is at the start of the sustainability journey, given the small size and population base, it is punching above its weight and should be congratulated for its initiatives so far."

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The storms started rolling through the district last Friday with very patchy results, but nevertheless moisture coming from the right direction. East of town had 20-25mm and the high country in the south recorded anywhere from 35mm-70mm. The patchy falls of between 10-20mm was all that fell closer to town and in some cases only a couple of millimetres. The next two weeks and really the rest of November looks like there will be follow up moisture around and hopefully we can record some larger falls. The grass is changing colour and trying to grow but it will probably head straight to seed which won't give us the bulk we need but that might have to wait until Autumn.

The coastal region of the mid north coast and far north coast looked to get the bulk of the rain with those regions notching up between 50-120mm of much needed rain. Those areas have been extremely dry and with those totals the grass will begin to grow. If anyone has looked at the long-term forecast for 2024 well it looks a damn sight better than this year. There is no doubt we have a tricky 6 months in front us, but a better forecast builds resilience. The rain over the weekend reminded us that it will still rain.

The wrap from the referendum which failed to get up was that surprisingly not a single regional electorate voted in favour of the Voice to Parliament throughout Australia. If this isn't a red flag to Labor about maybe starting to listen to the rural people and not just focusing on metropolitan areas, then I'm not sure what else we can do to be heard. Labor is meant to govern for the people of Australia and clearly, they aren't listening to our voice and the divide is just growing.

The Melbourne Cup will have been run and another interest rate rise most likely announced by the time you read the *Traps* this week. There is no doubt the cost of living is hurting a lot of people but when you think how much money will be punted on the Melbourne Cup in Australia on Tuesday, then there is still a lot of money floating around through society. I'm still trying to understand the inflation, to me when they lift interest rates then it's meant to put further pressure on spending, yet wages continue to rise to compensate the rising cost of living.

The predicted rainfall and increased optimism surrounding a change in our season have improved all markets to some extent. Last week the clearance rates on Auctions Plus were a lot better with livestock selling well above reserves in all markets. Heavy lambs suitable to feed are out-selling light new season lambs that need grass to grow as feed rations continue to get dearer. Restocking lambs sold from \$40-\$80 online, weight & breed dependent. Locally 2-year-old shorn merino wether lambs sold for \$30 per head. Young 1st x restocking ewes look to be the best value selling from \$70-100 per head. Friday's online cattle sales saw the majority of the weaner and yearling cattle sell over \$2/kg including the heifer portion. It was only 2 weeks ago that heifers sold well below \$2/kg. Majority of the steers sold between 240-260c/kg, heifers sold from 180-210c/kg. EU Angus cows looked to be the flavour of the sale after some quality local units topped the sale making \$2670 which is a value we haven't seen since the start of the year. Majority of the quality young units made from \$1400-1800 for cows and calves while the best of the PTIC sold to \$1100.

Tamworth yarded 1000 cattle with strong gains seen in the young cattle while the heavy finished cattle saw price increases. Weaner steers made to 276c/kg, heifer portion sold to 204c/kg while feeder steers made to 246c/kg and heifers to 217c/kg. Domestic kill cattle saw strong gains of 25c/kg and sold to 243c/kg, while cows improved by 15c/kg selling to a top of 190c/kg. Small yarding of 950 lambs and 850 mutton was yarded on Monday in Tamworth and the market didn't respond to the lack of numbers. Trade weight lambs sold to \$70-95 while heavy lambs topped at \$130. Mutton sold between \$15-\$65 depending on weight, condition and breed.

Walcha motorcycle rally – revving up for another great year

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 November

Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts will descend on Walcha in just over a week for the annual Walcha Motorcycle Rally. This event attracts strong visitation from people Australia wide for a multiple night stay in Walcha, many discovering the town for the first time.

The diverse program, paired with Walcha's small-town country hospitality are all part of what makes this motorcycle rally for all riders unique.

If you want to be part of the fun then make sure you grab your local spectator tickets online or at Council office. The locals discounted ticket is for Walcha LGA ratepayers only, who reside in the 2354 postcode, and allows access to the showground from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 November.

At the showground there's a great program lineup as well as the free things to see in town, which include the motorcycle street procession at 11am on Saturday and a vintage and classic car display near the Walcha Farmers' Market between 10am and 12 noon.

Swift Stunt Simulators will be onsite for those wanting to learn to wheelie or perfect their wheelie skills. We're grateful to have our incredible MC, actor and singer Ben Mingay returning for the third year running, to entertain us and keep the program running smoothly.

We're also super excited to have Psychs on

Bikes attending this year. Psychs on Bikes is an organisation of mental health professionals raising awareness of mental health issues in rural and remote communities. They have a passion for work in the mental health industry and a passion for riding motorbikes. They'll be onsite providing free health checks.

This year the event falls on Australasian Women's Ride Day (AWRD), with a few organised activities for the women riders, including; women riders leading the street procession, fronted by Niki Zak, the world's quickest and fastest female ¼ mile drag racer. Niki will also attend the showground both days with her drag bike, display and merch.

There will be a great range of delicious food stalls to keep you satisfied and a variety of trade stalls and exhibitors.

Walcha sits at the crossroads of two of Australia's best rides, the Oxley Highway and Thunderbolts Way, making it a go-to destination for touring motorcyclists. With friendly hospitality, stunning natural surrounds and amazing rides, Walcha is fast becoming a must visit region for riders.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au or phone the Visitor Information Centre on 6774 2460. Follow the event on Facebook or Instagram to keep up to date.

DISCOUNTED LOCALS SPECTATOR TICKET

The discounted tickets for local spectators are \$15/person (Kids 16 & Under are FREE when attending with paying supervising adult). **They are NOT AVAILABLE AT THE GATE and must be purchased either online or at Council reception.**

To purchase online: -

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Winterbourne Wind Farm VPA

From Voice for Walcha

The much-anticipated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) (previously known as the Community Benefit Fund) for the Winterbourne Wind Farm will be on exhibition for community feedback in the near future.

So what is a VPA?

A VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement) is legal document between a developer and the Council for the provision of funds by the developer. It is what we have come to know as the Community Benefit Fund (although there is some confusion around this). It is money, provided by the developer to compensate or to provide benefits to the wider community.

What should the Walcha Community expect?

In March, 2023, the mayors from the New England REZ (CoREM), including the Walcha Mayor, signed and sent a Statement of Expectation to the State Member, outlining what they deem to be the essential requirements for a renewable energy project to achieve widespread community and Council support. It states:-

"Community Contribution Fee – Developers of energy projects to provide a community benefit contribution to a common fund established and solely managed by the individual Councils. This community benefit contribution would be in the region of 1.5% of build cost of the project (as detailed in the Capital Investment Value Report) or circ. \$800 per MW (AC) per year over the life of the project."

Based on this, the benefit should be 1.5% of the capital investment or build cost (1.5% x \$1.588 425 billion as outlined in the Winterbourne Wind Farm EIS) **\$23.8 million**.

The current proposal published on the Winterbourne Wind Farm website is well below what the CoREM statement of expectations has outlined. Given Walcha Council has been a part of CoREM since its inception, surely, we should be adhering to their minimum expectations.

Other things to consider - Should the benefit be paid up-front or in instalments? When does indexing start? How will the money be spent so it doesn't create further community division? Who decides how the money is allocated?

The negotiated VPA will go on display once an in-kind agreement has been reached between Winterbourne Wind Farm and Walcha Council. This is the community's opportunity to make comment on the proposed VPA. It is our only chance to have a voice around this important funding agreement so make sure you are ready to have your say.

While a VPA can not compensate adequately for the impacts this project will have on the community if the project proceeds, we just want the best outcome possible.

thumbs



- ✎ To the lady who pulled up in the rain to help us limp our motorbikes back to Walcha Road.
- ✎ To Sue, Frog, Bikie and Pole for their enthusiasm and help in their new roles at the Bowling Club.
- ✎ To Cynthia and the team of gardeners for keeping our gardens ship shape. We really appreciate all your hard work. Congratulations on the Keep Australia Beautiful Award.
- ✎ To the awesome gift range available in our local shops. Give them a go with your Christmas list.
- ✎ To the committee members for all their help at the Junior Tennis Coaching on Saturday mornings. Great opportunity to learn and be ready for competitions.

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.

Annie smashed PB at State Athletics

From Dallas Hyatt, Principal

Recently, Annie Patterson-Kane represented Polding at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival held in Sydney.

Competing against the best athletes from all schools from across the public, independent, and Catholic schools' sectors across all areas of New South Wales, Annie placed third in her qualifying heat for the Senior Girl 800m. Unfortunately, Annie missed out on making the final as she came 13th overall.

Annie, from what you have achieved at all of the athletics carnivals you have competed in this year, you should be very proud of yourself as you have smashed your personal best time each time you have competed that has enabled you to be one of the best athletes across the state. Well done, everyone here at St Patrick's are all proud of you.



Annie getting ready to compete in her 800m heat

\$2.41 million boost for our roads

Last week Walcha Council received a further \$2.41 million funding boost to continue repairing and upgrading our local road network through the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund.

Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall caught up with Mayor Eric Noakes and General Manager Phil Hood to deliver the good news and inspect some work underway on Aberbaldie Road, just out of Walcha.



"Council will be incredibly busy over the next few years, now holding more than \$10 million in grants funds for road upgrade and bridge replacement projects across the district, improving safety and making it easier to get primary produce to market," Adam Marshall commented.

Walcha Council General Manager, Phil Hood said that the funding was flexible, with Council able to use it for all renewal and maintenance projects. "We have until October 2027 to use the funds given to us through this program, which will be incredibly useful."



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Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza 2023

Walcha Central School had 16 students and 9 cattle attend the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza recently. The students participated in meat judging, education sessions, Agricultural careers evening, parading and junior judging.

In the steer weight classes a school bred steer placed 2nd in the light weight class and a steer donated by Morowitz family placed 4th in the middle weight class.

In paraders the students competed successfully with many students placing in their respective age classes. Ella Lynch placed 2nd in her 14 yrs heat, Thea Dunn 5th in her 15yrs heat, Isabelle Atkins placed

4th in her 16 years heat, Ash-Lee Hollis awarded highly commended in her 16 years heat, Olivia Haslem placed 5th and Marlee Wall placed 5th in their respective 17 and 18 year heats. We are now waiting for carcass results to come back.

A big thank you to the donors of the steers for this event Max and Julie Ireland, Simon and Larissa Wall, Neil and Jacqui Dunn and Mark and De Morowitz and to the parents who assisted over the weekend. The students now turn their focus to Northern Schools Steer show on 22/23 of November at Armidale with another team of cattle to take.



Pictured from left: Charlotte; Isabell and Logan; Thea

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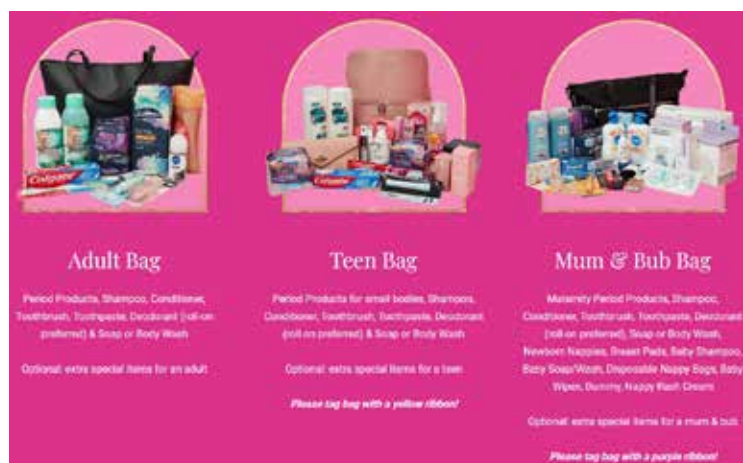
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Drop your *It's in the Bag* donation to Walcha's Commonwealth Bank before 24 November 2023, and your incredible donations will be distributed to over 3,000 charities nationwide by our dedicated volunteers. "This Christmas let's ensure women, girls, or those who are waking up in a domestic violence refuge or homeless shelter on Christmas feel a little bit of love and hope," the Commonwealth Bank staff said.

Walcha Show Society Presidents Report

By Daniel Kermode

As a first term President I wish to thank the Walcha Show Society for their efforts and can do attitude to put on the spectacle of the Walcha Show Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March 2023.

The show turned out to be a financial success with great crowd numbers and increased bar takings and gate numbers. The speed shear was moved to Friday night which drew and maintained a huge crowd at the bar til closing time which saw its Friday night takings up considerably.

An impressive sight at the 2023 show was the amount and quality of the trade stands. There was a great line up of bikes, tractors, trucks etc and a bonus for the public was the Healthwise stand. Healthwise was a major sponsor of the show. The committee and show society are very grateful to them and all our sponsors.

The cattle show was huge and very well represented. Sam Lisle has advised that Limousin will be the feature breed at the 2024 show.

We were privileged to have Gary Dunn organise the wood chop which was held on the Saturday. The crowd was drawn to the action and Gary proved to the committee that such an event could run at a profit.

Amongst the entertainment Ash Barnett drew a big crowd to ringside whilst performing freestyle horsemanship with her horses Chilla and Spider. All the kids had fun on Saturday with Fairy Lala doing shows and face painting.

Behind the scenes thanks to Tim Norton and Max Ireland for seeing to the constant maintenance and repair of the buildings. Working bees with these guys always happen with good humour and a great can do attitude.

The usual jump through the hoops for funding via our secretary Dale Weber secured a considerable grant with the help of Barnaby Joyce towards concreting the barbeque shed floor and completing the disabled pathway up to the bar/entertainment building, as well all the necessary drainage. Thank you to Danny Hoy for completing the works. The floor space is no longer a trip hazard with exposed tree roots and I'm sure will

be appreciated by all users.

Vicky McIvor is finishing up as chief steward of the cooking section and the committee thank her for her considerable efforts to the cooking section.

Noel Henry is handing the gate rostering duties over to Mitch Crawford and Angus Kirton, thank you Plum for your help over the years.

Thanks to Miles Archdale and his helpers who had a busier than usual bar, which in turn left a job on a wet Sunday clean up. Rubbish disposal on that scale isn't easy, and I would like to thank Henry King, Glenn O'Brien and Ross King for seeing it off the ground via Glenn and Max Ireland's trucks with great efficiency.

Sonia O'Keefe also deserves a mention for keeping us all fed beautifully over the set up week of the show. Her luncheon pavilion is a great asset to the show, and everyone who dines there on Friday or Saturday always has a great meal or morning /afternoon tea.

Role changes within sections and volunteers is always going to happen and it opens up opportunities for others to change roles or even join the committee. Anyone who is interested in joining the committee or helping is most welcome. The Walcha Show Society is a very strong and great to be involved with group of people with a can do attitude.

This is very much shown in our secretary Dale Weber and, treasurer Bill Fletcher who I can never thank enough for their outstanding work. Thanks also to the executive, committee and volunteers for all the great work that sets the spectacle for the show to go on. The community supporting the show like in 2023 is why we as a committee do what we do for the greater good of the Walcha Community, and I thank them for their support.

Its now time as the committee to think about entertainment for the 2024 show, the exhibitors and competitors to start to prepare entries, for another successful show.

Thank you, Daniel Kermode



Back row: Ben Ussher, Chaden, Koby, Thomas, Riley, Hunter, Jack Front row: Jacob, Charlotte, Jaxon, Cameron, Shaun.

Former Walcha resident Lachie Creighton has been part of the ACT Brumbies Super 19 Rugby Union Under 19's coaching staff this season which finished on a high at Seiffert Oval in Canberra last Sunday. The undefeated Brumbies downed the NSW Waratahs 20 to 12 in the grand final following wins over Melbourne Rebels 37-5, Western Force 54-18, Queensland Reds 21-17 and Waratahs 24-22 earlier in the year.

Congratulations to Walcha Central School athletes Jasmine Lynch and Isabella Mooney on representing North West at the NSW CHSSA Water Polo Championships in Tamworth last week. North West won two of their round robin games against South Coast 9-2 and Sydney South West 8-6 before defeating South Coast for a second time 7-5 in the play off for 7th and 8th position. Both Jas and Bella enjoyed the experience and learnt plenty of new aqua skills while competing.

Ex- 'Quiet Valley' Riamukka resident Andrew Laurie was presented with a son by his wife Ashleigh early last Sunday morning. Harry William Laurie arrived at 5.31am weighing in at 3350 grams and is a younger brother to Lucas. Well done Team Laurie.

Walcha Central School Cricket team have qualified for the NSW Central Schools finals in Dubbo late November after they defeated Dunedoo at Gunnedah No.1 Oval last week. Batting first Walcha set their opponents a total of 89 runs off 35 overs after number three batter Cameron Mooney was

the mainstay of the innings amassing 34 runs and put on what turned out to be a match saving eighth wicket partnership with Tom Bullen of 45 runs after Walcha were floundering at 7/39.

Dunedoo were dismissed for 64 and had it not been for their number seven batter Fletcher Hogdon, who was the only player to score more than four runs with the willow hitting 32, the score would have been a whole lot less. Wicket takers for Walcha were Chaden Hawkins 3/8, Charlotte Mooney 2/9, Tom Bullen 1/4, Jake Wellings 1/8, Koby Brennan 1/12 and Jaxon Marsters who removed the dangerous Hogdon's middle stump with the only delivery he sent down.

Still on cricket, what a dream start to the season it has been for Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade all rounder Peter Mooney after he scored an unconquered 90 runs against Hillgrove last Saturday. So far this season he has scored 249 (50, 109, 90) 3rd Grade runs at an average of 124.5 per dig. Just for good measure when Pete was called up into 2nd Grade a couple of games ago he snared 5 wickets for 24 runs off his 9 overs.

The weekly Newie 777's went off last Saturday after 'Bella Nipotina' saluted the judge at Rosehill Gardens, 'Riff Rocket' got the job done at Flemington and 'Tenzing' won at Eagle Farm making Charlotte Lyon a happy punter after she selected all three winners. Good on ya Charlotte.

Walcha Rugby League held their Annual General Meeting last Sunday at the Bowling Club where retiring President Michael Aspinall handed the reins over to Barry Partridge. Secretary Emma Hillier, Treasurer Sally-Ann Hoy, Vice President John Byrne and Publicity officer AJ Cross have all agreed to another term while Eleanor Brazel has put her hand up for the role of assistant Secretary.

If you have had a punt on the Melbourne Cup yesterday hopefully you backed a winner. Being the expert horse racing tipster I am (as if) my selections were 1. Without a Fight 2. Vauban 3. Vow and Declare which by the time you read this will be either right or wrong. Even if you didn't back a winner, with a bit of luck you had an enjoyable day if that's what was on your agenda.

Kids Strider Bike Racing at the Motorcycle Rally

Get your little legs revving for the first year of Strider Bike Races at the Walcha Motorcycle Rally.

Held on both the Friday at 4:30pm and the Saturday at 12pm, it will be a chance for future riders to get competitive and take out the podium for fastest micro rider in Walcha!

The racing which is for under 6's will be a short course held within the showground main ring on grass. Helmets are required and there will be some bikes available for those without but you are welcome to bring your own. Adults, ensure you grab your discounted local Rally tickets prior (Kids 16&U are free).

For more information contact Jorja at the Visitor Information Centre on 6774 2460 or at tourism@walcha.nsw.gov.au





Tennis

Round 4 of the Spring Comp was played out on Tues 31st Oct.

DeMinaur: D A Locke, D Clark, G Wall and S Ireland drew with Poppyrin: E Blomfield, M Ireland, B Kommeran and T Tape in a great close match.

Millman: S Payne (floating for T Whillock), B Hoy (floating for P O'Brien), A Barillaro and J Burgess defeated Purcell: M Lockyer, C Bruce, A Blomfield and P Tape 33 to 18.

Ebden: D Sweeney, C Ireland, S Blake (floating for T Gibson) and R Mathews defeated Bolt: H Thomson, R Bagnall, K Smith and M Luchich 27 to 16.

Lots of fun and good rallies were had on the night. Thanks to S Payne, B Hoy and S Blake for floating. Next Club meeting will be Monday 13th Nov at 6.30pm. All members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

Bowls

Dads Army: A game of triples and two games of pairs were played on Thursday afternoon and although I have a fair idea of who won, I have no idea of the scores as all the score cards went through the washing machine.

Tony Asmus, Barry Hoad and John McCormack won the chooks when they played Noel Goodwin, Warwick Hogan and John Watts but when I asked Noel for the result he told me not to worry about printing the score!

When I asked Geoff Salt on Friday who won his game, his reply was "Bun and big orange bowls" when he joined with "Darkie" to defeat Geoff and Terry Parker.

Eric OKeefe and Bruce scored two shots on the last end to defeat Mick Bullen and me in the second game of pairs. John Watts was the raffle winner.

Twilight: last weeks games were again played in miserable weather where the lack of fill-ins saw several teams play short.

Team 2 could only field two players when they played Team 8 who were leading 8- 3 with two ends remaining when Team 2 scored eight shots to take the lead. Team 8 won 2 shots on the last end but failed by one shot to win.

The second game where the team could only field two players was defeated by Team 3.

Let's hope we can get some good weather next Friday.

Ladies Bowls

Walcha hosted a very successful New England District Association Day last Thursday with every club in the District sending players coming from Guyra, Ex-Services Armidale, City Armidale, Uralla, Bendemeer and finally Walcha.

Twelve teams played in a game of triples over 18 ends with the winning team being Roz Rhodes (Uralla) Esther Hunt (Walcha) and Dot Jackson (Guyra) runners-up Jacki Dressing (Bendemeer) Lyn Burnell (Walcha) and Elfie Bruner (Ex-Services Armidale).

After a delicious lunch served by Cheryl and Di the 2023 District winners and runners-up were made by District President Judy Bray (Uralla).

Walcha recipients to receive awards were: June Hayes Senior Singles Champion Badge.

June Hayes and Lyn Burnell Senior Pairs Runners-up Certificates.

June Hayes, Lyn Burnell, Esther Hunt, and Carmel Ryan Senior Fours Runners-up Certificates.

The money tree raffle winners were Leis Gordon (Guyra) and Tony Barraclough (Uralla).

The Ivy Makeham Singles draw for the 9th November is Lyn Burnell v's Ellie Pullen marker Carmel Ryan, Marg

Tickle v's Rosie Aitken marker Jan Cross.

One game has already been played and resulted in a win to Sari Andrews 23-8 over Jan Cross.

Don't forget new starting time 9-00 for 9-30.

Social bowls will still be on for those not playing in the Ivy Makeham Singles.

Wednesday Golf

We played Stableford for Margaret Davidson's trophy, our Patron, on Wednesday 27th.

Katie Smith blitzed the field with a fantastic 44 points. Sweepstakes were won by Prue Morgan 42, Maddie Lance 42, Marg Parsons 39, Jill Burnell 39, Lyn Laurie 39, Alison Cameron 38, and Jenny Lisle 38.

Margaret also gave trophies for the best front and back 9's. The front was won by Lorraine Walshe with 23 points and the back by Sue Partridge with 21 points on a countback. NTP on Hole 3 was Katie Smith and Vicki Heffernan claimed the NTP on 16, along with the second shot on Hole 9.

Last Wednesday was a 4BBB draw for partners playing for Cross Bros Butchery Trophy. Julie Hoad and Robyn Salt had a great win accumulating 47 points.

Sweepstakes went to Sue Partridge and Sal McCormack on 45, Julie Olrich and Deb Richards also on 45, and Cheryl McDonald and Lyn Laurie, 44.

NTP on 3 was Julie Hoad and Prue Morgan claimed the second shot on 18.

Today we are playing stroke, putting and monthly mug for New Birds trophy.

At the 19th

Club President Allan Green accumulated 37 Stableford points last Sunday to lead the two round Patrons (Col Berry and Margaret Davidson) trophy with his opening round win entitling him to a trophy donated by Lee Fletcher.

Sweepstakes went to Vicki Heffernan 36, Barry Hoad 36, Don Brooks 34, Jenny Lisle 34 and John McCormack 33. Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Neil Dark (3) and Wayne Brennan (18).

The modest field of 17 players now have a spell this Sunday before contesting the final round of the Patrons Sunday week if they choose to do so.

This Sunday is the Monthly Mug for a prize supplied by Vicki Heffernan while the Tamworth Open is on offer for anyone interested.

Last Saturday Margaret Parsons racked up 20 stableford points to take out the weekly 9 hole event and also hit the most accurate tee shot at the third hole pin.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v City UNE 2nd Grade

<u>City/UNE</u>	
M BRYANT b T Crombie	0
P LYE lbw M Harper	7
S BUTLER T Crombie b E Blomfield	25
J RYAN c D Boyd b P Frewen	9
L STRONESTREET c B Hoy b P Frewen	8
A BARLIN b P Frewen	0
P GILBEY ro C Boyd	18
M HAMMOND lbw E Blomfield	4
D TILLBROOK c B Hoy b W Fletcher	4
M SCULLY not out	0
Total 99. Extras 24. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) M Harper 5-0-1-17, T Crombie 6-0-1-18, P Frewen 9-0-3-24, E Blomfield 8-3-3-24, W Fletcher 1-0-1-3.	

Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD st Stonestreet b Butler	58
J GRILLS c Gilby b D Tillbrook	0
D BOYD c Hammond b Gilby	1
W FLETCHER not out	34
C BOYD b P Lye	8
T CROMBIE not out	0
Total 103. Extras 1. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) D Tillbrook 3-0-1-26, P Gilby 6-3-1-19, M Scully 3-0-0-27, P Lye 3-0-1-17, S Butler 2-1-0-1-14.	

Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove 3rd Grade

Walcha/Uralla

N SWAN c C Jordan b L Eastwood	5
N ENDACOTT b C Van der veer	8
B MOORE c A Partridge b R Eastwood	10
P MOONEY not out	90
C STODDART c Townsend b C Van der veer	13
B MANSFIELD not out	24
Total 161. Extras 11. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) C Van der veer 8-2-2-21, L Eastwood 5-0-1-17, R Eastwood 5-0-1-37, A Partridge 3-0-0-21, C Jordan 3-0-0-20, H Jones 2-0-0-23, T Butler 1-0-0-8, R Van der veer 3-0-0-8.	

Hillgrove

P TOWNSEND c N Swan b P Mooney	18
L EASTWOOD c N Endacott b C Stoddart	10
C VAN DER VEER c P Mooney b C Stoddart	10
R EASTWOOD c N Endacott b C Stoddart	2
A STEWART c B Mansfield b D Morley	39
H EASTWOOD b M Tasik	20
H JONES c B Mansfield b M Tasik	4
C JORDAN c C Mooney b M Tasik	2
T BUTLER not out	34
R VANDERVEER c&b D Morley	0
A PARTRIDGE r.o B Moore	0
Total 160. Extras 21. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts) C Mooney 8-1-0-36, P Mooney 6-3-1-15, C Jordan 5-0-3-21, D Morley 6-1-2-23, N Swan 5-0-0-17, M Tasik 5-0-3-17, B Mansfield 5-0-0-24.	

Walcha/Uralla Cricket Club won both their 2nd and 3rd Grade Armidale and District matches played at Bellevue Oval and Harris Park in Armidale respectively last Saturday.

In 2nd Grade City UNE won the toss and batted amassing a total of 99 runs in just under 30 overs.

Most successful visiting bowler was Phil Frewen who sent down 9 overs to capture 3/24, next best was Ed Blomfield with 2/24, openers Matt Harper and Thor Crombie both picked up an early wicket each. While Will Fletcher also claimed a scalp.

In reply Walcha/Uralla got off to a shakey start with both Jay Grills and Daniel Boyd back in the hut after just seven deliveries with the team total 2/4 at that stage.

Opener Ed Blomfield then combined with Will Fletcher to put on a third wicket partnership of 78 runs before Blomfield was out for 58, which included nine 4's with the score 3/82 in the 14th over. Fletcher remained 34 not out at the end of play.

A whirlwind innings by number four batter Peter Mooney paved the way for victory over Hillgrove after he compiled an unbeaten 90 runs, 70 of which came in boundaries (thirteen 4's and three 6's).

Mooney put on an unbroken 62 run partnership for the fifth wicket with Brian Mansfield 24 runs as they chased down 160 set by Hillgrove in their 28th over.

In the bowling department Matt Tasik took 3/17, Craig Stoddart 3/21, David Morley 2/23 and Peter Mooney 1/15. This Saturday 2nd Grade do battle with Easts at Lambert Oval and 3rd Grade hosts City UNE here at Peter Fenwick Oval.



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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023



Public Notice – Presentation of Financial Statements

Public notice – Presentation of financial statements

as per Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, Walcha Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 29/11/2023 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30/06/2023.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below.

	2023 \$ '000	2022 \$ '000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	31,995	26,060
Total expenses from continuing operations	22,641	19,535
Operating result from continuing operations	9,354	6,525
Net operating result for the year	9,354	6,525
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	94	(276)
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	21,441	19,104
Total current liabilities	(9,329)	(10,889)
Total non-current assets	506,705	477,703
Total non-current liabilities	(4,634)	(9,305)
Total equity	514,183	476,613
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	3.91	4.35
Operating performance ratio (%)	7.65%	1.69%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	14.66	23.80
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	6.62%	6.06%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	81.59%	219.87%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	36.17%	40.31%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	10.72	9.18

In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act, 1993, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

Internet: www.walcha.nsw.gov.au

Locations: Walcha Council
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Submissions close one week after the above public meeting has been held.



Death Notice

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28th October 2023

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Meetings

Walcha Jockey Club AGM 7.30pm, Tuesday
14 November 2023 at Council Chambers,
Hamilton Street, Walcha.

Agenda:

- Election of officer bearers: President, Vice
Presidents (three), Secretary, Treasurer,
Patrons (two)
- 2024 Race Meeting
- Financial statements for the previous year

Jim Nivison President.

Walcha Rugby Union AGM will be held on
Wednesday 15th November at 6pm at the
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invite anyone wanting to be involved in the
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Correction

Last week's Advocate included photos of
the Walcha Town & Country Club Luncheon
with Bec Whillock named as President. Bec
Partridge is now the President of the Club.

Public Notices

NUCLEAR ENERGY TALK

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Saturday 11th November 2023

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7.00pm Raffles drawn & Members Draw

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6:00pm Bistro

Sunday 12 11.00am – Close

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