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22 November 2023

Quota Xmas Markets

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Jam packed Quota markets

McHattan Park will be absolutely bursting with goodies this Saturday to tick off your Christmas shopping list, with the Quota Christmas Markets set to kick off at 8am.

Organiser, Pam Makeham said she has a full set of stallholders, with some old favourites, as well as new stallholders coming to Walcha for the first time.

Last year the Quota Club decided not to hold their annual market due to wet weather, but they are back bigger and better than ever in the Park. The Club is hoping the predicted odd shower doesn't deter locals from coming and enjoying a lovely morning out whilst supporting the Quota Club.

The BBQ will kick off at 6am with bacon and egg rolls, a sausage sizzle will run throughout the day, and the Quota ladies will also have soft drinks, tea, coffee

biscuits and slices available in their canteen.

Emily Powell will be doing face painting to keep the children entertained, while Barb and Howard will set the atmosphere in the Park on the banjo and piano accordion.

Some stalls to entice you include:

- Classic concrete garden ornaments
- Timber work
- Dog treats
- Candles, soaps, skin products and jewellery
- Insulated Tumblers
- Knife and Garden Implement Sharpening
- Kids clothing
- Plants
- Hair product packs from New Beginnings

2024 Walcha Races in jeopardy

Walcha Races are scheduled for Friday 9 and Saturday 10 February next year, however the carnival is in jeopardy due to lack of volunteers to run the event.

Last Tuesday the AGM was to be held, however the Club failed to have a quorum attend the meeting. Club President, Jim Nivison said they will attempt to hold another AGM on Tuesday 28 November, 7:30pm at the Council Chambers.

The race carnival is one of Walcha's biggest attractions on the social calendar with visitors coming from far and wide, as well as many past residents returning for the weekend to enjoy the racing and catch up with friends. It is one of the busiest weekends for businesses in the town and will be another hit to their bottom line if the event is unable to run.

The Walcha race carnival has played a major role in the town's event calendar for 138 years and cannot take place without a committee and volunteers. So, whether you are able to help on a whipper snipper, paintbrush, organising social events, activities for Kids Day, wiping down tables or assisting with



paperwork, there are so many ways you can get involved and save our races.

"We would like to see as many people as possible at our AGM next week, however if you are unable to make the meeting, and are able to help in any way, we would really like to hear from you," Jim said.

Jim can be contacted on 0427 772 528, Secretary Simone Timbs 0428 772 307 or Treasurer Anne Martin 0429 181 460.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Mondays fall of rain was just what we ordered with falls of 20-40mm widespread around the district. The paddocks have already turned and now have sufficient moisture to continue to grow which will only magnify if we can land more of the predicted rainfall over the next 2 weeks. The rain has fallen over a large area and is still predicted to fall in the same parts over the coming weeks with the potential of heavy falls causing flash flooding. Areas northwest of Moree got more than 100mm and places like the Darling Downs region notched up similar figures. The areas that were on fire got some much needed rain to help put the bush fires out. Let's hope the precipitation continues and forecasters are right in saying some areas are in for 150-200mm of rain. I wouldn't like to be in Western Australia right now as a predicted heat wave moves over the state.

The fall out over the Optus phone coverage debacle is continuing with the CEO resigning from the top job on Monday. I don't think she is to blame but it comes after the entire network had a blackout for an extensive period. Sadly, this outage prevented their Optus customers from dialling triple 0 which put numerous lives at risk. Another wake up call for everyone should be that without network coverage, all the cashless payment services are unable to be used. It is worrying on many levels considering a cashless society is the direction that we seem to be evolving towards. As much trouble as we have with our service, I don't think the outage would affect people in the country as much, as we already tend to function without service a lot of the time.

Mining magnate Twiggy Forrest has bought the iconic Australian hat brand Akubra which is manufactured in Kempsey on the Mid North Coast. Twiggy is planning on ramping up production and keeping the manufacturing of Akubra in Kempsey instead of going off shore. I think this could only mean good things for Akubra especially after he also bought R M Williams back in 2020 and has increased its workforce by 500 people. I'm guessing the downside of the acquisition is that we will see a price rise in the cost of these iconic hats as I know if you have seen the price of the R M Williams boots and clothing, it's top quality but not cheap.

The housing market in 2024 is set for a downturn with experts tipping that the continual rise of interest rates has finally taken its toll on the property market. The housing market has really defied all the odds to date with markets continuing to get dearer due to lack of supply and high demand. They are saying that even though demand will remain high, more people will be forced to sell due to interest rates and increasing cost of living. The rural property market is also tipped to come under some pressure purely because the sums don't add up. Depending on equity ratios, the profit from farming businesses, especially livestock now aren't enough to the cover the cost of production. The high land prices that have been paid over the last two years have really put a lot of equity into farming business, but it will be an interesting period when the slide happens the other way and your equity reduces.

The rain has had the desired effect on the cattle market with all categories in Tamworth on Monday quoted as being dearer. Tamworth yarded 850 cattle with weaner steers selling to 320c/kg while the heifer portion topped at 290c/kg. Feeder cattle saw rises of up to 35c/kg with heavy feeder steers topping at 276c/kg while the heifers sold to 255c/kg. Trade weight kill cattle topped at 260c/kg while cows broke through the 200c/kg barrier topping at 212c/kg. 1800 sheep and lambs in Tamworth meet a dearer market due to the limited supply. Best lambs topped at \$128 while mutton topped at \$77. It's always good to hear farmers in the west getting trucks bogged and unable to get kill lambs to the works so other lambs are brought forward to fill the space. I wonder if there are some holes appearing in the lamb supply chain. Forward contracts are now also available with \$6/kg being quoted in the New Year for heavy lambs but given the season, I'm guessing they will be plenty of space at that weight and hopefully we have also seen the bottom of both the beef and lamb markets for some time.

The motorbike festival was by all reports a ripping success and judging by the amount of bikes in town over the weekend, hopefully plenty of money injected into local businesses.

Power outage this Sunday

Essential Energy crews will complete maintenance works on the electricity network that supplies Uralla, Walcha and surrounding areas, from Armidale this weekend.

Operations Manager Ranges, Paul McWilliam, said the works would ensure that the electricity network remains safe and reliable for the region.

"This important maintenance had been originally scheduled for a Monday in early November, however was rescheduled to a Sunday following community concerns about the impact of a planned outage on the affected communities on a weekday."

To enable the works to be completed safely, a planned power outage affecting more than 4,200 customers in Uralla, Walcha, Yarrowitch, Nowendoc, Woolbrook, Kentucky, Arding River, Rocky River, and surrounding rural areas, will take place on **Sunday, 26 November 2023 between 8.30am and 5.00pm**. Affected homes and businesses have been notified in advance.

"Essential Energy appreciates that power outages can be inconvenient, and we understand that this reschedule may not be the ideal time for some communities and businesses, and we thank them for their understanding and patience while we complete this important work," Paul said.

The works will see crews replace three power poles and 12 pole crossarms, along with 15 insulators and various other network components that have reached end of life.

"Crews and equipment from Armidale, Glen Innes, Tamworth and Walcha will work together to ensure the works are completed as quickly as possible," Paul said.

The work is dependent on weather conditions and may be postponed if conditions are unfavourable or unforeseen circumstances arise.

"We appreciate that planned power outages can be inconvenient, and we thank customers for their understanding as we work to ensure the electricity network remains safe and reliable," Paul said.

thumbs



- 👉 To Lisa Kirton and team for the great night Thursday night at the showground. Loved the live music.
- 👉 To the Mens Shed. The care and compassion shown to a grieving family makes me very proud to belong to this town. Every last member there made us feel welcome and understood.
- 👉 To Walcha Community Care for a very good day out in Armidale, the visit to Saumarez Homestead and nice lunch at The Top Pub in Uralla.
- 👉 For the Bowling Club Melbourne Cup Race day fashion show and the lovely meal.
- 👉 Huge congratulations to Lisa and all her volunteers for such a spectacular motorcycle rally. The whole event was action packed with a wonderful happy atmosphere and a great boost to our little town.
- 👉 To all the volunteers for their help in leaving the showground in excellent condition after the bike rally. Well done.
- 👉 To Helen and Sher for the new thebigblackbuilding vintage clothes section. Amazing! Legends!
- 👉 Hoy's Concrete for the donation of soil to Walcha Central School. Thank you.
- 👉 To Sue Harrison from Home Hardware for 14 years of Service at the Walcha store. Enjoy your retirement.
- 👉 Thank you to the person who dumped a very freshly cut pigs ear which I found at the Memorial Park on Sunday 19/11/23.

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A successful Walcha Motorcycle Rally



With over 1,500 people in attendance, the 2023 Walcha Motorcycle Rally was a great success. New attractions for the kids drew more people and local families through the gate, while motorcycle enthusiasts travelled to attend from as far away as Tasmania.

The Street Parade saw 180 riders take to their bikes with locals lining the streets to watch.

Congratulations to Lisa Kirton from Walcha Tourism and her dedicated team of volunteers on another successful rally.



Pictures by Simon Scott for Walcha Tourism and the Walcha Telecottage

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Top Clockwise: Visitor enjoying the rally action at the Showground. Hard Enduro X track was an absolute hit with local kids. Will Stace, Harry Partridge & Dave Ledingham enjoying the procession. Local bike riders tested their skill on the barrel race course. Blake McKinnon showing his skill on the Enduro track. Budding fire fighters at the Markets with their Fire Rescue NSW merchandise. Lisle boys watching the procession. Wauch children glued to the action on the Enduro track. Centre: Youngest competitor Rudy Young.



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Fishing Club Presentations

Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club held their 2022-23 Presentation Day last Saturday at the Lions Park. A great day was had by all with the children enjoying the great facilities at the new Lions Park.

All participants received shirts or a travel bag, embroidered by Tracey Hoy from Sew On Embroidery.

Girl Champion Freshwater	Abbie Marshall 2899.5pts
Girl Heaviest F/W Fish	Abbie Marshall R/Bow 54cm
Girl Champion Saltwater	Mila Tate 246 pts
Girl Heaviest S/W Fish	Mila Tate Flathead 46 cm
Lady Champion Freshwater	Kathy Riž 105 pts
Lady Heaviest F/W Fish	Kathy Riž R/Bow 35cm
Lady Champion Saltwater	Kathy Riž 804 pts
Lady Heaviest S/W Fish	Kayla Partridge F/Head 64 cm
Boy Champion Freshwater	Toby Riž 378 pts
Boy Heaviest F/W Fish	Toby Riž R/Bow Trout 32 cm
Boy Champion Saltwater	Toby Riž 1599 pts
Boy Heaviest S/W Fish	Toby Riž Flathead 60cm
Man Champion Freshwater	Graham Marshall 2713.5pts
Man Heaviest F/W Fish	Nick Wicher R/Bow Trout 50cm
Man Champion Saltwater	Darren Bird 2310 pts
Man Heaviest S/W Fish	Darren Bird Flathead 72cm
Ray Bird Memorial Flathead	Darren Bird Flathead 72 cm
Paul Hoy Memorial Best Table Fish	Darren Bird Flathead 72 cm
Brooks Mem Shield Biggest Trout	Abbie Marshall R/Bow Trout 54cm

Fish On Board not winning major trophy

Blackfish	Graham Partridge 40cm
Whiting	Adam Tate 33cm
Bass	Roger Jamieson 40cm
Flathead	Carol Bird 61cm



Above: Graham Marshall, Kayla Partridge, Abbie Marshall, Darren Bird and in front Mila Tate.
Left: Toby Rizzi

Denmark's Wind problems

From John Heffernan with Voice for Walcha

I've always considered Denmark and Wind Power as inseparable, like a horse and carriage, a marriage made in a renewable heaven. That's why I was recently stunned by another high quality study that tells a disturbingly negative tale about the Danes and Wind. The work mainly focuses on ageing and performance variations plus failures and major breakdowns in three generations of turbines: (1) small ones with a capacity of less than 1 MW; (2) larger ones of 2+MW; and (3) offshore ones of 3.6 to 6+ MW capacity.

The data largely comes from the Danish Energy Agency's register of wind turbines, which at the end of September 2019 held information on more than 9,500 turbines. Statistical and econometric work is by Professor Gordon (from Edinburgh University's School of Economics), the ex World Bank senior advisor on energy and environmental policy who headed the exacting study into 350 UK wind farms operating between 2002 and 2019, the same time frame as this study, And just like that UK study, the findings of this Danish research could also be called sobering.

Professor Gordon makes it clear that the smaller turbines aren't a problem at all. For those with a capacity of less than 1 MW the combined but offsetting effects of ageing and technical progress lead to only minor declines in average load factors as turbines get older. It's the larger 2+ MW onshore and offshore turbines where age-related decline in performance rears its ugly head, with a decline of about 3% annually for onshore turbines and as much as 4.5% for offshore machines. This means that by Age 16, an onshore wind farm will only produce 63% of its Age 1 performance, while for offshore rigs that drops to 50% of peak output. In other words "the economics of keeping a turbine or wind farm in operation look increasingly unattractive once it passes an age of 16 years."

Pretty crook, eh? But it gets crooker. For starters, all those more reliable small turbines have effectively reached end of life, leaving the larger less reliable and poorer performing onshore turbines to run the show, alongside the even larger, even less reliable, poorer performing and more costly (to maintain) offshore rigs. And to make things even worse, according to the Professor, "manufacturers are contemplating a shift to yet another generation of 12+ MW offshore turbines with all the likely problems" linked with that.

There are plenty of lessons to take home from this study, but perhaps the most salient is the patent untruth that large-scale wind power generation is nearly costless. It most certainly is not. At the very least it involves seriously expensive engineering and economic trade-offs that must not be ignored. For that reason alone, those who seek to promote large-scale wind projects - like operators, governments and official bodies - need to engage in honest and open cost/benefit discussions that acknowledge and factor in such serious trade-offs for any worthwhile analysis of wind as a viable renewable technology.

Once again, as with the Edinburgh University study of 350 UK wind farms, Australia should take on board this invaluable free lesson from Denmark, and begin thinking about more viable, more reliable and more desirable sources of energy.

Crazy Sock and Hair Day at St Patrick's School

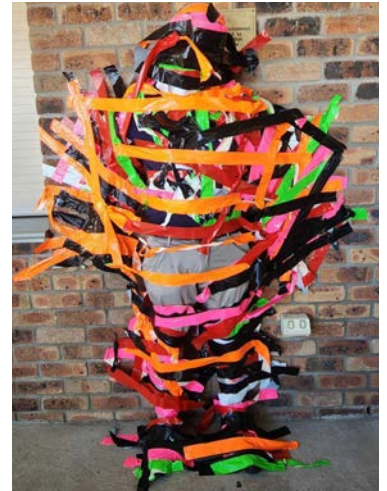
There were definitely some unusual sights at St Patrick's Primary recently as all of the students let their imagination run wild by wearing the craziest pair of socks they could find, using various colours, gels and other assortments in their hair for our annual Crazy Sock and Hair Day. Organised by the school's Mini Vinnies Committee, the students were raising money for Catholic Missions, where the funds will assist those in need in Timor Leste.

The Mini Vinnies team kidnapped Mr Hyatt at the end of the day and led him out in front of all the students and staff. There he was humiliated by everyone who purchased numerous strips of duct tape in order for him to be taped to the wall. This was very popular as a number of students and staff members brought multiple strips to ensure that Mr Hyatt couldn't escape. Eventually, Mr Hyatt did free himself but it will take him a very long time to recover from this ordeal.

Overall the day was an outstanding success with over \$230 raised.



Left: Grace and Addi trying to outmatch each other with their hairstyles
Below right: Principal Mr Hyatt all taped up and struggling to get free.



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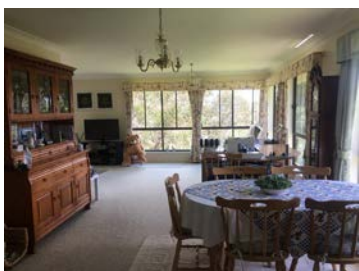
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Congratulations to Walcha Veteran Cricketers Barry Hoy, Bill Duncan and Stephen 'Wilba' Haslem who represented NSW Over 60's at the National Championships in Perth last week. 'Baz' was a member of the victorious Division 1 squad believed to be the first NSW winner since 2007 after they defeated Victoria in the final. Bill's team finished third in Division 2 whereas Wilba's side were runners up in Division 3. Good on ya boys.

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What a magnificent effort by the Australian Cricket team to win the Mens O.D.I World Cup against all odds last Sunday night. Playing against India who were undefeated in the competition and hot favourites going into the final, Australia silenced the huge Indian crowd in their own backyard when they chased down 240 runs with 42 balls up their sleeve. Hats off to left handed opener Travis Head who hit 137 runs in a 'Man of the Match' performance which also included a sensational catch to dismiss Indian Captain Rohit Sharma. Go the Aussies and Mollydookers!

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The performance by the Walcha/Urala 2nd Grade cricket team last Saturday wasn't half bad either. Batting against Ex Services at Doody Park in the Armidale and District competition the visitors amassed an unbelievable total of 380 runs off 45 overs for the loss of just one wicket. Batters Shannon Rafferty 160 (eighteen 4's and a 6) and Daniel Boyd 104 (ten 4's and four 6's) both remained unconquered while opener Ed Blomfield fell agonisingly close to his own century when he was trapped L.B.W after reaching 94. Ed then backed up to collect six wickets so 94+6 should equal a ton - surely.

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If you read the cricket report the bowlers listed for Ex Services with the surname 'Bowler' aren't brothers it's just that the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th trundlers had numbers instead of names which didn't correspond with their batting list. Sure makes it hard when the girls at the Apsley Advocate are dealing with such details.

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What about Mudgeeraba bowler Gareth Morgan who snared four hat tricks in an over a couple of weekends ago while playing against Surfers Paradise in the Gold Coast's Premier League Division 3. When Surfers were 4-174 needing five runs to win with one over remaining, the team captain decided to bowl the final over himself so the winning runs would come off him not one of his other young bowlers.

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First ball of the over Morgan had Surfers opener Jake Garland caught at midwicket for 65 while he was attempting to end the game with one hit, then had two batters caught down the leg side, the next caught at point before bowling the other two. How could he take four hat tricks in an over, I hear you ask? 1st Balls - 1,2,3, 2nd - 2,3,4, 3rd - 3,4,5 and 4th - 4,5,6. I think they call it a quadruple hat trick and they would be as rare as rocking horse manure.



Barry Hoy and his wife Jenny with the National Veterans Cricket Over 60's Division 1 trophy in Perth last week.

Should have called this week's column 'What's the cricket?' going on the amount of content from that particular sport. My son in law Josh Wellings watched the World Cup Final right through to the end and was fairly happy when it rained on Monday meaning he could delay demolishing the outside of our house. Josh was that weary at the end of the day he forgot to turn up for his Indoor Hockey game that night after it completely slipped his mind.

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Walcha Swimming Club was scheduled to commence their season yesterday weather permitting which didn't look too bright at the time of going to print. According to Flippers 'Head Honcho' Yolanda Mooney registration numbers are down so far this season but she expects numbers will increase once the club is in full swing. For all registration details check out the classified page in this issue.

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Earlier in the week my much better half Linda requested I purchase some coconut to assist with her cooking while I was shopping at IGA. As I strolled down one of the aisles former IGA employee Amie Eveleigh was also there so I asked her if she knew where the 'designated' coconut was which Linda had asked me to get. Amie reached down and grabbed a bag with a smile on her dial when she handed it to me mainly because it was 'desiccated' coconut which quickly lead me to believe I may not have listened to instructions in the first place.

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Tennis

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Bolt: H Thomson, R Bagnall, K Smith and M Luchich had a draw with Millman: T Whillock, P O'Brien, A Barillaro and J Burgess 25 all.

Ebden: D Sweeney, C Ireland, S Blake and R Mathews defeated DeMinaur: S Payne (floating for DA Locke), D Clark, G Wall and S Ireland in a great close match 25 to 24.

Popyrin: E Blomfield, E Habermann (floating for M Ireland), B Kommeran and T Tape defeated Purcell: M Lockyer, C Bruce, A Blomfield and P Tape 29 to 28 in yet another great close match.

Thanks to S Payne and E Haberman for floating. The next Club meeting will be held on Mon 11th Dec at 6.30pm.

All members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

At the 19th

Club Secretary Jenny Lisle and 'Mollydooker' Allan Laurie have been declared dual winners of the annual patrons (Col Berry and Margaret Davidson) trophy after both players posted two round totals of 73 stableford points following the concluding round last Sunday.

In the closing round Allan Laurie came home with a wet sail to win a prize supplied by Crichton Barr when he racked up 42 points to go with his opening round 31 points.

Runner up last Sunday was Jenny Lisle after she accumulated 39 points adding to her first round 34 points, whereas John McCormack was next best overall on 68 points (33,35).

Sweepstakes went to Peter Berry 38, Doug McDonald 37, Mal Ballard, John McCormack, Pauline Carter and Lee Fletcher all on 35 points.

Sharpest shooter at the third pin was Andrew Crawford while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the 18th.

In match play Michael Stackman defeated Miles Archdale 2 up and now takes on Willy Brennan to determine who does battle with Barry Hoad in the final.

Last Saturday John McCormack compiled 18 points to sneak home from runner up Allan Laurie who counted out Sue Partridge on 17 points.

N.T.P on 3 went to Allan Laurie.

The Urella Vets open is scheduled for this Friday while the Mens Open has been shifted from Sunday to Saturday due to a power outage.

The Mixed Open is to be rescheduled. Despite no power here on the home front Walcha golf is going ahead where Michael Stackman is in charge of providing a prize for the stableford events.

Cricket

Ex- Services v Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade

Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD lbw 5th bowler.....	94
S RAFFERTY n.o	160
D BOYD n.o	104
Total 380. Extras 23. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
O Hira 9-0-0-71, 2nd Bowler 9-0-0-65, B Lockwood 7-0-0-64, 4th Bowler 9-0-0-77, 5th Bowler 8-0-1-73, 6th Bowler 3-0-0-17.	

Ex-Services

A WATTKINS c E Blomfield b M Harper	5
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NISALE W c S Rafferty b M Harper	14
B LOCKWOOD c G Youll b E Blomfield.....	65
H IROSHAN c S Rafferty b S Marl	7
O HIRA c N Endacott b E Blomfield	10
V NATH c M Harper b E Blomfield	4
S ISLAM n.o	22
M RATON b E Blomfield	0
KANSINGHE b E Blomfield	0
A JAWARDENA c N Endacott b E Blomfield	0
Total 157. Extras 28. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
M Harper 5-0-2-21, W Fletcher 5-1-0-21, S Martin 4-0-1-26, J Sherrin 4-0-0-25, C Boyd 4-1-0-52, E Blomfield 5.1-1-6-14, D Boyd 1-0-0-9.	

TAS v Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade

TAS

T BURNETT c B Jex b D Morley	15
S BROTHERTON lbw C Mooney	41
S KELLY s.t B Jex b N Swan	0
C DRANEY c B Jex b H Williams	13
RABBOTT c P Edlington b D Morley	68
D EMMERY n.o	33
C SEDON b D Morley	0
T CROWLEY n.o	3
Total 210. Extras 35. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
B Ussher 5-2-0-29, C Mooney 5-1-0-11, D Morley 8-1-3-25, H Ussher 3-0-0-12, N Swan 8-1-1-35, A Keen 3-0-0-14, P Mooney 5-0-1-17, H Williams 2-0-1-41, P Edlington 1-0-0-21.	

Walcha/Uralla

B JEX c & b Kelly.....	11
C MOONEY lbw Shankland.....	0
D MORLEY lbw Kelly.....	1
P MOONEY b Elliott	18
N SWAN c Emmery b Elliott	29
P EDLINGTON b Elliott.....	0
H WILLIAMS b Abbott	0
A KEEN n.o.....	5
Total 66. Extras 2. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
S Kelly 5-1-0-10, M Shankland 5-0-1-27, R Abbott 2-0-1-10, B Elliott 2.3-0-3-6, C Sedon 1-0-0-13.	

Results of the Walcha/Uralla Cricket teams were from one end of the scale to the other when 2nd and 3rd Grade played their Armidale and District games in Armidale last Saturday.

Batting first at Doody Park the visitors belted an amazing 380 runs for the loss of just one wicket against Ex Services in 2nd Garde.

Openers Ed Blomfield and Shannon Rafferty put on an opening stand of 212 runs off 27 overs before Blomfield was trapped L.B.W for 94.

Rafferty then joined forces with Daniel Boyd to share an unbeaten 168 run second wicket partnership off 18 overs, which came to a close leaving Rafferty unconquered on 160 and Boyd 104.

Ex Services were dismissed for 157 in their 28th over after fourth change bowler Blomfield caused most of the damage capturing 6/14 off his 5.1 overs. Whereas opener Matt Harper 2/21 and Sam Martin 1/26 also took wickets. In 3rd Grade the visitors were set a total of 6/210 by TAS on their home ground where Walcha/Uralla trundler David Morley was the most successful wicket taker snaring 3/25 off his eight overs.

The other wicket takers were Peter Mooney 1/17, Nathan Swan 1/35 and Henry Williams 1/41.

In reply Walcha/Uralla lasted 15 and half overs making 7/66 but did bat three players short. Nathan Swan top scored with 29 runs, Peter Mooney made 18 while opener Bob Jex was the only other batter to reach double figures on 11.

Bowls

Dads Army: Two games of triples and one of singles were played on Thursday afternoon.

The chook winners, in Brian Goodwin, Peter Hayes and Eric O'Keefe had a 15 - 11 win against Matt Andrews, Neil Dark and Mark Hogan in the first game of triples and in the second where Noel Goodwin played twice joined with Barry Kliendienst and John McCormack to defeat Tony Asmus, Simon Porter and Noel 18 - 14.

The game of pairs saw a 16 all draw between Mick Bullen and John McLean and Gordon Bird and John Watts. Mick and John claimed the win when they won 9 ends to 7.

The raffle was won by BK.

Ladies Bowls

There were three games played in the Ivy Makeham Singles last Thursday with very close results. The game between Janice Rizzi and Wendy Moore went to the final end to determine the winner with Janice getting two shots to win 15-13.

In the other two games Lyn Burnell won 15-9 over the improving Rosie Aitken, and Esther Hunt defeated Carmel Ryan 20-10.

The draw for the semi-finals this Thursday 23rd November is Lyn Burnell v's Janice Rizzi marker June Hayes, Sari Andrews v's Esther Hunt marker Pam Makeham.

There is social bowls this week for those not playing in the Ivy Makeham Singles.

Our Presentation Day and Christmas Party is being held on Thursday 14th December more information next week.

Wednesday Golf

Captain Donna Martin took out Barb Mulligan's trophy on Wednesday with 35 stableford points.

Sweepstakes then went to Polly Locke on 32, Marg Parsons, also with 32, Vicki Heffernan with 31 and Ark Street with 31.

Barb gave trophies for the best front 9 and the best back 9, and the winner for the front 9 was Sally McCormack with 20 points, and Cheryl McDonald was the winner on the back 9 with 18 points.

Sally McCormack was the closest to the pin on Hole 3 and Donna Martin claimed the second shot on Hole 9.

Our other Captain Cheryl McDonald was the sharpest shooter for second shot on Hole 18, putting it into the hole for a birdie.

Today we are playing par for a trophy donated by Pip Monie.

A number of girls are also away playing at South West Rocks in the Jewel of the Coast Tournament.

THE APSLEY Advocate Christmas Box Ads

Start thinking about your Christmas box ads.
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Funeral Notice

GRAHAM: William George 'Bill'

17th November 2023
Of Walcha.

Dearly loved husband of Mary. Loving son of Eric & Dorothy (both dec'd). Much loved brother and brother-in-law of Colin & Heather, Douglas & Marnie, John & Mimi, Bob (dec'd) and Geoff (dec'd). Loved uncle and great-uncle of their families.

Funeral service to be held at Piddington's Funeral home on Monday 27th November at 11am, followed by interment at the Walcha Catholic Cemetery.

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Public Notices

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On-site Sharpening at Quota Markets 25th November. Bring your garden tools/ knives and scissors down to be sharpened. Phone Phillip 0412 706 353.

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser HIGH TEA at Marg and John Cross's garden. 219 Aberbaldie Rd. Sat. 2 December 11.30am Cost \$25 each, payable on entry. (Cash only). RSVP 30 Nov. to Vic 0427 772 950

Walcha Garden Club Christmas luncheon Friday 1 December at Philip & Pam Dutton's garden 'Wyanga', 252 Gills Rd, Uralla. Cars will depart McHattan Park at 9am. BYO chair, cup & mug, gift or plant to exchange and a plate of food to share. Members are encouraged to invite guests. Enquiries: D Lisle 0429 799 083, J Hoy 0427 367 711.

Walcha Australia Day Award Nominations – NOW OPEN



Nominations for Walcha Australia Day Awards are available in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year – Age 24 or younger
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year – Age 18 or younger
- Walcha Community Group, Organisation or Community Event

Nomination forms are available on our website: <https://walcha.nsw.gov.au/walcha-australia-day-awards/> or from Council Office. Please post, email or drop them into the Council.

Nominations CLOSE: Wednesday 20 December 2023

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

Woolbrook and District Progress Association Inc. extends an invitation to all for our Woolbrook Christmas Gathering to be held at the Woolbrook AIF Hall on Wednesday the 13 December 2023 at 5.30pm start.

- BYOG and food. BBQ facilities available Nibbles provided. Bring a side salad or dessert to share.
- Soft drinks, chocolates and candle lights for sale by Woolbrook Public School P&C. Cash only no eftpos facilities available.
- Christmas raffles will be run.
- Carols will be sung by the Woolbrook Public School students and a Community singalong.
- Santa will be making a visit. So remember 5.30 start, everyone welcome. See you there!

Walcha War Memorial Baths Closures for the 2023/2024 Season



Residents are advised that the following closures are planned at the Walcha War Memorial Baths for November 2023:

Due to staff shortages the baths will be closed on:

23rd November 2023

- Open 6:00am – 8:00am
- Closed 10:00am – 6:00pm

24th November 2023

- Open 6:00am – 8:00am
- Closed 10:00am – 6:00pm

Due to a planned power outage the baths will be closed for the full day on:

26th November 2023

Please note that the baths will be open as normal on:

25th November 2023

- Open 10am – 6:00pm

Phillip Hood, General Manager
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Public notices cont

Flippers Swimming Club Registration now open and can be completed online via google form. <https://forms.gle/yX1LpoMdc1ffVYJU7> Contact: walchafippersswimmingclub@gmail.com or call 0400 931 514 for more information.

Walcha Council Scheduled

Waste transfer closure



Walcha Council will be closing the Waste Transfer station on Friday 24th November after 1:00pm. The WTS will be open from 8:30 to 1:00pm due to Union picnic.

For enquiries, please call Council on 6774 2500.

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

Walcha Off Creek Storage OPEN DAY!

Saturday 2 December 2023
10am to 12pm



Council will OPEN the Off Creek Storage Facility on Saturday 2 December 2023 to the Public. For all of you who would like to see the new water storage dam please feel free to drop in from 10am.

The Ministers Address will commence at 11am. In attendance will be Barnaby Joyce MP, Federal Member for New England, and Adam Marshall MP, State Member for Northern Tablelands.

Phillip Hood, General Manager
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Guess what, the cakes are here! Lions Christmas Cakes available at Telecottage, Post Office, Newsagency or direct from Lloyd Livingston on 0466 728 508.

Walcha Men's Shed has for sale a variety of seedlings and plants. Mon, Wed & Fri.

Meeting

Walcha Technology Co-operative Ltd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 27 Nov 2023

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Anthea Macpherson, Board Secretary.



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