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2024 Australia Day Awards



From left: Mayor Eric Noakes, Margaret Davidson, Vicki McIvor, Australia Day Ambassador Nicholas Gleeson, Suzie Harrison and James Patterson-Kane.

On Friday 26 January, locals were acknowledged for their hard work, dedication and talent at Walcha's 2024 Australia Day ceremony in McHattan Park. Congratulations to all recipients on their achievements.

Citizen of the Year Suzie Harrison

A tireless worker for our community was recognised as our Citizen of the Year on Friday.

Suzie is someone who epitomises 'giving to others'. During COVID lockdowns, Suzie baked goods and cooked meals which she delivered to the elderly members of our community, as well as regularly checking on their welfare.

For many years Suzie has organised fundraising events such as Bingo Nights and has collected cans to donate the proceeds to the Walcha Support Group.

Suzie has been a very active member of both the Ex Services Club and Bowling Club, assisting with the running of the clubs as well as fundraising events.

On top of all of this Suzie throws on the Rural Fire Service uniform and assists when needed.

When her children were young she was a very active member of the Walcha Central School P&C as well as assisting at the school. She continued to help where she could, even after her children left school.

In his address to the community, Australia Day Ambassador, Nick Gleeson encouraged those present to set goals in 2024 to do small gestures towards others in our community. "Think of others, there will always be someone in need, and I encourage you all to show kindness and do what you are able to give to them."

He continued, "A community is made up of children, teenagers, parents and older members. The combination of these working together makes a progressive and involved community which is what you are fortunate to have here in Walcha."

Our Citizen of the Year, Suzie Harrison is a perfect example of living life and giving to others, and we thank her for the enormous contribution she has made in our community.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The weather has been hot and humid, especially towards the end of last week before those storms rolled through. Once again, the summer storms were extremely patchy and if luck was on your side then you landed anything from 25-60mm. These storm cells seem to be continuing to build up the east coast, especially in SE Queensland which has a warning in place for heavy rain and flash flooding over the remainder of the week. The remnants of Cyclone Kirrily moved inland over the weekend and dumped falls of more than 400mm across parts of northwest Queensland. It's always nice to see plenty of moisture in the top end of Australia over the wet season and large amounts of moisture falling in Queensland which will hopefully continue to brew up storms for everyone.

Horse industry eyes will be firmly set on Tamworth this weekend with the annual Nutrien Classic Sale and Campdraft commencing Friday. The industry continues to grow and the amount of people getting involved is staggering. Values paid are nowhere near the racing industry, but nor is the prize money – it will be an interesting space to watch over the coming years. The annual Nutrien Classic Cattle Sale will be held in Tamworth next Wednesday which will see excellent drafts of Walcha cattle go under the hammer.

The Walcha Races are quickly approaching with the two-day event kicking off next Friday and I'm sure the committee have an excellent program on the cards. It's another great local event which sees the town enjoy a half day holiday, with horse racing enthusiasts travelling from all over the state to attend. Make sure you dust off your racing attire and head out to the racecourse.

Local graziers will be getting organised to plant annual winter crops which generally coincide around the local races. Winter forage crops will be highly valuable this season as I think we are in for a tough enough winter. Even though some have been lucky enough to get consecutive storms, our current grass situation doesn't have enough bulk to help survive half a winter, let alone a Walcha winter. Hay prices look to have dropped a bit, but be aware of the quality and the amount of rain the hay has had on it while on the ground before bailing. It appears that the Tamworth region has been able to make plenty of hay of late and sourcing it around that area will only help keep your costs down.

The EYCI now sits around the 650c compared to the last year at the end of October when it was only 360c/kg. The cattle, sheep and lamb markets has seen a vast improvement which has been helped by moisture and the old supply and demand factor. The trade lamb indicator has seen similar improvement in the same time frame, sitting at 480c/kg back in late October to now be either side of 700c/kg. To a producer that's an increase of 45% extra value for you kill lambs and a whopping 80% rise in the value for your weaners.

2,040 head of cattle were yarded in Tamworth on Monday which saw a firm to slightly dearer market. Weaner steers sold to 402c/kg for under 200kg, yearling steers, under 400kg topped 380c/kg, while the heifer portion made to 356c/kg for 386kg. Feeder steer made to 368c/kg, while heifers over 400kg topped 338c/kg. Heavy kill cattle are the shining light with domestic kill cattle topping 350c/kg. Cows improved by up to 11c/kg topping at 278c/kg for 649kg.

2,500 mutton and 2,000 lambs were also yarded in Tamworth on Monday which sold to varying but mostly cheaper trends. Weight was the major factor contributing to the cheaper trends with trade weight lambs topping at \$150, while the heavy lambs topped at \$200. Heavy mutton topped at \$88, while the majority over 18kg dead sold from \$40 – \$60. Interestingly lamb skin values have risen with processors now quoting good new season skins at \$7 – 8 per skin, depending on carcass weight, which we haven't seen for years.

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From left: Margaret Davidson, Vicki McIvor (representing the Hospital Auxiliary), and James Patterson-Kane who accepted the Junior Sportsperson award on behalf of his daughter Annabelle (inset).

Sportsperson

Margaret Davidson

Fourteen time Ladies Golf Champion, Margaret was very surprised to be presented with Walcha's Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Margaret contributes enormously to the Golf Club, being the Treasurer for the past 15 years. She has also held many other executive roles at the Club in her long golfing career, as well as being a Life Member and Patron of the Club.

In accepting the award Margaret commented, "I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the Golf Club and have definitely benefitted through volunteering far more than I have given."

Walcha Community Organisation

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary

This year marks 90 years of the Walcha Hospital Auxiliary raising funds to purchase new equipment for our Health Service. The members cook many cakes and slices, hold BBQ's, street stalls, high teas, garage sales, Melbourne Cup luncheons and many other fundraisers to raise money. Over the past two years they have raised an astounding \$20,000. This money is not only directed towards new equipment, but also baby bundles for newborns and comfort packs for emergency patients.

Australia Day MC, Karen Brown congratulated long standing member, Vicki McIvor when announcing the award. "This is an amazing group of people who are vital to the wellbeing of citizens of Walcha."

Junior Sportsperson

Annabelle Patterson-Kane

At only 12 years of age, Annabelle's achievements are a testament to her ability, hard work and determination. Her recent achievements include:

- Athletics: representing St Patricks Primary School at Diocesan, Polding and NSW PSSA
- Swimming (including Walcha Flippers), athletics, cross country, tetrathlon (winning two years in a row at Zone), and Pony Club Jamboree
- Hockey: winning gold with the of Polding Girls Hockey team, Captaining the U13's to victory in the New England Hockey competition, and being part of the Guyra Div. 2 women's team who were runners-up.
- Achieved the Junior Hockey Umpires Badge for umpiring at Kim Small Shield Under 11's State Championships.
- Travelling to Armidale, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Orange and Sydney to compete.
- St Patrick's: Athletics – broke a 31 year old 800m record. Swimming – broke the 100m Freestyle record.
- Age Champion for Athletics and Swimming
- Age Champion at Walcha Flippers.

Annabelle's award was accepted by her father James as she has just commenced boarding school in Toowoomba.

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Mega start for Walcha Youth Group

With two programs now on offer for school-aged children in Years 5 – 8 and Years 9 – 12, Youth Group is launching for 2024 with a MEGA NIGHT planned for this Saturday evening where there will be mega games and challenges, mega burgers and dessert.

Every Saturday from 5 – 7pm, Youth Group will take place on the grounds of Walcha's Presbyterian Church and is free to come along to. For Years 5 – 8 there are outdoor and indoor games and challenges, while Years 9 – 12 can choose to either join in or be a part of a separate 'Cook & Chill' time. This is followed by Bible study groups and dinner together.

Graham and Karen Barnes are excited to welcome Walcha Anglicans Neil and Steph Hunt, who will co-lead Youth Group with them. Together these church families are looking forward to the year ahead.

Anyone in Years 5 – 8 or Years 9 – 12 are invited to come and check it out this Saturday night!

For enquiries phone Graham and Karen Barnes 6777 2539 or Neil and Steph Hunt 6777 2543.

Join us for Bridge



Interested in playing Bridge? Local Bridge players are inviting any interested people to join them Monday mornings at the Tennis Club for an informal morning of Bridge – a card game for all ages. Join Betty and her team to learn how to play and enjoy Bridge. All enquiries can be directed to Di Bazeley on 0403 464 865.

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Local singer performs at Festival

Talented local singer, Tia Lloyd, took to the stage at the Tamworth Country Music Festival last week in the 'Golden Gig' Competition, which gives young music artists the opportunity to display their talent and kick start their musical journey.

Tia was competing in the 13 – 17 year age group, with the 17 year old singing *Travelling Soldier* and *I Remember Everything*, on the Macca's Stage in Kable Avenue in front of a large audience.

The competition, which is sponsored by Macca's, is a great way for young musicians to gain experience singing in front of audiences, as well as on-stage performance skills. Entrants came from all over Australia and performed during the week, with the finals held on Australia Day.

The winner received a Scholarship for a Junior Student Course valued at \$3,300 with The Academy, an initiative of the County Music Association of Australia Course, three separate professional mentoring opportunities with an industry leader, and an electric-acoustic guitar, a pair of Outback Traders boots, \$500 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music.

Although Tia wasn't a winner, she gained valuable skills and confidence taking to the stage.



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Walcha's Oldest Citizen Gwen Lisle



Gwen pictured centre with Walcha's 2024 Australia Day ambassador Nicholas Gleeson and Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes.

Gwen has lived practically all her life in the Walcha district. She spent her young years on the property 'Minaro' owned by her father, Jack Steel.

Her Primary education was at a provisional school held in the Nine Mile Church building which was situated on 'Minaro'.

She attended secondary school in both Armidale and Sydney.

During the war years she worked in Sydney.

She married a Walcha boy, Bill Lisle and raised two sons on the property 'Hartford', where she and Bill lived for many years before moving to a house in Walcha.

One of the things Gwen is most proud of is time spent working for the Red Cross. For the last eleven years Gwen has been a resident of Apsley Riverview.

She turned 101 on Monday 29 January 2024. Happy Birthday Gwen.



Locals enjoying a lovely morning in McHattan Park at Walcha's Australia Day celebrations.

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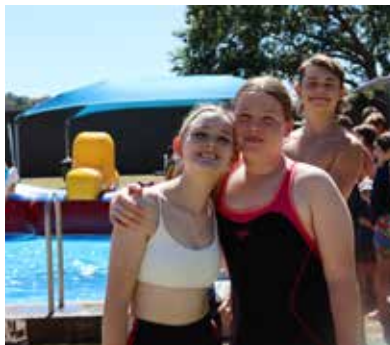
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Kids Fun Day returns to the Walcha Races



There's lots of fun coming up at the Walcha Races 'Family Day' on Saturday 10 February with free entry for everyone.

The day kicks off with the very popular Kids Fashions in the Field with a variety of age groups up to 18 years, as well as a family section. The kids love to dress up, so organisers have placed this event at the start of the race day so the children can be looking their best.

This will be followed by the Kids Foot Race with events for children of all ages. Organiser Lance Partridge will make the day fun for the kids and will be allowing parents to run alongside

youngsters if required.

There will be plenty to keep the kids entertained throughout the afternoon, including:

- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Ice Creams
- Colouring Comp – collect your entry from Nutrien Boulton's or the Walcha Library. Completed entries are to be returned to Nutrien Boulton's by 5pm 7 February. The winner must be at the Walcha Races Family Day to collect their prize.

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- To Cross Bros. Butchery, thank you for the very thoughtful gift before Christmas.
- To Walcha Council for another great school holiday program – so much variety and fun for all ages!
- To Stephen from Walcha Council. Thank you so much for your help.
- To Suzie Harrison and friends for a very successful Bingo night for Walcha Support Group.
- To Transwest Fuel for their assistance in keeping the Woolbrook Village Parkland mowing continuing.
- To Sari and Dacian at IGA Supermarket for staying late on Thursday night to look for my missing purse. Thank you very much for your help to find it.
- To Sophie of The Fruit Shop for her generosity to Ash and Trinity who are walking the National Trail. A small act of kindness made their trip to Walcha a very memorable experience.
- To whoever threw a rock through the windscreen of an elderly hospital patient/residents car which was parked at the Hospital. Now he doesn't have a vehicle for a month until repairs can be done.

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Here are a few simple tips for success.

1. Be mindful not to under or overfill your jars.
2. Use plain bottles and lids free from labels or logos
3. Clearly label your entries with the items name and mm/yyyy
4. Open and check your entry before exhibiting

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Audi Dunn, Chief Steward Produce and Vegetables on 0459 260 111.

Good luck everyone!

HORTICULTURE

Is your thumb green? Do you have prize winning blooms in your garden? If so, come along to the Walcha Show and be part of the amazing Horticulture display. There is a section for everyone, with over 81 to 'pick' from. There will also be a 'Mini Flower Show' in the Horticulture Pavilion on February 17 to explain what a Judge looks for with cut flowers. It is a FREE, non-competitive, informative session designed to help your show entries stand out and everyone is welcome to attend.

Show entries will close 9:00am Thursday 8 March.

For more information please contact Phyllis Hoy, Chief Steward Horticulture on 0439 310 844.

VEGETABLES AND FARM PRODUCE

Have you got a self-seeded tomato that's popped up near the compost? It might just win you a first prize in the Produce Section of this year's Walcha Show. You don't have to be an expert gardener to enter – many flowering vegetables thrive on neglect. Peter Cundall used to say you should let your tomatoes become pot-bound before planting them out, as it causes them to panic and flower. Not that we encourage mistreatment of plants! With more than sixty sections to enter, there's something for everyone, from warted squash to rhubarb, to spuds. There's even still time to throw in some radish seeds for 'Six Radishes'.

Get the kids to make a scarecrow and dress him in one of dad's shirts that shouldn't be seen in public.

Entries need to be at the Main Pavilion by 10.30am on Thursday 7 March. Pick your veggies as late as you can, and wrap leafy greens and herbs in some wet paper towel and a plastic bag to keep them looking fresh.

Questions? Please contact Eliza Lockyer, Chief Steward Produce and Vegetables on 6777 8105.

HANDICRAFT

Once again it is time to showcase the wonderful talent that we have in the Walcha District.

Some changes have been made to the entries so please read carefully.

- Any pictures to be hung please insure they have secure hooks attached.
- All building blocks are to be NO LARGER than 40cm x 40cm and on a stable (firm) base as they are very hard to handle.

Entries will be taken on Wednesday 6 March between 2 – 4pm and Thursday morning until 10.30am. No late entries will be accepted. Any enquires to Helen Mansfield 6777 3916 or Jenny Hoy 0427 367 711.

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Congratulations to the Australia Day Award Recipients Walcha Citizen of the year – Suzie Harrison, Senior Sports Person – Margaret Davidson, Junior Sportsperson – Annabelle Patterson-Kane and Community Organisation – Walcha Hospital Auxillary, who had their awards presented to them by 2024 Ambassador Nicholas Gleeson at McHattan Park last Friday.

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Local Junior Rough Riders Lachie and Benji Provost competed in the ABCRA National Rodeo finals at AELEC in Tamworth late last week, where Lachie finished second in the 11 – 14 Years Mini Bull in Round Two and fifth in the same event in Round Three. Benji placed second in 8 – 11 Years Steer Ride in Round One and finished fifth overall in the Steer Ride aggregate. Benji also came second in the Second Round of the Mini Bull. Good on ya boys.

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Before having cataract surgery on my left eye last week, several people including both my sisters Tracey Crisp and Jayne Dunn, suggested I wouldn't believe how much vision would be restored after the operation. They were certainly correct and I'm pretty sure my chauffer son Ben was getting sick of me reading the traffic signs out loud on the return trip home after my check up the day after the surgery. The week before they were just a blur out of my left eye.

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Still on my sister Tracey, when I visited the Newsagency the other day co-owner Trish Carraro told me she didn't realise Tracey Crisp was my sister. When I replied that I had two sisters, Tracey who was older than me and Jayne Dunn younger. Before leaving the building I asked Trish to tell Tracey that it was hard to believe she was older than me the next time she saw her, which Trish did. Tracey's reply can't be printed here but I did cop it the next time I saw her, mainly because I'm actually three years older than her!! Didn't Trish get a giggle out of the whole thing.

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Best of luck to Emily Scrivener when she represents Walcha in The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman of the Year Zone 4 Final at Tamworth on Saturday 10 February. If Emily is one of two entrants chosen at the Zone 4 Final, it's off to Sydney in March to compete in the big final. Go gettun Emily.

Good to see my old mate Wayne 'Pothole' Boyd back home after his recent misfortune where his left leg had to be amputated. According to his wife Karen, it had been 94 days up until last Thursday when she finally got to bring 'Pot' home for good. It certainly didn't take Wayne long to climb back on the cricket wicket roller at Peter Fenwicke Oval and take it for a spin which he has done countless times before.

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The Walcha Flippers held their annual end of school holidays skills and drills clinic last Sunday, where four instructors from High Country Swimming, run by James Harwood, were in attendance and put 30 Flippers members through their paces. Swimming Club resumed yesterday afternoon.

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Nine local golfers Peter and Col Berry, Lachie and Bill Fletcher, Wayne and Willy Brennan, Simeon Cross, Peter Norbury and Barry Hoad headed north at the end of last week where they were joined by former New England Hotel publican Bob Denniss to play three days of golf at Tenterfield.

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On Thursday the boys played a game of skins where Bob scooped the pool after winning both the front and back nine holes. He also combined with Bill to rack up the best stableford score on the day, 69 points, just a head of Simeon and Perc on 67 points.

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On Friday Simeon and Barry accumulated 69 points to round up Wayne and Bob on 67 points, while on the final day 'Simone' carded the best par score of +5, comfortably ahead of the next best Bill and Barry both square with the card.

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Congratulations to the Walcha / Uralla Second Grade Cricket team on winning their Armidale and District Twenty 20 final at Armidale Sportsground on Australia Day. They defeated Ex Services in a nail biter that went down to the last ball, winning by just a solitary run. With Ex Services needing six runs to win Peter Mooney bowled the last over for the visitors conceding two runs off his first delivery, before bowling the same batsman and then sent down a wide to really tighten up the game. Ex Services could only score one run off the final three balls leaving Walcha/Uralla victorious. Way to go guys.

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Walcha/Uralla v Ex Services 2nd Grade

<u>Walcha/Uralla</u>	
E BLOMFELD b N Nish	20
B HALL c S Islam b S Malinga	0
J WEARNE c N Nish b S Malinga	0
N ENDACOTT c ? b S Sandhu	25
J GRILLS c ? b N Nish	8
B HOY c ? b N Chandimal	29
P MOONEY b S Sandhu	0
B MANSFIELD lbw S Sandhu	0
S LITTLE c ? b N Chandimal	3
B MOORE not out	2
M HARPER lbw S Malinga	2
Total 103. Extras 14. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
H Iroshan 4-1-19-2, S Malinga 3.5-0-21-1, N Nish 4-0-13-2, S Sandhu 4-0-26-3, N Chandimal 4-0-23-2.	

<u>Ex Services</u>	
H IROSHAN c S Little b M Harper	7
N NISH b P Mooney	3
S SANDHU c B Moore b B Hall	24
N CHANDIMAL lbw J Grills	2
WATKINS run out (M Harper)	0
S MALINGA lbw E Blomfield	0
S ISLAM c B Mansfield b J Weame	37
MAHBUB b P Mooney	11
VISAB run out (B Moore)	0
NISAK not out	1
D UTSAV not out	0
Total 102. Extras 14. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
M Harper 4-0-16-1, P Mooney 4-0-2-12, J Grills 4-0-15-1, E Blomfield 4-0-11-1, B Hall 2-0-20-1, J Weame 2-0-14-1.	

Walcha/Uralla v East Green 3rd Grade

<u>Walcha/Uralla</u>	
B JEX b M Kelly	9
D MORLEY C M Bishop b V Simpson	0
P MOONEY b M Kelly	14
N SWAN c M Bishop b L Bradford	23
W FLETCHER c M Bishop b M Kelly	3
P EDDINGTON b M Kelly	1
S HASLEM c H Kratz b N Miller	1
C WATTS not out	45
H WILLIAMS c M Kelly b V Simpson	4
M TASIK b B Moran	6
C MOONEY run out	0
Total 125. Extras 19. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
B Moran 6.1-1-8-1, V Simpson 8-1-30-2, M Kelly 6-0-20-4, N Miller 5-0-12-1, K Davies 4-0-26-0, L Bradford 3-0-23-0.	

<u>East Green</u>	
M KELLY C P Mooney b M Tasik	60
N MILLER b P Mooney	20
H KRATZ b P Mooney	4
B MORAN c & b D Morley	5
C GREEN c P Eddington b D Morley	5
B BISHOP b M Tasik	21
K DAVIES not out	15
M BISHOP not out	4
Total 134. Extras 13. Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkts)	
C Mooney 2-0-18-0, W Fletcher 6-0-18-0, C Watts 3.1-0-18-0, P Mooney 4-0-17-2, N Swan 2-1-17-0, D Morley 3-0-8-2, M Tasik 2-0-15-2, S Haslem 0.3-0-10-0.	

The Walcha/Uralla Second Grade cricket team won the Armidale and District Twenty/20 final on Australia Day when they defeated Ex Services by just one run at the Armidale Sportsground.

Sent into bat the visitors were dismissed in their 20th and final over for a modest 103 runs of which veterans Barry Hoy 29 and Nick Endacott 25 contributed over half the team total while opener Ed Blomfield was the only other batter to reach double figures with 20 runs.

In reply Ex Services were 8/98 with one over remaining when Peter Mooney conceded two runs off his first ball before the loss of a wicket left the homeside 9/100 with >

with three deliveries remaining. A wide off Mooney's fourth ball made things extremely interesting, with Ex Services only able to score one run off the final three deliveries. Mooney finished with 2/12 while the other five bowlers used Matt Harper, Jay Grills, Blomfield, Ben Hall and Josh Weame all claimed a scalp each. Walcha/Uralla Third Grade missed out on their T/20 final after playing an unregistered player in Round Three of the competition. Last Saturday Third Grade posted a total of 125 runs at Peter Fenwicke Oval against Easts Green, thanks mainly to a rear guard innings by number eight batsmen Chris Watts who remained 45 not out.

The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Nathan Swan 23 and Peter Mooney 14. Easts passed their assignment with four wickets and plenty of overs up their sleeve.

Both Second and Third competitions have reverted back to limited over formats but Second Grade didn't play last Saturday after their game against TAS was postponed.

Bowls

Results from the weekend: K. Goodwin Def T. Parker 31-7. S. Goodwin Def E. Keefe 31-17. M. Hamel Def K. Creighton 31-17. **Draw for this Saturday :** A grade singles – J. Kerr v B. Goodwin marker N. Goodwin. G. Carter v J. Asmus marker B. Kliendienst. Pairs – G. Bird & S. Goodwin v J. Byrne & G. Marshall.

At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday a Draw for Partners Multiplier was played for trophies donated by Wayne Brennan and Mal Ballard where 12 time Club Champion Tim Stackman teamed up with David Sweeney to win the event with 83 Stableford points. Sweepstake winners were Don Brooks and Doug McDonald 63, Allan Laurie and John McLaren 58, Lee Fletcher and Simone Sweeney 55, Willy Brennan and Margaret Davidson 54, Julie Presnell and Sue Partridge 54 and Cheryl McDonald and Owen Presnell 52.

Sharpest Shooter at the third pin was Lachie Fletcher while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the home hole. In Match Play Jamie Bowden defeated Peter Norbury 7 and 5 whereas John McLaren needed two extra holes to finally round up Allan Laurie on the 20th hole. Five players, Peter Berry, Wayne and Willy Brennan, Lachie Fletcher and Peter Norbury played three rounds of golf at Tenterfield last Thursday, Friday and Saturday before travelling home on Sunday morning to compete in the Draw for Partners competition.

Last Saturday Col Higgins accumulated 22 Stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition from runner up John McCormack on 17 points who also hit the most accurate tee shot on the third hole.

This Sunday is a mixed 4BBB for trophies donated by John and Janie McLaren.

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Walcha Council Part Day Public Holiday



A part day public holiday is to be observed in the Walcha Council Local Government Area commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 6:00pm on Friday, 09 February 2024 for the Walcha Jockey Club's Race Meeting.

The Public Holidays Amendment Order 2023 under the Public Holidays Act 2010 was signed by the Minister for Industrial Relations on Tuesday, 19 December 2023.

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Meetings

Walcha Rugby League Meeting Wednesday 31st January 2024 at Walcha Bowling Club at 6pm. Please come along to show your support for local footy this year.

Walcha Garden Club meeting Friday, 2nd February. Garden 1: Brigitte Hone's garden, 326 The Gap Rd, Uralla for morning tea. Garden 2: Ian & Dar Brookes' garden, 'Kamarra', 307 Kelly's Plains Rd, Armidale for our lunch and meeting. Cars departing McHattan Park at 9am. BYO chair, lunch & cup. Enquiries: D.Bazeley: 0403 464 865, D.Lisle: 0429 799 083. New members most welcome.

AMAROO LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (ALALC)



Notice of General Meeting & NAIDOC BBQ "For Our Elders"

Date: 10 February 2024, Time: 4pm, Venue: Lion's Park, Darjeeling Road, WALCHA NSW 2354 (weather permitting)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Members meeting
4. Receipt of December Financial Report
5. New Memberships
6. Housing
7. A/CEO Update
8. Next Meeting Date
9. Other business placed on agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.

All questions relating to this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson, Ms Karen Bloomfield at the Amaroo LALC Office (02) 67771100 or via email to office@amaroolalc.com.au during business hours.

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