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Machinery of all shapes and sizes will fill the streets this Saturday for the Walcha Antique Machinery and Truck Show.

"We have trucks, tractors, engines and machinery of all kinds coming from all over the country to Walcha this weekend," organising Committee Member, Megan Tisdell said.

"We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our town. The exhibitors will be rolling into Walcha as early as today."

Saturday is jam packed with things for the whole family to do. Gates will open to the public at the showground from 8am. At 10am we will see the main street come to life when the Town Tour kicks into action bringing an amazing number of Machines and Trucks through the centre of town! The tour will start at the Lions Park and run through Fitzroy Street, turning at John Stuart's then back to the showground. The parade order will be bikes, cars, tractors, trucks.

At the showground there will be demonstrations from Brian Smith Timber Transport and his team, as well as an amazing demonstration from our local SES volunteer team.

You'll be sure to hear the boys with their vintage and hot chainsaws revving up all throughout the day along with Steve Rollands with his sawmill chugging away. A great spectacle not to be missed!

Activities for the kids will include a balance bike race at 12.30pm (BYO bike), the vintage vehicle cardboard parade at 4pm (kids, start creating your cardboard masterpiece to bring along) then at 4.30pm the colouring competition will be drawn (all entries must be in to Boulton's no later than 4pm on Friday 17 February or to the showground office by



2pm on Saturday). The raffle will be drawn at 5pm with tickets being sold around the grounds during the day.

Something for the whole family to enjoy at 5.30pm is Ash Barnett and her spectacular team of horses showing off what they are best at with their liberty display in the rodeo ring.

"We will have plenty of food and drinks, with food vans along with Lisa Swanton and her team in the green shed. The CWA ladies will also be cooking up a storm with Scones and Devonshire tea plus much more in the luncheon pavilion".

Entry to the show will be through the main gates on Derby Street: Family \$20, Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$5 and Children under 5 free.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The Walcha district is the tale of two seasons as some people relish the fact they have cracked consecutive storms in the past few weeks. Last Tuesday's storm dropped nearly 100mm in town, but it was only a narrow strip. This storm was welcomed and those to the far south of town yielded the best result of over 40mm. As you drive around the district some people have lush green grass while others who have been missing out on the storms have short and dry and staring down the barrel of a long winter. We still have some time to grow decent feed for winter, but that window is closing and while ever there are storms about, we have a chance. Another tropical low is set to form over the north of Australia this week with a slight chance it could form into a tropical cyclone in the Gulf of Carpentaria. While ever there is moisture in the north, I think we are a good chance of getting a decent change come through as our best moisture seems to track from that direction.

It's great to see some road works being conducted around the district but have you ever stopped to think why so many people are needed to complete these projects. What sort of society do we live in now when we need a pilot vehicle to drive us through the work being conducted, doesn't common sense come into play, so we don't drive into a roller or grader. These works seem so inefficient when we have taxpayers' money being spent on labour, like the labour it takes to run either end of the road works stop/go lights. I'm sure someone sitting at the lights at either end is a great way to spend your taxpayer's money, don't we have technology now that cameras would be able to see vehicles pulling up at these lights. I think there are more efficient ways of spending the money on technology than labour and I'm guessing the contract road workers are not cheap.

Anthrax has been detected on a property in Shepparton Victoria which has been quarantined after 5 beef cattle died. Anthrax is caused by a naturally occurring bacteria in the soil which has been reported in all states at some time. The producer's cattle have now been vaccinated and thankfully it's not highly contagious and not a threat to the public.

The annual Walcha Races look to have been a hit with a very good attendance last Friday from both the local community and people from afar travelling up for the event. It seemed that all the local establishments had a good trade for the 2-day event and I'm sure plenty of local business owners were happy for the extra business. Saturday at the Races was a family day and by all reports they had a very enjoyable day.

It seems the extra livestock numbers that have been placed on the market over the last two weeks have finally put some downward pressure on prices. Beef and sheep markets have all been quoted cheaper this week as the continual high numbers in the saleyard system have put pressure on buyer capacities. Feedlots are now a couple of weeks out and processors about the same. The start of spring drop weaner cattle is also starting to appear which looking at the season throughout the tablelands we will see some very large yardings of weaners to come over the next few months.

2855 head of cattle were yarded on Monday in Tamworth with all categories selling to a cheaper trend. Weaner steers and heifers dropped by 10c/kg topping at 402c/kg for steers and 317c/kg for heifers. Yearling steers to feed dropped by 5-10c/kg, topping at 388c/kg while the heifer portion dropped by as much as 20-30c/kg topping at 326c/kg. Heavy grown cattle to process were back as much as 25-30c/kg with heavy bullocks topping at 304c/kg while the cows reached 266c/kg. Wagga also yarded 7350 head of cattle on Monday and locally Gunnedah drew for 3810 cattle for Tuesday. The writing was on the wall for a cheaper lamb and mutton market after Wagga saw drops of \$5-10 in the lambs and mutton dropped by as much as \$30 last Thursday. Lambs in Tamworth surprisingly held firm due to lack of kill numbers with trade selling to \$167 while heavy lambs topped at \$227. Mutton dropped away with XB ewes topping at \$63 while light mutton sold from \$20-40/hd.

Kindergarten 2024 start school



Walcha Central School welcomed 25 Kindergarten students who started their first day of school on Monday 5 February 2024. Their classroom teacher is Caitlin Harris along with Jodie McAlister (Maths and English).

Pictured: Talik, Alexa, Ebony, Georgie, Piper, Leah, Cooper, Lilah, Albie, Darci, Henry, Freya, Lucy, Jake, Isla, Jaylen, Vance, Peter, Edie, Jack, Tallulah, Frankie, Nikyla, Jaydahkai (absent), Miley.



St Patrick's Kindergarten 2024

*Back Row: Eve Y, Eden P, Heidi H, Evie W, Alice S, Amelia C.
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letters to the editor 

Wind spinners ain't gridders audio

The Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner's recent nationwide survey on community engagement with renewable developers is at times a damning report on how some developers have been treating communities and landholders. Voice for Walcha have an article on that report: RENEWABLE DEVELOPERS PUT ON NOTICE. To hear an Audio version, GO TO: <https://voiceforwalcha.com/rendev>

John Heffernan

Big facelift for Ingleba Hall

By Suzie Harrison

The grand opening of the renovations and extensions of the Ingleba Hall took place recently with almost 100 people attending the event. It was great to see the hall filled to capacity for the afternoon.

Ian Olrich started proceedings by acknowledging and thanking past presidents and committee that have kept the hall going since 1928, and informing the crowd about some of the events that have taken place over the years. He then handed over to President John Wark who thanked all those people and tradies that helped to get the hall to the magnificent condition it is in today. It now features indoor toilets and a shower, a new kitchen with the whole place having a new ceiling and being fully lined and painted. It really is looking great.

He also thanked the Walcha Council and the State Government for the grants we have received over the years.

Mayor Eric Noakes introduced Julie Olrich to unveil the plaque on behalf of her mother Ollie Wall. Guests enjoyed a lovely lunch of cold meats, salads, sausages and lasagne prepared by Robert Harrison.

This sort of event doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of hard work. So thanks must go to the small band of tireless workers who prepared for a couple of months to get it all done. They include John Wark, Ian and Julie Olrich, David and Carolyn Salter, Robert and Suzie Harrison. Thank you to Courtney Wark for manning the till and selling the raffle tickets also, a great job.

Thanks to the community for making it such a great afternoon.





A shining representative for our Show Society

Walcha was well represented at what has been deemed one of the toughest Zone 4 finals for The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Competition in years.

Walcha finalist, Emily Scrivener, did a wonderful job representing our town and while she impressed the judges unfortunately it wasn't to be her night. Up against 15 young women from across the AgShows NSW northern zone, Emily underwent an interview, attended a luncheon and completed her journey at an evening function organised by Tamworth Show Society.

Along with her family, Emily was supported by Walcha Show Society President, Daniel Kermode his wife Carnie, Walcha's Young Woman co-ordinator Pip Monie her husband Angus and Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes with wife Sheree.

"The Walcha Show Society could not be more proud of Emily and how she presented herself at Tamworth," said Pip Monie.

"Emily exuded style and confidence and impressed everyone with her accomplishments and knowledge of rural affairs".

"It was an extremely high calibre of young women in the line-up this year and Emily was a definite stand out. She is an amazing ambassador for our Show Society and community, and we are excited to see what the future holds for her."

Congratulations must go to Katie Williams from Armidale and Emily Barton representing Walgett, both girls will now attend the Sydney Royal Easter Show in March.

At the conclusion of the evening, Emily was encouraged by the judges to put her name forward again in 2024. "It was suggested that I continue my involvement in the competition

this year, and it is something I am definitely considering," Emily said.

While she was disappointed, Emily said she enjoyed the experience, has grown in confidence, made many new friends and as Walcha Show's Publicity Officer is looking forward to promoting the our upcoming Show. Emily would like to thank everyone in the community for their well wishes and to those who sent her cards and letters of encouragement.

"I would like thank Pip for her continued support and unwavering belief in me throughout the process," said Emily.

While she will not be donning a sash and heels, Emily will now concentrate on preparing her show bull 'Buster', three stud heifers and honing her crosscut sawing skills in readiness to compete at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show.



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The Fenwicke Family: Tim, Janie, Ted and Tig celebrate their win in the Ron Martin Maiden with their trainer Cody Morgan. The Martin Family proudly presented the prizes.



Walcha Jockey Club Chairman Jim Nivison and Nick Hall of Adcock Partners presented the Walcha Cup to a very shocked Stephen Meyer and jockey Cobi Vitler

It was a big two days for the Jockey Club over the weekend for their 139th race carnival.

The Fenwicke family couldn't wipe the smile from their faces when the horse they bred and race, 'Distant' took out the coveted Ron Martin Maiden.

Then in the Walcha Cup, 'Danza in the Dark' left its owner and trainer, Stephen Meyer from Tamworth absolutely speechless when it passed 'Starlink' to win the Cup.

A good crowd enjoyed the atmosphere on Friday and the Family Day on Saturday was well supported by the community.



Fashion winners Michael Sweeney (Gentleman), Henry and Jess Williams (couple runner-up), Rob Carey and Kate Kirk (couple) with judges Sheree and Eric Noakes.



Judges Eric and Sheree Noakes congratulate Best dressed Lady Millie Kuhr (runner-up) and Kate Kirk of Wallabadah (winner).

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Sarah Halbisch (centre) with her father and Charlie Brown



Becky Tate and family enjoyed Saturday at the Races



Ross Hoy and Warwick Hogan take a break on Friday



Bec Bullock and Alice Gibson



Middle row from left: Chris Betts with daughters Ava and Poppy on the jumping castle; A boys day out at the Races on Friday; Tehan, Mick and Deb Wall with Carol and Cecil Dunn.



Far left: Ben Ussher, Scott Schmutter and friend with Tim Baumer, Kyle and Norm Goodwin with Riley Swift; Apii and Harley Fontanella with their daughter Christina.

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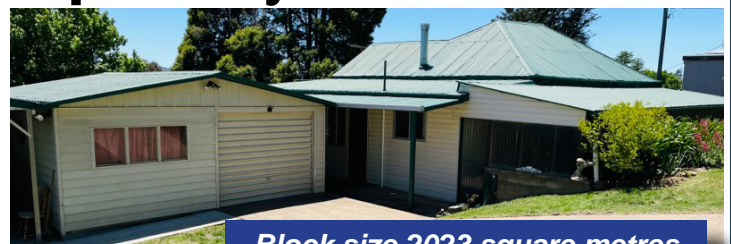
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Major Sculpture by the Sea award winners feature in Walcha

By Lisa Kirton (Walcha Tourist Office)

Did you know that Walcha's renowned Open Air Gallery (OAG) is the largest permanent OAG in Australia? And along with Apsley Falls, the Open Air Gallery is one of the top tourist attractions that visitors to Walcha enquire about.

The Open Air Gallery is Walcha's unique point of difference to other regional towns. When travellers to the region base themselves in the city of Armidale, one of the main attractions that will draw them to visit Walcha is the sculptures (OAG). Tourists often travel to Walcha specifically to see the OAG and while here they will visit our shops, have a bite to eat and spend money in the town. The OAG is of huge value to our economy - encouraging visitation to Walcha. Similarly, visitors who were "just passing through", will often stop because they want to know "what's the go with all the sculptures"? So many people come into the Visitor Information Centre wanting to know more about the OAG.

Walcha's OAG currently consists of 58 works by renowned local, national and international artists. Many contributors to the OAG are award winning sculptors and artists. Three such artists recently enjoyed incredible success at the 2023 Sculpture by the Sea competition in Bondi. These include: -

John Petrie, who was the recipient of the \$100,000 Major Prize for his work titled "23.5°". Chosen by the exhibition's Judging Panel, the Major Sculpture Award is an acquisitive award, with the sculpture to be gifted for permanent public exhibition in North Sydney, for the people of Sydney and visitors to the city to enjoy for years to come. We are very fortunate to have one of John Petrie's sculptures "The Figure in the Landscape", which has been a part of Walcha's OAG since 2014, after the work was entered in Sculpture by the Sea.

Local celebrated sculptor and very generous donor to the OAG, Stephen King, was one of the recipients of the Australian Invited Artist Program which funds two major new works each year for Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, supporting the careers of leading sculptors. We are so fortunate to have nine of Stephen's works (both individual and collaborative) as part of the OAG.

Ben Tooth, who generously agreed recently to gift his sculpture "Eyebeam" to Walcha's OAG, was a recipient of the Emerging Sculptor Mentorship Program. The mentor program aims to encourage professional and meaningful fellowships between emerging sculptors and established practitioners. In benefit of Sculpture by the Sea's established organisational framework, the program facilitates a skills exchange between the emerging artists and their mentors and provides a forum for the professional and technical development of the emerging sculptors.

The reputation of Walcha's Open Air Gallery is held in such high regard, that artists and sculptors are extremely proud to have a work included in the OAG. Let's continue to celebrate, support and enjoy this incredible asset that has been created and the wonderful point of difference it brings that sets Walcha apart from other small regional towns.

Find out more about Walcha's Open Air Gallery at www.walchansw.com.au/art-in-walcha/. Information on Sculpture by the Sea awards at www.sculpturebythesea.com.



John Petrie 23.5° Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi 2023. Photo credit CharlotteCurd.

The Figure in the Landscape by John Petrie. Photo credit Mary Brearley



Knitting and Crochet

Correction from last week: Jenny Hill is the Chief Steward for Knitting and Crochet, not Needlework.

Aviary Birds

For the first time in many years Walcha Show will have an Aviary Birds section, run by members of the Armidale & District Bird Club Inc. There is a Junior Bird Show for school-aged bird keepers, who are invited to bring a bird in a clean, secure cage on Saturday from 8 – 9am. Judging will commence soon after 9am. Prizes are on offer for birds of any colour and variety for the following breeds: Budgerigar, Finch, Parrot and Canary. For birdkeepers who are older than school age, you are invited to bring a bird along for display in a clean and secure cage. The public will be invited to vote on their favourite birds on display and 'People's Choice Awards' will be presented on Saturday afternoon. For information contact Tony Bullen, Chief Steward Aviary Birds 0498 584 395.

Show Jumping

The Show Jumping events are a great attraction and perfect for those wanting to sit down under the shade of the Elm trees.

Events start at 8:30am Friday and conclude in front of the bar at 4pm with the Jess Matthews Memorial Junior Six Bar, and Richardson's

Open Six Bar. Saturdays events start at 8am with the Betts Transport 60cm and conclude with the Brooklyn Quarry Grand Prix which will see the best horse and rider combinations jump for the ultimate prize of Grand Prix Champion. Thank you to our sponsors for both days of jumping. For information contact Annyka Overton, Chief Steward Show Jumping 0428 772 817.

Photography

The Photography section at the Walcha Show is one of the biggest and best photography displays in the New England. There are sections for Juniors 12 – 17 years and Open sections with many subjects to choose from to suit photographers of all abilities using camera, mobile phone, tablet or drone. Start clicking a wonderful sunrise or sunset, your favourite person or pet or any other subject from the list in the Walcha Show book.

Photos must be taken by the exhibitor, and none taken before 2022 are eligible. Max of two exhibits per class per exhibitor, unless stated. Photo size must not exceed 20 x 30 cm printed, framed or mounted on thin cardboard (frame no larger than 25mm). Details are in the Walcha Show book. Closing day for entries is 12 noon, Monday 4 March. For more information contact Sue Harrison, Chief Steward Photography 0427 772 148 or email walchaphotographyclub@gmail.com.

Poultry

The Walcha Poultry Section is a one day showing on Saturday 9 March. Entries will

be accepted from Friday 8 March from 2 – 7:30pm, or Saturday 9 March from 6 – 8:30am. Judging will commence on Saturday shortly after, with Reece Hancock our Coastal Judge. Entry fee \$1 per bird. We always have point of lay Isa Brown chooks for sale (around \$25). The best time to visit this section is between 9:30am – 3:30pm Saturday. Walcha Poultry Club are always on hand to give advice on Exhibition Poultry. Contact Lance Partridge, Chief Steward Poultry 0491 389 529.

Cattle

2024 Feature Breed is Limousin, sponsored by Transwest Fuels. Junior Heifer Show begins 2pm sharp Friday afternoon and paraders must be under the age of 25 as of 1 May 2024. The cattle ring commences 8am Saturday morning. Entries due in by Friday 23 February, details on the entry form in the centre of the show book, or enter online at www.showday.online. We're looking forward to a great turnout and hoping to beat last years numbers. For more information contact Sam Lisle, Chief Steward Cattle on 0427 773 944.

Fine Arts

Open to all ages. Please submit artworks by 10am, 7 March. We ask that artworks not be in heavy frames for ease of hanging and remind exhibitors that it is a family friendly show, artworks will be viewed by all ages – if it's too explicit it will not be hung. We look forward to seeing local talent and entries from surrounding areas. For information contact Jessica Upton, Chief Steward Fine Arts 0427 763 687.

BINGO! \$4000

By Suzie Harrison

On 20 January I held a bingo fundraiser for the benefit of the Walcha Support Group. I am happy to report the night was a huge success. Thanks must go to all the businesses and individuals who very generously donated prizes, especially in these hard economic times. I think it shows just how much people think of the benefit of not for profit charities in our communities. They really do help so many people. Over 80 people turned up to play bingo, a lot of them were first timers, so that was great to see.

Since the night, many have stopped me in the street to say what a wonderful night it was and how much they enjoyed the atmosphere and asked when the next one is being held 'cause they'll be there'. As an organiser, that is a fantastic response to hear. I have to thank my loyal team of helpers. I couldn't have done it without you guys.

Firstly, Tracey Crisp, she helped me to organise donations, label them for weeks beforehand, then helped set up tables, chairs and the prizes on the day as well as selling bingo books and raffle tickets, then the clean up at the end of the night.

Next Jenny Bowden, she also helped set up, sell books and raffle tickets and clean up afterwards. Both ladies also helped organise the supper. They made the night run so smoothly.

Next Rebecca Taiki, for the loan of a few rooms at her house as the prizes soon became too many for my spare room. She also sold plenty of raffle tickets every shift she worked and also helped with clean up.

Next is my husband Robert and son Daniel. They transported all the prizes to the Bowling Club, helped set up tables, chairs and decorations, then the clean up.

Also, thanks must go to Jo Wicks who was behind the bar and did a magnificent job on her own. Well done Jo! Thanks to the Club for letting me hold the event there.

Cheryl and Dianna in the bistro did a fabulous job by cooking lots of delicious grazing boards and meals for everyone as well.

Lastly, I must thank the community that came to play. All of the preparation and worry would have been for nothing if you didn't turn up, so thank you very much. An amount of \$4,197 was raised and that will help so many people. So once again, thank you Walcha.



Enjoy Saturday morning at the Farmers Markets and watch the parade

A new stall selling eco-friendly home and body supplies will be at this weekend's Walcha Farmers' Market. Armidale Eco Supplies will bring a range of products for the laundry, kitchen, and bathroom that have a lighter impact on the earth.

While the main aim of the market is to provide seasonal, fresh, and local food to the community, it also aims to encourage sustainable environmental practices.

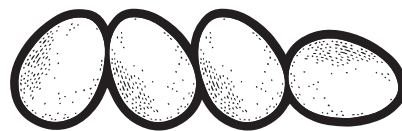
While you're thinking about your impact, there's still plenty of time to get plants in the ground, and this weekend there will be an additional ornamental plant stall, along with Sienna's Seedlings and Carinya North Nursery.

With only four markets left for the season, come down to McHattan Park on Saturday from 8.30 to 12.30 for a range of fresh produce, including bread, fruit and vegetables, oysters, trout, cheese, coffee, and sweet treats.

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You know when you're in the middle of a vivid dream and roll over out of bed only to smash your jaw on the bedside chest of drawers! Well neither did I until just after midnight last Sunday which drew plenty of sympathy from my much better half Linda. Let's just say it didn't do my neck much good either.

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Congratulations to my oldest grandson Simon Wellings who certainly had a memorable day when he competed at the Swimming Carnival of his new school O'Connor last Tuesday held at the Monkton Aquatic Centre in Armidale. Simon won all of his 12/13 years 50 metre events in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke along with the open 200 metres. To top off a great day he then won 'The King of the Pool' handicap event open to all swimmers. Way to go Simon.

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There were plenty of determined performances handed in at the Walcha Central School Swimming Carnival also held last Thursday including one by Jake in the Junior Boys Relay. Jake Swam the second leg of the race, jumped out of the water before running back down to the shallow end of the pool to then swim the final leg for his team. Just for good measure Jake then swam a leg in the senior relay shortly after. Good on ya Jake.

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While reading through the Walcha Central Swimming program I noticed current Pool Manager Petrina Martin still holds the 200 metre individual medley record she set in 2007. Two other pool attendants working this season Jasmine Lynch and Charlotte Mooney are also listed in these records.

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Without going to Google for assistance how many people know what a Bilabong, Wakaan or a Gurrigyn is? For those who don't know they are the mascots of the Walcha Central School Sporting teams which are Eagle Hawks, Crows and Praying Mantis replacements for Fitzroy, Derby, Apsley and Oxley houses from a few years back. Having been Fitzroy captain 50 years ago in 1974 it still makes me sad that the old houses had to go.

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An old school mate Peter Fleming contacted me the other day to inform me his father John had left this world at the age of 93 years during recent times. Anyone who is about my vintage and played cricket back in the late 1960's and early 1970's may remember John who lived at 'Marinka' and coached junior cricket teams back then. May John Fleming rest in peace.

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Congratulations to local shearer Karina Partridge on winning the novice section of the Glen Innes Sports Shear 2024 last weekend after she finished over a minute quicker than her nearest opponent when she stopped the clock at 2 minutes 40 seconds. Well done Karina

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Last Saturday Walcha Races footrace chief organiser Lance Partridge completed his 24th running of the race having never missed one since the inaugural event in 1996.

The first four races were sponsored by the Apex Club which Lance was a member of before the Rotary Club took over for three years. This was followed by the Lions Club for the next 12, until the competition went into recess for five years. When the race recommenced in 2022 current sponsor Betts Transport took over which is very much appreciated by Lance who has not only competed in all the races but has also had a lot to do with the organisational side of the annual event.

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Former Walcha resident Gregory 'Doey' Partridge reported that he experienced a few problems finding some flowers at Thee Street, the house of Cathy Brooks while he was at home for the Walcha Races. The hassle was his father Kevin or 'Old Doey' was Greg's navigator and they drove past the Cathy's residence three times before the 'dynamic duo' finally located their destination.

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Walcha League Vice-President John Byrne presented Walcha Roos supporter, and former player Wayne Boyd with a cheque recently. This was part of the proceeds from the Walcha Campdraft and Rodeo BBQ (which the Roos operated). The funds will assist Wayne with his recovery.



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Darren Boney wins annual footrace

By A.J Cross

Walcha resident Darren Boney won the 24th Walcha Races footrace last Saturday when he stopped the clock at 6 minutes 21 seconds. Tom Bullen was runner up in 6:34 while Preston Boyd ran third in 6:46. In the ladies race 2022 winner Ivy Pritchard won her second title in three years when she was first to brace the tape in 5:52 ahead of Charlotte Mooney 6:19, Rain Pritchard 6:27 and last years winner Kirra-Lee Murphy 6:38.

Seventeen runners competed last Saturday where Richard Hogan clocked 6:50, Steven Eveleigh 7:03, 2022 winner Sam Feltham 7:18, Henry Williams 7:27, outsiders Jack DeFleming 7:39 and David Williamson 8:08. Oldest competitor was Taddy Macfalane, who will turn 80 next month finishing the race in 8:50, followed by 70 year olds Bernie Brady 9:42 and Lance Partridge 11:21 just in front of their fellow veteran Jamie Sweeney 11:24. The mens race is over 1600 metres while the ladies is 100 metres shorter at 1500 metres.

Organisers Lance Partridge, Steven Eveleigh and Henry Williams thanked Betts Transport for their sponsorship and A.J Cross for his calling of the race.



Preston Boyd, Darren Boney and Thomas Bullen



Rain Pritchard, Ivy Pritchard, Charlotte Mooney and Kirra-Lee Murphy



Local youngsters keen to win in the junior section.



Flippers

Round 5 last week – 8 swimmers gained full points in their freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events. For the third week in succession Albert Green gained full points. Isabella Mooney registered her second full points for the second week in a row whereas Kix Brown, Liana Whellan, Eli Wellings, Kobie Brown, Lachie Provost and Anthea Taylor also racked up full points.

Movers and Shakers are Axel Blomfield and Jack Lisle Frogs to Turtles, Grace Fletcher, Jess Patterson-Kane and Lachie Provost Turtles to Crocodiles.

Swimmer of the Week goes to Will Lisle who had moved up from Frogs (who swim 25 metres), to Turtles (50 metre events) where he swam his first 200 metre event along with two 50 metre races.

At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday a 2 person ambrose was played for trophies donated by Brian Smith Timber Transport where Will Nicholls and James Norton combined to win the event, which was also a Keno qualifier, after carding a 60 1/2 nett. Runners up were Mark Stackman and Jamie Bowden 62 who are first reserve for the Keno competition while the remaining sweepstake prizes went to Don Brooks and Barry Hoad 65 1/2, John McCormack and John McLaren 66 3/4, David and Simone Sweeney 67 1/6. Sharpest shooter at the third pin was Margaret Davidson.

Last Saturday John McCormack accumulated 20 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition after sneaking home from runner up Max Holstien on 19 points. N.T.P on 3 to John McLaren.

This Sunday Don Brooks is in charge of supplying the prize for a Stroke Medal round while Veterans Pennants is scheduled at Uralla tomorrow 15 February.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v Easts 2nd Grade

Walcha/Uralla

J WEARNE c M Harris b C Moran	20
N ENDACOTT c M Harris b C Moran	13
D BOYD c&b C Moran	0
S RAFFERTY n.o	74
B MOORE c C Moran b E Relf	22
B MANSFIELD c J Simpson b E Relf	6
L FLETCHER n.o	8
Total 187. Extras 46. Bowling (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
E Relf 9-1-2-33, C Forster 9-2-0-37, C Moran 9-0-3-19,	
V Simpson 3-0-0-19, R Miller 5-0-0-22, Suvi 5-0-0-15, M	
Kelly 2-0-0-12, S Killen 3-0-0-16.	

East

M HARRIS c B Mansfield b L Fletcher	5
SUVI b J Grills	33
C GREEN c J Grills b L Fletcher	0
M KELLY c D Boyd b M Harper	2
J MILLER b M Harper	0
C FORSTER c G Youll b D Boyd	4
J SIMPSON c G Youll b J Grills	0
C MORAN s B Hoy b J Grills	10
E RELF b J Grills	0
S KILLEN n.o	1
V SIMPSON b B Moore	11
Total 78. Extras 12. Bowling (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
M Harper 6-2-2-12, L Fletcher 6-1-2-21, D Boyd 4-0-1-15,	
J Grills 5-2-4-10, G Youll 4-0-0-14, B Moore 2-2-0-14.	

Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade Cricket team defeated Easts by 109 runs in their Armidale and District limited overs match at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday. Batting first the homeside scored 187 runs off their 45 overs for the loss of five wickets where number four batsman Shannon Rafferty hit a game high 74 not out which included seven boundaries. He put on a 75 run third wicket partnership win Blaine Moore who scored 22 runs while openers Josh Weame 20 and Nick Endacott 13 were the only other homeside batsmen to reach double figures.

A total of 46 sundries didn't help the visitors cause. Easts were in trouble at 4-17 in their seventh over and didn't recover as they were bundled out for 78 runs in their 29th over.

Most successful Walcha/Uralla trundler was Jay Grills who sent down five overs two maidens to capture four wickets for just 10 runs while openers Matt Harper 2/12 and Lachie Fletcher 2/21 both claimed a brace of wickets. The remaining wickets were claimed by Moore 1/4 and Daniel Boyd 1/15.

Wednesday Golf

What a great day to get back to golf last Wednesday with the temperature dropping about 10 degrees. We played 4BBB draw for partners, for a trophy donated by Simone Sweeney and Cark Street. The winners were Polly Locke and Jill Burnell with a stableford score of 38 points.

Sweepstakes to Sally McCormack and Margaret Davidson with 37, and Cheryl McDonald and Prue Morgan on 36, on a countback. Nearest the pin on 3 was Vicki Heffernan and there was no-one on the sand on Hole 16.

This week is beginners day and we welcome anyone who is keen to give the game a crack. We will be playing a par event for Marg Higgins trophy.

Don't forget it is an 8.30 hit off for the month of February.

Ladies Bowls

Due to the Triples Carnival held in Walcha last week there was no Ladies Bowls however a few ladies played in the Carnival. Last Saturday six Walcha and one Uralla bowler journeyed to Uralla to play in the Can-Assist bowls fund raisers played under lights in cool conditions.

The team of Esther Hunt, John Watts and Marlene McLeod won the runner-up prize with raffle prizes being won by Janice Rizzi (2), John Watts and June Hayes.

Ladies bowls as usual this Thursday followed by a meeting commencing at 1pm.



In Memoriam

Richard (Dick) Mumford

7-2-41 to 20-2-23

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Funeral Notice

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7th February 2024

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decision that was unavoidable. I would like
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thanks, Janine Wright.

Road Closure for Bridge Works - Niangala Road - TUESDAY 13 & 20 Feb 2024

Local residents are advised that
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- **Road:** Niangala Road
- **Closed Section:** Crossing Niangala Road
- **Scrubby Gully Road to Crossing Niangala Road/Surveyor Creek Road.**
- **Closed length:** 8.5km
- **Dates:** 13th and 20th of February 2024 –
closure is over 2 separate days
- **Duration:** 9:00am until 2:30pm
- **Reason for closure:** Craning operations
being undertaken during this closure as
part of the new bridge construction at
Boxley over the Pipeclay Gully, parallel to
the McDonald River.



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

Nominations for Council's Advisory Committee

Council has vacancies for
community members in the
following Advisory Committees
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- Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Arts Advisory Committee
- Community Care Advisory Committee
- Motorcycle Rally Advisory Committee

No particular qualifications are necessary
though a commitment to the activities, a
willingness to be actively involved and
contribute ideas are essential. Everyone
is encouraged to nominate, including those
who are ATSI, LGBTIQA+ or who have a
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Nomination forms are available from the
Council Office or download it from our
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Nominations must be submitted to Council
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Phil Hood, General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW



Happy Birthday

Happy 1st Birthday Charlie Brown. Love
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Meeting

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👏 Congratulations Debbie on your 20th
anniversary at Walcha Preschool.
Thank you for all you do and for being
a great work colleague.

👏 To Lisa Swanton for getting me out of
trouble at 6:30 last Thursday morning.

👏 To Gwen and Herbert Higgins and the
Young Family for donating beautiful
flowers for the Walcha Races.

👏 To Samantha for her kindness when
helping an old dear at the Post Office.

👏 To Charlotte Lyon and Jess Williams
for their amazing work in organising the
Family Day at the Races.

👏 To John Wark for the enormous effort
spent rebuilding and restoring the
Ingleba Hall. The whole community will
benefit for a very long time.

👏 Suggestion to the people who buy from
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