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WALCHA SHOW GATE ROSTER Friday 8th March

Derby Street	North Street
8-10am	8-10am
G & P Fairweather	D Timbs
10am-12pm	10am-12pm
D Wall & A Kirton	D McHattan
12-2pm	12-2pm
F Hurt & S Crawford	M Crawford
2-4pm	2-4pm
M & S Crawford	D Kermode
4-6pm	4-6pm
A Kirton +1	J Busby
6-8pm	6-8pm
L Kirton +1	P Henry

Saturday 9th March

Derby Street	North Street
8-10am	8-10am
Commonwealth Bank	S Bath
10am-12pm	10am-12pm
S Hinton & H Henry	A Kirton
12-2pm	12-2pm
J & H Mansfield	M Crawford
2-4pm	2-4pm
S Rutherford +1	J Busby
4-6pm	4-6pm
J Muller +1	P Henry

Walcha Coffee wins medals at World Series

Walcha is renowned world-wide for its fine wool, quality beef and now coffee! This is thanks to the efforts of Cameron Hayton of Walcha Coffee who put our town on the map in the world of coffee last week when he took out two silver medals at the Golden Bean World Series in Melbourne.

"Our path to the Golden Bean World Series was forged by our successes at last year's Australasian Golden Bean. Achieving recognition among the world's best is a significant milestone for our team, our community, and our relentless pursuit of coffee perfection," Cameron commented.

Cameron entered four blends in the four categories of the World Series and took out silver in the fiercely contested 'Milk' and 'Super Automatic' categories. This achievement places Walcha Coffee among the elite, showcasing the exceptional quality of its blends against top competitors primarily from the USA, China, Australia, and New Zealand.

Cameron Hayton also had the honour of being a judge in the finals of the 'filter' category last Tuesday. "This was a massive honour for me to be amongst world-class judges," he said.

"These accolades embody the hard work, skill, and passion embedded in every bean we roast. Special thanks to the ingenious farmer Miguel in Colombia, our dedicated team, especially Nathan and Sharon, and our loyal customers, and our supportive community. These victories are yours as much as they are ours," Cameron said.

Walcha Coffee's winning journey was a collaborative effort, from selecting the finest crops with Raihaan Esat's (last year's overall World Series Champion)



Cameron Hayton and his wife Kellie with their silver medals last Wednesday evening at the World Series in Melbourne

guidance to the expert roasting by Cameron in Brisbane. The innovative blend intended to capture the essence of pavlova exceeded Cameron's expectations, creating a complex and delightful taste profile.

The Golden Bean World Series, a prestigious coffee roasting competition, was founded to celebrate the artistry of coffee roasters worldwide. The competition has become the world's largest and really a cornerstone event, connecting the coffee community from farm to cup. Last year in Hawaii, this year, Melbourne hosted the world's top roasters in a testament to coffee excellence.

So what lies ahead for Cameron and his team? Walcha Coffee

Pty Ltd is already listed on Metcash's "Chrgetrough" system and is currently able to sell into any supermarket in NSW and QLD. "With an eye on the future, we are thrilled to introduce new blends and product offerings and expand our presence," he said.

They are looking forward to promoting their coffee at the upcoming Seasons of New England Expo in Uralla. Their stand at the 2024 Royal Easter Show Sydney marks the beginning of exciting community engagements and product launches.

"Our plans for a new bagging factory in Walcha and increased participation in trade shows underscore our commitment to growth, sustainability, training, and community," Cameron said.

Dive into the world of exquisite flavours with Walcha Coffee's Thunderbolt and Nat Buchanan blends which are available at our local supermarkets. "You will also be able to discover our World Series Blend soon, and see why we're celebrated worldwide".

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The trees are already starting to turn, and the weather sure feels like Autumn has arrived after a short but hot weekend. The temperature hit mid-thirties for the first couple of days of Autumn but I'd say it will be our last burst of heat before we count down the days to our first frost which could happen anytime from now onwards. I hope we can hold off lighting fires until after Anzac Day which would give us another 8 weeks of growth, especially the newly sown crops around the district. Judging by the look of the large number of sprayed-out paddocks I'd say everyone has sown more annual crops to try and get through winter as our paddocks aren't holding much grass volume.

I travelled west to the Horton Valley mid last week and I must say they are having an incredible season. Tropical pasture is bonnet high on the vehicle and the lucerne paddocks are fresh and lush with feed. The season as you head back towards Tamworth got drier with Attunga and Tamworth looking like they'd missed all the rain from the previous month. We are not alone with the patchiness of the season which seems to be widespread. I was told the same thing about the western country and that the heat had dried off what moisture they had. After the temperature hitting above forty on the weekend the producers will be looking for another fall of rain before they begin to sow.

The *Saturday Telegraph* wrote an interesting story about the current and future risk profile of NSW homes to coastal erosion, fires and floods. Believe it or not Walcha made the top 10 list for flooding with 42 per cent of properties believed to be at high risk to flooding, both now and in 30 years. It's not rocket science to see if we are to get a one in 100-year event in the Walcha district, especially the Aspley River catchment that the town would be under threat. You only have to have seen the amount of rain that fell in those super storms that affected Lismore. The levee banks were built back in the sixties, and it hasn't been in the town since but who knows what a 1 in 100-year event would do. If you have a home in these low-lying areas that have a high risk of flooding then no doubt your insurance would be through the roof, which sadly not everyone can afford.

Weaner cattle have started to come forth in the markets as producers begin to off-load before winter and try to get ahead of the numbers that are about to hit the system. The first of the weaners have been met with strong competition with the best of the steer weaners selling from \$1200-1300 per head and the heifer portion \$900-1000. Tamworth to Tenterfield and west to Gunnedah, more than 40,000 weaners will hit the open market over the next 5 weeks including those who sell online. It would be great to see some rain over the next month to help keep the prices firm and if the western graziers get rain and can get a crop in, we might just see the market get dearer.

Congratulations to local seedstock producers Ben Nevis Angus after an Angus bull sold for \$230,000 in Victoria last week who was sired by a bull that Ben Nevis Angus bred right here in Walcha. Local breeders Mitch and Suzie Crawford, Baringa Pastoral also deserve a mention as they were awarded champion carcass at the 2024 Beef Spectacular. This is not the first time Baringa Pastoral have tasted success in these competitions and it just goes to show what quality producers we have in the Walcha district.

The annual Walcha Show is just days away and no doubt everyone is in full preparation for the local competitions at the show. There is no more hotly contested event than the men's cake cooking competition, no doubt there are plenty of ovens in full swing this week. The bragging rights for the district's best lamb producer will be put to the test in the lamb judging competition while I always enjoy watching the dog jump in front of the bar. The Walcha Show is just an outstanding community event and I think we can all agree that it's an event the entire town and local community look forward to each year.



Application for Appointment of Board Members

Nowendoc Memorial Hall Land Manager

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Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au

All applications are required to be lodged by **6 April 2024**.

For further information contact Angie Wetzler on (02) 6770 3110 or go to reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au

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This Friday 8th March

A/c D&N Powell

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Contact: Mat Larkings 0427 002 427

Hearty fun assured at High Country Long Lunch

Featuring wine, gin, craft beer, rum, spirits and live music, the High Country Long Luncheon on 6 April this year is not to be missed!

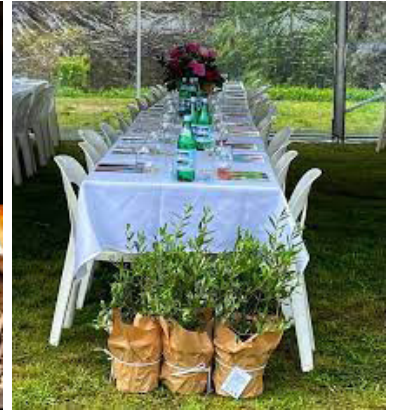
Organisers have also secured well-known caterer, Sally Clifton from Pronto to provide a hearty three course luncheon whilst enjoying a great day out.

The event is organised by St Patrick's P&F with this being the third luncheon, the last event being held in 2021. "The last two luncheons raised enough money to build a new playground, which is currently under construction for the students," Jess Williams said.

Guests will be entertained with live music by Marc Jackson who will provide acoustics while you enjoy spirits from Winding Road Distilling Co. who won 'Best Rum at the 2023 Australian Distilled Spirit Awards'. "We founded Winding Road Distilling Co. to hand-craft premium small batch spirits which capture the natural beauty and abundance of the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales that we call home," they commented.

Also tempting your tastebuds at the Long Lunch will be gins from Farmers Wife, craft beers from Welders Dog in Inverell and a full range of wines from Petersons in Armidale.

"We have a massive raffle with lots of local produce to win, as well as a number of large auction items," Jess Williams said. These include a round of golf and accommodation at Bonville, NRL signed jersey, weekend at Port Macquaries, large painting, zoo tickets and Wallabies v Wales tickets to name a few.



The luncheon will be held at Walcha Showground with tickets including your three course meal, entertainment and an entry in the raffle for \$100. Organise a group of friends and book now for a great day out. Bookings via the QR Code or www.trybooking.com/COZIM

Any questions or enquiries can be directed to Jess Williams on 0418 827 088.



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Other vendors: 2 x belt cotton seed cattle feeders; C-Dax 100 ltr spray tank (tank only); Rudweigh cattle scales;

Directions: Take Winterbourne Road from Walcha for approx. 16km, turn right onto Bark Hut Road and follow 10km to the end of the road. Catering: Light refreshments will be available on site.

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New eNVD web and app

This week an improved LPA electronic National Vendor Declaration (eNVD) web and app system was launched.

Developed in response to industry feedback, 13 new features designed to make eNVDs easier to use and more accessible to a broader range of supply chain users, including agents, transporters, saleyards, feedlots and processors, are now available.

What's new for the eNVD?

- Simplified access to eNVDs – it is now possible to go straight to your eNVDs through the myMLA dashboard.
- Broader supply chain access – A broader range of supply chain users can now access the eNVD web-based system. This includes transporters, agents, saleyards, feedlots, processors and other receivers.
- Ability to add comments – All supply chain users can now comment on consignments. This is a useful communication tool for producers to use if they wish to provide additional information about the animals in the consignment. Transporters can also use this feature when collecting or dropping livestock off out of hours or to clarify a headcount discrepancy.
- Ability to grant third-party access – This means consignments can be viewed and shared along the supply chain.
- Adding attachments – Easy attachment of food safety and statutory declarations in both the web and app systems is now available. Anyone with permission to view the consignment will be able to view these documents.
- Easy switch between PICs – Producers with multiple PICs who are registered with myMLA and have linked all their accounts will be able to see their PICs in the eNVD web system without having to log into each account separately.



What do I need to do?

- eNVD web-based system users you can now access eNVDs directly through your **personalised myMLA dashboard**. Once you are on your myMLA dashboard, click on the eNVD tile or access eNVD by using the 'Linked Services' dropdown.

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To Stephanie at New Beginnings for making my daughter's first hair cut so special.

Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must be accompanied by your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival Wrap Up

Last Friday, fourteen students from St Patrick's Primary competed at the Diocesan Swimming Trials held at Gunnedah in stifling conditions, with individual results in the accompanying table.

The Senior Girls Relay Team took to the pool with Grace S, Jessica P-K, Grace F, and Lilah representing St Patrick's. Despite being the smallest school in the race, competing against schools from Moree, Walgett, Tamworth, Wee Waa, Narrabri, and Gunnedah, our girls put up a fight like David against Goliath. With a strong support from our crowd, our team secured a commendable third place overall. This accomplishment is truly remarkable! Our Senior Boy Relay Team, comprising of Albert, Angus, Tom, and Henry, finished in 6th place overall. Similar to the girls' team, the boys triumphed over a number of large schools in the diocese.

Jessica's 2nd place in the 50m Freestyle, earned her a well-deserved spot in the Armidale Diocese squad. She will now have the opportunity to compete at the prestigious Polding Swimming Trials, taking place at Sydney Olympic Park on 3rd April. We extend our sincerest wishes for her success and good fortune in this upcoming event.



Grace S, Jessica P-K and Grace F
with their third place ribbons

RESULTS

Grace S	Open 100m 6th
	50m freestyle 2nd
	Breaststroke 7th (final)
Jessica PK.....	Open 100m 2nd
	50m freestyle 2nd
	50m Backstroke 2nd (heat)
Harry F.....	50m freestyle 8th (final)
Airlee T	50m freestyle 8th (final)
Will.....	50m freestyle 4th
Josie	50m freestyle 10th
	50m Backstroke 14th
Florence	50m freestyle 26th
Benji.....	50m freestyle 18th
Grace F.....	50m freestyle 3rd
	Backstroke 50m 3rd (heat)
Tom.....	50m freestyle 15th
Lilah.....	50m freestyle 18th
Angus	50m freestyle 24th
Henry	50m freestyle 27th
Albert.....	50m freestyle 35th

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Niangala Prawn and Chicken night



The Niangala Memorial Hall was buzzing recently with the 34th Annual Prawn and Chicken Night. Guests enjoyed delicious prawns and yummy chicken supplied by Drew's Seafood and Foodworks while committee members supplied fresh salads and scrumptious desserts.

A highlight of the evening was the running of the Prawn Peeling Calcutta and Race. Introduced last year by our new committee President, Nat Brazel, it creates a bit of excitement as he entices bids out of the crowd and tension as the winning bidders watch on to see if their investment pays off. Last years winner Jordy was the judge which didn't give Dicko Young any advantage at all! James Norton realised she wasn't a knock over when he received a thumbs down for his very dodgy peeling. Craig Morgan was a very happy winner knowing that he had justified his wife's confidence in him and more than doubled her investment!

Guests then danced the night away to the fabulous music of Brent Larkin while enjoying the company of new and old friends. A big thank you to the donors of the wonderful raffle prizes including local businesses Walcha Newsagency, The Fruit Shop Coffee Window, Paperdolls, New Birds, Cross Bros Butchery, Brazel Rural Contracting, Richardsons and Walcha Vet Supplies. Prue and Craig also generously donated their winnings back to the hall. Finally a big thank you to the Hall Committee and community members for all your help to make it another successful and fun night. We hope to see you all again on the 3rd Saturday in February 2025.



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THIS WEEKEND

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Friday 8th March

- 8.30am** Horse Events Commence in Rings 1, 2, 3 and Jumping Arena
- 9.00am** **Main Pavilion Displays Open** - Wool Fleeces, Fruit and Vegetables, Farm Produce, Photography, Cooking, Preserves, Jams and Jellies, Woodwork, Handicrafts including Hostel, Nursing Home and Day Care Section, Needlework, Knitting and Crochet, Fine Art, School Art Entries.
- 9.30am** **Merino Sheep Judging**
Junior Merino and Meat Sheep Judging
Lions BBQ opens
- 10.30am** Prime Lamb Judging
- 12.00pm** **Horticulture Pavilion & Cut Flower Display Opens**
Bar Opens
- 1.00pm** Junior Beef Cattle Judging
- 3.00pm** Junior Heifer Show
Junior Paraders Judging
- 4.00pm** Junior and Open Six Bar Horse Jump
- 6.00pm** **NOVA HOLLANDIA COMPETITIVE JOUSTING EXHIBITION**
- 6.30pm** **Official Show Opening**
Flock Ewe Competition Awards
- 6.45pm** Dog Jumping Competition
- 7.00pm** **SPEED SHEAR**
(REGISTRATION AT 5.00PM)
'Walcha versus the World' Speed Shear
- 8.30pm** FIREWORKS
- 11.00pm** Bar closes



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BERKLEY SUPERTANK FISHING SHOWS

(Times may be subject to change)

- FRIDAY** 10am, 10.50am, 11.50am, 12.40pm,
1.30pm, 2.20pm, 3pm & 4pm
- SATURDAY** 10am, 10.50am, 11.50am, 12.40pm,
1.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm & 4.20pm

Saturday 9th March

- 6.30am** Lions BBQ Opens
- 8.00am** **Yard Dog Trials:** Open followed by Novice.
(Local Trial followed by Maiden Sunday 8am)
Horse Events Commence in Rings 1, 2, 3 and Jumping Arena
- Stud Beef Cattle Judging**
- 9.00am** Main Pavilion Displays Open
Horticulture Pavilion & Cut Flower Display Opens
- Meat Sheep Judging**
Poultry Judging
- Aviary Bird Display**
- 9.00am** **Motor Bike Competition**
8yrs & under: practice 9.00am, races 9.30am
9 - 12yrs: practice 10.30am, races 11.00am
13 - 16yrs: practice 11.30am, races 11.40am
Seniors – practice 12.15pm, races 12.30pm
- 10.00am** **Sports Shear** (Nominations at 8.00am)
Pet Competition (in front of Bar Pavilion)
Bar Opens
- 12.00pm** Poultry Pavilion Opens
- 2.00pm** **Grand Parade**
- 2.30pm** **Aviary Birds Awards Announced**
Judge's Talk- Cattle Dog Challenge
- 3.00pm** **Cattle Dog Challenge Rounds**
New Birds Boutique Fashion Parade
- 3.30pm** Horse Sporting Events
- 5.00pm** **Demolition Derby**
Pavilions Close (Photography closes at 4.30pm)
- 5.30pm** Collection of Items from Pavilion
(Strictly 5.30-6.00pm)
- 6.00pm-7.00pm** **LIVE MUSIC - 'STRINGS 'N' THINGS' IN FRONT OF THE BAR PAVILION**
- 6.30pm** Cattle Dog Challenge Final
- 11.00pm** Bar Closes



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Auxiliary helping our hospital

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary met with Walcha Health Service Manager, Douglas Bellamy last week for a belated presentation of an exercise bike to the Physiotherapy Department. Physiotherapist Amy Crawford commented on how beneficial this has been for her clients.

Margaret Cross, Auxiliary Branch President presented Douglas with our Community Organisation Australia Day award to hang in the front entry of our Hospital for everyone to view and stated that it was such an honour to receive it, this year being our 90th year in operation.

Margaret said last year was very busy with fundraising and this year has started the same. "We cater for Ram sales, Clearance sales, Man gates for functions, BBQs, Garage sales, Street stalls, High tea afternoons, Melbourne Cup luncheons, and two members do Meals on Wheels each month".

Donations to the Hospital recently have included a radio cassette player for Elizabeth Crosse Wing residents, and a ring cutter. "We are hoping this year many items on our 'Wish List' can be ordered which will benefit our Hospital."

"Our three ongoing projects are Emergency Toilet bags, Baby Bundles for our newborns given out by the Baby Health Nurse on the first home visit and the Outback and Graziher Magazine subscriptions."

Margaret also mentioned that our Auxiliary would benefit from more members who are able to help. It's getting much harder for us 'older' members to carry on with the physical activities of our fundraising functions and most of our younger members still work but are there to help when they can. So if anyone in the Community would like to help by joining our group, we are happy to help you learn about what we do," she commented.

The Hospital Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their ongoing support.



Above: Douglas Bellamy Health Service Manager, Vicki McIvor Secretary, Amy Crawford Physiotherapist, Linda Cross demonstrating the bike, Brenda Walker and Margaret Cross President.



Right: Linda Cross, Vicki McIvor and Brenda Walker receiving the Community Group award on the Australia Day

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During recent times 'Linwood' residents on Hazeldean Road, Willy and Janelle Brennan shared an experience they probably won't be in a big hurry to encounter again anytime soon. After polishing off a Chinese meal with a few friends the 'Dynamic Duo' headed home only to suffer a flat tyre about seven kilometres from their destination. By all accounts the lighting wasn't good around that time of the evening and it took 'our knight in shining armour' around 40 minutes to change the spare delaying the time of arrival at home to the wee small hours of the following day.

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King of the Countbacks, Willy was up to his old tricks again last Sunday when the Golf Club Captain counted out Miles Archdale for the Secretary's trophy which he reckoned was all legitimate. There is a ding dong battle going on in all three grades of the current championships where Willy, Milo and Michael Stackman lead A Grade together on 158, Don Brooks and Jamie Bowden are at the top of the B Grade leaders board on 173 while Allan Green, Drew and Darren Bird are equal on 193 in C Grade. Best of luck to all players in the final round this Sunday.

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The Golf Club will have a new Mens Champion this Sunday for the first time in seven years as reigning champion Andrew 'Buddha' Bowden who has won the title on the previous six occasions isn't defending his crown this year. In fact there have only been five champions in around the past 20 years Buddha, A.J Brennan (2017) his old man Wayne (2016), Timmy Stackman (2003, 2005 to 2015) and Simeon Cross (2004).

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Back at the beginning of February Nathan Hoy challenged his parents Mark and Sharon to clocking up one million steps between them during that month. Mark and Sharon racked up around 400,000 steps each to out-do their son who to his credit registered 300,000 as the trio completed the job easily, well within the time. Wonder what that would be in kilometres.

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It isn't a record you would want but 2013/14 Walcha 'Cricketer of the season' Jay Grills joined a few players in the local 'Poultry Farmers Club

of the Year' when he was dismissed without scoring for the sixth time this season last Saturday. Back in 1980 Johnny Cotterill went for a duck on six occasions playing for Rugby Union, Trevor Watson racked up his six in 1990 for Memorial Club. Ben Cross registered six in 2015 for Rugby League while Liam Brennan failed to score six times for Round Swamp in 2016. Colts player Paul Hicks holds the record in over 40 seasons with seven, all in succession, in 1985.

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Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade cricket team have qualified for the Armidale and District semi finals after finishing equal third with Ex Services on 31 points behind minor premiers TAS 37 and Hillgrove 35. Although Walcha 3rd Grade won their final match of the season they finished fifth on the ladder with 29 points behind minor premiers Hillgrove 37, Armidale City 34, Guyra 32, Easts Green 31 and in front of TAS 23 and Easts Gold 21.

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Had the pleasure of attending the Armidale Diocesan Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnival at the Gunnedah Memorial Pool last Friday to support my oldest grandson Simon Wellings and received the added bonus of watching our St Patricks School representatives in action as well.

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Representing O'Connor Armidale Simon finished 2nd in his Backstroke, 3rd in Freestyle and Breaststroke all over 50 metres. Of the 14 St Pats competitors half bettered their qualifying time in 50 metres Freestyle including Airlee Tate who sliced 7 seconds off her time and Henry Blomfield who bettered his 50 metres Free time by over 5 seconds.

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The St Pats Senior Girls relay team Grace Smith, Grace Fletcher, Lilah Tate and Jess Patterson Kane finished 3rd in their event while the Senior Boys relay Tom Lisle, Henry Blomfield, Albert Green and Angus Fletcher were runners up in their heat and 6th overall. Well done to everyone who swam at Gunnedah last Friday.

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Best of luck to the Walcha Central School kids who will be competing at the North West Swimming Trials at Monkton Aquatic Centre in Armidale next week. Primary swimmers will take to the water on Monday while secondary competitors get their chance on Tuesday. Go gettum guys.

Exciting tennis was played at the Seniors tournament

Walcha District Tennis Association held a very successful 23rd Seniors Tennis Tournament last weekend.

Local players David Sweeney, Hyde Thomson, DA Locke, Kerry Dickson, Sandra Laurie and Helen Mansfield were joined by visitors from NSW cities, regions and coast. The 68 players ranged from 45 to 85 years in age.

Sharon Brown (Port Macquarie) and Charles Hempel (Armidale) were the most successful competitors over the tournament.

The weather was perfect allowing all events to be played with some

very thrilling and competitive tennis entertaining the spectators.

Thank you to all the local businesses who provided sponsorship for the tournament, we value your support and generosity.

To all the volunteers who baked, barbequed, filled the canteen roster and prepared the court, your time and energy is invaluable and very much appreciated.

A great time was had by all and we are already looking forward to next year.



Left to right:

Alan Murdock and Paul Wisemantel from Armidale won the Saturday Mens Doubles. Alan also won the Saturday Mens Singles.

Ingrid Hobson, Sharon Brown with Archie the dog from Port Macquarie won the Sunday Ladies Doubles.

Hyde Thomson and Sandra Laurie were the local players competing in the Sunday mixed doubles.

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By Daniel Kermode,
President Walcha Show Society

Walcha Show is fast approaching and the Show Committee is working very hard to put together another great show for the community this Friday and Saturday. If you are considering joining as a member it's not too late to do so. Just drop by the Secretary's office at the Showground by Thursday.

All of our old favourites will be at the show and we have a new line up of entertainment for all ages.

The Show will be officially opened at 6.30pm on Friday night which is a change to the traditional Saturday afternoon. This year Jason Strong, who was a Walcha 'boy' and until recently the CEO of MLA will open the Show. Jason will be around on Friday to help with the junior judging and Saturday to award some of the livestock prizes, judge a few classes and generally enjoy our Show.

On both Friday and Saturday, we have the Berkley Super Fishing tank. Come along and learn about the different types of lures used and how the fish react to them. The fishing shows will be run regularly between 10am and 5pm both days.

A big plus for our town and Show is the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation Skin Check Truck which will be on the showground both Friday and Saturday. It is free for everyone to have a skin check, so please make sure you utilise the chance. Walcha has a very high skin cancer rate, partially due to our altitude. The Skin Cancer Truck was only launched in June 2023, so we are very lucky to have this great service in Walcha already. Walcha Show Society is very grateful to the Walcha Town & Country Club and the Lions, Rotary and Quota Clubs of Walcha for their donations to assist the Show Society in the costs of bringing the truck to the 2024 Show. On Friday night in front of the bar, we have

the very popular dog jump which always draws a big crowd. Another new one for the Show is a competitive Jousting Exhibition which will be held before the official opening of the Show. There will also be Medieval workshops on Saturday for the young and young-at-heart. Fireworks will light up the sky on Friday evening, on dark.

Due to the success of holding the shearing events on separate days last year, we will continue to do this with the Speed Shear competition being held on Friday night and the Sports Shear on Saturday at 10am (registration at 8am). Both Tête and Karina have been working hard and have great prize money on offer. Come along and watch these events and the skills of the shearers, after all Walcha is renowned for its wool.

Have you picked up a Show schedule, and marked out your entries? Now's the time to finalise your list, finish off your needlework, crocheting and quilting, make a shopping list for the baking. Don't forget the men's cooking competition - this year's feature cake is a Sultana cake, looking at the recipe this could test us blokes out. The ladies feature cake is a rich fruit cake this year, all feature cakes must be cooked using the recipe provided in the schedule. There is still time to make some jam and preserves if you are planning on entering them. We hope the vegetable and product display will be in abundance and the display of woodwork projects will no doubt be just terrific, yet again.

Our main pavilion is one of the best around and always commented on by visitors to the Show. So come in and have a look around, we have a fabulous fine arts and photography sections.

Our flower pavilion is always a stand out, and despite the weather challenge, I'm sure it will be as fantastic as ever.

Don't forget kids to bring along your pets for the pet competition on Saturday morning at 10am, please note we have moved the pet parade to the cement area in front of the bar area, which will allow everyone to see the

pets better as they parade along.

We will also have an Aviary Bird Show on view for the first time, this will be in the area near the main pavilion.

Livestock competitions are always a big draw to the show and I'm sure will be again this year. The feature breed for the cattle section is Limousin.

Merino Flock Ewe Competition awards will be presented on Friday evening.

Cattle dog challenge begins Saturday afternoon with the final starting at 6.30pm. This will be a great event to come and watch, the skills of the dogs and handlers are something else. Yard dog trials will also run throughout the day on Saturday.

Saturday will also see the motorbike competitions running during the day, commencing at 9am. The favourite of many being the smash up derby will once again take place at 5pm on Saturday.

All the while horse competitions are running in the ring, with plenty to watch.

We have another great line up of trade displays and plenty of tractors for the kids (young and old) to dream about. Sonia's delicious morning / afternoon tea and lunch will be available, along with many other food options. Relax and enjoy listening to the toe-tapping tunes of 'Strings N Things' early Saturday evening, while having a cool beverage from the bar.

Please help us keep our Show a safe place for all to enjoy by ensuring only competitors, exhibitors, stewards and judges are in the showing at all times, with no one being inside or on the ring fence at any time and particularly during the Jousting and Demolition Derby.

The Walcha Show committee looks forward to seeing you at the Show, there is plenty to see, do and eat, friends to catch up with, and events to enjoy. Keep an eye out for the full 2-day program published in the Advocate this week or go to walchashow.org.au

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At the Nineteenth

The second round of the 2024 Mens Golf Championships was held last Sunday for a trophy donated by Club Secretary Jenny Lisle where Club Captain Willy Brennan collected the prize after surviving a countback with Miles Archdale when both players registered 69 nett. The pair currently lead A Grade on 158 along with Micheal Stackman going into the final round this Sunday followed by David Sweeney 163 and Wayne Brennan 164.

In B Grade club Handicapper Don Brooks closed the two shot gap held by first round leader Jamie Bowden with both players currently leading on 173 a commanding ten strokes clear of the rest of the field. Club president Allan Green had his first round advantage of four shots taken away in C Grade by reigning champion Drew Bird and Darren Bird with all three players now commencing the final round on 193.

Sweepstakes last Sunday went to runner up Miles Archdale 69, Ross King, Don Brooks and Sue Partridge

all 71, Michael Stackman and Jim Nivison both 72.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Allan Green (3), Vicki Heffernan (9), Jenny Lisle (16) and Lachie Fletcher (18). Last Saturday Sue Partridge won the weekly 9 hole competition after she racked up 17 points but only after she counted out new member Lyn Levingston. N.T.P on 3 went to Sue Partridge.

Next Sunday is the third and final round of the Championships where the President is in charge of supplying the prize.

The following Sunday is a 4BBB Medley for the annual Colleen and I.J Cross trophy. A reminder also the club's AGM is being held this Sunday March 10.

Ladies Bowls

Last Tuesday Walcha had three teams playing the Guyra Presidents Day without success. Two teams were beaten on the last end and the other team beaten convincingly. Here at home nine players played two games of pairs with Deb/Pam and Carmel having a close tussle with Rosie and Marg Tickle before winning 18-13, the other game Wendy and Esther had an easy win from Lee and Janice. Bendemeer Presidents is 20th March. Sheet on the board

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for names. Also the McMaugh Garden's Bowls Day is 12th March at Uralla. Players who have nominated for the Minor Singles are Wendy, Rosie, Marg Tickle and Carmel. Play will commence on the 14th March the draw was unavailable at time going to press.

Bowls

Dad's Army: Once again, in good weather conditions, two games of triples were played with mixed results. The chook winners, Brian Goodwin and Geoff Salt who played twice were the biggest winners when they defeated Noel Goodwin, Eric O'Keefe and John Watts 21-10.

In the second game Barry Kliendienst, John McCormack and Simon Porter came from behind 12-3 on the seventh end to sneak home 16-13. The raffles were won by Max Holstein and Julie Hall.

Twilight: A perfect evening for bowls greeted fourteen teams on Friday where there were several good scores. The "champs" came back from their loss last week to defeat Team one. It took the decision of an independent umpire to give Team 7 their 6-5 win against Team 13, the team who upset the champs last week.



Tennis

Round 4 of the Summer Comp was played out on Tues 27th Feb under cloudy skies.

De Minaur: D Sweeney, C Bruce, T Tape (floater) and M Luchich defeated Popyrin: H Thomson, A Barillaro, R Monie (floater) and S Ireland 25 to 24 in a thriller.

Gadecki: T Whillock, M Sweeney (floater), K Smith and A Pendlebury (floater) defeated Purcell: E Blomfield, D Wall, P Tape and T Fletcher 27 to 26 in a hard fought battle.

Birrell: D A Locke, R Bagnall, G Wall and S Blake defeated Rodionova: H Locke (floater), B Hoy (floater), A Blomfield and T Gibson 27 to 21.

Thanks to all our floaters who stepped up to keep the show on the road. The next Club meeting will be held on the 18th March at 6.30pm. All members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday saw us play a stroke round, along with the monthly mug and putting, for a trophy donated by Lorraine Rennie.

Sally Rutherford was our winner on the day with 72 points. Sweepstakes went to Julie Hoad with 73, Polly Locke with 74, and Marg Davidson on 76 on a countback.

Putting was won by Deb Richards with 26 putts, and NTP on Hole 3 was Pip Monie, and the second shot on Hole 18 was taken out by Lyn Laurie.

The monthly mugs were as follows – Division 1 was Marg Davidson, Division 2, Julie Hoad and Division 3 was our daily winner Sally Rutherford.

Today we are playing a par event for Deb Richards trophy, and we have a meeting to follow.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla v TAS 3rd Grade

TAS	
B ELLIOT b C Mooney.....	3
T BURNETT lbw C Mooney.....	19
M EVANS c P Mooney b C Mooney.....	85
A JAYAWARDENA n.o.....	11
H BROWNLIE c N Swan b B Ussher.....	4
S KELLY n.o.....	1
Total 137. Extras 14. Bowlings (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
B Ussher 8-0-1-18, C Mooney 8-1-3-19, D Morley 6-0-0-22, C Watts 8-3-0-20, N Swan 4-1-0-9, H Ussher 2-0-0-17, P Mooney 4-0-0-31.	

Walcha/Uralla

C MOONEY c B Elliot b M Shankland.....	0
H USSHER r.o b A Jayawardena.....	8
H WILLIAMS b M Shankland.....	3

N SWAN c Evans b R Wickham.....	36
D MORLEY n.o.....	21
A OLSEN c M Shankland b A Jayawardena.....	15
B JEX b M Shankland.....	9
P MOONEY n.o.....	12
Total 138. Extras 38. Bowlings (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
M Shankland 7-0-3-26, B Elliot 5-1-0-15, A Jayawardena 5-0-1-10, S Kelly 6-0-0-29, T Crowley 2-0-0-21, R Wickham 4-0-1-19, C Sedon 4-0-0-14.	

Walcha/Uralla v TAS 2nd Grade 02/03/2024

Walcha/Uralla	
B Hall b A Brennan.....	0
E Blomfield c W Glover, b A McMaster.....	69
N Endacott c S Little, b A Starr.....	11
D Boyd c W Hall, b A McMaster.....	13
J Grills c W Glover, b A McMaster.....	0
B Moore b A Starr.....	12
B Mansfield c W Hall, b A Starr.....	19
B Hoy c A Starr b A McMaster.....	0
G Youll c A Brennan b A McMaster.....	0
M Harper no.....	15
S Haslem lbw b A Brennan.....	3
Total 160. Extras 18. Bowling (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
A Brennan 6-2-1-2-19. W Glover 6-1-0-12. S Little 5-1-0-13. S Bretherson 2-0-0-11. M Kellett 2-0-0-5. A Starr 9-0-3-54. A McMaster 9-0-5-37.	

TAS

A Swales no.....	18
W Hall c J Grills, b D Boyd.....	11
A McMaster no.....	8
Total 50. Extras 13. Bowling (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
M Harper 5-0-0-13. D Boyd 5-0-1-21. E Blomfield 1-0-0-2. B Hall 1-0-0-8.	

Walcha/Uralla v TAS 2nd Grade 03/03/2024

TAS	
H SWALES c E Blomfield b M Harper.....	13
W HALL c S Martin b D Boyd.....	19
A MCMMASTER c B Hall b S Martin.....	60
A BRENNAN lbw B Hall.....	17
H STARR c S Martin b B Hall.....	1
S BOTHERSON c S Rafferty b D Boyd.....	10
S LITTLE b M Harper.....	5
W GLOVER c E Blomfield b M Harper.....	5
M KELLET n.o.....	23
H DOBSON n.o.....	5
Total 179. Extras 27. Bowlings (overs/maidens/wkts/runs)	
M Harper 7-2-3-27, S Martin 9-0-1-52, D Boyd 9-2-2-21, E Blomfield 6-1-0-18, J Weame 7-1-0-22, B Hall 6-1-2-23, G Youll 1-0-0-11.	

Walcha/Uralla

B HALL b A McMaster.....	17
J WEARNE c A Starr b W Glover.....	0
D BOYD c A Starr b S Little.....	34
N ENDACOTT c Kellett b A McMaster.....	3
E BLOMFIELD s A Starr.....	12
S RAFFERTY c Dobson b Kellett.....	15
B MOORE b Glover.....	11
B MANSFIELD b Kellett.....	8
S MARTIN c W Glover b Kellett.....	2
G YOUILL n.o.....	6
M HARPER b Starr.....	5

Total 123. Extras 10. Bowlings (overs/maidens/wkts/runs) A Brennan 6-1-0-16, W Glover 7-1-2-21, A McMaster 9-4-2-19, S Little 5-1-1-17, M Kellett 5-0-3-22, A Starr 6-3-0-2-25.

Walcha/Uralla played TAS twice last weekend in the Armidale and District 2nd Grade competition here at Peter Fenwicke Oval where they were washed out on Saturday and lost by 56 runs on Sunday.

On Saturday the homeside made 160 runs of which opener Ed Blomfield contributed 69 runs while Brian Mansfield 19, Matt Harper 15 not out, Daniel Boyd 13, Blaine Moore 12 and Nick Endacott 11 all reached double figures.

In reply TAS were 1/50 after 12 overs when the rain arrived where Daniel Boyd was the lone wicket taker.

The following day TAS scored 8/179 after choosing to bat in a catch up match Matt Harper 3/27, Daniel Boyd 2/21, Ben Hall 2/23 and Sam Martin 1/52 the homeside wicket takers.

Walcha/Uralla were dismissed in their 39th over well short of the total set by the visitors.

Top scorer for the runners up was Daniel Boyd with 34 whereas opener Ben Hall 17, Shannon Rafferty 15, Ed Blomfield 12 and Blaine Moore 11 all made it to double figures.

Walcha/Uralla defeated TAS in third grade at the TAS field last Saturday after the hosts set a total of 137 runs for a loss of four wickets.

Opener Cameron Mooney claimed 3/19 off his eight overs while fellow opener Ben Ussher snared the other wicket to finish 1/18 off his eight overs.

The visitors needed 33 overs to pass their assignment where Nathan Swan lead the way with 36 runs, Dave Morley 21 not out, Aaron Olsen 15 and Peter Mooney 12 not out also chipped in with the willow.

Flippers

The Walcha Swimming Club held their annual handicap competition last week where all competitors were handicapped using their average times for the season distance and stroke, calculated for each starting time.

Points were awarded 1 point for winner, 2 points for second etc which will not affect the overall points score in each group as the handicap week is scheduled just for a bit of fun.

Competitors swam Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke where 64 members hit the water in all three events.

At the send of the day there was a three way split to decide the 2023/24 'Handicap' winner - Florence Davey (Frogs) where she had to chase Eamon Barnes (Turtles) and Chanse Gibson (Tadpoles) where they both had the lead and couldn't be caught.

Yesterday Flippers conducted the opening round of their three day championships 50 metre Freestyle for 6 years, 100 metre Freestyle 8 years to open, 25 metre Backstroke for 6 years and 50 metre backstroke 8 years to open.



Thank you

Walcha District Tennis Association thanks local businesses for sponsoring the Walcha Seniors Tennis Tournament 2024. Cafe Graze, Marchant Bros, McDonald Gas, Mountain Motors, New England Hotel Motel, Nutrien Boulton's, Parsons Mechanical Repairs, Pitt Son's, Transwest Fuel, Walcha Law Solicitors & Walcha Post Office.

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Raffle Results

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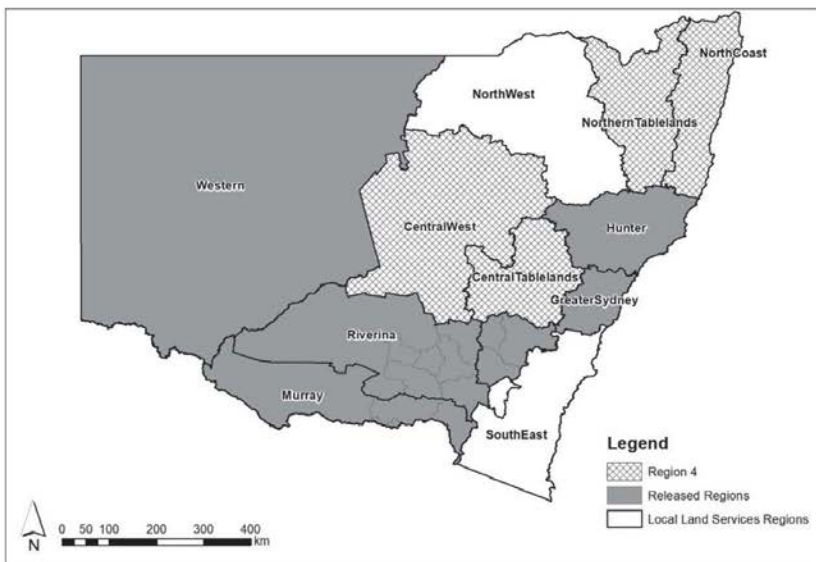
Draft Native Vegetation Regulatory map expanded release for Central West, Central Tablelands, North Coast and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Regions

The Local Land Services Act and Regulation require preparation and publication of a Native Vegetation Regulatory Map. A staged release of the draft Native Vegetation Regulatory map commenced on 5 October 2022. Region 4 is now released for the Central West, Central Tablelands, North Coast and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Regions.

The draft NVR map is a tool landholders can use when considering how best to manage native vegetation on their land. It does not impose any new legal obligations. The map provides certainty when determining whether an approval is or isn't required.

A free review of the draft map as it relates to your land is available now or at any time in the future. The review will normally be completed in 40 days. Landholders in all regions can request a free map review at any time, even when the map is finalised.

Information about and access to the draft Map is available at:
environment.nsw.gov.au/native-vegetation-regulatory-map.



Landholders with any enquiries about the map can submit an online enquiry form via the website, email map.review@environment.nsw.gov.au or call our staff based in regional NSW on 1800 001 490.



Funeral Notice

HARRISON: Edith Ellen

1st March 2024

Of Evans Street, Walcha.

Dearly loved wife of Douglas (dec'd)

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Robyn & Les O'Neill and

David & Samantha Harrison

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Stable Hand, Would suit young person. Part-time/full-time. Apply to George 0427 018 493.

Walcha Council Positions Vacant

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Team Leader – Urban Construction
This position forms part of the Infrastructure and Development directorate, Urban Works teams and contributes to providing well maintained Council facilities, assets and improvement programmes, creating a safe and efficient environment within the Walcha Local Government area

Water & Waste Water Coordinator
Working within the Directorate of Infrastructure & Development, overseeing activities, services and project delivery with a focus on managing stakeholder relationships, to ensure the provision of high quality, safe and sustainable public facilities consistent with Council's strategic planning documents.

Above applications close 29 March 2024. Please visit Council's Positions Vacant page for more details and to apply. <https://bit.ly/3A30YDc>

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Splitzair Electrical and Air Conditioning will be closed until further notice due to serious health concerns.

Church service at Woolbrook Church, 2pm, this Sunday. For info Graham Barnes 6777 2539.

Public Notice

Walcha Rugby League Ladies League Tag Team are looking for a coach for this season. Please contact Barry Partridge on 0455 901 792 or Emma Hillier on 0427 016 911 if you are interested.

The Barber Shop will be closed Thursday morning 7 March and re-opening lunch time. Also closed Saturday 9 March.



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Holy Communion and Family Service
10:00am

Phone 6777 2543 or email:
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PRESBYTERIAN

Walcha, every Sunday 9.30am

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Hall, every Saturday 5pm - 7pm.

All welcome. Phone 6777 2539.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass 10.00am

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