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Wonderful week of golf in Walcha



Left: Winners of the Pro-Am on Tuesday: Don Brooks, Sarah Yamaki Branch (Pro), Julie Presnell and Doug McDonald
Right: Crowned World Champion Sandgreen player Lydia Hall of Wales (right) is congratulated by her partner on Thursday

By A.J. Cross

In what would have to be the biggest week in the history of the Walcha Golf Club, the inaugural World Sandgreen Championships for women were held last Wednesday and Thursday preceded by a Pro-Am on Tuesday and then followed by the NSW Veterans Sandgreen Championships last weekend.

Welsh player Lydia Hall became the first Womens World Sandgreen Champion when she carded 140 (72, 68) for the 36 holes to finish just a stroke ahead of Thailand teenager Cholcheva Wongras 141 (72, 69).

Locals Julie Presnell, Don Brooks and Doug McDonald teamed up with professional Sarah Yamaki Branch to win the Pro-Am four person ambrose event after they accumulated 104 points. Sneaking home by a point from former NSW Sandgreen Champions Peter Norbury and Wayne Brennan, motorbike legend Casey Stoner and their professional Danni Vasquez Boyd on 103 points.

Last Sunday eight time local club champion Simeon Cross and Donna Martin won the 2024 NSW Veterans Mixed Open Scratch event after registering 61 (29,32) after they took out the Nett Division of the event last year.

Runners up the scratch were Willy Brennan and Margaret Davidson on 59 (29,30) after they won the 2023 scratch on 56 (29,27).

This years Nett Division went to Sally McCormack and Toukley member of Chris Bowen on 90 (46,44) ahead of runners up Steph Sweeney and Julie Olrich 87 (45,42) on countback from Don Brooks and Sue Partridge 87 (46,41).

Club President Allan Green described the five days of competition as magnificent and said the Golf Club wasn't the only beneficiary, the whole town was highlighted through NSW Golf releases and Channel 7Plus telecasts. (More results in 'At the 19th').

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The news regarding the attack in Sydney over the weekend was just horrific and hard to understand that someone could harm innocent lives including a baby. Mental health illness is an escalating issue around Australia and something that the government really needs to continue to address with support. It's just so sad that it takes an appalling event such as the one on the weekend to really highlight this disease. Condolences are with those families who lost loved ones who should have never been lost.

The country has responded well to the last rainfall event and even though there were a few slight frost reports last week I think we are safe for a little while longer. The country down off the hill has turned a vivid green since the rain and parts of the northwest have forage crops starting to fire. Speaking with a hay producer at Attunga last week he mentioned that the heavy dews are making it near impossible since the rain to dry hay and he thought the hay season may be near its end. Those parts did receive more than 100mm so it is no doubt there would be plenty of soil moisture making it hard to make hay but ideal to get crops growing. There is a chance of some more moisture this week, but it looks to be patchy, and the forecast is backing off.

The latest beef price forecast looks to be bullish as an industry specialist states the beef market could near double in the coming years for Australian producers. Tight global supply and increased demand will push these values up dramatically and I only mentioned last week about our grinding beef price rise into the USA. Prices domestically in the USA just this week have hit record levels, and he is of the opinion that the price will continue to rise over the next 3 years until it meets a stable price environment. Increased values for beef trimmings mean the price paid for a whole carcass will rise, which will then lift the prices paid at the farm gate. He states that feeder prices could exceed 600c/kg in 2026/2027. The environment will obviously play a huge part in these prices but the forecast for the second half of the year looks good for us, and the USA is looking towards another dry period.

A lift in livestock values and a sustained farm gate price for your livestock will also help with property values. Interest is a lot lower compared to 2 years ago and rightfully so after we saw 50 per cent of the value of our beef herd and sheep flock wiped off, a dry season and an increase in interest rates. I believe we will see a gradual rise in the interest in rural property over the next few years due to global protein demand and hopefully a run of better seasons to go with it.

It's great to see our rural roads getting some upgrading and repairs but after you see the amount of roadworks going on along the east coast it's easy to see where all the money is being spent. If you haven't been to Raymond Terrace lately then you wouldn't realise the extent of roadworks currently being undertaken. The amount of fill, aggregate and concrete being laid to bypass Raymond Terrace is just mind boggling. It made me think just how many kilometres of rural road that would improve for the rural taxpayers of our country.

Competition for weaner cattle this week came off the boil with prices for weaner cattle in Armidale back 20-40c/kg across the board on Monday. Last Friday Tamworth store sale was much the same after excessive numbers over the last month exceeded demand. Fat cattle sales followed a similar trend with Wagga quoting cows back 20-40c/kg from the week previous while feeder cattle softened by 5-15c/kg from the previous week. Tamworth resulted in similar trends with the best of the cows topping at 230c/kg, feeder steers to 360c/kg and the heifer portion sold to 318c/kg. Tamworth yarded 4300 sheep and lamb; trade weight lambs topped at \$155 while heavy exports made to \$228. Light weight mutton sold to cheaper trends with light condition Merinos making a little as their skin value while well condition heavy mutton topped made from \$60-\$80 per head.

Walcha artists are Young Wynners



Ella Jenkins winner 13 to 15 years



Poppy McLaren winner 16 to 18 years

Two budding young Walcha artists took out first place in their divisions at the inaugural Young Wynners competition organised by NERAM.

Ella Jenkins won the 13-15 year age group and Poppy McLaren 16-18 years for their landscape works.

"The Young Wynners is a student landscape art prize we began at NERAM in 2024 to coincide with our showing of the AGNSW Wynne Prize 2023 touring exhibition," Education Officer, Lucy Wall said.

The Wynne Prize is Australia's oldest art prize and showcases the best landscape paintings and figure sculptures created by Australian artists.

"The Young Wynners gives us an opportunity to display the artistic talent in our area and celebrate our up and coming artists. For our first year of running this competition we had over 90 entries from across the region within four different age categories," Lucy said.

Organisers were very impressed with not only the number of entries received, but the quality of the work the students created. Both Ella and Poppy are students at Presbyterian Ladies College in Armidale.



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| Thursday 18th April | Storytime at the Park | Stories, games, craft & fun for all ages Lions Park 10-11am |
| Monday 22 April | Sphero Chariots | CNRL 'Cool guys' present an awesome hands on workshop at Walcha Library. Ages 8+ 2-3pm |
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letters to the editor



Biggest Morning Tea

Save the date for Walcha's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 13 June at the Walcha Tennis Club commencing at 10am.

Unfortunately most of us have been touched by cancer in one way or another. Some who have had cancer themselves and others who have lost family members and friends.

So come and join us for a cuppa, some delicious morning tea and a chat to help us beat cancer in the future.

Everyone is welcome. If you haven't come before please feel free to drop in. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Jenny Hoy



Photography

The Walcha Photography Club would like to extend a very big thank you to all our sponsors who generously donate so that we can give all our winners gifts. This encourages many entries each year.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to our judge for this year Robbie Burnett. This is never an easy task and as the quality of the photos get better every year it is making the judges task even more difficult.

We would also like to thank all those who entered their photos. We had 683 photos which is absolutely fantastic and so everyone keep clicking those cameras and phones for 2025 show.

Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show was Lance Partridge. Congratulations Lance.

The Photo of the Show was awarded to Jazmine Hobbs. Congratulations Jazmine.

Congratulations everyone that was recognized in one way or another for their excellent photos. We look forward to another wonderful year of photos for the 2025 Show.

Walcha Photography Club

ANZAC Day

Next Thursday 25 April, Walcha residents have the opportunity to attend two services in town commemorating Anzac Day.

The Dawn Service will begin at 6am at the War Memorial Monument on the corner of Hill and Derby Streets. The Bowling Club will be serving breakfast after the Service.

The Main Service will form up at the corner of Hill and South Street at 10:30am for a 10:45am step off. The March will proceed to the Memorial Park for an 11am service.

Following the Main Service lunch will be available at the Bowling Club, followed by the popular after noon of Two-up which will commence at 2pm.



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Walcha Central School K - 12 Assembly



Aayan receives award from Mr Ben Ussher



Alexa receives award from Mr Adam Hall



Bene and Jasmine at Awards Assembly



Anna pinning on Sophie's Sports Captain badge



Arielle receiving Library Monitor award from Mr John Stanton



Roland-Roy receiving award from Mr Ben Ussher



Renae pinning on Brock's Parliamentarian badge



Jodie pinning on Lachie's Parliamentarian badge



Nikita pinning on Veja-Lee's Parliamentarian badge

Walcha Central School's awards assembly was held last Tuesday and celebrated a range of student achievements such as Bronze Awards, BeReal Awards, Attendance, school representatives and the Induction

of House Captains and School Parliament members. The assembly highlighted the wide range of activities that students participate in at the school. Congratulations to all award winners.

Walcha, let's come together and talk about the rollout of renewables on the Walcha plateau and how the wind projects and transmission lines will affect you.

Nick Cater is keen to talk to Walcha and learn about the impact of renewable developments in a small town and share these findings with the wider public. **This is an important opportunity for Walcha.**

They want to talk to the neighbours, and the hosts, the small businesses, the renters, the commuters.

They want to hear how we feel about being part of the roll-out, and what it means for our community and our landscape. They want to hear about experiences that the community has had, and *will have*.

This is an opportunity that regional towns don't often get and we urge Walcha to get involved and tell our story.

All encouraged and welcome to attend

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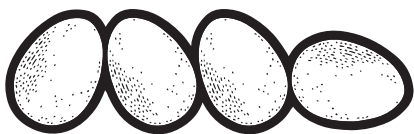
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Colour and fun abundant at HCLL

The Ram Shed at the Showground was abuzz with excitement recently as the third biennial St Patrick's School P&F High Country Long Luncheon (HCLL) drew a crowd that filled the venue with colour and fun!

Attendees were treated to a culinary delight, courtesy of Pronto Catering Tamworth, with lots of delicious offerings there was something for everyone.

The drinks selection was equally impressive. With thanks to Welders Dog Inverell, Peterson's Winery Armidale, and Winding Road Distillery Tintenbar, attendees had their pick of top-notch craft beer, wine and spirits to complement their meals.

Music was provided by Marc Jackson, whose tunes set the perfect backdrop for the event, and even encouraged a bit of dancing among the attendees.

After lunch Auctioneer Angus Laurie took to the stage to auction off donations from generous local businesses and families. From coveted items to unique experiences the bidding was spirited, adding an element of excitement to the day.

St Patrick's School P&F express their heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and supported their cause with all proceeds going towards the school.

Previous events have funded the building of a new exciting playground.

HCLL coordinator Jess Williams said, with another successful event under their belt, the organisers of the High Country Long Lunch are already looking forward to the next one, promising even more delicious food, refreshing drinks, and opportunities to support the local community.



Da Vinci Decathlon enjoyed by students

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students.

Students compete in teams to complete a range of challenges across ten disciplines: Engineering, Mathematics, Code Breaking, Art & Poetry, Science, English, Ideatio, Creative Producers Cartography and Legacy.



On Wednesday 3 April, a team of eight students from Walcha Central School attended the Northern Region Da Vinci Decathlon at the The Armidale School. They competed against teams from ten other schools across the region.

The Walcha Central School Year 8 team, which included one student from Year 7, achieved two placings: 3rd in Code Breaking, and 1st in Ideation. In this task, students had to solve a complex series of problems related to the future of public transport. Congratulations to the team: Azaria, Jessica, Mia, Sarah, Liam, Atem, Connor, and Jack.

Little Athletics season ends

Walcha Little Athletics got colourful last Wednesday for a Colour Run, marking the end of the first season. We had lots of fun and got very messy to celebrate!

Place getters were also announced, on the back of our championship rounds acknowledging the outstanding performances across different categories:

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| Lions Girls | 1st Arley Olsen, 2nd Katie Rizzo, 3rd Savannah Lute |
| Boys | 1st Kobie Brown, 2nd Levi Denny, 3rd Lochie Hoy |
| Elephant Boys | 1st Kix Brown, 2nd Lucas Eveleigh, 3rd Woody Taylor |
| Girls | 1st Phoebe Grills, 2nd Liahna Whellenan, 3rd Olive Hull |
| Zebras Boys | 1st Levi Williams, 2nd Rupert Fletcher, 3rd Archie King |
| Girls | 1st Myla Eveleigh and 2nd Hattie Laurie |
| Cheetahs Boys | 1st Billy Young, 2nd Ben Margery, 3rd Luca Fontanella |
| Girls | 1st Rhea Hull, 2nd Edith Dodson, 3rd Eve Young |
| Overall Highest pointscorers | Kix Brown and Arley Olsen |

As the season comes to a close, the committee extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of Walcha Little Athletics so far. Their unwavering support and enthusiasm have laid a solid foundation for future endeavours. We couldn't have done it without all our fabulous volunteers.

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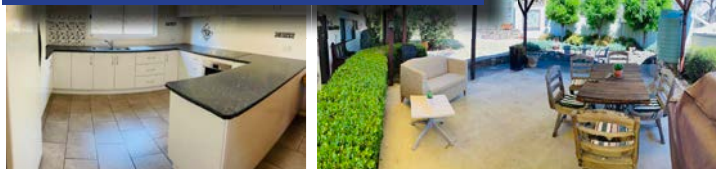
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with AJ Cross

There was no prouder man on the planet than Walcha Golf Club President Allan Green last Thursday afternoon when the final round of the inaugural World Golf Championships for women was being played here on our course. Not only was all the action taking place outside, the event was being telecast by 7Plus inside the clubhouse where the course looked even better than what the actual one did. It would be no surprise if some players from away who viewed the telecast and haven't played at Walcha might attempt to do so in the future.

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'Greeny' was full of praise for everyone who helped make the past week of golf in Walcha such a huge success and thanked the sponsors, volunteers, people who billeted some of the players along with anyone who assisted in any way. It would be nearly impossible to name everyone individually without missing someone but well done to those involved – one and all.

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Congratulations to John Byrne who had Life Membership bestowed upon him by the Walcha Campdraft Club recently for his devoted time as 10 years President and 9 years Vice President. He was also presented with a very flash looking belt for his efforts. Good on ya 'Byrnesy'.

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A celebration of life for former Walcha Rugby League President and player Roy Goodwin will be held here in town Saturday May 4th commencing 12 noon at the Apsley Arms Hotel which was 'Roy Boy's' favourite watering hole when he lived here a few years ago. Roy's daughter Hayley doesn't know how many people to expect in attendance but hopes some of his old mates will be there. Little doubt that will happen Hayley.

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On the subject of Walcha Roos Old Boys a reunion has been organised for anyone who has pulled on a green and gold guernsey in the past, Roos or Jillaroos, to attend a get together on the weekend 29th and 30th June. Walcha play Bingara at Peter Fenwicke Oval with all past players invited to turn up at 'The Park' that day.

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Last week I visited the Golf Club to have a look at the Pro-Am event

that was held on Tuesday. During my time there I took a few happy snaps of the players with their professional team mates including team Betts Transport. As I was doing so one of the team members Jill Burnell asked me if I could take a photo for her which I did with minimum dramas. Only problem was Jill's photo came out pink which their team professional Amy Walsh pointed out was probably because I attempted to take the photo with the phone cover over the camera lens.

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My youngest grandson Jay, son of Josh and Rachael Wellings, enjoyed his first training session at soccer last week but came out with an interesting comment about how he went after training had finished. Jay mentioned that although it was fun, he didn't like getting kicked in the 'I-Pads' much. Don't worry Jay we know what you meant.

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Big Wigs of the week - Thunderbolts: Lisa Swanton 15 after picking the card except for the draw leaders Tracey Crisp 63 and Miles Lawrence 61. Newie: Lisa Swanton 14 (no points for draw) Leaders Charlie Brown 66, D.G Clare and Ben Little 64. Vet Supplies: Apii Fontanella 12. Leaders Kyle Goodwin 60 and Jason Scott 58. B.C: Willy Makeham, Tracey Crisp, Barry Kliendienst, Kyle Goodwin and Normie Goodwin all 12. Leaders Jules Hall 68, D.G Clare and Margaret Morris 66. Apsley: no scores available.

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Local stock buyer Luke Wellings is in the ESPN footy tipping competition with 446,912 other tipsters including myself. After Rd 5 Luke was in 293rd position on the leaderboard but in the last two weeks has dropped to 1,071st, still not bad really. Bit better than me Luke I'm running 48,192nd.

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What a remarkable effort by Warriors halfback Shaun Johnson when he recovered from a 'suspected broken leg' going on the way he was rolling around on the ground after he attempted a field goal late in the game against the Sea Eagles last Saturday. Then 30 seconds later he was able to kick a penalty goal to take the match into overtime. Extraordinary healing powers really.

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No local Sunday competition due to the NSW Veterans Mixed Sandgreen event being completed.

Beside the winners listed on the front page of this edition there were some other players who met with success over the weekend.

Last Saturday Wayne Brennan and former Walcha resident Maree 'Rummy' Townsend won the Sandgreen scratch with 30 while the following day Cheryl McDonald and her husband Doug got the job done in the same division with 29.

In the Nett section Mal Ballard and Pauline Carter won with 44 on Saturday whereas P and S Mahwinney carded 45 to win on Sunday. Sharpest shooters at the pins - Saturday Julie Hoad and Don Brooks (3), Julie Hoad and Lee Fletcher (9), Anne Martin and P Taylor (16), Marg Davidson and Ross King (18). Sunday - D Heffernan and Chris Bowen (3), Anne Martin (9), Cheryl McDonald and G Kent (16), B Branson and J Shadlow (18).

Local Veteran organisers Ross King and David Sweeney would like to thank NSW Vets Sangreen Major sponsors Origin New England for their very valuable support over the weekend.



Basketball

It's time to start thinking Basketball. The committee are calling for nominations for both men and women.

Men can nominate individually. The teams will be formed by the committee, this is done in an endeavour to create even, competitive teams. Women's team nominations are accepted but if an individual nominates the committee will do their best to get them into a team.

Please ensure if you nominate that you are fully committed to both play each week and do some duties along the way. Cost \$60 per player, school students \$50. Men also pay a \$10 singlet deposit that is refunded when the singlet is returned at the end of the comp.

Competition commences the second week of May. Teams will play either Monday or Wednesday.

Nominations to Amanda 0488 226 722, Jenny 0427 367 711 or on the Walcha Basketball Facebook page, nominations close Monday 29 April.

A competition will not run if there are insufficient numbers so start recruiting now.

Tennis

The 2024 Summer Comp Semi-Final was played on Tues 9th April in cold misty conditions.

Rodionova: H Locke, M Lockyer, A Blomfield and T Gibson defeated Gadecki: T Whillock, D Clark, K Smith and A Fox 36 to 18.

Birrell: D A Locke, R Bagnall, A Barillaro (f) and S Blake defeated Purcell: E Blomfield, P O'Brien, D Wall and P Tape 28 to 24 in a great game where many points could have gone either way.

Rodionova will play Birrell in the Grand Final next Tues 16th April. Great tennis by all players and well done to the two teams fighting out the Grand Final.

We are locked and loaded. Rodionova: D Sweeney (floating for Harry Locke), M Lockyer, A Blomfield and T Gibson will play Birrell: Hyde Thomson (floating for D A Locke), R Bagnall, G Wall and S Blake in the 2024 Summer Comp Grand Final. Team Captains please make sure your team members are ready to go. 7.00 pm sharp Tues 16th April. See you all at the net soon.

Ladies Bowls

The semi finals of the ladies singles championships was played last Thursday in warm conditions with two very different matches. One an easy win and the other game even until the 24th end, where Pam scored four shots to take a handy lead. Esther couldn't peg back and finally finished with three shots on the 28th end to win and will now play in the final.

The results were Sari Andrews defeating Marg Tickle and Pam Makeham defeating Esther Hunt 27-16, they will

meet in the final this Thursday with the marker being Lyn Burnell.

Social bowls will also be played. Don't forget our meeting this Thursday it's an important meeting to decide which way the players and club will go in the change of bowls.

Bowls

Dad's Army: Two games of triples were played last Thursday afternoon.

In the first game Brian Goodwin, Geoff Salt and Tony Martin defeated Jason Asmus, Noel Goodwin and John Watts 20-12. In the second game Peter Hayes, Eric O'Keefe and Simon Porter were 17 to 9 winners over Sari and Matt Andrews who played twice.

Brian, Geoff and Tony won the chooks and the raffle was won by Simon Porter.

John Oxley Carnival: Nominations close 1st June for both Triples and Pairs by writing your team's name on the sheet on the notice board or contact Noel Goodwin. The triples will be played on Saturday 8th June and the pairs are played on Sunday 9th June. For further information there is a sheet on the notice board.

Pennants: The Walcha Men's Pennant teams travelled to Tamworth last Saturday to play the South Tamworth Club and lost 64 shots to 49.

Walcha didn't have much luck, when they had a win a loss and a draw. The winning team of Gordon Bird, Tony Asmus, Terry Parker and Fred Cameron who won 22-18. Noel Goodwin, Geoff Salt, Matt Hamel and Ian Bird had a 20 all draw while Eric O'Keefe, Alan Goodwin, Barry Kliendienst and Jamie Kerr were outclassed by 26 to 7. The teams travel to South Tamworth next Saturday, and must win to remain in the draw.

After the games, the club brought out trays of sandwiches. The Souths players said "Sorry we didn't have a spread like Walcha Club supplied!"

Jillaroos

Walcha were defeated by Narwan in their Round 2 Group 19 Ladies League Tag match at Newling Oval in Armidale last Sunday 60-0 after trailing 36-0 at halftime.

The Jillaroos started the game with a very good opening set of six tags but unfortunately for them by the time oranges were taken the homeside had ran in seven tries of which four were converted to hold a commanding lead at the main break.

It wasn't long before Narwan took up from where they left off in the opening session when they touched down another five tries, converting two to finalise the scoring.

Walcha hardly got to touch the ball during the match and were beaten by a faster and better organised squad of players considering how inexperienced a lot of the Jillaroos new members are coach Kevin Creighton is confident he will see improvements over the coming

weeks.

It certainly wasn't all doom and gloom for the Jillaroos with plenty of the players showing individual skills which need to be channelled into a team effort.

Club Best and Fairest 3 Caitlin Harris, 2 Maddie Lance and 1 Jordan Steel and Finlai Bird.

Group Best and Fairest - 1 Jordan Steel.

Players Player - Finlai Bird.

Roos News

Walcha were defeated 46-26 by Narwan in their Group 19 Rugby League fixture at Newling Oval last Sunday after trailing 20-10 at the big break.

The Roos opened the scoring after six minutes when teenage winger Preston Boyd dived over wide out after a good backline movement and then he raised the flags with his conversion attempt to give the visitors a 6-0 lead. Narwan bounced back with a couple of tries and a conversion to hit the front 10-6 before centre Jim Boyd forced his way over the tryline to tie the game up at 10 all. The homeside retaliated with another two tries and a conversion to hold a 20-10 advantage when oranges were called for.

Early in the second stanza hooker Cooper Boyd burrowed his way over the tryline from dummy half and when his brother Preston converted the Roos had reduced the lead to 20-16.

The kick restart by forward Troy Hawkins produced one of the best attacking runs of the game when he charged from inside his own 22 metre area up towards halfway dragging plenty of opponents with him.

Narwan then stripped the ball next tackle and scored under the posts before touching down in the same place three minutes later to hit the front 32-16.

Roos captain Harley Cox scored a good individual try midway through the section but once again the Eels responded with two tries and a conversion to lead 42-20. Utility forward Josh Clarke threw a good cut out ball late in the game to send Preston Boyd over in the corner which he then converted leaving the homeside with a 42-26 advantage.

Narwan then finalised the scoring with an unconverted try with a couple of minutes remaining on the clock.

Walcha have plenty of young players in their squad who aren't frightened to mix it with their more experienced opponents and all indications are if they can cut simple mistakes out of their game the Roos will handle themselves this season.

Club Best and Fairest 3 Josh Clarke, 2 Preston Boyd and 1 Max Abraham.

Group Best and Fairest - 1 Preston Boyd.

Players Player - Ashton Jones.

This Saturday Roos and Jillaroos travel to Tingha where they will take on the Tigers in Round 3 of the Group 19 competition.



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Trevor 'Snow' Harris 19/4/2014
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Raffle Results

Lions Club street stall. 1st Sue Law, wood and 2nd Robin Butler. Thanks for the support.

Meeting

Walcha Support Group tomorrow Thursday 18 April, at Community Care Rooms in Middle Street. Meditation 12:30pm, Lunch 1pm and meeting at 1:30pm. All very welcome.

Public Notices



Walcha Junior Indoor Hockey

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94th birthday at Apsley Falls



Keith Mitchell celebrates his birthday at Apsley Falls



The group enjoyed the great views of the Falls after recent rainfall. Pictured with Health Service Manager Douglas Bellamy



Every Friday residents in the Elizabeth Crosse Wing get out and about in the community for an outing. During March the group visited Walcha Show and explored the pavilion, they also went to Armidale to see the movie 'Just A Farmer'.

Last Friday was a great way for Keith Mitchell to celebrate his 94th birthday as he was able to cut his cake overlooking Apsley Falls on their resident outing. Keith's 97 year old sister flew from Adelaide to

be with him for his birthday, as well as his niece also from Adelaide. Eight residents as well as three volunteers joined them for the morning with smiles all round, especially when they were able to walk down the stairs to see the Falls.

The outings are organised by the Activities Officer at the Health Service, Kylie Marchant.



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- 👍 To Adam from the bigblackbuilding and his helpers for organising another great Swap Meet. Great stalls and venue. Enjoyed the day.
- 👍 To Adam from the bigblackbuilding for allowing the Oxley Riders to run the entry at the Swap Meet on the weekend which goes towards charitable causes in the community.
- 👍 For the beautiful coloured Liquidambar trees in Walcha and also as you drive through the cemetery.
- 👍 To the Walcha Council for providing the storage sheds behind the Bowling Club for various organisations in town. It's very much appreciated.
- 👍 To Dave and Benita from Cafe Amor. Many thanks for years of service.
- 👍 To Neil and Glenys Smith for helping me to move from East Gate when my rental unit sold. Much appreciated.
- 👍 Thank you to everyone who has returned their green form for the Quota Caller's Guide and remembered to put their name on it! Hard to put your name in the book without it.

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