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## Celebrating dedication SES Walcha Unit honours long-serving volunteers

With well over 200 years of combined service, the SES recently held a special awards ceremony to recognise the incredible dedication and years of service contributed by its Walcha members.

The event was officiated by Stuart Fisher, Acting Zone Commander, with support from Matt Chadwick, Deputy Zone Commander for the North West Zone, and Rob Baillie, Chief Inspector for the Lower Northern Tablelands Cluster.

The evening was particularly significant for three remarkable individuals - Bob Burnell, John Stuart, and Peter McNeill who were each honoured with the 50 years of Service Award for their extraordinary commitment to the SES and the Walcha community.

In 1975 a Rescue squad was formed under the Walcha Civil Defence Unit which later became the State Emergency Service (SES). "One of our first jobs in early 1976 was a search and recovery of a murder victim on Clay Road," Warwick Fletcher recalled.

The Walcha Unit purchased and fitted out their first truck in the mid 1980's with John Stuart having a big influence on its design and later the modifications and improvements. "In reality a lot of the Rescue Squad's operation, planning, de-briefing and social activities happened at John Stuart's shed," Warwick said.



Back: Juan Carey, Bernie Brady, Steve Lisle, Pat Stace, Meg Nolan, Steve Wiggins, Terry Olsen. Front: Bob Burnell, John Stuart, Peter McNeill and Daniel Reardon.

John Stuart has always been the first point of call, and for 50 years has been not far from any form of communication! "If anyone wants to bring 'Shag' unstuck is to put him in a situation where he has no phone, radio or scanner, or just to get him 10 feet off the ground," Warwick commented.

On the presentation evening, Milestone awards were also presented to Steve Wiggins, Terry Olsen, Pat Stace, and Juan Carey, with Chris Feltham also recognised for his service, despite being unable to attend on the night.

These achievements not only reflect the dedication of the individuals involved but also highlight the strength and resilience of the Walcha Unit as a whole. SES volunteers regularly respond to a wide range of emergencies, including road crashes, storms, and floods—often putting themselves on the line to help others.

Unit Commander Bob Burnell also extended his appreciation to several other valued members for their ongoing service: Donald McHattan 43 years, Bernie Brady 35 years, David Salter 24 years, Lisa Wratten 10 years, Michael Morris 9 years, Daniel Reardon 7 years, Steve Lisle 4 years, Cameron Norbury 4 years and Meg Nolan 1 year. The awards night was a fitting celebration of those who go above and beyond for their community.

The SES is looking for new volunteers, especially young people who want to make a difference. Volunteering is a fantastic way to gain valuable skills, be part of a close-knit team, and give back to your community. If you have ever considered joining the SES, now is the perfect time to get involved by contacting the local unit.



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## around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

We will find it hard to find a better weekend of weather than the one we just had, yes big frost but glorious days without the wind. Last week's wind was horrendous, that cold wind just makes it hard for anyone who wants to do anything outside. It's still extremely wet in places but it has dried out to an extent so we can get about and the livestock have been doing better. The dry weather might be short lived as the chance of rain is high for the remainder of winter judging by the forecast, and when it has us in for a chance of rain, we generally get it at present.

President Trump looks to be making more global conflicts with his imposed tariff on Brazilian imports by threatening to raise the tariff by 50pc. If Trump follows through with this threat then imported Brazilian beef will incur a 76.4pc tariff which would effectively shut Brazilian beef out of the US market. If this happens then it would push Brazilian beef into other markets like China and other secondary markets. What this does to Australia is that it leaves us as the only supplier of imported lean beef into the USA. It will also make beef dearer in the USA for the consumer but also draw exported US beef back into their own domestic markets. If anyone follows the US beef prices then you would know the current physical spread of Australian to US cattle prices sits at a discount of 45pc. Currently the heavy steer indicator in the US on a liveweight basis sits at 610c/kg in Australian value while our very own sits at 320c/kg. Demand is growing for our beef both domestically and globally with another perfect storm brewing for cattle producers as talks regarding Australian beef prices in 2026 are expected to be 200c/kg higher than 2025. We could see Angus feeder steers hit 700c/kg while grassfed kill cattle might hit 1000c/kg. If this eventuates on the back of tight supply and ideal environmental conditions then we could see prices of 2021 and 2022, but it's also a long way to drop and we've been through that hardship before.

These prices are no doubt excellent for our producers who must ride the high and lows of every market and every season, but what it does is it puts more pressure on our domestic process. Take lamb, currently we are experiencing the best prices we have seen for years and it's starting to out price the domestic consumer on our supermarket shelves. Lamb cutlets are now nudging fifty dollars per kilo while the all-time Sunday roast favourite, a leg of lamb sits at a reasonable fifteen dollars a kilo. Currently hook prices for lamb sits at eleven dollars per kilo and if these prices hang around then expect prices to get even dearer which will only push consumers to other more affordable proteins like chicken and pork.

There has been some big cattle yardings this week with Tamworth and Gunnedah both yarding more than 3000 fat cattle. The price lift in the cow market saw over 1000 cows yarded on Monday which topped at 364c/kg, up 15c/kg on the previous week. Heavy steers and heifers to process topped at 362c/kg, while feeder steers topped at 482c/kg and heifers 392c/kg. Light weaner steers and heifers look great value and are making less than feeder rates. 4468 sheep and lambs were yarded in Tamworth with heavy lambs more than 80kg topping at \$420 per head. Heavy trades topped at \$270 while the mutton job was on fire with prices exceeding 700c/kg dressed weight.

Bull sales are quickly approaching, and I must say the seedstock producers of our district have once again done a remarkable job with their cattle. Southcote Shorthorns have an Open Day this Friday on farm at Rambrah, east of Walcha for those who wish to inspect their quality line up of bulls on offer at their annual sale to be held on the 8th of August.

Congratulations to Cross Bros. Butchery on being voted the best butcher shop in the New England, great to see a local business doing well and offering a high calibre of service and quality.



# Celebrating a century

thumbs



Ruth Inall OAM celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday 5th July at the Walcha Bar and Grill.

Along with her children David, Stephen and Sue, Ruth was joined by her grandchildren and a great grandchild. Making the journey to join in the celebrations guests travelled from Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Quirindi, Armidale as well as some from our local town, that has become Ruth's home for the past seven years.

Cards were received from HM King Charles III, The Governor General Sam Mostyn, the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, local MP



Barnaby Joyce, NSW Legislative Council and many more from family and friends.

Thank you to all who sent birthday greetings and to Ganesh and his team for providing a wonderful space to hold this celebration and to a delightful luncheon.



- 👍 To the Yarn Bombing at the winter markets! I didn't even know what it was, but the park looks excellent!
  - 👍 To Carol and Cec Dunn family for their kindness during my recent hospitalisation. Thumbs up to Walcha doctors, hospital staff and ambos for their care.
  - 👍 To the Sunday Markets. Well done!
  - 👍 To Charmaine for donating pumpkins to Apsley Riverview they are very much appreciated
  - 👍 To Ann and the two Helen's for giving your time last week patiently teaching the knitting novices. Great fun and very much appreciated!
  - 👍 To Walcha Branch CWA Ladies who travelled to Nundle Branch for 'Friendship Day' on 5 July 2025. Attended by Wanhella Group branches, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and lots of chit-chat. Well done Nundle Branch and thank you all.
  - 👍 To Beta, for your outstanding cooking at Foodworks is not the same without you.
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# Ladies Day this Saturday



Walcha Rams are gearing up for a tough clash this Saturday against Robb College here in Walcha, coinciding with the much-anticipated Ladies Day.

The event promises to be a landmark occasion, with three men's grades - First Grade, Reserve Grade, and Third Grade— all taking the field.

Adding to the historic moment, the newly formed Walcha Women's team will make their debut, marking the first time a women's side has represented the club.

All ladies attending the rugby will receive free entry through the gates, and a complimentary drink ticket for three free drinks (beer or champagne) and roaming food by Little Cocos throughout the games. Other beverages can be purchased including the option of cocktails for \$8.

There will be some great prizes available in the raffles, each to the value of between \$100-\$200 which have been purchased from local business houses to support our struggling town.

Straight after the first grade game, an auction of retro jerseys will take place on the field, so there's bound to be a frenzy of bidding for these. It's all for a great cause though with funds raised from the raffles and auction all going to local public schools to assist their P&Cs purchase essential technology for their students' education.

So get on down to Peter Fenwicke oval on Saturday afternoon for great rugby and all the fun of Ladies Day.

## School holidays is the perfect time for a check up

**From Samantha Goor**

School holidays may be a great opportunity to check the kids spines and nervous systems.

Chiropractic Care utilises gentle manual procedures and adjustments to correct spinal function and enhance the balance and flexibility of the spine.

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## Local hats hit the catwalk in Bendigo

Local hatmaker Jo Barr is on the road showcasing her creations from Walcha through to Bendigo. Jo is attending the Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo where her hats will feature on the runway.

This 2025 show marks Jo's third consecutive year as an exhibitor at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo – the largest event of its kind in the world. Known for her one-of-a-kind felt hats made from Australian wool fibres, Jo is proud to be showcasing her sustainable creations among the nation's best in wool, fibre, and fashion.

"This event is a celebration of everything I love – wool, creativity, community and Australian Agriculture," Jo said. "It's a privilege to connect with people who appreciate the craftsmanship and the story behind each hat alongside the premier wool and fibre producers from across Australia."

Jo was commended for her designs in the Woolcraft Competition at The Australian Sheep and Wool Show in 2023 and 2024.

On the way to Bendigo, she'll be conducting specialised workshops in the craft of wet felt hat-making and nuno felted scarfs in Narrandera along with felt hat and flower making at the Centre for Rare Arts and Forgotten Trades in Ballarat, sharing her passion for natural fibres, traditional felting and hat making techniques.

"I love taking these traditional skills to creatives and fashion enthusiasts alike in different locations – there's something really powerful about sitting at a table, wool in hand, creating together and seeing their unique piece emerge. It's slow, tactile, and connects people to the wonders of Australian wool heritage, the land and most importantly, to each other."

Closer to home, Jo has been collaborating with regional galleries, Arts North West, local artist Tania Hartigan. A curated selection of her handmade felt hats is currently available at the Tamworth Regional Gallery Shop, offering a chance to view her work locally.

Looking ahead, her creations will also be showcased at AgQuip and participating in the 2025 Fleece to Fashion event in November — continuing her mission to celebrate Australian wool through wearable art.





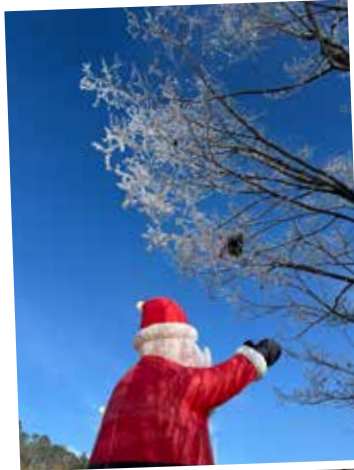
# A magical winter in Walcha



The frost and below zero early morning temps lifted for a beautiful sunny day for the second Winter in Walcha market series last Sunday. A delightful day out in Walcha, organised by Walcha Business Group, saw many visitors come from various parts of coastal and country NSW, to celebrate winter....Walcha style. With some (fake) snow, marshmallows being toasted over fire-pits, some unique arts and crafts and an amazing yarn-bombing session, which created woollen tree wraps for some of McHattan Park's trees, the delight of children and adults was easy to see. "We've come from Wauchope for the day, just to get a video of our grandson in the snow" said one visitor, with another commenting how fantastic it is to have something to do on a beautiful winter's day.

With most of the local businesses open as well, locals and visitors to town were able to keep themselves busy, shopping, indulging and exploring. One of our locals commented on how fabulous it was to see the number of tourists in town.

The Walcha Business Group wants to thank all the people who assisted deliver the markets, including the lovely ladies who taught knitting and crocheting to some of the town's youngsters each afternoon of the week before the markets and then worked all morning on Sunday to pull together the pieces and wrap the trees. The next Winter in Walcha is set for Sunday 10th August. It would be great to see you there.



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Helping those in need both locally and abroad is the focus of Lions International, and the small group of Walcha Lions certainly contribute their heart and soul to their motto, of 'We Serve'.

This year alone the Club has contributed 946 hours of voluntary work in our town, including Walcha Races, woodcutting, Walcha Show, Australia Day Breakfast and many catering jobs.

In addition to this, they have donated \$21,575, which is an outstanding achievement from such a small Club.

At their Changeover Dinner on Monday evening they presented cheques to (pictured from above left): Ronald McDonald House \$2000, Walcha Bowling Club \$2000, Westpac Helicopter \$2000 and Walcha Support Group \$1500. They also installed their incoming Board for 2025/26 with Peter McIvor in his second term as President.



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# RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V ALBIES

By Eric the Spider

## FIRST GRADE

In a commanding display at Bellevue Oval, the Walcha Rams First Grade delivered a clinical 34-10 victory over St Alberts College. The match, played on a breezy afternoon, showcased Walcha's dynamic attacking options and impenetrable defence, cementing their position at the top of the table.

The game kicked off with both teams probing for early dominance, engaging in a tense arm-wrestle for momentum. The opening exchanges were physical, with neither side yielding ground easily. Early penalties against Walcha put them on the back foot, but the Rams' defence stood tall, led by Cole Tweedy, whose bone-crunching tackles stifled Albies' early raids and set a defiant tone. Walcha soon turned the tide, with Richard Hunt leading the charge. His powerful carries punched holes in Albies' defence, securing valuable field position. The forwards, rolling up their sleeves, executed a series of tight carries, grinding down the opposition. Their hard work paid off when Matt Tisdell pounced on a loose ball over the try line, securing Walcha's first score and igniting the travelling supporters. The conversion sailed through, giving the Rams a 7-0 lead.

Our set piece was a standout, operating like a well-oiled machine and providing a rock-solid platform for the backs to launch their attacks. Hamish Heeney proved a nightmare for Albies' defenders, consistently breaking first-up tackles with his elusive footwork and raw power. The forwards' interplay was equally impressive, with Toby Marshall and Billy Porter combining seamlessly to keep Walcha on the front foot. Their efforts created space for a clever blind-side snipe, allowing Dom Bower, recently promoted from second grade, to cross for a well-worked try, showcasing his readiness for the top level.

A moment of brilliance came when Chaden Hawkins snatched an intercept and sprinted 60 metres to score under the posts, a just reward for his tireless work rate. By halftime, Walcha held a commanding 24-5 lead, their attacking flair and defensive steel overwhelming Albies.

The second half saw the Rams facing a stiff breeze, forcing them to absorb significant defensive pressure. Ross Monie led from the front, delivering bone-rattling tackles that disrupted Albies' rhythm and inspired his teammates. Nathan Cullinan was immense, nailing his set-piece duties and organising a watertight defence out wide. Troy Tape, playing a roving winger role, was everywhere, popping up in key moments to spark attacks or shut down threats. Walcha's defence was the cornerstone of their victory, combining disciplined organisation with unrelenting physicality. The Rams' line speed suffocated Albies' attacking plays, while their scramble defence snuffed out any breakthroughs, with Walcha's defensive wall holding firm, turning back wave after wave of attack.

In the end, the Rams' 34-10 triumph was a testament to their attacking versatility and defensive resolve. This clinical performance keeps Walcha firmly atop the table as they head into next week's challenge with momentum and confidence.

Points 3 Ed Churchill, 2 Dom Bower and 1 Nathan Cullinan

## NEXT WEEK

Next week the Walcha Rams gear up for an exciting clash against Robb College at home, coinciding with the much-anticipated Ladies Day. The event promises to be a landmark occasion, with three men's grades—First Grade, Reserve Grade, and Third Grade—all taking the field. Adding to the historic moment, the newly formed Walcha Women's team will make their debut, marking the first time a women's side has represented the club. With the community rallying behind them and the festive atmosphere of Ladies Day, the Rams across all grades are set to deliver a passionate performance to continue their winning momentum.

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## SECOND GRADE

In a thrilling Round 11 clash at Bellevue Oval, the Walcha Rams Reserve Grade secured a hard-fought 17-10 victory over St Alberts College, solidifying their position at the top of the table and keeping their winning streak alive.

The match, played under clear skies with a vocal home crowd, showcased the Rams' resilience, teamwork, and ability to capitalize on key moments. The opening exchanges were fiercely contested, with both teams trading blows in a tightly fought battle. Albies came out with intent, testing the Rams' defence with structured phase play, while Walcha responded with equal vigour, matching their physicality in the rucks and scrums. The early stalemate set the tone for a gritty encounter, with neither side willing to give an inch.

Walcha broke the deadlock early in the first half, stringing together impressive build-up phases to gain momentum. The forwards, led by the tireless Cameron Norbury, made significant inroads with powerful carries that put the Rams on the front foot, paving the way for Tom Costello to crash over the try line in close quarters, rewarding the forwards' dominance. The successful conversion gave Walcha an early 7-0 lead, igniting the travelling supporters.

Defensively, Conor Rogers and Harry King set a ferocious tone, their aggressive tackling disrupting Albies' rhythm and inspiring the Rams to maintain a high defensive line. Their commitment in the contact area galvanized the team, ensuring Walcha remained composed under pressure. However, Albies fought back, capitalising on a few defensive lapses, scoring 2 tries taking a 10-7 lead into halftime.

The second half saw Walcha's cohesion shine through. Brent Clarke was instrumental in linking the backs and forwards, his sharp decision-making and slick passing keeping the Rams' attack fluid. Out wide, Jim Boyd proved a constant threat, using his speed and footwork to keep Albies' defence guessing. The forwards, including Jack Nielsen and Ben Fussell, worked tirelessly as a unit, making strong carries and covering the paddock with relentless energy. At fullback, Nick Rogers was a standout, bringing the ball back with venom and injecting momentum into Walcha's counterattacks.

As the game entered its final stages, Albies mounted a late surge, but Walcha's experienced bench proved decisive. Their composure under pressure helped repel Albies' attacks, turning defence into opportunity. The turning point came when Steve McAnally crossed for a crucial try, following a monumental defensive stand that swung momentum back to Walcha. The score put the Rams ahead 17-10. The final minutes saw Walcha's defence hold firm, thwarting Albies' desperate attempts to claw back into the game.

This 17-10 victory underscores the Walcha Rams Reserve Grade's depth, determination, and ability to perform under pressure. With their winning streak intact and their lead at the top of the table strengthened, the Rams head into the next round with confidence.

Points 3 Tom Costello, 2 Connor Rogers and 1 Eddy Cordingley.



# what's the goss

with AJ Cross



After NSW defeated Queensland in the opening State of Origin Rugby League match this year I casually said wouldn't it be good if Queensland won the second game in Perth so it would come down to a decider in Sydney in Game 3. Be careful what you wish for because that happened but it didn't turn out the way I envisaged it when the Maroons belted the Blues 24-12 last Wednesday.

Despite the disappointing scoreline our crew Linda, Ben and myself along with the Wellings clan Rachael, Josh, Simon, Eli and Toby spent an enjoyable few days in the 'Big Smoke' last week including being in attendance at Accor Stadium with 80,000 fans last Wednesday. NSW were never in the hunt against Queensland who were far too good on the night. Sad really.

While waiting for a Maxi-Taxi outside the Airport after we arrived in Sydney Josh said to me that he had just bumped into Wally Lewis inside the terminal. A few minutes later, lo and behold 'The King' climbs into a nearby taxi prompting Josh and his three boys to race down for a selfie opportunity. Wally could have just instructed the cab driver to take off but instead made the boys day when he jumped out and had his photo taken with them.

The Walcha Rugby Union Club have a big day planned for this Saturday at Peter Fenwicke Oval and the club house after all the footy action is over. Not only is it the annual Ladies Day but there is a womens game scheduled to kick off at around 12.00 noon as a curtain raiser to Reggies and A Grade. Organisers are hoping to also have a 3rd grade fixture before the Womens game but at the time of going to print no opposition had been found.

The girls have a squad of 10 players to tackle Robb College in a full on game - Former Jillaroos Robyn Broadbent, Lacey Newton and Bonnie Brown along with Katlyn Nielsen, Ellie Clarke, Tahlia Bird, Jess Taylor, Megan Tisdell, Katie Williams and Karina Partridge. Good luck and go gettun girls.

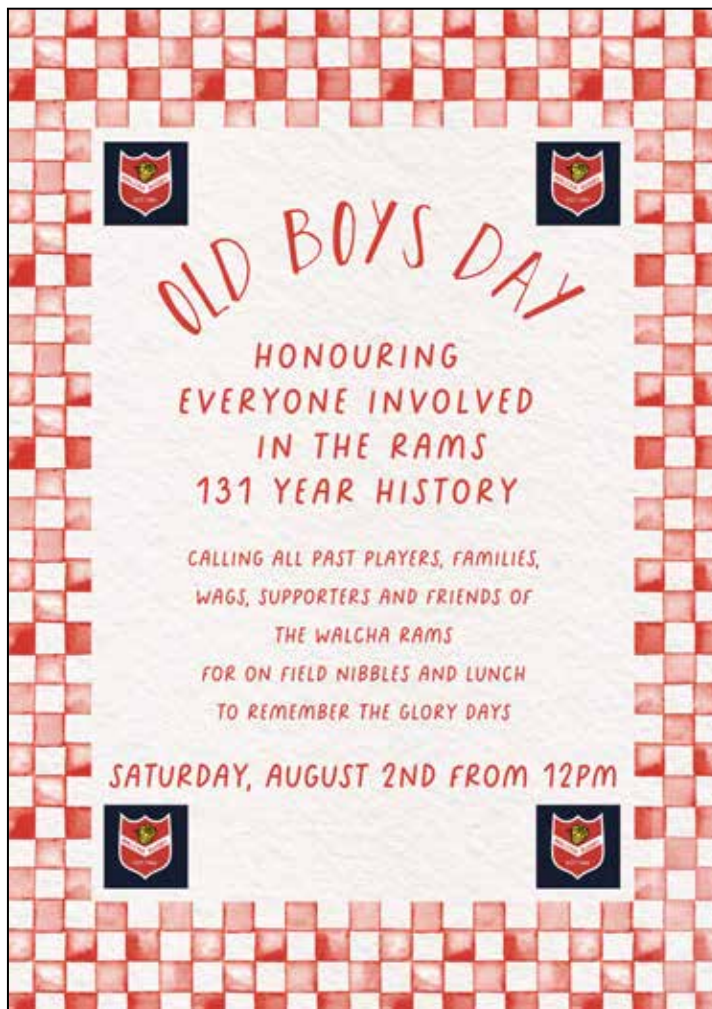
The Walcha Rugby League Club wrapped up their shortened 2025 season with a dinner at the Bowling Club followed by a guernsey presentation to Roos and Jillaroos players. A State of Origin guernsey donated by former Walcha Schoolboy, Balmain Tigers and 1985 State of Origin player David Brooks was auctioned raising \$2,300 for the club to use as they see fit. It was great to catch up at the presentations with Brooksy along with

Wayne 'Devil' Walden who played a season with the Roos in 1987.

Roos Life Member and New England Hotel publican Peter Berry was the winning bidder for the Blues jumper at \$1,400 and also a load of wood at \$650 before 'Perc' promptly donated both items back to the club. President Harley Cox picked up the guernsey for \$900 the second time around while club sponsor Adam Dark collected the wood for \$425. Good on ya boys.

Congratulations to my godson Jonnie Cross and all his staff at Cross Brothers Butchery on being awarded the 2025 Best Butcher in the New England by the New England Times newspaper. Way to go guys.

Big Wigs of the Week Round 19 - Vet Supplies - Jason Scott, Raya Kirby; TBSWCafe - Bec Bullock, Tracey Crisp; Apsley - Mick O'Reilly, A.J. Cross, 'Killgore Trout'; BC - 'Kitchen Ladies' Cheryl and Di, Willy Makeham, Matty Hamel, Red Hoy, A.J. Cross; Newie - Filbert Green, Bill 'CWN' Fletcher, Ross Green, Wilba Haslam, Jagger Jamieson, Lisa Swanton, Peter Steep, Petra Evans, Mark Notley, Pat and Phil Henny, Peter Hayes, Billy Porter, Tom Donnelly, Red Hoy, David Campbell, Sam Slater, Barry Kliendienst, Kev Creighton and A.J. Cross. (All picked the card). And the way I've been going this season if I can do it just about anyone can do it.



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# Big success for Yarrowitch Student

A talented young artist from Yarrowitch Public School has captured the attention of art judges across New South Wales, with her creative work earning multiple accolades in a recent state-wide exhibition.

Year 1 student Charlotte Stolzenhein has been recognised for her exceptional entry in the Small Schools High Potential Collective Art Show, an event that celebrates the artistic talents of students from smaller primary schools across the state. The theme for this year's exhibition was "SMALL", leaving room for broad and imaginative interpretation and Yarrowitch students certainly rose to the challenge.

Inspired by the idea of making something small appear much larger than life, Charlotte chose to focus on one of Australia's most iconic creatures, the Redback Spider. Her artwork featured a magnified Redback, crafted with careful detail and creativity. Adding a unique and interactive dimension to her display, she also created a 3D house and garden, helping to place the spider in a context that both intrigued and impressed the judges.

Charlotte's artistic efforts did not go unnoticed. Her work received four Highly Commended awards, each from a different judge on the panel. The awards highlight not only her technical skills but also her imagination and interpretation of the exhibition's theme. Teachers and staff at Yarrowitch Public School are incredibly proud of her achievement.

The Small Schools High Potential Collective Art Show aims to give students from smaller schools a chance to shine on a broader stage, creativity and confidence in young learners. Charlotte's success is a shining example of the talent and imagination that exists in Yarrowitch.



## Best butcher in the New England

It's official, Cross Bros. Butchery is the top in the New England, as voted by readers of the *New England Times* when they were awarded Best Butchery. The announcement was made yesterday, with this award following their success last year when they were named 'Best Quality' business.

Voters commented on the quality of their produce, range of products and their outstanding customer service. This all combines for a positive shopping experience each time you visit the butchery, which is the reason they received the gold medal.

It is a timely award for the Walcha business community which has been severely struggling throughout winter with the road closures and cost of living pressures for locals.

Jonathon Cross and his team thanked the community for their support of this business, as well as taking the time to vote for them in this competition.

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## Wednesday Golf

Wednesday's Ladies golf was the NSW Women's Keno 2 person Ambrose qualifier playing for Cheryl McDonald and Donna Martin's trophy.

The winners of this event head to Gunnedah on November 2nd for the playoff.

Our President, Simone Sweeney paired up with Rose Baumer to take out the winners prize with a score of 71.5.

Our runners up were Pauline Carter and Anne Martin with 73.25, closely followed by Margaret Davidson and Jenny Lisle on 74.25, and the final sweepstakes were won by Cheryl McDonald and Donna Martin with 75.

The nearest the pins were on Holes 3 and 16. Ruth Fletcher claimed Hole 3 and no-one reached the sand on Hole 16.

Today's golf is a stroke game with putting, monthly mug, and it is the 5th Medal round.

We are playing for the Captains trophy.

## At the Nineteenth

Club Handicapper Don Brooks was the winner of the monthly stroke medal round after he carded a 69 nett last Sunday which also entitled him to the B Grade mug.

A countback was called for to determine the A Grade winner where Will Nicholls survived against Michael Stackman after both players registered 71 nett.

C Grade went to John McCormack on 72 nett but only after he counted out Anne Martin who collected a sweepstakes ball on 72 whereas the remaining sweepstakes prize went to Michael Stackman who had the best scratch score, 78 off the beater.

Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhand Larry' Asmus were creamed by Michael Stackman (A), Don Brooks (B) and Anne Martin (C).

Trophy donor Doug McDonald took out the putting competition after he engaged his flat stick on 21 occasions while the 'Coveted Pink' shirt went to Pauline Carter on the back of her 34 jabs.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Michael Stackman (3 and 18), Lee Fletcher (9) and

Wayne Brennan (16).

Last Saturday Pete Whellan won the weekly 9 hole competition after he racked up 14 stableford points to sneak home from runner up Anne Martin who counted out Jenny Lisle on 13 points.

N.T.P on 3 went to Pauline Carter.

Next Sunday is a stableford round where James Norton is in charge of supplying the prize.

## Bowls

One game of B grade singles this week. Ross Bellinger defeated Adam Hall 32 to 23. Well done Ross you will now play Matt Andrews in the final.

In A grade singles club champion Mat Hamel defeated Stephen Bath 32 to 15 in an entertaining encounter.

No Thursday bowls as it was a bit brisk once again. Hopefully it will be better this week.

The final rounds of triples will be played on 2nd August.

See you at the club on Friday night, members draw is \$950.

## Ladies Bowls

In freezing conditions last Thursday in two very different scores of games one being close and the other a run away win, with Wendy and Lyn defeating Rosie and June 18-15 the other was Carmel and Lee defeated Janice and Marie.

The final of the Three Bowl Pairs will have already been played by the time this goes to the press. It will be between Wendy and Lyn who will play Carmel and Lee. Good luck, hope you have a great game. This Thursday will only be social bowls for all players.

There will be a meeting on this Thursday 17th July commencing at 1pm to discuss fees and when the Four Bowl Pairs Championships will be played and about our Annual General Meeting which has been scheduled for the 21st August.



## Funeral Notice

*Rhonda Belinda Partridge*

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**Walcha Hospital Aux** AGM, 17th July 6pm Walcha Community Care building. All welcome. Sec. Vic Mclvor 0427 772 950.

### Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of General Member Meeting 28.07.2025 | 11am | Amaroo LALC Cafe

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Attendance/Apologies
3. Minutes of previous member meeting
4. New Membership Applications
5. Next member meeting date and time

All questions relating to this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson, Ms Katrina Bloomfield at the Amaroo LALC Office on (02) 67771100 or via email to [chair@amaroolalc.com.au](mailto:chair@amaroolalc.com.au) during business hours.

## Meetings (cont)

### Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of General Member Meeting 06.08.2025 | 5pm | Amaroo LALC Cafe

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Attendance/Apologies
3. Minutes of previous member meeting
4. New Membership Applications
5. Election for Vacant Board member position (Casual Vacancy)
6. Next member meeting date and time

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